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Signing Off for the Year 2024 A Note from the Chief Editor

As we bring this year to a close, we reflect on the milestones, challenges, and accomplishments that have shaped our university community. This final issue of the newsletter captures the essence of our collective journey—celebrating achievements, fostering knowledge, and strengthening bonds.

Gratitude goes out to our dedicated faculty, staff, and students whose unwavering commitment continues to inspire progress. A heartiest appreciation is also extended to the editorial board for their dedication, creativity, and hard work in bringing each issue to life throughout the year. Their efforts have ensured that this publication remains a valuable platform for sharing knowledge and celebrating our university's endeavours. Let us step into the New Year with renewed enthusiasm, embracing opportunities for growth and excellence. Wishing everyone a season of joy, peace, and prosperity!

Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj
Chief Editor

Honouring Excellence in Meritorious Service 2024

The prestigious “Meritorious Service Awards & Felicitation to the Retired Staff 2024” was held on the 01st October, 2024, at the Nalliah Auditorium. The ceremony commenced with a grand procession led by the awardees, alongside the Vice Chancellor and University Officers, followed by a captivating welcome dance by SVIAS students.

Senior Assistant Registrar Mr. A. Sujendran delivered the welcome address, setting the stage for honouring the retired staff (2023/24) and presenting Certificates, Rewards, and Mementos for their Meritorious Services. The prestigious Vice Chancellor’s Awards for Output-Based Research were also conferred upon to the outstanding researchers.

The Vice Chancellor’s address highlighted the university’s research progress and achievements. The event was further enriched with spectacular cultural performances by SVIAS students and staff, featuring “Isaikathambam”, “Bhangra Dance”, “Kiramiya Kathambam”, “Adaiyalam”, “Isaikolam”, “Mohiniattam”, and “Nahal”.

The ceremony concluded with a sincere Vote of Thanks by Deputy Registrar Mr. V. Navirathan, followed by group photographs capturing the memorable occasion.



Indian Consul General Awards Scholarships to Eastern University

On October 3, 2024, Shri Sai Murali S., Consul General of India, visited Eastern University, Sri Lanka, to introduce a special financial assistance scheme benefiting 100 students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds. The Scholarship Award Function was held from 3 to 4 p.m. in the Nalliah Auditorium, where selected students were ceremoniously awarded scholarships.

Eastern University Celebrates 28th General Convocation

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, held its 28th General Convocation on October 5th and 6th, 2024, at the Nalliah Auditorium. The ceremony was presided over by Chancellor Prof. M. Selvarajah and Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasingam. Hon. Sri Sai Murali, Consul General, High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka, graced the first day as the Chief Guest, delivering an inspiring address following the Chancellor's speech.



Over the course of seven sessions spanning two days, a total of 2,340 graduates were conferred with their degrees, including internal and external undergraduate degrees, as well as postgraduate degrees ranging from Masters to Doctor of Philosophy. The convocation also recognized outstanding academic achievements by presenting Special Best Awards and Gold Medals to exceptional performers. Notably, Senior Professor S. Thirukkanesh was honored with the "Award for Excellence in Research and Innovation for Driving Global Impact – 2023," acknowledging his significant contributions to research and innovation from 2017 to 2021. The event marked a significant milestone for Eastern University, celebrating the accomplishments of its graduates and faculty members.



"GIVE" : A New Era of Digital Entrepreneurship Unveiled

The Digital Entrepreneurial Ecosystem, "Gate for Innovation, Venture, and Entrepreneurship (GIVE)", was launched on the 25th of November, 2025, at Techno Park, EUSL, in a grand ceremony organized by Gate Institute in collaboration with Techno Park, Eastern University, Sri Lanka (EUSL).

Chief Guest, Prof. Jayantha Lal Ratnasekara, Governor of the Eastern Province, graced the occasion, while Prof. V. Kanagasasingam (Vice Chancellor, EUSL), Prof. A. Atputharajah (Vice Chancellor, University of Vavuniya), and Dr. U. L. Abdul Majeed (Actg. Vice Chancellor, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka) attended as Guests of Honour. Adding to the event's significance, Bishop Christian Noel Emmanuel (Diocese of Trincomalee) and Swami Neelamathawanantham (General Manager, Ramakrishna Mission, Batticaloa) were present as Special Guests.

The Keynote Address was delivered by Dr. M. Arumugam, Chairman, Start-up Committee, Tamil Nadu Infrastructure Fund Management Corporation, India. Prof. Ranjith Dissanayake, Immediate Past President, Institute of Engineers, Sri Lanka, served as the Guest Speaker. The event also featured Former Vice Chancellors, Emeritus Prof. T. Jayasingam (EUSL) and Prof. S. A. Ariyadurai (Open University of Sri Lanka), as Distinguished Speakers. Desapanthu M. Selvarajah, Chairman, Hotel East Lagoon, Batticaloa, enriched the event as the Featured Entrepreneurial Speaker. The launch marked a significant step in fostering digital innovation and entrepreneurship in the region.



Trade Fair 2024: A Hub for Business and Innovation

TechnoPark, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, hosted "Trade Fair 2024" on December 21st and 22nd, 2024, at its premises on No. 50, New Kalmunai Road, Batticaloa, bringing together a diverse range of exhibitors, businesses, and industry professionals. The event provided a vibrant platform for networking, collaboration, and business growth.

The key industry partners, including the Batticaloa District Chamber of Commerce (Industry & Agriculture), Industrial Development Board (IDB), Export Development Board (EDB) Sri Lanka, and SEO Batticaloa, joined hands to make this event a success.

The fair showcased emerging business opportunities and fostered strong industry-academia partnerships, marking a significant step toward regional economic development.



AWARDS

Senior Prof. S. Thirukkanesh Honoured for Global Research Impact

Senior Prof. Suntharalingam Thirukkanesh, Senior Professor in Mathematics, received the prestigious Award for Excellence in “Research and Innovation for Driving Global Impact – 2023” at the General Convocation 2024, held on October 5, 2024. This esteemed recognition celebrates his outstanding contributions to research and innovation, making a significant global impact during the period 2017–2021.



VICE CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR OUTPUT BASED RESEARCH (OBRA) FOR THE PUBLICATIONS IN INDEXED JOURNALS - 2023



Senior Professor
PERIYATHAMBY VINOBA
SENIOR PROFESSOR IN ZOOLOGY
Department of Zoology
Faculty of Science



Senior Professor
SUNTHARALINGAM THIRUKKANESH
SENIOR PROFESSOR IN MATHEMATICS
Department of Mathematics
Faculty of Science



Professor
FLAVIAN CHALMUS RAGEL
PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS
Department of Physics
Faculty of Science



Professor
MAHESHWARAN SITHAMBARESAN
PROFESSOR IN CHEMISTRY
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science

AWARDS

VICE CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR OUTPUT BASED RESEARCH (OBRA).....



Professor
MARKANDU THIRUKUMAR
PROFESSOR IN OBSTETRIC & GYNECOLOGY
Department of Clinical Sciences
Faculty of Health-Care Sciences



Professor (Ms.)
VIJAYAKUMARY THADCHANAMOORTHY
PROFESSOR IN PAEDIATRICS
Department of Clinical Sciences
Faculty of Health-Care Sciences



Professor
KANESH SURESH
PROFESSOR IN ECONOMICS
Department of Economics and Statistics
Faculty of Arts and Culture



Dr.
PIUS RODNEY FERNANDO
SENIOR LECTURER Grade I in PHYSICS
Department of Physics
Faculty of Science



Dr.
KANDEEPAROOPAN PRASANNATH
SENIOR LECTURER Grade I
in AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGY
Department of Agricultural Biology
Faculty of Agriculture



Mrs.
BRINTHA KARUNARATHNA
SENIOR LECTURER Grade I in CROP SCIENCE
Department of Crop Science
Faculty of Agriculture

AWARDS

VICE CHANCELLOR'S AWARD FOR OUTPUT BASED RESEARCH (OBRA)



Dr.
SOMASUNDARAM JEGANATHAN
SENIOR LECTURER Grade I in PHILOSOPHY
Department of Philosophy and Value Studies
Faculty of Arts and Culture



Dr.
MASILAMANI KONESWARAN
SENIOR LECTURER Grade II in CHEMISTRY
Department of Chemistry
Faculty of Science



Dr. (Ms.)
ROSHINI MURUGUPILLAI
SENIOR LECTURER Gr. II in PHARMACOLOGY
Department of Clinical Science
Faculty of Health-Care Sciences



Dr.
PAKKIYARETNAM MAYURATHAN
SENIOR LECTURER Grade II in MEDICINE
Department of Clinical Sciences
Faculty of Health-Care Sciences



Dr.
AHAMED JALALDEEN MOHAMED HARRIS
SENIOR LECTURER Grade II in ZOOLOGY
Department of Zoology
Faculty of Science



Dr.
PUNITHALINGAM YOUHASAN
SENIOR LECTURER Grade II in
MEDICAL EDUCATION & RESEARCH
Department of Medical Education & Research
Faculty of Health-Care Sciences



Mr.
GANESHAMOORTHY HARIHARAN
LECTURER (Prob.) in
AGRICULTURAL BIOLOGY
Department of Agricultural Biology
Faculty of Agriculture

AWARDS

MERITORIOUS AWARDS

ACADEMIC, ADMINISTRATIVE, ACADEMIC SUPPORT and NON-ACADEMIC STAFF MEMBERS
(Award List as at 30th September, 2024)

Staff Members completed 35 Years of Service

GOLD MEDALS

No	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Seevaratnam Premkumar	Staff Technical Officer Gr. I
2	Mrs. Selvi Karunaharan	Chief Technical Officer
3	Mr. Sulaimalebbe Hamsa	Storeman Gr.II



Staff Members completed 30 Years of Service

SILVER MEDALS

No	Name	Designation
1	Prof. Anthony Andrew	Professor in Management
2	Dr. Subramaniam Balendran	Senior Lecturer Gr. I in Commerce
3	Dr. Vethanayagam Jude Naveenraj	Senior Lecturer Gr I
4	Mr. Krishthogu Baduge Pathmasiri	Senior Assistant Registrar



AWARDS

MERITORIOUS AWARDS.....

Staff Members completed 25 Years of Service

BRONZE MEDALS

No	Name	Designation
1	Mr. Tharmalingam Muraleetharan	Senior Staff Management Assistant
2	Mr. Amarasingam Pahirathan	Registrar
3	Mr. Sivalingam Niranan	Computer Programmer
4	Mr. Raman Uthayakumar	Tree Cutter (Higher Grade)
5	Mr. Velu Shanmugarajah	Health Service Labourer (Special Grade)
6	Mrs. Yalini Rohana Nishantha	Caretaker (Special Grade.I)
7	Mr. Kurusamy Anpalagan	Health Service Labourer (Special Grade)
8	Mr. Kalimuthu Vijayan	Cycle Orderly (Special Grade I)
9	Mr. Theivanayagam Sivaseelan	Specimen Collector Gr.I
10	Mr. Kanashamoorthy Mariyanesan	Security Guard (Supra Grade)
11	Mr. Kumarasingam Senthuran	Library Information Assistant Gr. I
12	Mr. Sabaratnam Rubakumar	Library Attendent Gr. I
13	Ms. Kalaimathy Subramaniam	Instructor in English



Retired Staff Members

1. Dr. M. M. Mahusoon, Senior Lecturer. Gr. I in Animal Science
2. Dr. K. Premakumar, Senior Lecturer. Gr. I in Agric. Chemistry
3. Mrs. Jayanthi Ramaneeswaran, Senior Staff Management Asst.
4. Mr. Sellathurai Mohanathan, Laboratory Attendant (Sp. Gr.)
5. Mr. Thurairatnam Vasanthakumar, Carpenter. Gr. I
6. Mr. Sivasambu Kirupairajah, Works Aide. Gr. II
7. Mr. Rasiah Sureshwaran, Works Aide (Sp. Gr.)



FACULTY OF COMMERCE & MANAGEMENT

ARSFCM 2024: A Platform for Research and Industry Insights

The Annual Research Session (ARSFCM 2024) of the Faculty of Commerce and Management was successfully held on 3rd October 2024 at the Commerce Auditorium. The event commenced with a welcome address by Chair Mrs. S. Sritharan, followed by the inaugural address by Dean Prof. N. Rajeshwaran and the Chief Guest's address by Vice-Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasisingam.

Eminent scholars Prof. Sashika R. Abeydeera Manoratne (University of Colombo) and Senior Prof. D. B. P. H. Dissabandara (University of Sri Jayewardenepura) delivered insightful keynote speeches, enriching the academic discourse. The session featured the launch of the proceedings, technical discussions, alumni success stories, an industrial dialogue moderated by Prof. Anthony Andrew, an awards ceremony, and other key highlights.

The day concluded with a valedictory session led by Rev. Fr. A. A. Navaretnam, Senior Lecturer in Christianity, leaving participants inspired and engaged in advancing research excellence.



Unlocking Capital Market Insights

On 11th November 2024, the "Demystifying the Capital Market" workshop and MoU renewal ceremony took place at Nalliah Auditorium, organized by the Faculty of Commerce and Management, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC).

The event, generously sponsored by the SEC, brought together representatives from the External Relations division of the SEC: Mr. Tushara Jayaratne, Deputy Director General; Ms. Sheena Goonaratne, Senior Manager; Mr. Nimal Kumarasigha, Manager; and Mr. Imran Ahamad, Senior Assistant Manager. The ceremony began with the traditional lighting of the oil lamp and a vibrant welcome dance by second-year students from the faculty.

Unlocking Capital Market Insights.....

Prof. N. Rajeshwaran, Dean of the Faculty, delivered the opening remarks, followed by an address from Ms. Sheena Goonaratne. Prof. V. Kanagasigam, Vice Chancellor also shared an inspiring speech. The educational session featured Mr. Tushara Jayaratne, who provided an overview of the Sri Lankan capital market, and Mr. Arumainayagam Visaahan, Vice President of Research at Asha Securities Ltd., who shared insights into the macroeconomic environment and investment opportunities.

A key moment of the day was the formal renewal of the MoU between the SEC and Eastern University, Sri Lanka, strengthening their ongoing collaboration. The program concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Ms. Treshalin Sellar, National Link Coordinator, Faculty of Commerce and Management, leaving the attendees motivated and informed.



FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Programme Reviews 2024: Ensuring Excellence of the Faculty of Science

Two separate programme reviews for the B.Sc. (Honours) Degree Programmes, Cluster B (3) of the Physical Science and Cluster A (3) of the Biological Science, Faculty of Science, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, were conducted by external reviewers from other universities on the 15th and 16th of October and the 6th and 7th of November 2024, respectively.

On the first day, the review teams engaged with key university officials, including the Vice Chancellor, Director/CQA, Dean of the Faculty, Heads of Departments, Senior and Junior Academics, Administrative Staff, Non-Academic Staff, Academic Support Staff, and Technical Staff, gathering vital insights. They also conducted site visits to the Academic Affairs Division, Examination Division, Chemistry, Botany, and Zoology Departments, Common Canteen, Hostels, and Hostel Canteens to assess facilities.

On the second day, discussions were held with the Director/Student Support Service & Welfare (SSSW), SAR/Student Affairs, Wardens, Canteen Committee Staff, Student Counsellors, Academic Counsellors, Directors of SDC, CGU, UBL, and Coordinator/GEE, along with students and alumni to understand their perspectives. The team also visited and interacted with staff at the Career Guidance Unit, CICT, Library, FQAC, DELT, Health Centre, Physical Education Unit, and Gym.

Additionally, the teams observed lectures to ensure that academic standards and student learning experiences align with quality benchmarks. The reviews marked a significant step toward continuous improvement in higher education, especially in the Science stream at Eastern University, Sri Lanka.

Advancing Science to Address Regional Challenges

The Faculty of Science at Eastern University, Sri Lanka, successfully hosted its Annual Research Session (ARS) on November 28, 2024, under the theme "Scientific Approaches to Overcome Regional Challenges."

The event commenced with a welcome address by Senior Professor S. Thirukkanesh, Chair of ARS 2024, followed by the inaugural address from Senior Professor P. Vinobaba, Dean of the Faculty of Science. Professor V. Kanagasasingam, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, delivered the Chief Guest's address, emphasizing the pivotal role of scientific research in addressing regional issues. The keynote speech was delivered by Professor Meththika S. Vithanage, Founding Director of the Ecosphere Resilience Research Centre at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura, who provided valuable insights into environmental resilience.

The session featured three technical segments, culminating in concluding remarks by Dr. K. Premakumar, Retired Senior Lecturer from the Faculty of Agriculture. The event provided a platform for researchers to present innovative solutions aimed at overcoming regional challenges.



Fostering Research Culture in Schools: COSU's Initiative

The Community Outreach Science Unit (COSU) of the Faculty of Science at Eastern University, Sri Lanka, conducted a workshop titled "How to Start a Scientific Research at School" on December 9, 2024, at Bt/Vivekananda Girls' College, Kallady. This initiative aimed to cultivate a research-oriented mindset among teachers and students, enhancing the effectiveness of science education. Prof. M. Sithambaresan from the Department of Chemistry served as the resource person, providing valuable insights into initiating and conducting scientific research at the school level.



Learning plants the seeds that wisdom will one day harvest

FACULTY OF HEALTH CARE SCIENCES

Celebrating Faculty Week 2024 at FHCS

The Faculty of Health-Care Sciences (FHCS) celebrated its annual Faculty Week from September 2nd to 6th, 2024, featuring a series of events aimed at promoting health awareness and community engagement.

Activities included a Shramadhana campaign, community awareness sessions, school visits, the publication of the Faculty Journal, a blood donation drive, and the presentation of the Award of Excellence in Teaching for 2020 and 2022. The week concluded with a vibrant cultural program.

On September 5th, Faculty Day was commemorated within the FHCS premises, graced by the presence of Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasingam, Dean of the Faculty, Prof. T. Sathaananthan, department heads, faculty members, and extended faculty members. The event highlighted the faculty's commitment to excellence in health education and community service.



FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

Orientation Programmes for PhD and MPhil Students

The Faculty of Graduate Studies hosted an engaging Orientation Programme for PhD and MPhil Degree Programmes, graced by Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasingam as the Chief Guest, Prof. T. Prabakaran, Deputy Vice Chancellor as the Guest of Honour, and Prof. J. Kennedy, Dean of the Faculty as the Special Guest. The event began with a welcome address by Prof. K. Suresh, Director of Studies, followed by insightful addresses from Prof. J. Kennedy and Prof. V. Kanagasingam. The session featured the official distribution of student ID cards and an introduction to the MPhil and PhD programmes by Mr. S. Sujendran, Senior Assistant Registrar. The event concluded with a Vote of Thanks.

*Education is the silent architect of our future,
shaping minds to question, create, and
transform the world with purpose and vision*

FACULTY OF ARTS & CULTURE

WORLD THEATRE DAY

Department of Fine Arts of Faculty of Arts and Culture, Eastern University Sri Lanka has celebrated the annual World Theatre Day festival 2025 in a high profile at the Nalliah memorial auditorium of the Eastern University Sri Lanka. Prof. T. Prabhakaran, Acting Vice Chancellor of the Eastern University Sri Lanka. Grace the occasion as the chief guest and Dr V.Gunapalasingam, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Culture addressed the occasion as special guest. Mr. B.Sugumar, former Dean FAC was invited as guest of honor. Three renowned artists were invited to honor for their commitment and contribution to the enrichment of local art practices. Mr.J.Satkurunathan, kalapooshanam Ms. Parashakthy Jeganathan and Ms. Sivahamithevi Murukamoorthy were the highly honored artists of the Department of Fine Arts, Eastern University Sri Lanka.

The annual World Theatre Day celebration was started in a procession with cultural band of the Department of Fine Arts, Eastern University Sri Lanka and inaugurated with the lighting of the oil lamp. Ms Thushyanthi sathiyajith, Head, Dpt. Of Fine Arts presented the introductory address and prof. S.Jeyasankar delivered the world Theatre day message of 2025. With the valuable address of the guests, the program moved into performance of Musical Performance, Educational Play, Theatre songs, Pannri Pallu- a local art performance from Vavuniya and puli kooththu, another local Art tradition of indigenous people of Batticaloa. The program came to a fulfilment with the silampam performances of the girl students of Fine Arts. Its great pleasure to keep the long tradition of a program at the Eastern University Sri Lanka with campus-community engagement. This program coordinated by Prof. S.Jeyasankar.



LIBRARY NETWORK NEWS

AI in Library Services: A Glimpse into the Future

The 14th International Conference of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka, held on October 29, 2024, at the Jubilee Ballroom, Galle Face Hotel Colombo, explored the transformative impact of Artificial Intelligence on library services. Under the leadership of Dr. Mrs. M. M. Mashroofa, Senior Assistant Librarian at the South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, the conference brought together library researchers from across the globe.

Themed "Artificial Intelligence Revolutionizing Library Services: Challenges and Opportunities," the conference featured Hon. Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, Prime Minister and Minister of Education of Sri Lanka, as the Chief Guest, alongside distinguished Guests of Honour: Senior Prof. K.L. Wasantha Kumara, Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission; Prof. (Mrs) G.A.S. Ginigaddara, Chairperson of CVCD and Vice Chancellor of the University of Rajarata; and Dr. U.L. Abdul Majeed, Actg. Vice Chancellor of South Eastern University of Sri Lanka.

Prof. Nuwan Godagoda, Pro Vice Chancellor of SLIIT, delivered the keynote address. Dr. W. J. Jeyaraj, Librarian of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, played a key role as a member of the advisory committee and Chair of the Plenary Session. Mr. M. N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian, chaired one of the Technical Sessions. Additionally, Mr. S. Santharoban, Deputy Librarian, co-authored a paper titled "A Scoping Review on the Role of Artificial Intelligence in Medical Libraries." Mrs. Lavanya Jegatheesparan, Senior Assistant Librarian also attended the conference as the University Representative of ULA, also attended the conference, contributing to its success.

The conference provided valuable insights into the future of AI in library services and the opportunities it holds for innovation and improvement.



LIBRARY NETWORK NEWS

NSF Digital Library Conference 2024

The National Science Foundation (NSF) of Sri Lanka hosted the Digital Library Conference on 06th December, 2024, at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. Mr. M. N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian, was invited as one of the panel speakers for the discussion themed “Challenges Facing Libraries in a Digital World.” He spoke on the topic “Strengthening Library Networks in Sri Lanka Through Collaborative Digital Library Services”. The event was graced by the Hon. Prime Minister, Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, who attended as the Chief Guest. Scientists, scholars, and librarians from various sectors participated in the conference.



Empowering Undergraduates on Research

Mr. M. N. Ravikumar, Senior Assistant Librarian, was invited as resource person for the workshop on “Electronic Databases and Citing Literature” organized by the Faculty of Commerce & Management, EUSL for final year students of the faculty. The workshop held on 08th October, 2024. The workshop aimed to empower the undergraduates to utilize the electronic information sources for the literature survey. It was coordinated by Mrs. D Thavakumar, Senior Lecturer of Department of Management.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT CENTER (SDC)

Inspiring Leadership: Empowerment Session

The Staff Development Centre conducted an engaging Leadership Development Session on the 01st of November, 2024, for the non-academic and administrative staff of Eastern University, Sri Lanka. Prof. V. Kanagasingam, Vice Chancellor, led the session, offering valuable insights on leadership strategies and professional excellence.

The session aimed to cultivate strong leadership qualities, fostering a more dynamic and efficient work environment within the university.

Empowering Staff with Digital Proficiency

The Staff Development Centre (SDC) launched a Training Programme on Microsoft Office Applications and Internet Usage on the 22nd of November, 2024, at the CICT Lab, EUSL. The programme would run until 03rd of April, 2025, equipping 30 non-academic staff from EUSL, Trincomalee Campus, and SVIAS with essential digital skills for workplace efficiency.

The sessions are conducted by Mr. K. Vinujanjan (Assistant Network Manager), Mr. R. Sakuntharaj (Director / CICT), and Eng. T. Vinothraj (Lecturer), CICT, EUSL.

Staff development is the heartbeat of lasting success.

CAREER GUIDANCE UNIT

Expert Coaching for Accountant Service Exams

The Career Guidance Unit successfully conducted a Coaching Class on Accountant Service Examinations on 22nd October 2024 at the Seminar Hall, Faculty of Commerce and Management, EUSL. Targeting 4th year, 1st-semester students of the Faculty of Commerce and Management, the session was led by Mr. T. Sabesan (SLAc.S), Accountant, Department of Agrarian Development, Batticaloa. The workshop provided invaluable insights into exam strategies and professional expertise, equipping students for success in their accounting careers.



Sharpening Employability Skills

The Career Guidance Unit organized a Seminar on Employability Skills on 25th October 2024 at Nalliah Auditorium, EUSL, for 3rd-year, 1st-semester students of the Faculty of Arts and Culture. Eng. S. Mohanarajah, Retired Director General of Irrigation, Colombo, shared valuable insights on career readiness, professional development, and industry expectations, empowering students for future opportunities.



Boosting Careers with HR Insights

A Workshop on HR and Career Development was conducted on 29th October 2024 at the Faculty of Technology, EUSL, in collaboration with American iHub, Batticaloa. Ms. Abiramie Sathiamoorthy from American iHub, led the session, offering valuable guidance on career growth and human resource strategies to students of the 2020/21 batch. The workshop provided essential skills to navigate the evolving job market.



Industry Insights at Brandix

3rd year – 1st Semester students of the Faculty of Commerce and Management embarked on an exposure visit to Brandix Essentials Limited, Batticaloa, on 5th November 2024. Organized by the Career Guidance Unit, the visit provided firsthand experience in corporate operations, HR strategies, and quality assurance. The Brandix officials, Mr. Mohamed Sha Hameed, Mr. Kaleel Shameel, and Mr. Niroshan Fernando shared valuable industry insights, enhancing students' understanding of workplace dynamics and career prospects.



Empowering Futures: Virtual Career Fair 2024 Connects Students with Top Industries

The Career Guidance Unit successfully hosted the Virtual Career Fair 2024 on December 23, 2024, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm via Zoom. The event commenced with a welcome address by Prof. S. Arasaretnam, Director of the Career Guidance Unit, followed by the inaugural speech delivered by Vice Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasisingam.

From 9:30 am onwards, the industrial session featured leading companies, including Brandix Apparel Solutions (PVT) Ltd, Omega Line Ltd, Hemas Holding PLC, Amaya Beach Resort, Amethyst Resort, Senaka Zenn PVT Ltd, Jay Jay Mills Lanka (PVT) Ltd, Rathna Polysack (PVT) Ltd, Melwa Steel, Dilmah Conservation, and Axislabs. The fair provided students with valuable insights and career opportunities, fostering strong industry connections.

CENTER FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE (CQA)

Awareness Session on Revised Manual

On 3rd October 2024, the Centre for Quality Assurance hosted an Awareness Session on the Revised Programme Review Manual - 2023 for the staff of the Faculty of Siddha Medicine, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka. Held at the Boardroom of the Faculty, the session aimed to enhance understanding of the standards outlined in the updated manual. The session saw active participation from the Dean of the Faculty Dr. V. Anavarathan, Heads of Departments, and both academic and administrative staff. Dr. P. Elango, Acting Director of the Centre for Quality Assurance, led the session.



Enhancing Curriculum for Future Excellence

On 3rd October 2024, the Centre for Quality Assurance hosted an interactive Workshop on Curriculum Revision for the staff of the Faculty of Communication and Business Studies, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka. Held at the Faculty's Boardroom, the workshop provided valuable insights on revising curricula in line with the UGC's Revised Programme Review and Institutional Review Manuals. Dr. P. Elango, Director of the Centre for Quality Assurance, led the session, equipping the staff with the knowledge and tools needed to elevate academic standards and ensure the quality of future programs.



Mock Institutional Review at SVIAS: A Step Towards UGC Accreditation

The Centre for Quality Assurance conducted a successful Internal Institutional Review (IIR) site visit on 21st and 22nd October 2024 at the Swamy Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies (SVIAS), Eastern University, Sri Lanka. This mock review aimed to prepare the institute for the upcoming UGC Institutional Review. The review team, composed of Senior Prof. T. Velnampy (University of Jaffna), Professor N. Rajeshwaran and Professor T. Mathiventhan from Eastern University, Sri Lanka, met with key stakeholders, including the Director, Heads of Departments, academics, administrative staff, student counsellors, and student representatives. The team observed critical facilities such as the library, hostels, lecture halls, computer labs, medical centre, and more and provided valuable assistance in document inspection. The visit was supported by Dr. P. Elango, Director of the Centre for Quality Assurance.



Strengthening Career Guidance through Quality Assurance

A significant discussion on establishing a Quality Assurance Cell for the Career Guidance Unit (CGU) was held on 28th October 2024 at CGU, Eastern University, Sri Lanka. The primary goal of this initiative is to ensure that CGU's programs align with the standards set forth in the Institutional Review and Programme Review manuals. Key participants included Prof. S. Arasaretnam, Director of CGU, Mr. V. Manirajah, Career Guidance Counsellor, Mrs. V. Selvanayagam, and Ms. V. Vasantha, Academic Career Guidance Advisors. The meeting was also attended by Dr. P. Elango, Director of CQA, and Ms. Madhusa Senanayake, Assistant Registrar of CQA.



Ensuring Excellence: Quality Audit for B.Com Honours Program

On 9th December 2024, the Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA) conducted a comprehensive Quality Audit for the Bachelor of Commerce Honours study programme at the Faculty of Commerce and Management (FCM), Eastern University, Sri Lanka. The audit aimed to assess the programme's compliance with the Programme Review Manual and the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF) standards. Dr. P. Elango, Director of CQA, and Ms. Madusha Senanayake, Assistant Registrar of CQA, thoroughly reviewed the necessary documents and verified the implementation of best practices.

The Faculty Quality Assurance Cell Coordinator, Mrs. S. Sritharan, along with her team and the Senior Assistant Registrar, provided essential support throughout the audit process. The Dean, Prof. N. Rajeshwaran, also participated in a meeting to discuss the findings of the audit.



CENTER FOR INDUSTRY COMMUNITY LINKAGE (CICL)

University Visit Day 2024 : Inspiring Future Aspirations

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, marked its 43rd anniversary with a University Week from 1st to 6th October 2024. As part of the celebrations, a University Visit Day (Open Day) was held on 4th October 2024, offering students and the public an opportunity to explore the university's academic environment. The event was organized under the guidance of Vice-Chancellor Prof. V. Kanagasigam and the leadership of CICL Director Prof. K. Arulananthem.

Visitors engaged in a technology-related exhibition, career guidance sessions, science demonstrations, faculty videos, library tours, and ICT literacy sessions. Students and teachers from various schools participated, gaining valuable insights into higher education opportunities. Feedback from attendees highlighted the program's impact in guiding their future educational paths, with many requesting its continuation as a regular initiative.



ENACT PROJECT

Empowering Change: ENACT 2024 Conference on University Governance

The ENACT Final Dissemination Conference 2024 convened on the 19th of November, 2024 at Ruby Hall, BMICH, Colombo, uniting scholars, policymakers, university leaders, stakeholders, and project team members. The event, themed "Creating Sustainable Change - Enhancing University Governance and Management by Empowering Non-Academic Staff," commenced with the traditional oil lamp lighting ceremony.

Prof. Veraja Karunaratne, Vice Chancellor and CEO of Sri Lanka Technological Campus (SLTC), delivered the welcome address, followed by a project overview and introduction by Prof. V. Kanagasisingam, Vice Chancellor of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, representing the coordinating university. Dr. Johann Hesse, Head of Cooperation at the Delegation of the European Union to Sri Lanka & Maldives, provided the Chief Guest's address.

The conference featured a keynote address on "Critical Lessons for Achieving and Sustaining Personnel Excellence" by Senior Prof. H.H.D.N.P. Opatha, Chair of Human Resource Management at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. Mr. A Pahirathan, Registrar of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, presented a comprehensive citation for the Keynote Speaker. Achievements and key outcomes of the ENACT Project were presented by Mrs. Nishanthi Nirumithan, Coordinator of the ENACT Project at Eastern University, Sri Lanka, and Ms. Christina Armutieva, Director of International Cooperation at Varna University of Management, Bulgaria. The Registrar of the Eastern University, Mr. A Pahirathan presented a comprehensive and progressive note. Two panel discussions were held: "Building Global Competencies: The Role of Internationalization in Higher Education" and "Driving Excellence: Best Practices in HR, Financial Management, Soft Skills, and Leadership," fostering insightful dialogues among participants.



TRINCOMALEE CAMPUS

Siddha Medical Camp Provides Free Healthcare Services in Mutur

The Faculty of Siddha Medicine at Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the District Siddha Ayurveda Hospital, Nilaveli, and the Siddha Ayurveda Base Hospital of the Sri Lanka Navy, conducted a free Siddha Medical Camp on October 4, 2025, at the Kanguveli Thirukarachai Rural Development Society Building in Mutur.



The event commenced with the initiation of clinical processes by Mr. Thavarajah, President of the Kanguveli Agustiar Institution, Hon. Sri Sai Murali, Consul General of India to Sri Lanka, and Hon. Nadarajah, Deputy High Commissioner of India to Sri Lanka. Dignitaries in attendance included Prof. V. Kanagasingam, Vice Chancellor; Prof. Chandravathany Devadason, Rector of Trincomalee Campus; Dr. V. Anavarathan, Dean of the Faculty of Siddha Medicine; Dr. M. Niranjana, Medical Superintendent of District Siddha Ayurveda Hospital, Nilaveli; Dr. S. Paulton Rajeev; internship medical officers; lecturers; students; and members of the general public.

The camp offered services covering body check-ups, diabetes screenings, and body weight management consultations, along with Siddha medical advice. An awareness documentary on non-communicable diseases was also presented. Following the medical camp, the delegates, led by the Consul General, visited the Kanguveli Agustiar Sivan Temple and explored sites associated with Agustiar's life and the sanctuary he established.



*Siddha medicine heals not just the body,
but balances the soul and spirit*

Fostering Unity in Diversity

A dynamic training session on "Learning to Live with Diversity" took place at Trincomalee Campus on the 22nd of October, 2024, bringing together 300 first-year students from the Faculties of Communication and Business Studies, Applied Science, and Siddha Medicine. Organized by the Centre for Gender Equity and Equality & SGBV, UGC, in collaboration with the Gender Equity and Equality Cell of Trincomalee Campus, the session aimed to foster inclusivity, mutual respect, and a deeper understanding of diversity.



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Boosting Skills in Small Enterprise Development

On November 7, 2024, SEDD officers gathered at Kulakkottam Hall, Trincomalee, for an insightful workshop aimed at enhancing their skills in Small Enterprises Development and Conflict & Risk Management. Organized by the Small Enterprises Development Division under the Ministry of Sports and Youth Affairs, this session attracted 26 officers keen on mastering effective management techniques for SMEs.

Mrs. Anuja Raveenther, Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Communication and Business Studies, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, expertly guided the participants through the workshop. Key topics included practical strategies for managing small enterprises, as well as navigating conflicts and mitigating risks effectively. The workshop provided an excellent platform for skill development, empowering the officers to implement best practices in their work.



ACADEMIC PROMOTIONS

PROMOTED TO THE POST OF SENIOR PROFESSOR



Senior Professor
A. GRATIEN JOHNPIILLAI
Dept. of Mathematics
Faculty of Science
SENIOR PROFESSOR IN MATHEMATICS
Effective from 06/05/2024



Senior Professor (Mrs.)
THAYAMINI H. SERAN
Dept. of Crop Science
Faculty of Agriculture
SENIOR PROFESSOR IN CROP SCIENCE
Effective from 25/07/2024

PROMOTED TO THE POST OF PROFESSOR



Professor P. M. HAMTHOON
Dept. of Arabic
Faculty of Arts and Culture
PROFESSOR IN ARABIC
Effective from 03/01/2023



Professor (Mrs.) P. PRATHEEPA
Dept. of Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management
PROFESSOR IN MANAGEMENT
Effective from 07/08/2023



Professor P. RODNEY FERNANDO
Dept. of Physics
Faculty of Science
PROFESSOR IN PHYSICS
Effective from 19/09/2023



Professor T. PRABAHARAN
Dept. of Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management
PROFESSOR IN MANAGEMENT
Effective from 30/04/2024

PROMOTED TO THE POST OF ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR



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Dept. of Botany

Faculty of Science

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN BOTANY

Effective from 01/10/2021



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Dept. of Physics

Faculty of Science

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN PHYSICS

Effective from 09/11/2023

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Mrs. MEKALA SIVAKUMARAN

Department of Hindu Civilization

Faculty of Arts and Culture

SENIOR LECTURER Grade II

, Effective from 26/03/2024



Dr. A. L. M. RIFKY

Department of Bio-Systems Technology

Faculty of Technology

SENIOR LECTURER Grade II

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Senior Lecturer Gr. I

Department of Mathematics

Faculty of Science

DIRECTOR (Part – Time)

CENTER FOR

QUALITY ASSURANCE (CQA)

3 Years from 02/11/2023



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Senior Lecturer Gr. I

Department of Chemistry

Faculty of Science

DIRECTOR (Part – Time)

UNIVERSITY BUSINESS LINKAGE

(UBL) CELL

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12/09/2024



Mr. R. SAKUNTHARAJ

Senior Lecturer Gr. II

in Computer Science

Faculty of Science

DIRECTOR

CENTER FOR INFORMATION and

COMMUNICATION TECHNOLOGY

Extended for 3 Months from

23/11/2024

POST OF ACTING DIRECTOR



Dr. E. A. C. PRIYANKARA
Senior Lecturer Gr. II
Department of Economics
Faculty of Commerce & Management
ACTING DIRECTOR
STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICE and WELFARE
Extended for 3 Months from 16/11/2024

POST OF HEADS of DEPARTMENTS



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Senior Lecturer Gr. I
Department of Management
Faculty of Commerce & Management
HEAD
DEPARTMENT OF
MANAGEMENT
3 Years from 25/09/2024



Dr. (Mrs) V. R. FRANCIS
Senior Lecturer Gr. II
Department of Pathophysiology
Faculty of Health Care Sciences
HEAD
DEPARTMENT OF
PATHOPHYSIOLOGY
3 Years from 01/10/2024



Mrs. U. MATHIVENTHAN
Senior Lecturer Gr. I
Department of Botany
Faculty of Science
HEAD
DEPARTMENT OF
BOTANY
3 Years from 06/10/2024

POST OF ACTING HEADS of DEPARTMENTS



Mr. A. KANNERAJ

Senior Lecturer Gr. I
Department of Social Sciences
Faculty of Arts and Culture

**ACTING HEAD
DEPARTMENT OF
COMPARATIVE RELIGION and SOCIAL HARMONY**

For One month from 23/10/2024
Additional one month from 23/11/2024
Extended for another month from 23/12/2024



Eng. T. VINOTHRAJ

Lecturer in Computer Science
CICT, Faculty of Science

**ACTING HEAD
DEPARTMENT OF
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
FACULTY OF ARTS & CULTURE**

For One month from 11/10/2024
Additional one month from 11/11/2024
Extended for another month from 11/12/2024

POST OF COORDINATOR



Prof. V. GUNARETNAM

Professor in Political Science
Department of Social Science
Faculty of Arts and Culture
COORDINATOR

**FACULTY CURRICULUM
MONITORING & EVALUATION**
3 Years from 12/09/2024



Dr. S. BALENDRAN

Senior Lecturer Gr. I
Department of Commerce
Faculty of Commerce & Management
COORDINATOR CUM

**MANAGER
TECHNOPARK**
3 Years from 25/11/2024



Mr. V. ALAGARETNAM

Senior Lecturer Gr. I
Department of Philosophy & Value Stu.
Faculty of Arts and Culture
COORDINATOR (Part Time)

**INTERNATIONAL
AFFAIRS DIVISION**
Extended for 2 Years from 17/10/2024

ACADEMIC COORDINATOR



Dr. N. PUSHPARAJAH

Senior Lecturer Gr. II in Political Science

Department of Social Sciences

Faculty of Arts & Culture

ACADEMIC COORDINATOR

DIPLOMA IN HUMAN RIGHTS

Faculty of Arts & Culture

3 Years from 03/10/2024

POST OF LECTURER (Prob)



Mr. S. THANUSANTH

Department of Zoology

Faculty of Science

LECTURER (Prob.)

Effective from 25/09/2024

RE-SHUFFLING OF ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF



Mrs. M. S. J.

MUMTHAJ SAMEEM

Faculty of Arts and Culture

DEPUTY REGISTRAR

Effective from 02/12/2024



Mr. V. PRAGASH

Centre for External Degrees and
Extension Courses (CEDEC),
Center for Industry Community Linkage,
University Business Linkage,
TechnoPark.

SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

Effective from 02/12/2024



Mrs. T. THISHOPANA

Strategic Planning & Statistical Unit,
International Affairs Division

ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

(On Assignment Basis)

Effective from 02/12/2024

LOOK AFTER THE DUTIES OF ADMINISTRATIVE TASKS



**Mrs. SAROJINIDEVI
THAYALAN**

Office of the Vice Chancellor
ASSISTANT REGISTRAR
Look after the duties of the
Administrative Tasks of the
Center for Quality Assurance (CQA)
Effective from 13/09/2024



Mr. A. R. MOHAMED MAHIR
Faculty of Commerce & Management
SENIOR ASSISTANT REGISTRAR

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Library Network
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ACADEMIC SUPPORT STAFF

ATTENDING TO THE DUTIES



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Instructor in Physical Education Gr. II
Physical Education Unit
**Attending to the Duties of the
DIRECTOR,
PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIT,**
Extended for 3 Months from 07/10/2024



Mr. V. MANIRAJAH

Career Guidance Unit
CAREER GUIDANCE COUNSELLOR
Retired from the Service from 18/11/2024

In Loving Memory of Our Departed Staff Members

With heartfelt sympathy, we extend our deepest condolences to the families of the dedicated staff members of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, who sadly passed away while still in service during the period of October to December 2024. These individuals devoted their expertise and years of unwavering commitment to our institution, leaving behind an irreparable loss.



Mr. EHAMPARAM JEGARAJU
SENIOR STAFF MANAGEMENT
ASSISTANT
Students Affairs Department
PRESIDENT
EASTERN UNIVERSITY
EMPLOYEES UNION (EUEU)
Passed away on the 07th Nov. 2024



Mr. RATNASINGAM RAJANIKANTH
SECURITY OFFICER
Passed away on the 23rd Dec. 2024

A life of dedication never fades; it continues to inspire beyond time



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