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NEWS

Prof. Neelika Malavige Appointed as President-Elect of the International Society for Infectious Diseases

Prof. Neelika Malavige, from the Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, has been appointed as the President-Elect of the International Society for Infectious Diseases (ISID). She will assume the presidency in 2027, with each term lasting two years. Prof. Malavige has made significant contributions to the field of infectious diseases, particularly in COVID-19

testing, sequencing, and identifying virus strains. Her research has been pivotal in understanding the molecular epidemiology of SARS-CoV-2 in Sri Lanka.

In recognition of her impactful research, Prof. Malavige was listed among the world's top 2% of scientists, according to the Elsevier-Stanford rankings. Additionally, Prof. Malavige has extensively researched dengue pathogenesis, focusing on its immunopathogenesis, biomarkers, and immune correlates of protection. Her work has been instrumental in advancing clinical trials and understanding the disease's molecular mechanisms.

This prestigious appointment not only highlights Prof. Malavige's individual achievements but also brings significant recognition to Sri Lanka and our university. Her leadership role in ISID underscores the global impact of research and scholarship emerging from our institution and emphasizes the vital contributions of scientists from diverse backgrounds in addressing infectious diseases worldwide. As President-Elect, Prof. Malavige will play a crucial role in shaping ISID's strategic initiatives, fostering international collaborations, and advancing research and education in infectious diseases. Her appointment reflects a growing acknowledgment of the importance of diverse perspectives in global health leadership.



USJ Welcomes New Medical Students to FMS for the 2023/2024 Academic Year (2023 A/L intake)

The Faculty of Medical Sciences at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura welcomed its new intake (34th Batch) at the inauguration ceremony of the orientation program on January 6, 2025. The ceremony was held at the Anatomy Auditorium of the University and was attended by the Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura; Senior Prof. Pathmalal M. Manage, the Registrar of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura; Mr.A.B. Weliwita, the Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences; Prof. Manori Gamage; and Deans of other faculties, Heads of Departments, as well as the academic members of the faculty.

The event was designed to provide an introduction to the university and the faculty for new students. Vice Chancellor, Senior Prof. Pathmalal M. Manage, along with Dean, Prof. Manori Gamage, addressed the students, sharing insights on the current context of the faculty and the manner in which the faculty and students must move forward with progressive technology to further improve their university lives.



Department of Materials and Mechanical Technology Secures Sydney Accord Accreditation for Three Degree Programs

The Department of Materials and Mechanical Technology is proud to announce that three of its undergraduate degree programs have been awarded Sydney Accord Accreditation by the Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka (IESL). This prestigious recognition reflects the



department's adherence to the graduate attributes outlined by the International Engineering Alliance (IEA), affirming the global relevance and quality of its academic offerings.

The accredited programs are as follows:

- **BET Honours in Automobile Technology**

This program has received **Full Accreditation** for student intakes from 2017 to 2027, underscoring its consistent academic excellence and industry relevance.

- **BET Honours in Mechatronics Technology**

Awarded **Conditional Accreditation** for student intakes from 2017 to 2024, this program is acknowledged for its innovation and interdisciplinary focus, with the accreditation marking a significant step toward full recognition.



- BET Honours in Polymer Processing Technology**

Also granted **Full Accreditation** for student intakes from **2017** to **2027**, this program continues to build a strong reputation in the field of polymer engineering and manufacturing.

The Sydney Accord, administered by the IEA, is an international agreement that ensures engineering technology programs meet rigorous educational standards, equipping graduates with the competencies required for global practice.

This achievement is a testament to the department's dedication to academic excellence, continuous improvement, and its mission to prepare graduates for impactful engineering careers both locally and internationally.

Orientation for New Undergraduates

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) officially welcomed new undergraduates for the 2023/2024 academic year through a formal orientation ceremony held on January 1, 2025, at Bandaranayake Hall, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. The event was graced by the Vice Chancellor and the Dean, who delivered insightful addresses to guide students on transitioning into university life and understanding academic expectations. The orientation program, conducted from January 1 to 5, included a series of structured awareness sessions organized by the faculty. These sessions aim to familiarize students with the academic environment, administrative processes, university policies, student support services, and available resources such as



libraries, IT facilities, and career guidance. It also provided a platform for students to engage with faculty members and peers, fostering a sense of community and belonging. Lectures for all academic years, including the new intake, officially commenced on January 6, 2025, beginning a new and promising academic journey.



Opening of the Student Support Center



The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura inaugurated the Student Support Center on the fifth floor of the Wimaladhamma Mansion. The center was officially opened by Dean Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda and signifies a major step in strengthening student welfare and academic support within the faculty. The Student Support Center has been established to help undergraduates manage academic, personal, and financial challenges during their university life. Key services include academic advising, counseling, and financial assistance programs. A highlight of the center is the Financial Hardship Scholarship Program, which provides temporary financial aid to students experiencing severe financial strain. This initiative reflects FHSS's strong commitment to producing well-rounded, resilient graduates and creating a supportive and inclusive academic environment. The center is expected to play a vital role in improving students' academic journeys and overall well-being.

Workshop on “AI in Education: for Teaching and Learning”

A workshop titled “AI in Education: For Teaching and Learning” was held on March 6, 2025, at Bandaranayake Hall, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Organized by Ven. (Prof.) Witharandeniye Chandasiri, the event gathered educators, students, and technology enthusiasts to explore the growing role of artificial intelligence in education. The workshop aimed to create awareness of how AI can be effectively integrated into teaching and learning practices. Sessions included discussions on AI-driven tools, personalized learning, virtual teaching assistants, and innovative teaching methodologies. Participants engaged in interactive sessions and shared insights on the potential and challenges of AI in academic settings. The event highlighted the importance of adapting to emerging technologies to enhance educational outcomes and equip both teachers and learners for the future.



Leadership training for FHSS Junior Academic Mentors



A two-day residential leadership training program was held on 19th and 20th February 2025 at the Sri Lanka Police College, Kalutara, organized by the Deputy Proctors of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS), University of Sri Jayewardenepura, in collaboration with the Sri Lanka

Police. Guided by Dean Prof. Shirantha Heenkenda, the program aimed to equip junior academic mentors (second-year undergraduates) with essential leadership and professional skills. The training enhanced communication, teamwork, decision-making, and ethical leadership. Senior DIGs Sajeeva Madawatta and Dushantha Ruwan Thalagala emphasized the program's value in shaping confident, responsible individuals. The event also fostered collaboration between academia and law enforcement, reinforcing holistic education. FHSS expresses deep gratitude to the Sri Lanka Police for their support in empowering future leaders



Health Camp for Freshers

The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura successfully organized a Health Camp on February 7, 2025, in collaboration with the Lions Club of Galkissa and the USJ Alumni



Association. This initiative focused on promoting student well-being by offering essential health services such as eye checkups, diabetic testing, blood pressure monitoring, and general health assessments. Freshers and staff members benefited from the event, which emphasized the importance of a healthy start to university life. The camp received highly positive feedback, with participants valuing the practical health advice provided. The faculty expresses sincere gratitude

to all partners for their support, highlighting the power of collaboration in fostering holistic development and community care.



Inauguration Ceremony - Master of Sociology

The Inauguration Ceremony of the Master of Sociology program was held on Sunday, 27th April 2025 at University of Sri Jayewardenepura. The program, Master of Sociology is offered through the Department of Sociology by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. Thirty two students have registered for the 8th batch of one year Master of Sociology programme. Prof. Rasika Perera, Dean/FGS, Prof. Mayura Samarakoon, coordinator/ Master of Sociology, Prof. Rasanjalee Perera, HoD/ Department of Sociology, academics, students and staff joined for the event.



Inauguration Ceremony - Master of Criminal Justice and Corrections

The Inauguration Ceremony of the Master of Criminal Justice and Corrections program was held on Sunday, 23rd March 2025, at University of Sri Jayewardenepura. The ceremony was held at the Sri Sumangala Auditorium, FHSS, USJ. Sixty two students have registered for the Master of Criminal Justice and Corrections program. This marks the commencement of the second batch of students. Dr. Chanaka Udayakumara serves as the course coordinator of this program.



Inauguration Ceremony - Postgraduate Diploma in Criminology

The Inauguration Ceremony of the program was successfully held on Monday, 20th January 2025. The program, Postgraduate Diploma in Criminology is offered through the Department of Criminology. Twenty seven students have registered for the Postgraduate Diploma in Criminology one year programme. Dr. Kaushalya Hewawasam serves as the course coordinator of this program. Employees in the fields of police, prisons, probation, excise, armed forces and the judicial services will be highly benefited as this Diploma has gained a recognition in their respective promotion schemes.

Inauguration Ceremony - MSc in Immunology

The Inauguration Ceremony of the MSc in Immunology program was successfully held on Tuesday, 28th January 2025, at the Senate Boardroom, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. This prestigious MSc program in Immunology is offered through the Department of Immunology and Molecular Medicine by the Faculty of Graduate Studies. This marks the commencement of the second batch of students.



The event was graced by several esteemed guests. Senior Professor Pathmalal M. Manage, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, was the Chief Guest of the event. Among the distinguished attendees were Professor Rasika Perera, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies; Professor Manori Gamage, Dean of the Faculty of Medical Sciences; Professor Chandima Jeewandara, Head of the Department of Immunology and Molecular Medicine; Dr. Charunya Nanayakkara, Coordinator of the MSc in Immunology program; Professor Neelika Malavige, Professor R.B. Marasinghe, Professor Sanath Mahawithana, Mrs. Madushi Egodage, SAR/FGS; Mrs. Lekha Wickramasinghe, DB/FGS; Mrs. Warnika Amaratunga, DR/FMS; and staff of the Department of Immunology and Molecular Medicine. The newly enrolled students also attended the ceremony, marking the beginning of their academic journey in this specialized field.

The inauguration ceremony served as an inspiring and motivating event for the new batch of students, providing them with an opportunity to meet their mentors and faculty members. As they embark on this rigorous and rewarding academic journey, we extend our warmest wishes to all the newly joined students. Best of luck with your studies and future endeavors!

Inauguration Ceremony - Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language

The Inauguration Ceremony of Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language was successfully held on Sunday, 4th January 2025. Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language is conducted by Department of English and Linguistics. Master of Arts in Teaching English as a Second Language (Two years programme) started with an enrollment of 43 students. Prof. Chitra Jayatilake and Prof. Lalith Ananda serve as the course coordinators of this program. This program covers the key areas of structure of English, Psycholinguistics, Sociolinguistics, Second Language Teaching Pedagogy, Testing and Assessment in ESL, Curriculum & Materials Development in ESL and Second Language research methods.

Inauguration Ceremony - MSc in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence



The Inauguration Ceremony of MSc in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence was successfully held on Saturday, 5th April 2025. This program is developed in collaboration with the prestigious Erasmus+ DS&AI Consortium, an international partnership of 15 leading European and Asian institutions committed to delivering high-quality, European-

standard education to Asia. MSc in Data Science and Artificial Intelligence (Two years programme) started with an enrollment of 100 students. Prof. Rasika Perera – Dean, Faculty of Graduate Studies, Prof. Subasinghe – Dean, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Dr. Ravindra De Silva – Head,

Department of Computer Science, Dr. Chathuri Lakshika Jayasinghe – Head, Department of Statistics, Dr. Anuradha Ariyaratne – Coordinator, MSc in DS&AI Program, staff & students were participated for the event. Mr. Chamika Ramanayake – Head of AI Platforms at Dialog Axiata PLC and proud alumnus of this program, delivered an inspiring keynote address on the relevance of DS and AI in today's tech landscape. Mr. Atheeq demonstrated the facilities available for postgraduate students.

Inauguration Ceremony - MSc in Industrial Analytical Chemistry

The Inauguration Ceremony of the MSc in Industrial Analytical Chemistry program was successfully held on Thursday, 16th January 2025, at the Department of Chemistry, Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. This prestigious MSc program in Industrial Analytical Chemistry is offered through the Department of Chemistry by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The event was graced by several esteemed guests, including Prof. Upul Subhasinghe, Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences; Prof. Pradeep Jayaweera, Dean of the Faculty of Urban & Aquatic Bioresources; Prof. Champa Jayaweera, Head of the Department of Chemistry; Dr. Asitha Cooray, Coordinator of the MSc in Industrial Analytical Chemistry program; Prof. Pahan Godakumbura; and Dr. Upul Kumarasinghe. The newly enrolled students also attended the ceremony, marking the beginning of their academic journey in this specialized field.



Inauguration Ceremony - MSc in Applied Statistics

The Inauguration Ceremony of MSc in Applied Statistics was successfully held on Saturday, 25th January 2025. MSc in Applied Statistics is conducted by Department of Statistics. Dr. T.S. Talagala serve as the course coordinator of this program. This program has been designed for graduates with a basic knowledge in Statistics to provide them an opportunity to further develop their knowledge in Applied Statistics. Those who complete the program successfully will gain knowledge in advanced statistical theory, as well as will receive an extensive training in statistical data analysis and statistical computing.

Inauguration Ceremony - Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Statistics

The Inauguration Ceremony of Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Statistics was successfully held on 25th January 2025. Postgraduate Certificate in Applied Statistics is offered by Department of Statistics. The Postgraduate Certificate program in Applied Statistics provides essential theoretical knowledge in statistics. This is an opportunity for graduates who have not studied statistics to learn Statistics, Knowledge in applications of Statistics and training in data analysis required by graduate employees in various fields.

Inauguration Ceremony - PhD in Management

The Inauguration Ceremony of PhD in Management was successfully held on Tuesday, 9th February 2025. Snr. Prof. R.L.S. Fernando, serve as the course coordinators of this program while Snr. Prof. B.N.F. Warnakulasooriya serve as the research coordinators of this program. The purpose of the PhD Programme in Management is to produce top/experienced managers and management consultants and researchers to contribute significantly to institutional development as well as human development and help academics to become better academicians and increase the quality and relevance of their teaching and research in Management Studies.

Inauguration Ceremony - MPhil in Business Economics

The Inauguration Ceremony of MPhil in Business Economics was held on 25th April 2025, at University of Sri Jayewardenepura. MPhil in Business Economics is offered by Department of Business Economics. MPhil in Business Economics (Two years programme) started with an enrollment of fifteen students. Prof. M.S.S. Perera serve as the course coordinator of this program. This programme is research-oriented and focuses firmly on the development of high-level independent research outcomes. Further, the programme allows graduates to enhance their theoretical knowledge and analytical skills in Business Economics, supplemented by courses, seminars, and the oral defense of a dissertation.



Personality and Skills Development Program 2025

The Inauguration Ceremony of MPhil in Business Economics was held on 25th April 2025, at University of Sri Jayewardenepura. MPhil in Business Economics is offered by Department of Business Economics. MPhil in Business Economics (Two years programme) started with an enrollment of fifteen students. Prof. M.S.S. Perera serve as the course coordinator of this program. This programme is research-oriented and focuses firmly on the development of high-level independent research outcomes. Further, the programme allows graduates to



enhance their theoretical knowledge and analytical skills in Business Economics, supplemented by courses, seminars, and the oral defense of a dissertation.



Welcoming New Students to the Department of Marketing Management

The Department of Marketing Management officially welcomed the new second-year students to the department at the special event held in the New Faculty Boardroom. The program provided students with valuable insights into the department, curriculum, and culture, guiding them on how to navigate their university journey from both academic and non-academic perspectives. They were also introduced to the support and mentorship available from staff members, the opportunities for engagement with senior students, and the strong connections with the department's alumni network. The event was attended by staff members, including the Dean of the Faculty, as well as senior students, whose contributions played a significant role in making the program a success.



RICS Annual Examiner Review 2025

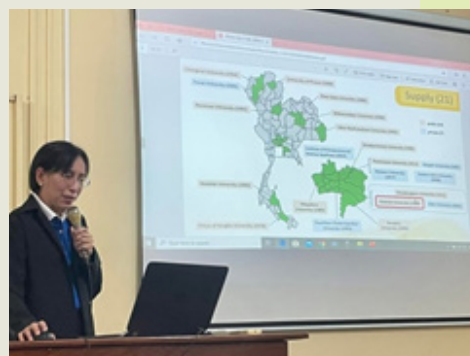
Academic review of the undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes of the Department of Estate Management and Valuation, ensuring alignment with global real estate standards of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (UK).



Program by Mahidol University, Thailand and Department of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, FAHS, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

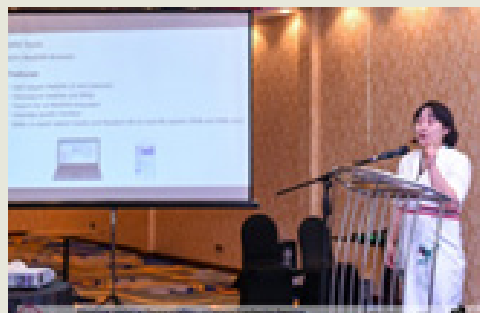
On 11th February 2025, the Department of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, hosted a collaborative capacity building program with a team of professors from the Department of Social, Economic, and Administrative Pharmacy (SEAP), Mahidol University, Thailand. Professors from Mahidol University, included Prof. Dr. Arthorn Riewpaiboon, Assoc. Prof. Dr. Somying Puntong, and Dr. Saowalak Turongkaravee, who their shared valuable insights into pharmacy education, quality

assurance, and professional pathways in Thailand. Ms. Prasadi Madumadavi, a B.Pharm graduate Alumin from University of Sri Jayewardenepura and current MSc student at Mahidol, delivered an inspiring talk about her academic journey and experiences studying at Mahidol University. The event also included discussions on curriculum comparisons and improvements to the Sri Lankan pharmacy program, and opportunities for future academic collaborations, and joint research projects. The session concluded with the presentation of tokens of appreciation, strengthening the academic ties between the two universities and laying the foundation for future cooperation.



FAHS, USJ and Duksung Women's University, South Korea collaboration in Education of Pharmacovigilance and ADR Reporting

A educational seminar on Pharmacovigilance and ADR Reporting was held on 10th January 2025 at Ariana Reach Hotel, Maharagama, organized by Duksung Women's University, South Korea, in collaboration with the Department of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Sri Lanka. The main resource persons included Prof. Ji Hyun Park, Professor in Clinical Pharmacy, Duksung Women's University, South Korea, Prof. Nithushi Samaranayake from Department of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, FAHS, USJ, and Mr. Krishantha Gopi from the National Medicines Regulatory Authority. The event brought together approximately 70 invited doctors, pharmacists, and nurses from the National Hospital of Sri Lanka, Colombo South Teaching Hospital, and the National Cancer Institute – Maharagama, with the aim of strengthening knowledge and capacity in pharmacovigilance. The program featured expert sessions on the basics of pharmacovigilance, ADR reporting, South Korean and Sri Lankan pharmacovigilance systems, MedDRA coding, causality assessment, and signal detection. It concluded with an engaging panel discussion on advancing pharmacovigilance practices in Sri Lanka, followed by the distribution of certificates to all participants.



Workshop by Commonwealth Pharmacy Association (CPA), 'UK for Pharmacy undergraduates' of FAHS, USJ

The Department of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, successfully conducted the Workshop on Pharmacy Practice in collaboration with the Commonwealth Pharmaceutical Association (CPA) on 30th January 2025 from 1.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. at the Department premises. The workshop was attended by three batches B.Pharm undergraduates (over 100) and all academic staff members of the department making the discussions more engaging and meaningful. The workshop featured two distinguished resource persons from the CPA, including Ms. Victoria Rutter, Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA), and Ms. Beth Ward, Strategic Lead, Workforce Capability Building, Commonwealth Pharmacists Association (CPA).

The main goal of this workshop was to give pharmacy students a better understanding of pharmacy practice worldwide and the different career paths available for them. The speakers introduced students to various new opportunities in the field of pharmacy, and they also played videos of well esteemed pharmacists of Commonwealth Pharmacists Association from around the world, who shared their personal experiences and career choices. These inspiring stories gave students a clearer idea of the many possibilities they could explore in their future careers.



CONFERENCES AND RESEARCH RELATED EVENTS

FMS to Host National Research Symposium for Medical Undergraduates in November 2025

The Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura is proud to announce the upcoming Medical Undergraduate Research Symposium 2025 (MURS 2025), scheduled for 14th November 2025. Organised by the Research Committee, the symposium provides a dynamic national platform for medical undergraduates from Sri Lankan universities to present their original research. Held under the timely theme "Innovative Research for Sustainable Healthcare", MURS 2025 aims to foster a research culture aligned with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). All submissions must clearly identify the relevant SDGs addressed by the research.

The official call for abstracts has been released, and the symposium website is now live at <https://medical.sjp.ac.lk/murs-fms>, where students can access abstract preparation guidelines and submit their work online. The submission deadline is 15th August 2025, with notifications of acceptance issued by 15th September 2025. In parallel, a logo design contest has been launched, inviting medical undergraduates of USJ to submit original designs reflecting the symposium theme. The winning logo will be featured across all official materials, and the top entries will be recognised with certificates during the inauguration. With an emphasis on innovation, academic rigour, and student engagement, MURS 2025 promises to be a milestone event in advancing the research culture within undergraduate medical education in Sri Lanka.

For more information, contact the organising team at murs.fms@sjp.ac.lk or visit the symposium website.



Research Committee
Faculty of Medical Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

MEDICAL UNDERGRADUATE RESEARCH SYMPOSIUM

14th November 2025
Faculty of Medical Sciences, USJ

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5 GENDER EQUALITY	9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE	15 LIFE ON LAND	3 Good Health & Wellbeing
			4 Quality Education
			5 Gender Equality
			9 Innovation
			15 Life on Land

For Abstract Requirements refer to:
Abstract Preparation & Submission Guidelines

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Submission Deadline: 15th Aug 2025
- Notification of Acceptance: 15th Sep 2025

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18th International Conference on Pali and Buddhist Studies

The Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies at FHSS hosted the 18th International Conference on Pali and Buddhist Studies on January 23, 2025. Themed “Towards Mindfulness for Peaceful Tomorrow,” the conference offered an academic platform for local and international scholars to share and discuss contemporary research in Buddhist studies. Keynote addresses were delivered by Ven. Dr. Dhamma Jyoti Thero. The event was graced by its Guest of Honor Ven. Pallegama Hemarathana Thero, who provided valuable insights into modern applications of Buddhist teachings. The conference featured sessions on key areas such as Pali Language and Literature, Buddhist Philosophy, and Buddhist Psychology, promoting interdisciplinary dialogue and the exchange of ideas. The event highlighted the relevance of mindfulness and Buddhist thought in fostering peace in today’s world.



9th International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences

The 9th International Conference on Humanities and Social Sciences, organized by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS), was held on March 19–20, 2025, under the timely and impactful theme “Advancing Sustainable Development Research in the Age of Artificial Intelligence.” This prestigious academic gathering brought together scholars, researchers, and professionals from diverse disciplines to explore the dynamic intersection between artificial intelligence and sustainable development goals. The conference featured Professor Walter Leal, a globally renowned expert in sustainability, as the keynote speaker. His address highlighted the transformative potential of AI in addressing global challenges. The event included a wide range of thematic tracks such as Religious Studies, Communication, Environmental Studies, and more, encouraging interdisciplinary dialogue and collaboration. Participants presented cutting-edge research, exchanged knowledge, and discussed innovative approaches to using AI as a tool for sustainable progress. The conference reaffirmed FHSS’s role in leading a critical discourse on technology and human-centered development.



Academic Publication Process Session

The Department of Anthropology, in collaboration with the International Center for Multidisciplinary Studies (ICMS), organized an insightful session titled "The Academic Publication Process." This event aimed to support academic staff members of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (FHSS) in navigating the complexities of publishing their research. The session provided comprehensive guidance on key aspects of academic publishing, including selecting suitable journals, understanding the peer-review system, and employing effective dissemination techniques to increase the visibility and impact of scholarly work. By equipping academics with these essential tools and knowledge, the session aimed to enhance research output and contribute to the growth of high-quality academic publications within the university community. The session was presented by Dr. Inayat Ali, an Assistant Professor at Fatima Jinnah Women University (FJWU), Rawalpindi, Pakistan.



Publish or Perish:
The art and science of academic publication process

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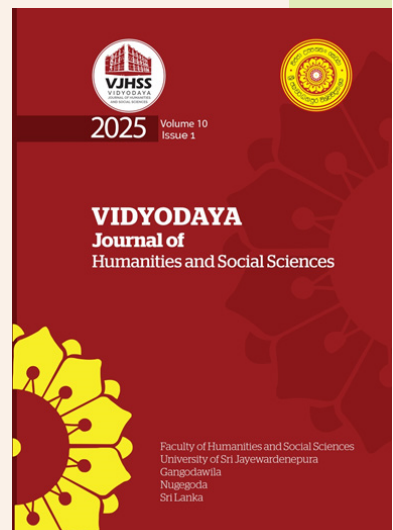
on 30th April 2025 From 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM At the Faculty Board Room FHSS

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The Department of Anthropology,
Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences,
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Publishing of Vidyodaya Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences, Volume 10 – Issue 1

The *Vidyodaya Journal of Humanities and Social Sciences* (VJHSS) released its Volume 10, Issue 01 in 2025, continuing its mission to provide a platform for high-quality research in the fields of humanities and social sciences. This issue features a diverse collection of peer-reviewed articles exploring contemporary socio-cultural, economic, and philosophical themes relevant to both the Sri Lankan context and global discourse. The journal encourages interdisciplinary dialogue and reflects the academic strength of contributors from local and international institutions. Published by the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, the VJHSS upholds rigorous academic standards and contributes meaningfully to the advancement of scholarly knowledge in the region.



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11th International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches (iCMA) 2025

The 11th International Conference on Multidisciplinary Approaches (iCMA), held on 03rd April 2025, was successfully organized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

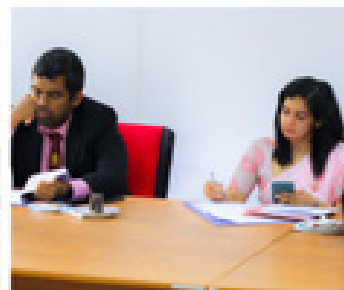
Senior Professor Pathmalal M. Manage, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura was the Chief Guest and Professor Rasika Perera, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies was the Chair of the conference. Emeritus Professor Arjuna Prarakrama was the keynote speaker of the conference, and Mr. Mohomed Atheeq was the Secretary of the conference.

This year's theme, "Bridging Gaps and Inspiring Innovations in Multidisciplinary Research", emphasized the importance of cross-disciplinary collaboration in addressing global challenges and driving innovation. The conference featured a wide array of research tracks, including:

- Engineering, Physical Sciences, Technological Innovation
- Environmental Pollution & Natural Resources Management
- Health Sciences & Nutrition
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Life Sciences
- Management, Commerce, Governance, and Industry Development



Over 150 research abstracts were submitted for iCMA 2025, of which 118 research abstracts were selected to present their research at the conference. There were 35 oral presentations 83 poster presentations, bringing together a wide range of innovative knowledge from various fields. These presentations provided valuable insights into the latest advancements in each field and sparked engaging discussions among attendees.



The 6th episode of the 'DIT Tea Time Research Talks'

Organized by the Department of Information Technology, this session featured Prof. Siegfried Zürn from Esslingen University, Germany, sharing insights on 'Modern Systems Thinking based Project Management – Theory and Application of the Impactation Method'.



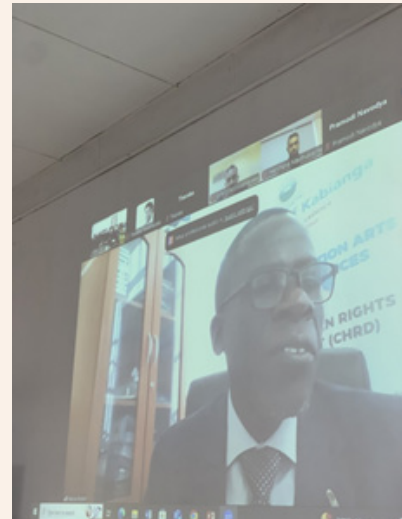
BISSS 2025 – Sixth BIS Student Symposium

Featured keynote by Dr. Lakmal Meegahapola (ETH Zürich), 11 student presentations, and a panel discussion on 'The Intersection of Business and Technology: Unlocking New-Age Careers for BIS Students.



Undergraduate Research Day - 2025

The Department of Public Administration of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura proudly hosted its annual Undergraduate Research Day 2025 on February 18, 2025. This hallmark event once again provided a vibrant platform for undergraduates to present their research findings, engage in critical academic dialogue, and contribute meaningfully to the expanding body of knowledge in public management and related fields. Adding significant value to the proceedings, Dr. Thomas Otieno Juma from the University of Kabianga, Kenya, delivered an inspiring keynote address. His speech shed light on the evolving nature of technological change and its implications for research, governance, and community development, encouraging students to think beyond conventional boundaries. As a testament to the university's dedication to research excellence, the proceedings of the Undergraduate Research Day 2025 have been compiled and published in a dedicated volume. This publication not only documents the insights shared during the event but also reflects the university's ongoing commitment to nurturing a strong research culture among its undergraduates.



Real Estate and Valuation Undergraduate Research Conference (REVURC) 2025

REVURC 2025 showcased final-year undergraduate research from the Department of Estate Management and Valuation, highlighting academic excellence and fostering industry-academic collaboration through insightful presentations and discussions with leading professionals.

The 9th International Conference on Real Estate Management and Valuation (ICREMV 2025)

ICREMV 2025 will take place on 24th October 2025, at Cinnamon Life, Colombo. This premier academic and industry event brings together thought leaders to explore emerging trends, innovations, and sustainable practices in real estate.

UNI-IN ALLIANCE 2024: A Celebration of Innovation and Research

The 10th annual "UNI-IN ALLIANCE 2024" Research Symposium, hosted by the Society of Industrial Scholars, took place on August 16th, 2024, in the Senate Board Room at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJ). The event was a dynamic platform for academics, researchers, and students from across the country to present their cutting-edge research and innovations.

AWARDS OF ACADEMIC STAFF

The Promotion of Dr. Prathap Kaluthanthri to Professor

Senior Lecturer Dr. Prathap Kaluthanthri has been promoted to Professor in Real Estate Management and Valuation. His work in education, research, and professional practice has contributed significantly to the field locally and internationally.



Dr. Thiyanga Talagala Ranked First in the UNESCO-OWSD Women in Science Spotlight Competition: Global Finale

Dr. Thiyanga Talagala, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Statistics, Faculty of Applied Sciences, University of Sri Jayewardenepura (USJ), has been ranked first in the prestigious Short Talks, Big Impacts Women in Science Spotlight Competition. This competition, organized by UNESCO – Organization for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD), included participants from the Asia-Pacific and Arab region, Latin America and the Caribbean region, and Africa region.



AWARDS OF STUDENTS

Sri Lanka University Sports Association Colours Award 2024

DEMV undergraduate Dhanushka Madhushan was honoured with the prestigious SLUSA Colours Award 2024, recognising his exceptional dedication and achievements in university sports while maintaining academic excellence.



J'pura Astrals: Pioneering Space Research with a Silver Award at a Global Competition

"J'pura Astrals", a team of undergraduates from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, achieved remarkable success in the International Space Science and Scientific Payload Competition (ISSSP) with their project focused on studying the effects of space radiation on plant growth in microgravity.

Department of Computer Science Shines at IASSL Best Research Awards 2024

The Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka (IASSL) conducted the Best Research Awards – 2024 ceremony on 06th April 2025, with the objective of recognizing outstanding research that contributes to the development or application of Statistics and Applied Statistics.



SPORTS

Amaya Sithumani to Represent Sri Lanka as International Judge at Asian Women's Gymnastics Championship 2025

Gymnastics, a sport with a legacy stretching back over 500 years, continues to flourish as preparations are now complete for the **18th Junior and 12th Senior Asian Women's Gymnastics Championships**, scheduled to be held in **January, South Korea in 2025**.

The **women's events** of the championship are set to take place from **June 12th to 15th**, while the **men's events** are currently underway. This year's competition carries the inspiring theme: **"One Dream, One Asia"**, symbolizing unity and aspiration across the continent.



Making Sri Lanka proud on the international stage, **Amaya Sithumani Kalukottage** from the **University of Sri Jayewardenepura** is set to participate as an **international women's judge** in this prestigious event. Amaya is a **final-year student** at the **Department of Sports Science and Management**, Faculty of Applied Sciences, and has shown exceptional commitment to the sport both academically and professionally.

Her appointment as an international judge not only reflects her personal dedication but also represents a significant moment for Sri Lanka's presence in global gymnastics.

Break Point Carom Tournament – 2025

The **Break Point Carom Tournament** was successfully held for the first time on **April 26th and 27th, 2025**, at the **University Wimaladharma Mandiraya**.

This inaugural event was specially organized to promote carom among **school-level students**, providing a platform for young players to showcase their skills, build confidence, and engage in healthy competition.



Organized with the aim of encouraging sportsmanship and developing interest in indoor games at the school level, the tournament attracted enthusiastic participation and set a strong foundation for future events.

The success of the **first-ever Break Point Carom Tournament** marks an important step in expanding carom as a recognized and celebrated sport among the younger generation.



First Trophy of the Year: J'pura Women's Hockey Shines at Mora 9's 2025

On the 29th of March 2025, the Astro International Hockey Turf came alive as the much-anticipated Mora 9's Inter University Hockey Championship, hosted by the University of Moratuwa, took place. This year the tournament witness the talents of women's hockey, featuring eight (8) competitive teams from different universities around Sri Lanka, all competing to win the championship. But it was J'pura Women's Hockey team who stole the spotlight with an unbeaten streak, rising as the champions.



Showcasing exceptional strategies, teamwork, excellent sports discipline, J'pura hockey girls remained undefeated throughout the tournament, proving their dominance and superiority on the turf. Their unwavering enthusiasm and excellent coordination were evident in every match, which led to a well- earned championship win.

This strong team was led by captain M. Chanudi Perera , who maintained a strong momentum with close assistance of vice captain Sesadi Thiyumila. And Kasuri Umedha, who won the Best

Goalkeeper title for her outstanding saves and steady play under pressure, was one of the standout players.

The complete list of winners who contributed to this momentous victory is as follows:

1. M. Chanudi Perera (Captain)
2. Sesadi Thiyumila (Vice Captain)
3. Gimhani Rathnayake
4. Kasuri Umedha
5. Ranulie Jayasinghe
6. Nadali Sirimanne
7. Waruni Nisansala
8. Ahinsa Wickramasinghe
9. Nulanga Wickramanayake
10. Gayathri Ranasinghe
11. Saumya Ranasinghe
12. Methni Ranaweera

The tournament was more than just a battle for the title, it was a reflection of the growing strength and determination in women's university sports across the country. J'pura Hockey's consistent performance and teamwork throughout the matches stood as a clear example of what dedication and unity can achieve.

As the final whistle echoed across the turf, it marked yet another proud moment in the remarkable journey of J'pura hockey. Congratulations to the entire team for securing their position as the unbeaten champions once again. A well-deserved victory and a commendable effort by every player who contributed to this success.



Japura Shooters Shine at National Rifle and Pistol Shooting Championship

The rifle and pistol shooting competition, organized by the Sri Lanka Army Small Arms Association, was recently held at the Welisara Navy Shooting Range, drawing top-level marksmen and markswomen from across the country.

Representing the open category, two exceptional athletes from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, Nehasha Weerasinghe and Thisangi Geethma, delivered impressive performances, adding more accolades to their already distinguished shooting careers.



Both Nehasha and Thisangi are currently pursuing their studies at the Department of Sports Science and Management and have previously achieved numerous victories at national-level competitions.

At this prestigious event:

- Nehasha Weerasinghe secured 2nd place in the Women's senior 25m Pistol event and 3rd place in the Women's senior 10m Air Pistol event.
- Thisangi Geethma claimed 1st place in the Women's junior 10m Air Pistol event, while also finishing 2nd overall in the same category. Additionally, she earned 2nd place in the Women's junior 25m Sports Pistol event.

Their achievements not only highlight their individual dedication and talent but also bring great pride to the university, underscoring the growing excellence of Japura athletes in national sports arenas.

Japura Warna 2024 – A Glorious Night Painted in the Hues of Victory



The University of Sri Jayewardenepura has long been a cradle of champions across various fields, demonstrating that this prestigious university not only produces winners but also inspires future generations. The Colors Awarding Ceremony was recently held to recognize and celebrate the outstanding athletes of the university. This event honored sportsmen and sportswomen who showcased exceptional talent in both national and international arenas throughout 2024.

The 48th Colors Night, 'Japura Warna 2024,' was successfully held on March 21, 2025, at the University Bandaranaike Hall, celebrating the outstanding sports achievements of students from the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. This prestigious event was organized by the Physical Education Unit of the university, with Senior Professor M. M. Pathmalal, Vice Chancellor of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, gracing the occasion as the Chief Guest.



This night held great significance for the sports stars in the university, who showcased remarkable dedication and excellence throughout the year. The university secured the Overall Women's Championship, Overall Men's Championship, and the Overall Championship at the Inter-University Championships 2024. A total of 589 athletes, representing 36 teams across 23 sports disciplines, were honored at the event. Among them, 37 students were recognized as "Best Players," while 28 students received Special Awards for their exceptional performances at both national and international levels, bringing pride to the university through their remarkable achievements in various sporting arenas.



The event was graced by Senior Professor Pradeep Jayaweera and Professor K. L. Wasantha Perera, the Co-Chairmen of the Sports Advisory Board. Additionally, distinguished alumni, including Mr. Kamal Gamini Silva (Managing Director of KND Group and President of the Sports Alumni USJ), Mr. Ranjith Iddamalgoda, and Senior D. I. G. Sujeewa Madawaththa (Secretary of the Alumni Association USJ), were present, adding prestige to the occasion. A special mention was given to Professor Narada Fernando, Chairman of People's Bank, along with his team, for their continued support and partnership. (1) People's Bank has been a valued business partner for multiple years, significantly contributing to the success of university sports.

Outstanding Sports Achievements

The most coveted awards of the night, the Most Outstanding Sportswoman and Sportsman of the Year, were presented to Tharushi Himahansika Weerasekara and R. Thushyanthana, respectively, for their exceptional performances in their respective sports.

Most Outstanding Sportswoman – Tharushi Himahansika Weerasekara

A fourth-year student in Allied Health Sciences, Tharushi Himahansika Weerasekara showcased extraordinary skill in chess. Her accomplishments include:

- UK Cane Challenge Trophy – Winner
- 6th Carrom World Cup (Women's Doubles) – 3rd Place
- 6th Carrom World Cup (Women's Team) – Runners-Up
- 6th Asian Carrom World Cup (Women's Team) – Runners-Up
- 48th National Sports Games 2024 – First Place

Most Outstanding Sportsman – R. Thushyanthana

A student from the Faculty of Applied Sciences, R. Thushyanthana displayed exceptional talent in karate. His remarkable achievements include:

- Asian Karate Championship – 2024
- Sri Lanka National Karate Championship 2024 (Above 21 Years Male Kumite -55kg, 1st Place)
- Sri Lanka National Karate Championship 2024 (Senior Male (2)Kata, 1st Place)



The 48th Colors Night – 'Japura Warna 2024' was a grand celebration of glory and recognition, honoring the spirit, dedication, and perseverance of the athletes in the university. The event

not only celebrated their hard work but also highlighted the unwavering support from the university, alumni, and sports enthusiasts.



J'pura Tennis 10s 2025: A Grand Smash of Junior Talent and Team Spirit

Written by Rashmi Niyangoda – Women's Tennis Captain, University of Sri Jayewardenepura

J'pura Tennis 10s 2025 concluded on a high note, successfully marking its 4th consecutive year as one of Sri Lanka's most vibrant junior tennis events. Organized by the University of Sri Jayewardenepura Tennis Team in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Tennis Association, the tournament brought together 225 young players from across the island, offering them a platform to compete, grow, and shine.

Held over three exciting days—29th February, 1st and 2nd March 2025—the matches were played at four venues: University of Sri Jayewardenepura courts, University of Colombo courts, Government Servants Tennis Club, and Police Park courts. Participants competed in Red Ball, Orange Ball, and Green Ball categories under three competitive levels: Level 1, Achiever, and Pro. The variety of age groups and skill levels added rich diversity to the tournament and helped create an atmosphere of healthy competition, learning, and fun.

The event was made possible thanks to the generous support of our sponsors. CL Synergy Limited partnered with us as the Title Sponsor, while The Chance Sports came on board as the Award Partner. Captain Sports, Sports Mart, and 3G Sports served as Gift Partners, MOONS partnered as the official Merchandiser, and J'pura Flames handled media coverage throughout

the tournament—capturing the best moments and spreading the excitement across platforms.

As the Women's Tennis Captain, I witnessed firsthand the extraordinary dedication and team spirit shown by our players and organizing committee. From planning logistics across multiple venues, managing registrations, coordinating with sponsors, to ensuring the smooth flow of matches—our team gave their 100% to make this event a grand success. It was not just a tennis tournament—it was a project that tested our leadership, unity, and passion for the game.

J'pura Tennis 10s has grown year after year, and in 2025, it truly became a symbol of how student leadership, when empowered and supported, can create opportunities that shape the future of sports in Sri Lanka.

We look forward to raising the bar even higher in the years to come!



Umayanga Mihiran Shines with Bronze at ASBC Asian U25 and Youth Boxing Championship 2025

Umayanga Mihiran, a talented young athlete from the Faculty of Engineering, has brought pride to Sri Lanka by securing a **bronze medal** at the prestigious **ASBC Asian U25 and Youth Boxing Championship 2025**. The event was held at the **Sugathadasa Indoor Stadium**, Colombo, and showcasing top-tier boxing talent from across the Asian continent.

Representing Sri Lanka with determination and discipline, Umayanga displayed exceptional skill and resilience throughout the tournament. His achievement not only reflects his personal dedication but also highlights the growing strength of university-level sports in Sri Lanka.

This accomplishment marks a significant milestone in Umayanga's boxing career and serves as an inspiration for other young athletes in the country to pursue excellence in both academics and sports.



Report on Women's Team Victory at UMISF 2025

The Women's Team of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura achieved a remarkable triumph at the University of Moratuwa International Shuttle Fest (UMISF) 2025, held on March 29th and 30th. The event brought together top university teams from across the country, promoting healthy competition and showcasing sporting excellence.

Our team displayed outstanding skill, determination, and teamwork throughout the tournament. In the final match against the University of Colombo, the team delivered a commanding performance and secured a 3-0 victory, emerging as the Champions of UMISF 2025.

The winning team was led by Captain Jananuwani Amanda and Vice-Captain Aseni Warsha. The other team members who contributed significantly to this victory include Geethmi Abeyrathne, Suhasni Vidanage, Tharaka Deepani, Oshadhee Karunaratne, Sehasna Lochani and Nethaya Gunawardene.

This victory reflects the dedication, discipline, and unity of our athletes. Their success adds another proud chapter to the university's legacy in sports and serves as an inspiration to the entire student community.

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS

Sooryabhishekaya'25

The Association of Public Administration organized the "Sooryabhishekaya'25, an 'Aurudu Ceremony' to celebrate the Sinhala and Tamil New Year. The event took place on the 28th of April 2025 at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

The event officially commenced with the lifting over milk and opening of the Aurudu Kevili Table by Mr. W.G.T.S. Senanayaka, Head of the Department of Public Administration, the other lecturers, and students of the Department. The event featured lots of Aurudu Kreedas and aesthetic items, providing a perfect platform for students to enjoy our Traditional Gemi Kreedas and showcase their hidden aesthetic talents. Also, the winners of each Aurudu Kreedas have been awarded a small gift.



Wasantha Sajjaya 2025 – Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebration

The Marketing Management Association (MMA) of the Department of Marketing Management proudly hosted Wasantha Sajjaya 2025, the annual Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebration, marking the beginning of a new season with joy, togetherness, and cultural pride. This vibrant event brought together students and academic members in a heartfelt celebration that reflected the rich traditions of the new year. The festivities were filled with traditional games, cultural performances, and moments of shared laughter and unity, fostering a deep sense of community spirit within the department. Wasantha Sajjaya 2025 served not only as a platform to preserve and promote Sri Lankan heritage but also as a meaningful opportunity for students and staff to connect beyond the academic setting. The event was a testament to the values of collaboration, cultural appreciation, and mutual respect that define the Department of Marketing Management.



Sinhala and Tamil New Year 2025 Celebration at the Department of Estate Management and Valuation

The Department of Estate Management and Valuation celebrated the Sinhala and Tamil New Year 2025 with traditional customs and festive rituals, uniting students and staff in a joyful expression of cultural heritage and community spirit.



REMV Kovul Wasanthaya 2025

EMV Kovul Wasanthaya brought together students and staff for a vibrant celebration of the Sinhala and Tamil New Year, featuring traditional games, performances, and festive activities that highlighted unity and cultural heritage within the EMV community.



2025 Posen Dansala by DEMV Students

The Real Estate Management and Valuation Students' Association (REMV CREW) of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura organized its second annual Posen Bun Dansala, spreading kindness and spiritual reflection through community service. Held in honor of the Posen Full Moon Poya Day, the event fostered unity and compassion among students and the wider university community.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Bringing Science Closer to Students: A Field Visit at Gonigoda Maha Vidyalaya under the Spero Charity Project 2025.

Students at Gonigoda Maha Vidyalaya in Pihimbuwa, Kurunegala had a rare opportunity to experience science firsthand, thanks to a special field visit organized by the Department of Physics and the Astronomy Club Board Members. This initiative, conducted under the Spero Charity Project 2025, aimed to spark curiosity and deepen students' understanding of science, mathematics, and future higher studies opportunities.



Department of Zoology Inspires Young Minds with "Biology Explorer Day Camp"

The Department of Zoology recently hosted "Biology Explorer Day Camp" on 27th March 2025, as part of its ongoing Science Outreach Program designed to foster an interest in science among schoolchildren. The event brought together budding young scientists for a day of immersive experience aimed at unraveling the marvels of the natural world.



STUDENT ACTIVITIES

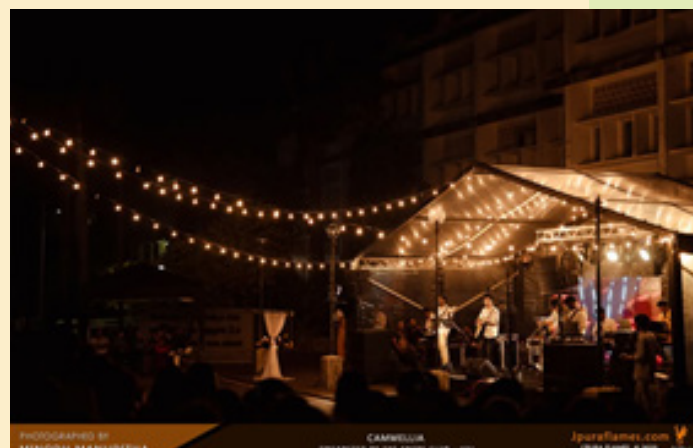
Ranrasu Prathibha Abhinandana Kala Mangalyaya

The annual arts festival, Ranrasu Prathibha Abhinandana Kala Mangalyaya, was held on April 1, 2025, at Bandaranayake Hall, celebrating the rich creative talents of students across the university. This vibrant event featured inter-departmental competitions in dance, music, and art, bringing together finalists from 14 different departments. The festival highlighted the diverse artistic expressions of undergraduates, including the much-anticipated launch of original songs composed by the students themselves. Additionally, the awarding ceremony for the Heritage Plus Short Video Competition recognized outstanding works that reflected Sri Lanka's cultural heritage. Throughout the day, the event underscored the importance of preserving and promoting Sri Lankan heritage, blending traditional and contemporary forms of artistic expression. Ranrasu Prathibha Abhinandana Kala Mangalyaya not only showcased talent but also fostered unity and cultural pride among participants and attendees alike, making it a memorable celebration of creativity and heritage.



Camelia 25 – Musical Event

Camelia 25 was a musical event organized by the Entre Club on 27th March 2025 at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. It served as a vibrant platform for students to showcase their talents in music and dance. Featuring 12 student performances and a special guest appearance by renowned singer Romesh Sugathapala, the event drew an enthusiastic crowd of around 500 attendees. It successfully promoted student creativity, collaboration, and community spirit. The event also provided the organizing team with hands-on experience in event planning and management. Positive audience feedback and high participation levels confirmed the event's success in enriching university life through artistic expression and extracurricular engagement.



Entre Fair 2025

Entre Fair 2025 was a flagship entrepreneurial event organized by the Entre Club to celebrate innovation and creativity among undergraduates. It was held at the main entrance of the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, it featured over 20 stalls, startup exhibitions, pitch competitions, panel discussions, and workshops. The fair brought together students, alumni entrepreneurs, investors, and startup founders, promoting networking and real-world business exposure. It was widely publicized through social media campaigns and received national media attention from Sirasa TV. The event fostered entrepreneurial confidence, peer learning, and cross-faculty collaboration, reinforcing the university's role in nurturing innovation. Entre Fair 2025 was a resounding success with a long-lasting impact.



Ignite - Innovation Pitch Session

As part of Entre Fair 2025, a special **Innovation Pitch Session** was held to provide student entrepreneurs with a platform to present their business ideas to a panel of industry experts, investors, and mentors. Selected undergraduates from various faculties pitched their startups, receiving real-time feedback and suggestions for improvement. This interactive session not only boosted the confidence of young innovators but also gave them valuable exposure to practical entrepreneurial challenges and investor



expectations. Some participants were invited for further mentorship and potential funding opportunities. The session effectively bridged academic learning with real-world business experiences and highlighted the entrepreneurial potential within the university community.



Finspire 2025



Finspire is an annual student event organised by the Students' Association of Finance (SAF) of the Department of Finance. The event is organised to build stronger bond among undergraduates and bring energy and excitement to student life at the University.

This year's Finspire 2025 was inspired by the popular Spanish television show 'Money Heist' that added a creative touch to the day. The full-day event took place on university premises and saw the participation of over 200 students. It featured a variety of fun and knowledge-based activities that kept everyone engaged throughout



the day. The event concluded with a vibrant Holi dance and musical event.



BIS Welcome 2025

Orientation and welcome program for first-year BIS students with participation of academic staff, alumni, and industry professionals. Featured speeches, Q&A sessions, and interactive activities.



Annual General Meeting of Students' Association of Public Administration - 2025

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the Association of Public Administration (APA) for 2025 was successfully held on 21st March at the New Faculty Board Room, FMSC, marking the appointment of the new Executive Board and Committee Members for 2025/26. The event brought together esteemed academics and passionate undergraduates from the Department of Public Administration.

Key highlights included a welcome speech by the outgoing Co-President, the presentation of the previous AGM's meeting minutes, and the Income and Expenditure statement by the outgoing Treasurer. The formal appointment of the new Executive Committee was the centerpiece of the event, followed by insightful speeches from the Head of the Department and the newly appointed President. Adding significance to the occasion, a symbolic grant of donations to the Association and the Department was made, underscoring the commitment to growth and service. The event concluded with the awarding of Certificates of Appreciation to the outgoing committee



First Year Orientation Program of the B.Sc. Honours in Management (Public) Degree Program - 2025

The Department of Public Administration organized an Orientation Program for the first-year undergraduates to formally welcome them to the department. The event took place on April 30, 2025, at the New Faculty Board Room of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Ms. Ivon Brohier, CEO of Softlogic Finance and an esteemed alumnus of the Department of Public Administration, was the Guest Speaker for the occasion. The program commenced with an address by the Head of the Department. The event was further enriched by breakout sessions by alumni from recently passed out batches. Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, also graced the occasion, adding to its significance.



The Department of Public Administration celebrates its Annual 'Aurudu Tea Party 2025'

The Department of Public Administration at the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, hosted its "Aurudu Tea Party" on April 21, 2025, at the Department Resource Center to celebrate Sinhala and Hindu New Year 2025. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. W.G.T.S. Senanayaka, Head of the Department of Public Administration, and department lecturers.

The gathering provided a wonderful opportunity for lecturers and students to share ideas, stories, laughter, and cultural experiences. The Department expressed heartfelt thanks to the students for organizing such a delightful event, continuing a cherished tradition.

Welcoming New Students to the Department of Marketing Management

The Department of Marketing Management officially welcomed the new second-year students to the department at the special event held in the New Faculty Boardroom. The program provided students with valuable insights into the department, curriculum, and culture, guiding them on how to navigate their university journey from both academic and non-academic perspectives. They were also introduced to the support and mentorship available from staff members, the opportunities for engagement with senior students, and the strong connections with the department's alumni network. The event was attended by staff members, including the Dean of the Faculty, as well as senior students, whose contributions played a significant role in making the program a success.



Annual General Meeting of the Marketing Management Association

The 26th Annual General Meeting of Marketing Management (MMA) Association of the Department of Marketing Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura was successfully held at the K.A. Munasinghe Hall. The event marked the appointment of the Executive Committee for the year 2025/26, with the participation of esteemed staff members, past students, and current students from all academic years. Mr. Thejan Bandara and Ms. Sanjula Nethmini was appointed as the new President and the Secretary, while Senior Lecturer Mr. Dilan Rathnayaka was appointed as the Senior Treasure of the association.



The Department Welcome 2025 – “ආල අඩවි 2025

The third-year students of the Marketing Management Association welcomed second-year undergraduates of the Department of Marketing Management at the “ආල අඩවි 2025”, a vibrant and memorable welcome programme at the Hadavila premises. The event served as a platform to embrace new beginnings, foster camaraderie, and ignite the spirit of unity among our students. It was heartening to witness the enthusiasm, energy, and creativity displayed throughout the programme. The event was graced by the presence of the Dean of the faculty, academic staff members, and past students of the Department.



Nenasara 2025 - Hosting Sri Seelananda Vidyalaya

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Educational Field Visit to Colombo



Marketing Management Association (MMA) of the Department of Marketing Management hosted around 50 students and staff members of KG/DEHI/Sri Seelananda Vidyalaya under the Nenasara project. The visit offered participants a glimpse into university life, aiming to inspire and motivate them to pursue higher education. The university tour was enthusiastically guided

by the students of the department, adding a personal and engaging touch to the experience. The session featured insightful addresses by Prof. Dushan Jayawickrama, Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce, and Prof. Sandamali Galdolage, Head of the Department of Marketing Management.



Nature Study Drawing Workshop at Viharamahadevi Park

Second-year Real Estate Management and Valuation undergraduates participated in a hands-on Nature Study Drawing Workshop at Viharamahadevi Park. The session enhanced their observational sketching skills, focusing on natural elements to improve property documentation and real estate visualization techniques.



Construction Site Visit to Kurunegala by REMV Undergraduates

Second-year Real Estate Management and Valuation students visited an active industrial construction site in Kurunegala as part of their Building Construction module, gaining hands-on exposure to real-world building processes and professional practices in the construction industry.



Field Visit to Tea Research Institute, Kuruvita

Third-year REMV undergraduates participated in a practical training session at the Tea Research Institute – Kuruvita, focusing on tea estate valuation. Supported by IVSL and the Government Valuation Department, the visit bridged academic learning with real-world valuation practice in the agricultural sector.



Industry Visit to Keells

Final-year REMV students visited Jaykay Marketing Services (Pvt) Ltd, gaining valuable insights into corporate real estate asset management within a retail context. The session offered practical exposure to CRE strategies, space optimization, and property operations at Keells, bridging academic learning with real-world practice.



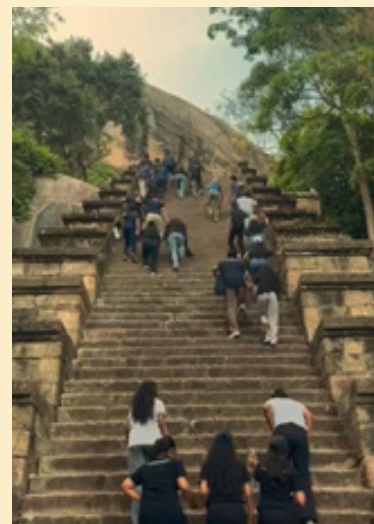
Educational Industry Visit to Hardwaremart

Second-year students of the Real Estate Management and Valuation program visited Hardwaremart to gain firsthand exposure to building materials, product applications, and market trends. The visit enriched their understanding of material valuation and the role of industry knowledge in shaping the built environment.



Urban Heritage Field Visit to Anuradhapura by EMV Undergraduates

Third-year students of the B.Sc. (Hons) in Real Estate Management and Valuation undertook a two-day field visit to Anuradhapura, exploring its historical urban form, planning strategies, and cultural significance. The experience blended heritage study with modern planning perspectives, supported by academic and industry experts.



Department of Food Science and Technology at ProFood ProPack Exhibition 2024: Showcasing Innovation and Excellence

The ProFood ProPack & Agbiz exhibition is a premier event that brings together industry leaders, innovators, and enthusiasts from the food and packaging sectors. This year's exhibition, held at BMICH from 23rd to 25th August, provided a significant platform for showcasing the latest trends, technologies, and products shaping the future of the food and packaging industry. Department of Food Science and Technology representing University of Sri Jayewardenepura, had the honor of participating in this prestigious event

INDUSTRY/COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Strengthening Academic Ties: Meiji University Delegation Explores Continued Collaboration with Department of Urban Bioresources, FUAB, USJ

Prof. Takashi Ikeda, Professor in Department of Agriculture, School of Agriculture, Meiji University, Japan visited the University of Sri Jayewardenepura on 17th March 2025. He is an expertise in the areas of production systems, horticulture and instrumentation engineering. Earlier, Prof. Ikeda had visited our university. During his visit to the University of Sri Jayewardenepura from 21st of March to 24th of March 2023.



This year, in align with the ongoing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two institutions, Prof. Ikeda visited the Department of Urban Bioresources, FUAB, USJ. During his visit he had a fruitful discussion with the Vice-Chancellor, Senior Prof. M.M. Pathmalal, the Dean, Faculty of Urban and Aquatic Bioresources, Senior Prof. Pradeep Jayaweera and the Head, Department of Urban Bioresources, Dr. Surani Chathurika. During the discussions, the future aspects in student and staff exchange programmes, opportunity to conduct double degree programmes, joint research publications, joint online workshops on recent advancements and researches in the discipline of Agriculture for the students of both the institutions collaborating other universities were taken into consideration. Currently, Prof. Ikeda is working as a visiting lecturer of the Department of Urban Bioresources, Faculty of Urban and Aquatic Bioresources, University of Sri Jayewardenepura (FUAB/USJ) while co-supervising a PhD student from FUAB/USJ as well.



The link was initiated by Dr. Udari Rathnathunga, Senior Lecturer, Department of Urban Bioresources, Faculty of Urban and Aquatic Bioresources and the Faculty coordinator of International Affairs. The International Affairs Division of the university facilitated the meeting. Prof. Ikeda had the opportunity to meet with the senior academic staff members of the Faculty of Urban and Aquatic Bioresources as well. This visit marked the continuous involvement of the faculty and the university with the international community.



SAARC Cultural Centre, Sri Lanka and the Department of Anthropology Discuss Future Partnerships

A delegation from the Department of Anthropology, University of Sri Jayewardenepura, visited the SAARC Cultural Centre, Sri Lanka, to discuss future collaborations. The meeting focused on strengthening ties between the two institutions, particularly regarding the upcoming 5th International Conference on Intangible Cultural Heritage (ICICH 2025). The delegation included Prof. Praneeth Abhyesundara, Dr. Nelum Kanthilatha (Secretary of ICICH 2025), and Dr. Tharaka Ananda (Chair of ICICH 2025). They met with Dr. Kaushalya Kumarasinghe, Director, and Dr. Bina Gandhi Deori, Deputy Director (Research) of the Centre. Discussions centered on potential partnerships and joint initiatives, aiming to enhance research and academic cooperation between the Department and the SAARC Cultural Centre in the field of intangible cultural heritage.



Official Launch of the Corporate Mentoring Program 2025

The Department of Marketing Management, in collaboration with the Marketing Alumni Association, successfully organized the Official Launch of the Corporate Mentoring Program 2025 – Third Phase at the New Faculty Board Room, Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce. The event primarily aimed to provide an overview of the upcoming sessions of the Corporate Mentoring Program and formally connect mentees with their respective mentors, fostering meaningful professional relationships. It was graced by the presence of the Dean of the faculty, academic staff members, mentors representing the Alumni and passed-out postgraduate students of the department, mentees, representatives from the Marketing Alumni Association, and media personnel.



Strategic Partnership Meeting between DEMV and UDA

The Department of Estate Management and Valuation met with the Urban Development Authority to initiate a collaborative partnership focused on joint research, knowledge sharing, and advancing real estate and urban development practices in Sri Lanka.

INDUSTRY/COMMUNITY COLLABORATIONS

Construction of the Faculty of Engineering, University of Sri Jayewardenepura – Kottawa Building Complex

The construction of the dedicated building complex for the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura began on January 2021, marking a significant step in the university's vision to expand and strengthen engineering education in Sri Lanka. Situated in Kottawa, this modern complex is designed to offer a dynamic and well-equipped environment for academic and research activities. The facility supports four major degree programs: Civil Engineering, Computer Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, and Electrical and Electronic Engineering.



The project, which is currently 90% complete, includes advanced lecture halls, state-of-the-art laboratories, design and innovation spaces, recreational facilities and administrative facilities. It is being developed with a focus on sustainability and energy efficiency, integrating environmentally friendly building practices. The Kottawa complex is expected to be fully completed by the end of June 2025. Once operational, it will serve as a hub for engineering education and innovation, preparing the next generation of engineers to meet the technological and societal challenges of the future.

