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## Eastern University Women's Team Clinches Third Place in GA Cup Cricket Tournament!

The Powerful Women Team of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, celebrated an impressive victory by securing the GA Cup Trophy as Third Place Award Winners in the Inter-District Departments' Staff Cricket Tournament 2024. The tournament, held in Batticaloa from May 3 to May 30, featured 16 women's teams from various departments. The Eastern University team triumphed in five out of six matches, competing against the Zonal Department of Education Paddiruppu, District Secretariat Batticaloa, Department of Irrigation Batticaloa, Koralaipattu Central Divisional Secretariat's Office, and Eravur Pattu-Chenkalady Divisional Secretariat's Office.

The star of the tournament was Mrs. M. Aravinthan, Instructor at the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies, who won the prestigious 'Best Player of the Tournament' award. The talented Eastern University team included: Mrs. M. Aravinthan (Instructor), Mrs. J. Prasanthkumar (Management Assistant), Mrs. Dharshini Shanmugam (Instructor), Ms. R. Brindha (Instructor), Mrs. P. Kukatharshini (Instructor), Ms. T. Ninduja (Instructor), Mrs. N. Pathmapriya (Warden), Mrs. S. Sasikalatha (Management Assistant), Mrs. H. Sithisan (Library Information Assistant), Mrs. S. Kugathan (Library Attendant), Mrs. C. S. V. Chrushanthan (Management Assistant), Mrs. R. Archsana (Assistant Registrar), and Mrs. Premini Thayalan (Management Assistant), each demonstrating exceptional skill and teamwork.



Notably, the Men's Cricket Team of Eastern University also excelled in the tournament, winning three out of their four matches. The 2024 GA Cup highlighted the university's spirit and skill in sports, bringing pride to the Eastern University, Sri Lanka and showcasing remarkable talent among both women's and men's teams.





### Special Meeting with Central Bank Governor at East Lagoon Hotel

A significant meeting with Dr. P. Nandalal Weerasinghe, Governor of the Central Bank of Sri Lanka, and his delegates, organized by the Eastern University Economists' Consortium, EUSL took place at the East Lagoon Hotel, Batticaloa, on June 23, 2024, at 3 p.m. The event was attended by university officers and professors from Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, led by their respective Vice Chancellors, Prof. Dr. V. Kanagasingam and Prof. Dr. M. M. Fazil (Acting VC, Dean – Arts & Culture, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka).



Prof. N. Rajeshwaran, Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Management, initiated the meeting by welcoming the Hon. Governor and Central Bank delegates. Prof. V. Kanagasingam then provided a brief introduction to the meeting's objectives and an overview of Eastern University, Sri Lanka.



Following this, Dr. K. Premakumar, Retired Senior Lecturer of EUSL, and Prof. T. Mathiventhan, Dean of the Faculty of Technology, presented highlights of their research findings on current and potential resources that can empower the nation. The meeting included an open discussion session where attendees could seek clarifications from the Governor. The event concluded with the presentation of tokens of appreciation by both Vice Chancellors to the Governor, and the vote of thanks was delivered by Prof. S. Jeyarajah, President of the Eastern University Economists' Consortium, EUSL.

The Governor highlighted improved developments despite the economic crisis and emphasized the importance of awareness for empowerment. Prof. Dr. M. M. Fazil, Acting Vice Chancellor of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, provided an update on their university's current state.

### Strengthening Ties: EUSL's Fruitful Dialogue with Indian High

The Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Prof. V. Kanagasingam, and Dr. Yuvi Thangarajah, former Director of the International Affairs Division, EUSL, held a successful meeting with the High Commissioner of India, His Excellency H.E. Santosh Jha, on the 7th of June 2024 at the Indian High Commission in Colombo. The discussions centered on enhancing cooperation, with the High Commissioner expressing his keen interest in supporting the university and its student community through initiatives such as capacity building, infrastructure expansion, and academic exchanges. Notably, this is not the first meeting with the High Commissioner, reflecting his ongoing commitment to fostering collaboration with EUSL.





## FACULTY OF ARTS & CULTURE

### First International Tamil Conference on 'Arts and Culture of Tamils' - A Grand Success

The first International Tamil Conference on 'Arts and Culture of Tamils' (INACT 2024) was organized by Eastern University, Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the University of Vavuniya, Sri Lanka, Pondicheri University, India, Anna University, India, and Vellore Institute of Technology, India, on the 13th of June, 2024. The Department of Tamil Studies organized and coordinated the logistics with the assistance of the Faculty of Arts and Culture.

The conference was graced by Prof. Chandana P. Udawathe, Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission, as the Chief Guest. Dr. P. Viswanathan, Chancellor of Vellore Technological College, attended as the Special Guest, and Hon. Sri Nadarajan, the Ex-High Commissioner of the Indian Sub High Commission, was the Guest of Honour. Keynote addresses were delivered by Prof. Dr. R. Velraj, Vice Chancellor of Anna University, Chennai, India, and Emeritus Prof. A. Shanmugathas, University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. The conference was co-chaired by Prof. V. Kanagasisingam, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and Prof. T. Mangaleswaran, Vice Chancellor of the University of Vavuniya. Dr. V. Gunapalasingam, Dean of the Faculty of Arts & Culture, and Prof. Punch. Ramalingam, Director(I/C), UGC-MMTIC, Pondicheri University, India, acted as co-conveners, while Prof. S. Santhirasekaram, Head of Tamil Studies, acted as the coordinator, and Mrs. Vijitha Thivakaran acted as the secretary.

The inaugural session featured a colorful folklore traditional welcome dance, the launching of the conference proceedings, and a display of video clips on the digitized palm leaf collections by the Tamil Studies Department and on Siddha Medicine covering the Agasthiar Center in Trincomalee.



In the technical sessions, there were a panel discussion and three guest speeches delivered by Prof. Dr. K. Thilagavathy, Ex-Head of Literature and Architecture of Thanjavur Tamil University, Dr. Nithi Kanagaretnam, Naturopathic Physician, Nutritional Advocate, and Ex-Lecturer of the University of Victoria, Australia, and Prof. S. Sivesan, Head of Tourism and Hospitality Management Unit of the University of Jaffna. A total of 87 diverse research papers were presented by scholars from India, Australia, Canada, London, Mauritius, and Sri Lanka. (contd.....)





## First International Tamil Conference .....



The conference concluded with colorful cultural events performed by the Swami Vipulanandha Institute of Aesthetic Studies during the conference night.

## EUSL's CSRD Illuminates Pedagogical Challenges in Sri Lanka with Virtual Lecture

The Centre for Social Research & Development (CSRD) of the Faculty of Arts & Culture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka (EUSL), organized its sixth virtual lecture session on 'Pedagogy in Sri Lanka: Inadequacies in Instructional Modalities and Concomitant Impacts' on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024, at 10:30 am. This session aimed to critically engage with the current methods of pedagogy adopted in Sri Lanka.



The guest lecture was delivered by Dr. Selvy Thiruchanthiran, Former Executive Director of the Women's Education and Research Centre (WERC), Sri Lanka. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Culture, Dr. V. Gunapalasingam, graced the event as the Guest of Honour. Dr. K. Shrikarunaakaran, Head of the Department of Languages and Director of the CSRD, led the virtual session with vibrant engagement. He shared with our news editor that these quarterly seminars aim to create awareness on social development and research, while also undertaking studies on various social issues.

## Scholars Illuminate Batticaloa's Heritage in Two-Day Seminar

The Tamil Traditional Trustee, an International Organization, successfully conducted a two-day online seminar on "Batticaloa - History, Society, and Culture" on the 20th and 21st of April 2024, in the late evening. The seminar featured contributions from prominent Indian and Sri Lankan scholars, sharing their expertise on the region's rich heritage. Professor S. Maunaguru, Retired Professor and Former Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Culture, delivered an inspiring introductory speech. Senior academics, including Prof. Shanthi Kesavan (Professor in Hindu

Hindu Civilization), Dr. V. Gunapalasingam (Dean, Faculty of Arts and Culture), Prof. S. Santhirasekaram (Head of Tamil Studies), and Dr. S. Sivaretnam (Senior Lecturer in Visual Arts, Swamy Vipulanandha Institute of Aesthetic Studies), imparted their scholarly insights, enriching the event with their expertise.

## LIBRARY NETWORK NEWS

### Pioneering Library Innovation: Workshop Explores the Future of Libraries in Sri Lanka

In a move to empower Sri Lanka's library professionals, Hayleys Fentons partnered with Bibliotheca, a Swiss leader in library technology, to host an inspiring workshop on April 5, 2024, at Kingsbury Hotel, Colombo.

Themed “Reimagining the Future of Libraries,” the event introduced cutting-edge library technology to attendees, including Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, the Librarian, Mr. S. Santharooban, Deputy Librarian, and Mr. M. N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian. Mr. Amit Ranjan, Business Development Manager for India and South Asia, showcased Bibliotheca's advancements, highlighting the potential for a digitally interconnected library ecosystem in Sri Lanka. With insights from Mr. Hasith Prematillake, Managing Director of Hayleys Fentons, and Mr. Jayendra Fonseka, General Manager, the event underscored a shared commitment to innovation, sparking dialogue on transforming libraries for a vibrant, accessible future.



### Contribution of EUSL Library academics at NACLIS - 2024

The National Conference on Library and Information Science in 2024, with the theme "Libraries and Societies Connect: strengthening the bond," was organized by the Sri Lanka Library Association on April 18th, 2024. Dr. M.M. Mashroofa, Senior Assistant Librarian at South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, chaired the conference, with Mr. S. Santharooban, Deputy Librarian at Eastern University, Sri Lanka, as the Co-chair of this significant event. This remarkable event was graced by the presence of Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, Librarian of Eastern University, Sri Lanka as one of the Guests of Honour. Mr. M.N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian of EUSL served as the Chairperson of the first session of this conference. The Senior Assistant Librarians of the Eastern University, Sri Lanka, Mr. B. Prashanthan, Mrs. Gayathiri Navirathan, and Mrs. Lavanya Jegatheesparan, presented their research findings at the conference.





## CENTRE FOR MULTIDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH (CMR)

### 12th Research Forum on Community-Based Interventions: An Inspiring Success

The Young Researcher Forum, regularly conducted by the Center for Multidisciplinary Research (CMR), hosted its 12th Research Forum on "Community-Based Intervention 2024" (CBI 2024) on May 9, 2024, via dual mode. This interactive research platform was moderated by Dr. Nithi Kanagaretnam, a Naturopathic Physician and Nutritional Advocate from Melbourne, Australia. His inspirational and motivational sessions captivated the participants.



Dr. Kanagaretnam, serving as the Resource Person, delivered a compelling guest lecture on "What We Cooked with What to Thwart Sickness," which left a lasting impression on all attendees. The forum also featured two noteworthy research presentations:

- Dr. (Mrs.) Rajavarthani Sanjeev, Senior Lecturer Gr.I in Human Biology, Faculty of Health Care Sciences, EUSL, presented on "Pharmacological Properties of Rasna Sapthakaya Decoction: An Ayurveda Preparation."
- Mr. M. Krishantha Supun, Lecturer in Language and Communication Studies, Faculty of Communication and Business Studies, Trincomalee Campus, EUSL, shared insights on "Edgar Allan Poe's 'Some Words with a Mummy': A Conspiracy Theoretical Reading."

This event once again demonstrated the vibrant research culture fostered by the CMR, providing an inspiring platform for young researchers.

## CAREER GUIDANCE UNIT

### Building Strength from Within: Career Guidance Workshop Inspires Students

On April 1, 2024, the Career Guidance Unit hosted a powerful workshop titled "Interpersonal Skills Development – How to Overcome Your Weaknesses" for 3rd-year, 1st-semester students of the Faculty of Technology. Led by Ms. Nalini Ratnarajah, the human rights defender and founder of "Thoughts and Destiny," the session offered transformative insights and practical strategies, equipping students with tools for personal growth and resilience.



### Tech Students Gain Real-World Insights at Brandix Essentials

On April 24, 2024, 3rd-year, 1st-semester Technology students from Eastern University, Sri Lanka, embarked on a study exposure visit to Brandix Essentials Limited, Araiampathy, Batticaloa. Organized under the MOU between EUSL and Brandix Apparel Limited, the Career Guidance Unit coordinated this immersive experience. Senior Manager Mohamed Sha Hameed and Senior Executive Niroshan Fernando led an insightful session on “Application of Total Quality Management and Performance Appraisal Concepts in the Real World,” providing students with valuable industry perspectives.



### Boosting Career Readiness: Seminar on Employability Skills



On April 29, 2024, the Career Guidance Unit hosted a valuable seminar on "Employability Skills" for 3rd -year, 1st-semester students of the Faculty of Technology. Led by Eng. S. Mohanarajah, Retired Director General of Irrigation, Colombo, the session provided students with essential insights for enhancing their career prospects and workplace readiness.

## CENTER FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE (CQA)

### New Quality Assurance Cell Set to Elevate Staff Development Programs

On April 2, 2024, a pivotal discussion took place at the Seminar Hall of the Staff Development Centre (SDC), EUSL, regarding the establishment of a Quality Assurance Cell. This initiative aims to ensure that SDC's programs align with the standards outlined in the Institutional and Programme Reviews. Key participants included Prof. M. Sithambaresan, Director of SDC, and Mr. T. Sureshkanth, Programme Manager of SDC, alongside Dr. P. Elango, Acting Director of Center for Quality Assurance (CQA), and Ms. Madhusa Senanayake, Assistant Registrar of CQA. This collaborative effort marks a significant step towards enhancing the quality and effectiveness of staff development at EUSL.





### Ensuring Excellence: Quality Audit Enhances Medicine Program at FHCS

On April 5, 2024, the Centre for Quality Assurance conducted a thorough quality audit of the Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery program at the Faculty of Health-Care Sciences (FHCS), Eastern University, Sri Lanka. The audit, aimed at verifying compliance with the Programme Review Manual and SLQF standards, involved detailed document inspections and discussions. Dr. P. Elango, Acting Director of CQA, and Ms. Madusha Senanayake, Assistant Registrar of CQA, engaged with Dr. M. Roshini, FQAC Coordinator, FHCS, and Mr. M. Satheesh, Assistant Registrar of FHCS, to ensure the program's adherence to the highest educational standards.



### Empowering Excellence: SER Preparation Workshop at Faculty of Technology

On April 25, 2024, the Board Room of the Faculty of Technology hosted an insightful workshop focused on preparing the Self Evaluation Report (SER) for Programme Review. Designed for both academic and administrative staff, the session featured expert guidance from Prof. S. Arasaretnam, Prof. T. Mathiventhan, and Dr. P. Elango, the Programme Reviewers for the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka. The workshop covered essential criteria standards, discussed documentary evidence requirements, and clarified the SER format, equipping participants with the knowledge to enhance their program review processes.



## INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DIVISION (IAD)

### Indian High Commissioner Awards Scholarships to EUSL Students

On May 2nd, 2024, at 2:15 p.m., His Excellency Mr. Santosh Jha, the High Commissioner for India, visited Eastern University, Sri Lanka (EUSL). The visit, organized by the International Affairs Division, aimed to award scholarships worth 3 million rupees to 100 underprivileged students. The ceremony, led by Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasingam, was held in the Senate Board Room, EUSL.

## ENACT

### ENACT Enhances Staff Skills with Soft Skills and Diversity Training

The ENACT Staff Development Cell of the Staff Development Center, Eastern University, Sri Lanka (EUSL), conducted a training session on Soft Skills and Diversity for Non-Academic and Administrative staff members on April 18th, 2024, from 1 to 3 pm in the Board Room of EUSL.

Prof. V. Kanagasingam, the Vice Chancellor of EUSL, served as the Resource Professional for this engaging and informative session. At the end of the session, the SDC provided e-Certificates to all participants.

### EUSL SDC Hosts Dynamic Workshop on Internationalization for Staff

The Staff Development Center (SDC), at the request of the Coordinator of the ENACT Project, organized an enriching workshop on Internationalization on April 30th, 2024, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Board Room, Eastern University, Sri Lanka (EUSL).

The workshop was targeted at administrative and non-academic staff members, providing them with valuable insights and strategies for embracing international perspectives in their roles.





## NEW APPOINTMENTS

### DIRECTOR



**PROF. S. JEYARAJAH**

Professor in Economics

### DIRECTOR

**CENTRE FOR EXTERNAL DEGREES  
& EXTENSION COURSES**

For Three Years from 05/04/2024

### ACTING DIRECTOR



**DR. E. A. C. PRIYANKARA**

Senior Lecturer Gr. II in Economics

### Actg. DIRECTOR

**STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE  
& WELFARE**

For 3 Months from 16/05/2024

## ACTING HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS



**Prof. T Bhavan**

Professor in the Dept. of Economics

### Acting Head / Dept. of Economics

Faculty of Commerce & Management

For one month from 21/04/24

Followed by another one month from 21/05/24

and another One month from 21/06/24



**Eng. T. Vinothraj**

Lecturer in Computer Science / CICT

Faculty of Science

### Acting Head/

**Dept. of Information Technology,**

Faculty of Arts and Culture,

For one month from 11/04/24

Followed by another one month from 11/05/24.

and another one month from 11/06/24

## NEW APPOINTMENTS

### ACTING HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS



**Mr. A Kanneraj**

Senior Lecturer Gr. I in Political Science

Department of Social Sciences

**Acting Head/**

**Dept. of Comparative Religion  
& Social Harmony,**

Faculty of Arts and Culture,

For One month from 23/04/2024

Followed by another one month from 23/05/2024

and another one month from 23/06/2024



**Mrs. Umaramani Mathiventhan**

Senior Lecturer Gr. I in Botany

**Acting Head / Dept. of Botany**

Faculty of Science

For One month from 25/06/2024

### LOOKING AFTER THE DUTIES



**Mr R Thivyatharsan**

Senior Lecturer Gr I

in Agricultural Engineering

**Look after the duties of  
Head / Agric. Engineering**

Faculty of Agriculture

For Two months from 01/04/2024



**Prof. Anthony Andrew**

Professor in Management

**Look after the duties of  
Head/Management**

Faculty of Commerce & Management

For One month from 14/06/2024



**NEW APPOINTMENTS**

**PROGRAMME COORDINATOR FOR DIPLOMA IN ENGLISH**



**Ms. S. Kalaimathi**

Instructor - in - English Gr.II

Dept. of English Language Teaching

**Programme Coordinator for Diploma  
in English**

Faculty of Arts & Culture

For One year from 07/03/2024

**ACADEMIC STAFF**

**SENIOR LECTURER GR. II**



**Dr (Mrs) V Prasannath,**

Lecturer (Prob.) in Biosystems  
Technology,

Promotion to the Post of

**Senior Lecturer Gr. II  
in Biosystems Technology**

Faculty of Technology

with effect from 17/11/2023.

**ACADEMIC SUPPORT STAFF**

**INSTRUCTOR Gr. II**



**Mr. M. Paranithasan**

Instructor in Physical Education Gr. III

Physical Education Unit

Promotion to the Post of

**Instructor in  
Physical Education Gr. II**

With effect from 02/06/2022.

## RETIREMENT FROM THE UNIVERSITY CAREER

### ACADEMIC STAFF



**Dr K. Premakumar,**

Senior Lecturer Gr. I in  
Agricultural Chemistry,  
Faculty of Agriculture  
Retired from 07/05/2024

### NON - ACADEMIC STAFF

Name	Designation	Dept./Faculty Attached	Date of Retirement
<b>Mrs. Jayanthi Ramaneeswaran</b>	Senior Staff Management Assistant	Department of Pathophysiology Faculty of Health- Care Sciences	03/05/2024
<b>Mr. Rasiah Sureshwaran</b>	Works Aide (Special Grade)	Academic Affairs Department	17/05/2024

*Congratulations on a well-deserved retirement !*

*May your next chapter be filled with adventure and happiness.*





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