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Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management

Archaeological Excavation at the “Megalithic Burial Complex in Janakapura” - Mullaitivu District

The Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management conducted an archaeological excavation based on the Megalithic Burial Complex in Janakapura of Mullaitivu District. It was successfully held from 10th January to 21st January 2022 and retrieved valuable factors belonging to the proto-historic period of the Lower Ma-Oya basin. The main objectives of this research were to investigate the development of the cultural landscape of the lower Ma-Oya basin before the induction of Buddhism and obtain practical field training for B.A. (Honours) degree undergraduates in the Archaeology and Heritage Management study program to enhance their practical knowledge. This archaeological excavation was conducted based on Capstone Burials/Cap with Pot Burials, and the land of 6 acres was covered with approximately 208 burials recorded through the field survey. This excavation shows that the proto-historic people of the lower Ma-Oya basin had achieved significant development in metallurgy, pottery making, and bead technology.





Archaeological Excavations at the “Alokapabbatha Viharaya, Kadahatha, Rambewa” - Anuradhapura District

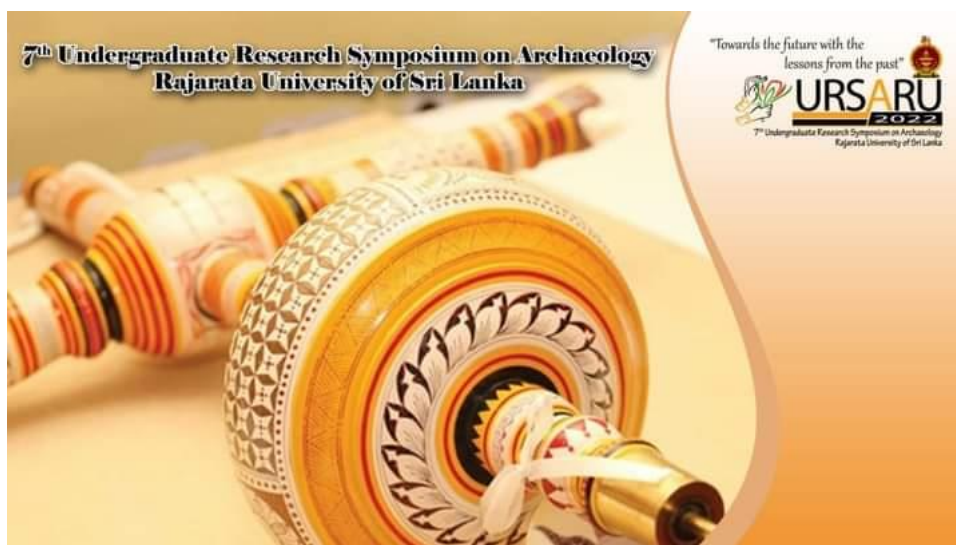
The Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, started the archaeological excavations of “Alokapabbatha Viharaya, Kadahatha, Rambewa” in Anuradhapura district on February 8, 2022. The ancient Stupa mound on the rock head of the Kadahatha Lake, which disturbs a spectacular landscape, has been excavated under the first stage. The “Siwali Foundation,” operated to rebuild the diminishing Buddhist heritage in Sri Lanka, has mainly sponsored for the excavation. Current excavation has uncovered factors of a stupa with distinctive Buddhist architectural features and is expected to conserve this while safeguarding such values. As the second part of this project, an excavation started to uncover the ancient Image House, which was recorded near the Stupa. A reliquary, beads, metal objects, tile fragments, bricks, and pottery sherds were found from this excavation, and according to the architectural features, the building might be an ancient image house in the Tempita-vihara tradition. Parallel to the excavation program, Rajarata University and Peradeniya University undergraduates get field training on the archaeological survey, excavations, and recordings. Multidisciplinary observation is also expected to be conducted in the periphery of the excavation site soon.





The 7th Undergraduate's Research Symposium on Archaeology – Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (U.R.S.A.R.U. 2022)

The annual Undergraduate Research Symposium on Archaeology is a great platform to enhance the research skills of young student researchers at Sri Lankan universities. The 7th “Undergraduate’s Research Symposium on Archaeology – Rajarata University (U.R.S.A.R.U. 2022)”, organized by the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, was successfully held on June 6, 2022 as an online event. The Proceedings enclosed 121 abstracts representing the broad areas of Archaeology and Heritage studies such; Tourism, Industrial and Colonial Archaeology, Art History, Palaeography and Epigraphy, Environmental and Irrigation Archaeology, History, Literature and Miscellaneous, Pandemic Conditions and Traditional Knowledge, Anthropology and Ethno-archaeology, Ancient Architecture and Built Environment. The chief guest was Prof. Sanjeewani Ginigaddara, the Vice-Chancellor of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka; Mr. Chandima Ambanwala, Senior Lecturer of the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, gave the keynote address.



Archaeological Field Training for Undergraduates at the Lahugala Magul Maha Viharaya, Ampara District

The archaeological fieldwork of Lahugala Magul Maha Vihara, an important historical and archaeological monastery site in the Ampara district, is maintained by the Central Cultural Fund. The 1st stage of the archaeological training program of that premises was conducted from February 24, 2022, based on the Chapter House building. The BA (Honours) degree undergraduates (2018/2019 Batch) in the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management took part in the program in order to full fill the practical requirement for “ARCH 21022 – Theory and Methods in Archaeology” and “ARHM 41043 – Field School” courses. The participants gained practical knowledge on; Process of Site Formation, Archaeological Site Survey, Archaeological Excavation by Contexts, Archaeological Recording by Contexts, Use of the Totalstation for Documentation, Classification of Artifacts on-site, instrument handling (Totalstation, Dumpy Level, G.P.S.), and Preparation of on-site drawings.



Archaeological Field Training for Undergraduates at the Wayamba Ela (Archaeological Impact Assessment) Project, Kurunegala District

The Archaeological fieldwork of the Wayamba Ela (Archaeological Impact Assessment) Project in the Kurunegala district was conducted by the Department of Archaeology, Sri Lanka. The first stage of the Archaeological training program of that premises was conducted from 15th August 2022, based on the old lake called Maha Kithula. The BA (Honours) degree undergraduates (2017/2018 Batch) in the Department of Archaeology and Heritage Management took part in the program in order to fulfill the practical requirement for “ARCH 21022 – Theory and Methods in Archaeology” and “ARHM 41043 Field School” courses. The participants gained practical knowledge on; Archaeological Site Survey, Archaeological Excavation by Contexts, Archaeological Recording by Contexts, and Instruments handling (Dumpy Level) for Documentation.



Artifacts Conservation Workshop at the Sigiriya Museum for Undergraduates



The Department of Archaeology and Heritage management of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka maintains good collaborations for knowledge sharing with the Sigiriya Museum, controlled by the Central Cultural Fund Sri Lanka. The second-year and fourth-year (Honours) undergraduates joined for museum objects (artifacts) conservation workshop on August 23-24, 2022, at Senaka

Bandaranayake Field School of Sigiriya Museum. The workshop mainly focused on expressing their knowledge of paintings and artifacts conservation through laboratory conservation procedures.



Lanka: An Archaeological and Geochemical Approach to the Yodhawewa Metallurgical Settlement” was his doctoral thesis topic. Through his research, he presents a considerable amount of information regarding ancient metalwork in the dry zone of Sri Lanka and, for the first time, demonstrates facts about a furnace used to produce ancient crucible steel in the *Yodhawewa* region through the findings unearthed from the archaeological field observations in 2018. Further, he published five international research papers while completing his Ph.D. program.

Public lectures and Discussions

Prof. D.T. Mendis was a member of the discussion panel on “The new archaeological information revealed by Archaeological research related to Jankapura Megalithic Burial Complex” under the monthly lecture series organized by the Research and Publication Committee, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 23rd March 2022.

Prof. D.T. Mendis delivered a public lecture titled “New findings retrieved about Proto-historic settlements of the Middle Yan Oya Basin” at the MUSEO TALK lecture series, organized by the Department of National Museums - Sri Lanka, on 10th September 2022.

Mr. Thilanka Siriwardana was a member of the discussion panel titled “The opportunities and challenges of the current crisis” of the particular webinar series 02, which was organized by the Research and Publication Committee, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 23rd August 2022.

Prof. P.B.N. Abeywardana delivered a public lecture titled “The practical applications of Geographic Information Systems for Heritage Sites; with special reference to Anuradhapura Site” under the MUSEO TALK lecture series, organized by the Department of National Museums - Sri Lanka, on 22nd October 2022.

Senior Lecturer Mr. Chandima Ambanwala delivered a public lecture titled “Anuradhapura Citadel and Oldest Brahmi Inscriptions in Sri Lanka” as the 24th online lecture, organized by the Archaeology Society of Sri Lanka, on 13th November 2022.

Senior Lecturer Dr. W.M.T.B. Wijepala delivered a public lecture titled “Ancient metal technology of Sri Lanka and the Yodhawewa metalworking site” under the MUSEO TALK lecture series, organized by the Department of National Museums – Sri Lanka on 19th November 2022.

Department of Economics

Book launching ceremony - Sustainability of Agriculture Settlement Schemes in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka: Issues, Challenges, and Path ahead – A Collection of Empirical Works.

Sustainability of Agriculture Settlement Schemes in the Dry Zone of Sri Lanka: Issues, Challenges, and Path ahead – A Collection of Empirical Works” Book Launching Ceremony was held at Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities on 22nd March 2022, which was organized by Dept. of Economics, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Prof. Sanjeevani Ginigaddara, Vice-Chancellor of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, graced the event as the Chief Guest. Prof. Aminda Methsila Perera, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka, delivered a review speech on the edited book. Prof. DT Mendis, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities graced the occasion. This book contains a collection of empirical works on various issues and challenges facing the agriculture settlement schemes in Dry zone of Sri Lanka. It also discusses the alternative solutions existed in the empirical ground with appropriate theoretical illustrations.



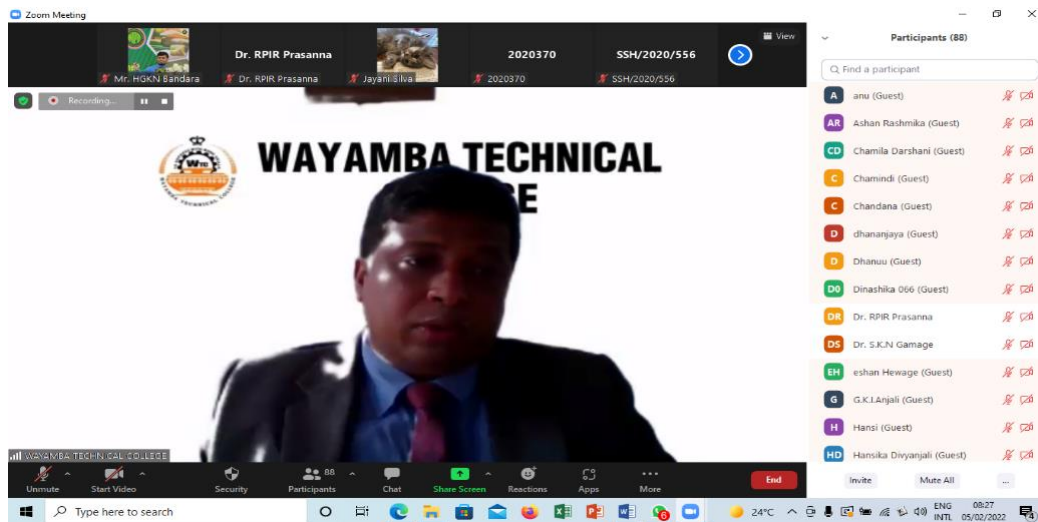
Establishment of Business Incubator Unit

The Department of Economics established the Business Incubator Unit at the Faculty with the objective of inspiring the interest among final year (both BA Honors and B.A Degree Programs) undergraduates of the Faculty to take their first steps as entrepreneurs or start-up new business ventures upon graduation. In the long-run, this incubator will lead to develop and cultivate an entrepreneurial culture where Rajarata University of Sri Lanka can produce Small & Medium Enterprises (SMEs) in the regional economy and at the national level. Also, the unit closely works with the University Business Linkage (UBL) cell as well. During last year, the unit organized

a series of workshops for the undergraduates under different themes with the support of leading economists and businessmen in the country.

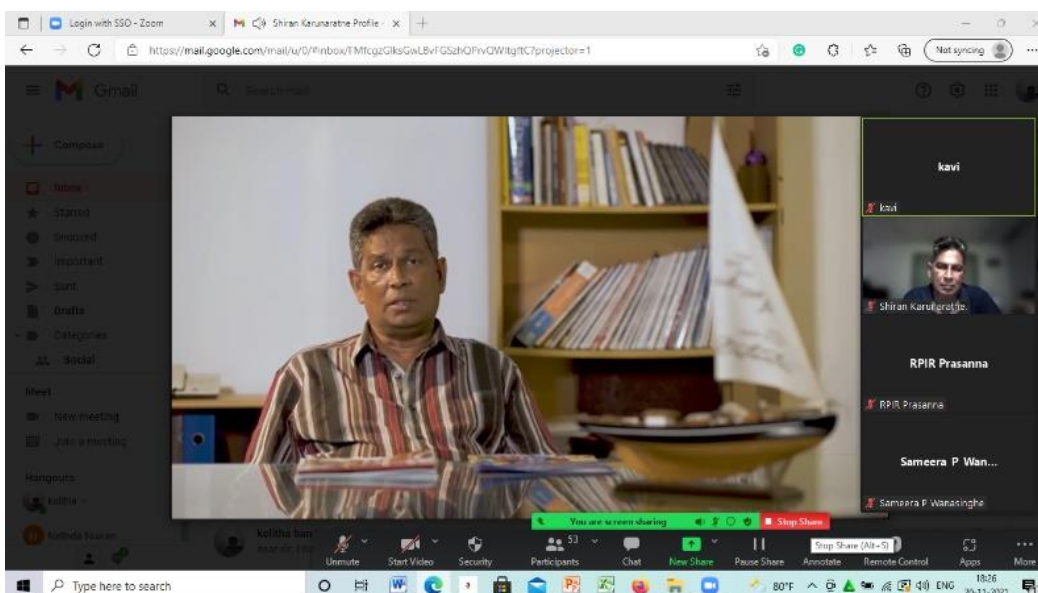
Fourth workshop of the BIU on “How to identify business opportunities in the market?”

Fourth workshop of the BIU on “How to identify business opportunities in the market” was conducted. 87 participants attended the workshop. Resource persons were Mr.Indika Niyadandupola, Chairman for, Wayamba Technical College, Wayamba Institute for Technology, Brilliance Auto Life, Auto Fasion Hybrid World.



Fifth Workshop on “Current economic crisis of SL and future of Graduates”

Fifth Workshop on ‘current economic crisis of SL and future of Graduates- how start the business after the graduation)’ of BIU was conducted successfully. 67 students attended- resource persons were- Prof. Prasanna, Mr.Shiran Karunaratne, Mr.Buddhika, Prof.Bulankulama, Dr.Manoj also attended.



Workshop on educational challenges facing the undergraduate during the Covid-19 pandemic.

By taking into account effects of Covid-19 on the University education, the Department of Economics organized a special lecture series to address the educational challenges faced by the undergraduates during the Covid-19 pandemic. Both internal and external academics contributed voluntarily in conducting the workshops and under the program, the department was able to successfully organize 10 workshops.

General Features of Academic Writing

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1. **Evidence-based**
 - **Develop arguments and claims**, with evidence from the body of knowledge in the relevant field
 - **Knowledge on knowledge**, *reference to previous work in the field*

Examples :

 - ▶ Previous studies have shown that
 - ▶ These sources suggest that
 - ▶ According to the Central bank annual report (2019), the death of the 960 inhabitants of
 - ▶ However, as has been shown elsewhere (e.g. Smith, 1992), the increase in ...
- **Reporting writing**

Examples:

- ▶ The figure indicates that.....
- ▶ The interview shows that



Field training – Dambulla dedicated economic centre and Habarana area for second year students in BA Hons degree programme.



CSR projects / Seminars

Research & Publication Committee Special Webinar Series - zzz¼;udk w¼nqofha wjia:d yd wNsfhda.ZZ (Prof. RPIR Prasanna, Prof. SWGK Bulankulama, Prof. SKN Gamage, Mr. HABW Hettiarachchi)

Seminar and Motivational for Economics at Royal International School- Kurunegala. (Mr. HABW Hettiarachchi)

Seminar on positive attitudes for students at Kumbukgahamulla Central College. (Mr. HABW Hettiarachchi)

Resource person: Academic workshop for international students 2021-Huazhong University of Science and Technology-China. (Mrs. AMP Adhikari)

Talk at the British Society for Parasitology Autumn Symposium 2022, Keele University, United Kingdom. (Ms. JMG Lalani)

Resource person for "Webinar series" conducted by the School of the Life Sciences, Keele University, United Kingdom. (Ms. JMG Lalani)

Conducted the Motivation lecture at Ipalogama Army training school for new officials. (Mr. HGKN Bandara)

Conducted a workshop for school teachers of Vijitha Maha Vidyalaya Polonnaruwa. (Mr. HGKN Bandara)

Guest lecture on Current Economic Crisis of Sri Lanka at Ipalogama Army training school with Bulankulama madam (Mr. HGKN Bandara)

Workshop was conducted at Gomarankadawala School- Trincomale District. (Mr. HGKN Bandara)



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Workshop on prevention of drug addiction and positive attitudes- at Makuleewa school was organised by Hurigaswewa Police station. (Mr. HGKN Bandara)

A workshop conducted for Teachers of Swarnapali National School – Anuradhapura on ‘Personal Development and positive thinking’

A workshop was conducted for Assistant Lecturers - Faculty of SSH of Rajarata University. (Mr. HGKN Bandara)

A workshops was conducted for Non-Academic Staff (MA & TO) of RUSL at SDC, RUSL. (Mr. HGKN Bandara)

A workshop for G.C.E (A/L) Students 2022 was conducted at Ibragimuwa National School - Galenbindunuwewa Central College. (Mr. HABW Hettiarachchi)

Promotions

Post of Senior Lecturer Grade 1 - Mrs. AMP Adhikari

Awards

Dean's Awards for Research Excellence-2022 - Researcher Having the Highest Number of Indexed Journal Articles in 2021 & Researcher Having the Highest Citations in the Department of Economics. (Prof. SKN Gamage)

Researcher with the highest number of non-index peer- reviewed journal articles (Prof. SWGK Bulankulama)



Vice Chancellor award: Researcher with highest citations- 3rd Place Top 20 Researchers of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka for 2021 (Prof. SKN Gamage)

Academic excellence Award for PhD Students 2021-Huazhong University of Science and Technology- China (Mrs. AMP Adhikari)

Young Investigators' Award of the APACPH 2020 Conference (Ms. JMG Lalani)

The Best three departments of the faculty based on research achievements (Department of Economics - Second Place)



Department of Environmental Management

Completion of 2nd Batch of Diploma in Environmental Management – 12th November 2022



Workshops, Training Programs and Webinars

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PROF. SAMPATH TENNAKOON
The Head
Department of Community Medicine
Faculty of Medicine
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Launching Journal of Tropical Environment Volume II, Issue I – 1st June 2022

The Journal of Tropical Environment, the official journal of the Department of Environmental Management launched on the 1st of June 2022 at the Faculty of Social Sciences & Humanities premises. The Environmental Management discipline covers contemporary environmental issues and problems and their management strategies. In view of that, the discipline encompasses natural sciences, social sciences, management, and philosophy when these disciplines address issues related to environmental management in addition to articles addressing directly environmental management issues. Accordingly, the Journal of Tropical Environment considers research articles that come under the above scope with a focus on the tropical environment. A broad range of research papers is presented in volume 2 issue I of 2022. Articles ensemble a group of issues related to the management of the Tropical Environment and it is expected to incorporate the findings into sustainable development efforts of relevant state and private sector development agencies.

***Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Environmental Management and Industrial Partner Organizations “Lighting up the future of the Undergraduates”***

The Department of Environmental Management of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka signed the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Green Building Council of Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka National Cleaner Production Centre, Janathakshan GTE Ltd, and Industrial Development Authority – North Central Province on 1st of July 2022.

According to the memorandum of understanding, the Department of Environmental Management and partner organizations desire to establish a collaborative link to promote the areas of research, development, and training relevant to the field of Environmental Management and related areas. The main objective of this effort is to offer a six months industrial training for the final year students who are following Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Arts Honors Degree in Environmental Management in the Department of Environmental Management. In addition to that, the industrial training programme aims to integrate the students’ theoretical and conceptual knowledge with the world of work experience in Environmental Studies to improve their skills, positive attitudes, and mindset. The signing of MoUs with the industrial partners was coordinated by Dr. PSK.Rajapakshe, Head of the Department of Environmental Management.



Local and International Symposia

The Second Environmental Management Undergraduate Research symposium (EMURS-RUSL) was successfully held on 25th November 2022 with the participation of the Vice Chancellor, Dean of the Faculty, Academic and Nonacademic members, and students. Dr. Sisira Withanachchi gave the keynote speech.



“Save Ozone - Save Earth”

The Sarasavi Nature Club of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka successfully conducted an Art Competition under the theme “Save Ozone - Save Earth” to commemorate World Ozone Day 2022.

It was conducted under the two age categories as Age between 08 - 17 and Age above 17.

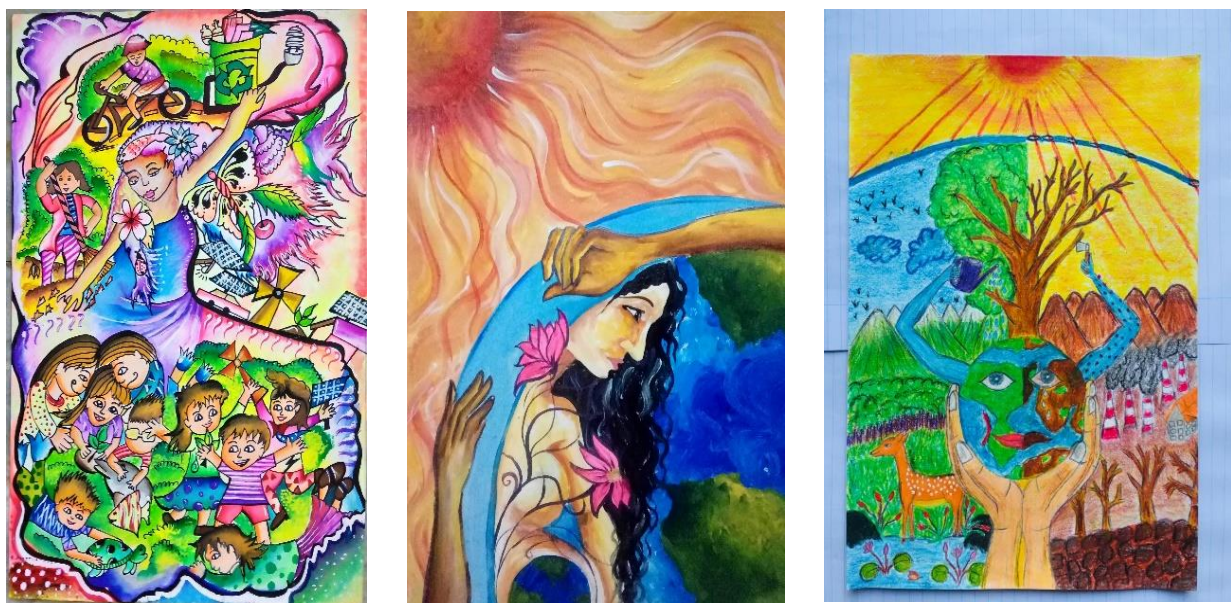
Nearly 60 artworks were received and the best artworks were selected under the two categories.

Accordingly, 5 (five) best artworks were selected under the age below 08-17 category and 3 (three) best artworks were selected under the age above 17 category.

Winners of “Age 8-17” category



Winners of “Age above 17” category



New Head of the Department - 18th July 2022



Promoted to Senior Lecturer G I

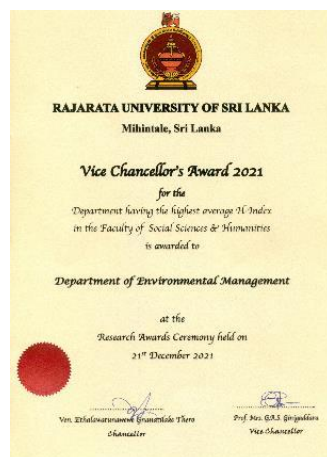
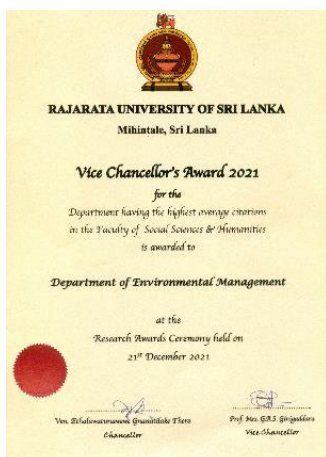


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Awards

The Department of Environmental Management received the award for the Best Department in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities for the past 25 years by considering research excellence.



The Department of Environmental Management received the award for the Best Department in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities in the Dean's Awards Ceremony on 29th November 2022.



Dr. DMSLB Dissanayake received three awards in the Dean's Awards Ceremony on 29th November 2022

- Most Outstanding Senior Researcher
- Researcher having the highest h-index in the previous three years
- Researcher having the highest number of citations in the previous three years



Prof. Manjula Ranagalage was selected for the Best 20 Researchers of the RUSL. The recognition ceremony of the “Top 20 Researchers of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka for 2021” was held on 13th September 2022 in the Auditorium, Administrative Building, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka



Prof. Manjula Ranagalage received six awards at university and faculty level for the past 25 years by considering research excellence.



1. RUSL Excellence Awards for Researchers having the highest H-index, Rajarata University Awards Ceremony, 2021
2. RUSL Excellence Awards for Researcher having the highest Citations, Rajarata University Awards Ceremony, 2021

3. Vice-Chancellors Awards for Most Outstanding Senior Researcher of Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University Awards Ceremony, 2021
4. Vice-Chancellors Awards for Researcher (1st) have the highest citations of Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University Awards Ceremony, 2021
5. Vice-Chancellors Awards for Researcher (1st) having the highest H-index of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University Awards Ceremony, 2021
6. Vice-Chancellors Awards for researcher (1st) having published the highest number of indexed journal articles in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University Awards Ceremony, 2021

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Department of English Language Teaching

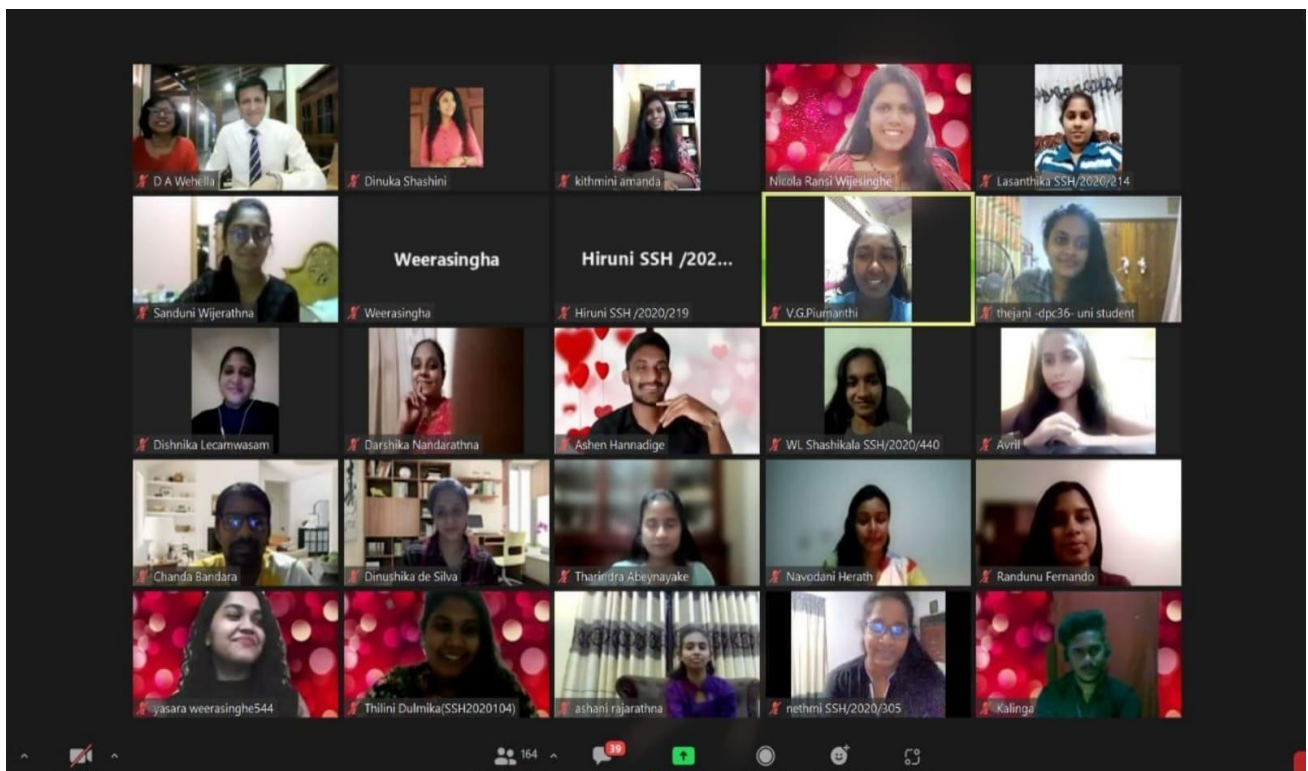
English Language Laboratory

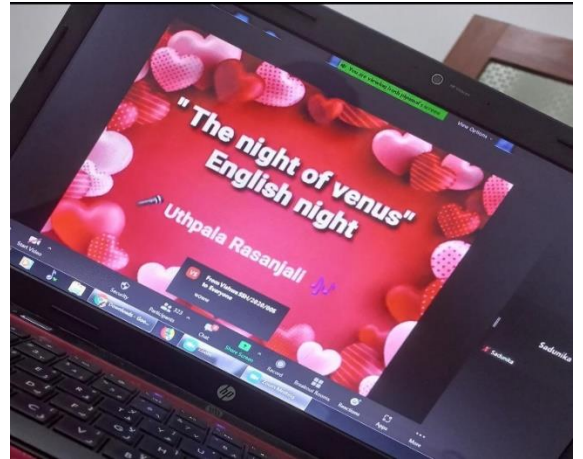
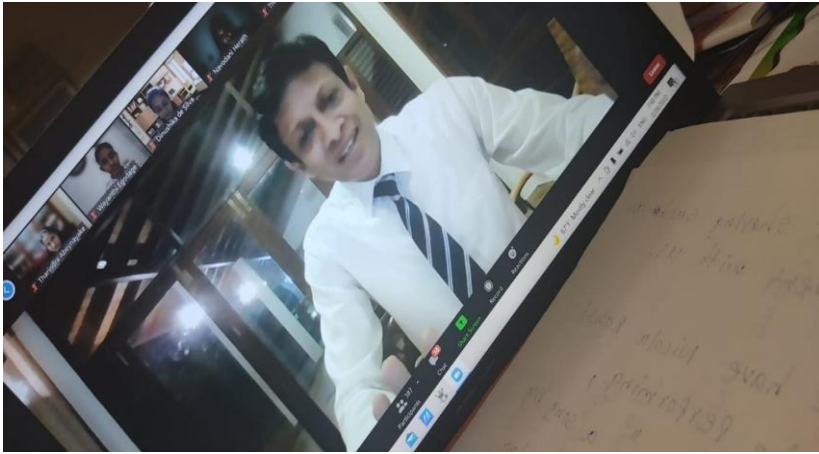
The English Language Laboratory of the Department of English Language Teaching assists students of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities in improving the four skills - listening, speaking, reading, and writing - through the use of modern techniques in an engaging and challenging learning process. The AHEAD Program has provided the English Language Laboratory with high-quality modern equipment, including 35 Desktop Computers, one smartboard, Headphones and new furniture.



English Night “The Night of Venus”

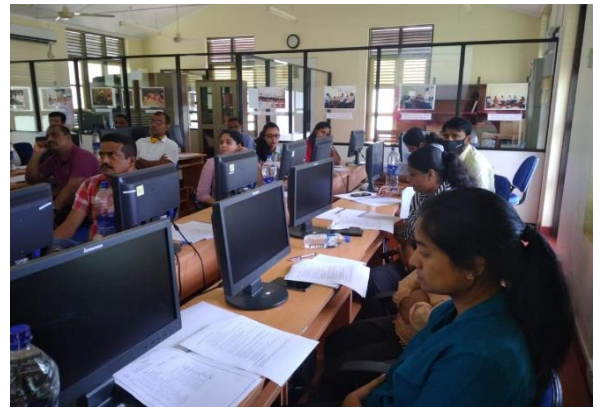
The students of the academic year 2019/ 2020 organized an English Night ‘The Night of Venus’ on 28th Of February 2022 on virtual platform which was well attended by Deans, Heads of Departments Senior and Junior members of the academic staff and the students. The event showcased performances of students related to English Language skills.





Staff Training

Under Activity 03 of AHEAD Project four workshops were conducted on Teaching Reading, Teaching writing, Curriculum Enriching and Testing. The workshops were conducted by Mohan Samaranayake, Senior Lecturer, Department of English Language Teaching, Wayamba University and Sarath Ananda, Senior Lecturer, Department of English Language Teaching, Sri Jayawardhanapura University. Senior and junior members of the Department of English Language Teaching gained much from the above workshops.



Fee levied Extension Programmes in English

Advanced Certificate in English (Extension) 2022 / 2023

A total of 307 candidates have got registered for the programme and currently following lectures during weekends. Employees in the private and public sectors and school leavers are benefited by the above programme.

Diploma in English (Extension) 2022 / 2023

Diploma in English Extension Programme is conducted during weekends via online mode and physically for employees in the private and public sectors and school leavers. A total of 780 candidates have got registered for the programme and currently following lectures.

Department of Humanities

Jaya Sri Maha Bodhiwansaya. (Prof.TGA Thalwatte, Mr.DJK Ihalagedara and Mr.MA.Prasad Kuamara)



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Social determinants of health pave the path to maternal deaths in rural Sri Lanka: reflections from social autopsies, Irangani et al. **Reproductive Health** (2022) 19:221 <https://doi.org/10.1186/s12978-022-01527-2> (Prof. MKL. Irangani)

New Appointments and promotions

Academic warden, New Somadevi Girls' Hostel, RUSL - *Prof. MKL. Irangani*

Media Director, Media Unit, Department of Humanities - *Prof. Sena Nanayakkara*

Coordinator, Media Unit, Department of Humanities - *Dr. Nandana Millagala*

Coordinator, Education Unit, Faculty of SSH - *Prof. B.M.S. Bandara*

Confirmed Lecturers - Mr.MA.Prasad Kuamara, Mr.Asitha Mallawaarachchi, Mr.Nelanga Jayasingha

Workshops

Organized a workshop for 'Thinethra' Inter University Short Film Competition held on 25th of July in 2022 - All Lecturers in Mass Communication contributed.



A program to educate local residents in Kegalle District about the historical importance of Kappagoda Rajamaha Vihara was held on 2022.06.20 - Prof.TGA Thalwatte, Mr.DJK Ihalagedara and Mr.MA.Prasad Kuamara



An awareness programme was conducted for students of Vihara Maha Devi Girls School in Kandy on April 9, 2022 - Prof.TGA Thalwatte



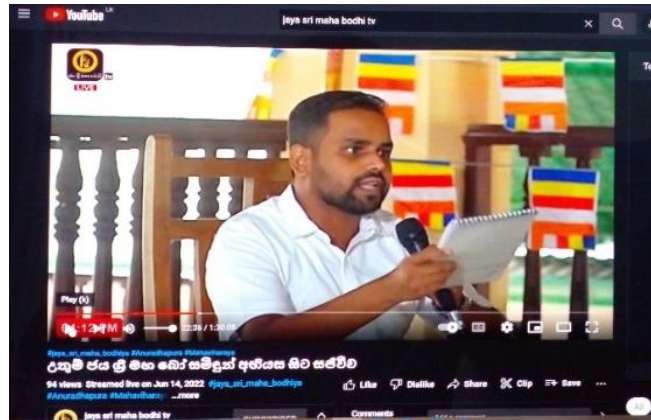
A workshop on Assessment and Evaluation was conducted at Bhikshu University, Anuradhapura on 22.11.2022 - Dr. WKD. Keerthirathne

TV Programmes

Poson Poda Bo Maluwa TV Programme - Prof.TGA Thalwatte

Mahindagamana, Sri Maha Bodhi, and Our Culture: Poson Poda Bo Maluwa TV Program, June 14, 2022 - Mr.MA.Prasad Kuamara

“Jathika Pasala” live T.V Program which was broadcast by the Sri Lana Rupavahini Corporation for O/L students in 2022 - Prof. Sena Nanayakkara



The Media Unit was opened under the Department of Humanities



Local/ International Symposia/ Conferences

A Study of Human Right Conception in Ancient Sri Lanka, Proceeding of the 1st National Research Symposium on Social Sciences and Humanities (NRSSSH-2022), Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, 2022 P.34 - *W.A.L.P. Dilhara, Thusitha U. Dissanayaka.*

CSR projects / Seminars

Professor Ajith Talwatta delivered a talk at the "Sanghamittabhivandana" workshop held on December 10, 2022, to commemorate the 2330th anniversary of Sanghamitta Maha Rahat Theraniya's arrival in Ceylon



Participated in the judging of the Sinhala Debating Competition at Lyceum International School - *Mr. Prasanga Mabarana (Temporary Lecturer)*



'Hitha Newathuna Thena' Radio Programme in Wayamba Radio, 25th of November in 2022 - *Dr. Nandana Millagala*

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Kannangara Commemoration Lecture, Ministry of Education, Colombo. 2022. 10. 04 - *Prof. BMS. Bandara*

Keynote speech - Wariyapola Sri Sumangala Vidyalaya student leader official insignia ceremony, Wariyapola Sri Sumangala Vidyalaya, 2022. 08. 26 - *Dr. WKD. Keerthirathne*

The second lecture of the monthly lecture series organized by the Research and Publication Committee, Faculty of SSH, was delivered by Mr.DMTUK Dissanayaka on "Historical Perspective on Politics and Civil Rights in Ancient Sri Lanka.", May 04, 2022 - *Mr. DMTUK Dissanayaka*



Teachers' attitudes Development Programme, Mahamankadawala Maha Vidyalaya, Katukaliawa Maha Vidyalaya, 09/17/2022 - *Mr.HGC. Sampath*

World Children's Day Commemorative Lecture Mudunegama Maha Vidyalaya - Talawa, 10/01/2022 - *Mr.HGC. Sampath*

Capacity Development Program (for Parents and School Development Society Officers) Katukaliawa Maha Vidyalaya 10/23/2022 - *Mr.HGC. Sampath*

Department of Information Technology

The inauguration of the Department of Information Technology

The Department of Information Technology is the 8th Department in the Faculty, The inauguration of the department was held on 18th of August 2022 at the Faculty Computer lab with the presence of the Dean of the faculty, Prof. D.T. Mendis and all academic staff members of the faculty. Ms. L.N.A.B.M. Nissanka Lecturer (probationary in Computing) was appointed as the Lecturer-In Charge of the new Department. Considering the fact that, imparting IT skills to complement the undergraduate study programs for students in Arts streams is important to improve the employability of Arts graduates, the department wishes to facilitate all the undergraduates in the faculty to obtain a Diploma in IT (DIT, UCSC). The students who obtain Diploma in IT will be able to serve in a wide range of occupations where their IT skill can be put into good use.

The main aim of the establishment of IT department in the faculty is to enhance the employability of the undergraduates studying at the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Students will also be able to obtain a Diploma in IT in addition to their chosen specialization in Humanities/ Social Sciences. This additional qualification and gained IT skills will definitely make an improvement on the percentage of graduates who are employed, as well as their median salary. The establishment of IT department will also strengthen the IT infrastructure in the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities. The department is gradually progressing and improving.

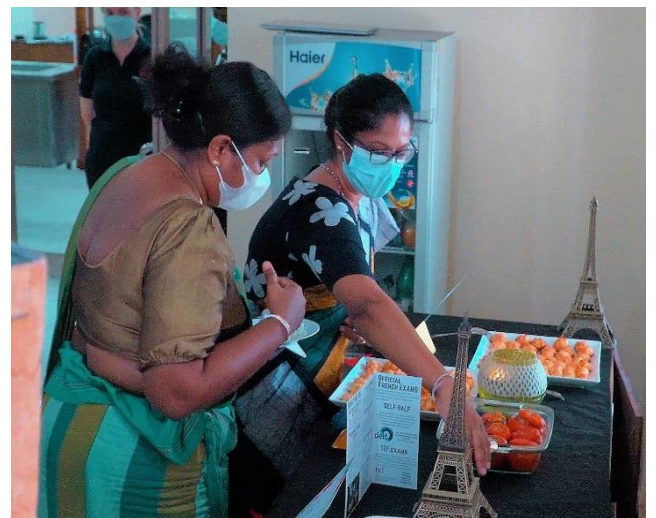


Department of Languages

Workshops on French Gastronomy

Workshop on French Gastronomy and a French food Demonstration were organized by Ms. STHP Samarasinghe and Ms. Sewmini Rathnayake; Lecturers in French of the Department of languages of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 22nd of March 2022 under the guidance of the Head of the Department Prof. Ven. Olaganwatte Chandasiri Thero. These workshops were respectively held at the Main IT center and at the Model Kitchen and restaurant of the Department of Tourism and Hospitality management studies of Faculty of Management studies of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The workshops were conducted by Ms. Sarah Toucas; Director Alliance Française de Kandy and Ms. Célias Bourhis; teacher in French at Alliance Française de Kandy for the French undergraduates to enhance their awareness on the French gas tronomy. Ven.G. Uparathana Thero, Senior lecturer of the

Department of Languages donated Rs: 25,000.00 for the event. The Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Prof. (Mrs.) Sanjeevani Ginigaddara, the Deans of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities and the Faculty of Management studies, all the Heads and academic members of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities and the Head of the Department of Tourism and Hospitality management studies of Faculty of Management studies including lecturer responsible of the Model Kitchen graced the event to enjoy this cultural experience.





Weekly webinars of the programme “චන්දනීය ජීවිතයකට මගක්”

The Head of the Department of Languages Prof. Ven. Olaganwatte Chandasiri Thero initiated the programme “චන්දනීය ජීවිතයකට මගක්” during the COVID-19 pandemic period and conducted an online webinar series every week. This programme is still an on-going programme organised by the Department of Languages. The programme spreads a positive reputation regarding the department proving the fact that it does not only conduct intellectual events for its members, but for outsiders too. The purpose of this programme was to enhance public mental health in order to direct people to a stress free life during the pandemic. The Head of the Department was able to introduce very famous psychologists, musicians, singers, music composers, writers, lyricists, music critics and Professors and senior lecturers from different fields of study to educate and entertain the public.

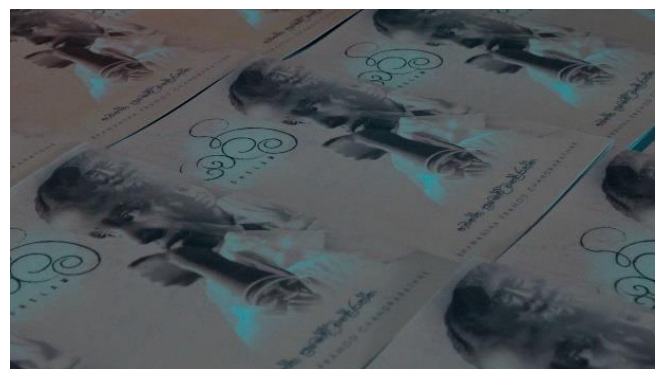
“Diya Keta Pahana” Creation and Literary Criticism Awards – 2022

The award ceremony of the creativity and literary criticism competition “Diya Keta Pahana Mangala Diyawara 2022” organized by the Department of Languages, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka was successfully held at the Open Air Theatre of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 22nd March 2022, with the participation of Prof. (Mrs.) G.A.Sanjeewani Ginigaddara, Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, all the Deans of the University, all the Heads of the departments of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, lecturers, students and the invited guests, Mr. Sathischandra Edirisinghe, Mr. Rodney Warnakula and Visharada Thissa Jayawardhene. The live final round of the “Diya Keta Pahana” singing competition was held on this night and Prabhashi Mandheera, an undergraduate of Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka won the award while Sahan Aravinda and Saman Jayathunga, undergraduates of Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka won the second and third places respectively.



Book Launch of Undergraduates of the Department of Languages – 2022

A book launching program of undergraduates of the Department of Languages, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka was successfully held at the Convocation Hall, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 22nd March 2022 with the invited guests Mr. Sathischandra Edirisinghe and Mr. Rodney Warnakula, the Dean and lecturers of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The novel “Chelam” and the poetry collection “Ambapalita Pipunu Mal” of Bhavantha Pramod Chandrarathna, an undergraduate of the Department of Languages, and the short stories collection “Kenimandala” of Thilanga Dharshana Dissanayake, an undergraduate of the Department of Languages were launched at this event.



Renovation of the library of Kahapathwilagama Maha Vidyalaya, Galkulama, Anuradhapura

Under the instructions of the Head of the Department of Languages Prof. Ven. Olganwatte Chandasiri Thero, and the co-ordination of Charuka Weeraratna; Temporary Lecturer in Japanese and all the other members of the Department of Languages renovated a library for the students of Kahapathwilagama Maha Vidyalaya, Galkulama, Anuradhapura under the community service project of the department. This school is located in a remote area in Galenbindunuwewa under Mihinthale educational division. It offers classes from grade 1 to 11 and has reported the best GCE (O/L) examination results of Galenbindunuwewa educational zone. There are about 95 students and 18 teachers in this school. On 27th April 2022, the Department members visited the school and discussed the renovation of the library. Books and stationery were purchased with the funds received. The Department of Languages completed the project in August 2022.



The 1st Undergraduate Research Symposium on Language and Culture

The 1st undergraduate research symposium on language and culture organized by the Department of Languages, Faculty of Social Science and Humanities was held online under the patronage of the Vice Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka Prof. (Mrs.) Sanjeevani Ginigaddara on 10th February 2022. The theme was “Reach Excellence through Language and Cultural Learning. Emeritus Professor J. B. Dissanayake was the Keynote Speaker and Dr. Nilmini Dayananda was the Symposium Chair. The Coordinator of the symposium was Mr. Bhawantha Pramod Chandrarathna. The tracks of the symposium were language and culture, language and society, language and dialects, language and socio-cultural differences, language and Anthropology, language and Epigraphy, language and Linguistics, Literature and Aesthetics, Folk drama, Drama and Literature, Literature and Criticism, inter-cultural Communication and language and Translation. 55 abstracts out of 181 were selected to present at the symposium.



Opening of Japanese Language Laboratory

The Japanese language laboratory of the Faculty of social sciences and Humanities was declared open on 31st January 2022 by Mr Kawakami Takayuki the councillor of embassy of Japan to Sri Lanka together with Prof. (Mrs) G.A.Sanjeewani Ginigaddara; the Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka in the presence of Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities; Prof D.T.Mendis, Head of thr Department of Languages, Prof. Ven. Olganwatte Chandasiri Thero.

The Japanese language lab was established with the grant offered by the Embassy of Japan to Sri Lanka, under the grant assistance for cultural grassroots project of Japan and the total amount of grant received was of 70, 139 USD (Rs. 12,211,146.00) for the project.

The Language Laboratory facility will be used to create a future - ensured Arts graduates, promote Japanese language education under the concept of “Japanese for All”, facilitate all the language learners with modern technological tools to improve their language skills and abilities, attract more Japanese language learners from the outside, develop more international opportunities and exposures to the entire University.



Research grants for the students of the Department of Languages

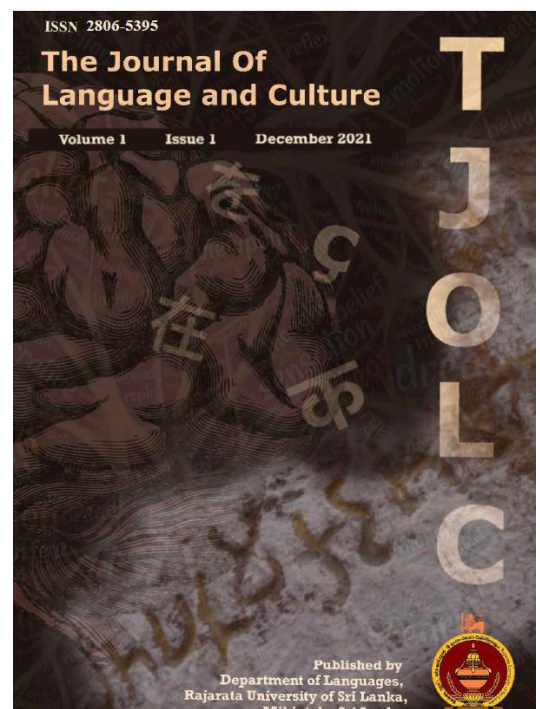
Sasana Ladies Section of Buddhist Maha Vihara, Brickfields, Malaysia has decided to donate funds for the research grants of the students who do the final research at the Department of Languages, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The research grants will be awarded a few selected talented students who are facing financial difficulties in completing their final research by the way of project paper or thesis due to the current situation in the country by Ladies Section of Sasana Abiwurdhiwardhan Society at Buddhist Maha Vihara. RM3000 in Malaysian currency which is equivalent to Rs.200000.00 will be donated to the Department of Languages. The Department will call for applications to select the suitable students. The program will run in accordance with the instructions by Prof. Ven. Olaganwatte Chandasiri Thero, the Head of the Department of Languages.

Hindi scholarships by Government of India

Two undergraduates of BA Degree program; Ms. P.M. Nishani Darshika and Ms. Avya Sandali of Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities received the prestigious Hindi scholarship given by Government of India for the first time. In June 2022, both the students have successfully completed their one year Hindi language proficiency course and then joined to continue their studies in the Faculty. This has provided them an opportunity to study at the Central Hindi Institute, Agra, India in a native environment to understand the nuances of culture and language. They were awarded the certificates with Grade A and B+ respectively. This scholarship was given by the Government of India to Department of Languages within one year after initiating Hindi language for the B.A Degree programme of the Faculty of Social sciences and Humanities of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

Department Journal of Language and Culture-TJOLC December 2021

The Department of Languages published the Volume I, issue I and II of the Department Journal of Language and Culture in December 2021 under the guidance of the editor in chief of the journal Prof. Wasantha K. Dissanayake. This journal is a multi-disciplinary, peer-reviewed, bi-annual journal of the Department. The aims and scopes of the journal are to publish academic researches on language and culture for the benefit of national development and international collaboration as well as to promote and support the conservation, development and revitalization of language and culture. The Vice chancellor of the University Prof. (Mrs.) Sanjewanani Ginigaddara, the Dean of the Faculty of Social sciences and Humanities, the Head of the Languages supported immensely for the success of the journal. The panel reviewers, all authors, members of the administrative staff, the non-academic staff and all staff of the Department supported to make this journal a success.



Comprehensive proposal for the development of the Department of Languages

The Department has identified the timely needed potentials and prepared a detailed proposal to provide a service driven with the aims of opening up both national and international opportunities to the undergraduates and contributing to the economic growth of Sri Lanka. The objective of this proposal is to discuss at length, the strengths and opportunities already at the Department, the human and physical resources that are yet to be acquired, the sectors that require further progress, and the problems and challenges that are confronted on the road to success. Further, the expansion of both the Department of Languages and the extension of the services provided by it, rendering its support to the tourism industry by modifying the tourism based courses and thereby contributing to the economic growth of the country, building partnerships with the tourism industry and foreign universities, increasing the employability of students by improving the communication skills along with other skills of the students, enhancing the quality of the staff, enhancing the research capacity of the department, and placing the university at a higher rank as far as university ranking is concerned and also the activity plan which is divided into short term, middle term and long term to serve these purposes are extensively discussed in the proposal. The Department of Languages of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka aims to achieve these goals within a period of five years.

The Department Facebook page and You tube Channel

The Department of Languages initiated the Department Facebook page and You tube Channel under the guidance of the Head of the Department in order to socialize the events organized by the Department. Currently the total number of followers of both the pages are being increased and all the updated events and official news of the Department will be uploaded by the lecturer-in charge for both the pages.



On-going Department research on Feasibility Study on the Implementation of Hybrid Learning for the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Due to the immense spread of the COVID-19 virus, many educational institutions adopted blended learning method to limit the disruption of the education. Nevertheless, switching from traditional classroom and face-to face instructor training to computer-based training in a virtual classroom makes the learning experience entirely different for students. Therefore, to overcome the difficulties encounters by teachers and students during this online teaching method, the Department started to conduct a feasibility study on the implementation of hybrid learning for the faculty to facilitate the learning and the teaching process. The objective of this study is to synthesize the available evidence and suggestions in literature to understand emerging issues and challenges in implementing such frameworks and to offer a combination of recommendations or lessons learnt from the blended learning experience. The data collection process is being still continuing to find accurate data to support the data analysis and the discussion. The Head of the Department and all the academic members of the Department actively participate in the research to make this a success.

Building up partnerships with the JICA volunteer organization



JICA volunteer Coordinator; Ms Miya Kataya and JICA Sri Lanka senior Officer- Volunteer program; Mr Chaminda Ranasinghe visited Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 10th November 2022. A very fruitful discussion was held between RUSL and JICA regarding the development of Japanese language education in the Department of Languages, RUSL. JICA conducted a fact-finding survey before assigning a volunteer lecturer to the Department of languages in the future and responded positively on their plan. The two representatives had a courtesy visit to the vice chancellor of RUSL, Prof. (Mrs.) G.A.S. Ginigaddara. Ven. Prof Olaganwatte Chandrasiri, Ms Nimesha Dayarathne, Lecturer in Japanese language were also present at this event.



New appointments and promotions



Ven. Dr. Olganwatte Chandasiri Thero, the Head of the Department of Languages of Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka has been promoted to the post of Professor in Sinhala.

Awards

The Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities organized the Dean's Awards ceremony for Research Excellence for the first time on 29th of November 2022 in order to appreciate and encourage the researchers of the faculty. On this memorable day, the Head of the Department of Languages Rev. Prof. Olganwatte Chadasiri Thero was awarded with the Dean Award for the Researcher with the highest number of citations in the Department of Languages during the past three years. The award was given by Dr. Prabath Ekanayake, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts of University of Peradeniya. Further, Dr. Nilmini Dayananda, Senior Lecturer in Sinhala of the Department of Languages was awarded the Researcher with the highest number of books and chapters in 2022. The award was given by Prof. Thusitha Mendis, the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.



Department of Social Sciences

Internship Programmes

Department of Social Sciences has signed MOUs between Sri Lanka International Development Organization (SLIDO), Badulla, Adithya Hospital, Anuradhapura and Sigiriya Resort by Thilanka, Sigiriya. By the end of 2022 Department of Social Sciences wishes to sign MOUs with Safe Sri Lanka and United Nations Sri Lanka.

MOU with Voice Area Federation

Memorandum of Understanding between Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on behalf of Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities and VOICE Area Federation, Sri Lanka was signed on 27th of April, 2022 with the participation of Honorable Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Professor Sanjeewanie Ginigaddara, Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Professor D Thusitha Mendis, Head, Department of Social Sciences, Professor E.M.S. Ekanayake, on behalf of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and Mr. H.M.Wasantha Pushpakumara, the Chief Executive Officer of Voice Area Federation Mr. U.G. Wasantha Wijenayaka and Mr. Ruwan Pothpitiyage, the Program Managers on behalf of VOICE Area Federation, Sri Lanka.

According to the memorandum of understanding, the Department of Social Sciences and VOICE Area Federation desire to establish a collaborative link between the two institutions to promote the areas of research, development, and training relevant to the subject fields of Sociology and Social Sciences as the main objective of this effort to offer an internship for six months for Bachelor of Arts, Sociology Honors Degree undergraduates of the Department of Social Science. Further internship training program is to integrate the students' theoretical and conceptual knowledge with the world of work experience in Development sector and mindset.

On the occasion, Professor E.M.S. Ekanayake introduced the objectives and the vision of this effort and there after Mr. H.M.Wasantha Pushpakumara, introduced the VOICE Area Federation, its duties and vision and how they serve the Sri Lankan society and how they brings solutions to the contemporary social issues. Then, Vice Chancellor of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Professor Sanjeewanie Ginigaddara highlighted the importance of the internships and industrial trainings for Social Science students and she highly appreciated this effort which help to change the mindset of the undergraduates on career aspirations, desires and building the essential skills expected by the modern world. Professor D. Thusitha Mendis highlighted the need of internships for the social science students and how the social sciences can address the current societal needs and issues. Mr. U.G. Wasantha Wijenayaka and Mr. Ruwan Pothpitiyage also shared their experiences and emphasize the importance of the internship and contribution of the social science students to upcoming challenges of the Sri Lanka. The Memorandum of Understanding between Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on behalf of Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities and VOICE Area Federation was signed by the respective parties and both of the parties agreed to continue this bond and understanding to serve from their cream of the cream to the Sri Lankan society and country.





Parliamentary Internship

An internship program for students of Department of Social Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka at the Parliament of Sri Lanka, which NDI is supporting through internal placements of up to six months at the Parliament was introduced for 2023 and Ms. Yashoda Thennakoon, Ms. K.M.P.C. Dewthilini, Ms. A.M.S.K. Abeysinghe and Ms. Prasadhi Nimasha were selected for the internship programme through an interview held on 14th of November 2022. National Democratic Institute (NDI) conducts the Inclusive Participatory Processes Project (IPP): Parliamentary Internship Program with the collaboration of The International Republican Institute (IRI) and The International Foundation for Electoral Systems (IFES).

Symposium - NRSDDS 2023

The very first National Research Symposium - Department of Social Sciences 2023 will be held on 25th of January, 2023 organized by Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities of Rajarata University of Sri Lanka under the theme “Exploring the Challenges in Human Values for Sustainable Society”. This is a golden opportunity for national researchers to share their knowledge, experiences, and outcomes of research, and contribute to disseminate valuable, innovative findings to a well-read audience. Dr. George H.I. Cooke and Dr. Pavithra Jayawardhana are supposed to make Key note speeches.

NRSDDS 2023
First National Research Symposium Department of Social Sciences 2023
25th January 2023
Organized by,
**Department of Social Sciences,
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Humanities
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka,
Mihintale**

“EXPLORING THE CHALLENGES IN HUMAN VALUES FOR SUSTAINABLE SOCIETY”

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS:

Dr. George I. H. Cooke
Ph.D. University of Colombo, Sri Lanka
Senior Lecturer, Department of International Relations, University of Colombo, Visiting Lecturer at the National Defence College of Sri Lanka.

Dr. Pavithra Jayawardhana
Ph.D. Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand
Senior Lecturer, Department of International Relations, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo

PROF. EMS Ekanayake
Convener of the Symposium
Head, Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

PROF. DSW Gunawardhene
Symposium Chair
Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Paper Submission Deadline: 2022.12.25
Abstracts Submission via: nrsds2023@gmail.com
More Details: <http://fssh.rjt.ac.lk/dss/>

Main Tracks:

01: Youth, Marriage and Gender
02: Religion, Ethnicity and Culture
03: Tourism, History and Social Transformation
04: Environment, Health and Human Wellbeing
05: Education, Technology and Innovations
06: Law, Criminology and Criminal Justice
07: SME's, Rural Development and Good Governance

Further Details:
Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Research

Department of Social Sciences has conducted a research on “The study on nature of substance abuse in Sri Lanka” and received a Grant from Research and Publication Committee, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The key assumptions and findings which the researchers would like to accomplish through this research will be significant for the policy making process pertaining to control and prevention of substance abuse in selected contexts considering the environmental and geographical factors and specific features existing in the particular areas. These research findings can be used broadly for the proper awareness and education of law enforcement officials and community about the nature of substance abuse and vulnerable opportunities prevailing in such areas which may cause to prevent and control of being victimized of substance abuse.

Promotions

Ms. Deepika Gamage has been promoted as a Senior Lecturer Grade II in November, 2022.

Awards

Prof EMS Ekanayake, Head, Department of Social Sciences won the award for highest Citations - Department of Social Sciences, at the Dean’s Awards for Research Excellence - 2022, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka which held on 29th November 2022. Prof. EMS Ekanayake obtained his Bachelor of Arts (Honours) degree in Sociology with a Second Class Upper Division from University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka in 2001. There after Prof. Ekanayaka had completed his Masters of Philosophy (M.Phil.) in Sociology and later he had pursued a Doctoral Study under a Scholarship offered by the Chinese Government. He had obtained his Ph.D. from Central China Normal University and had awarded as the “Excellent International Student Award” by Central China Normal University and recruited as a visiting lecturer at the School of Sociology, Central China Normal University in 2017. Prof. Ekanayake has published a significant number of peer review index journal articles, conference publications, Book Chapters and Books. His major research disciplines include Ethnic studies, Criminology, Social theory, Environmental sociology, SMEs sector. His recent most scholarly engagement involves working as a reviewer international peer-reviewed indexed journal. In addition, he works as an Editorial Board Member in the several international index journals.

Mrs. TGD Udayakanthi, Senior Lecturer of Department of Social Sciences won the Award for Best Young Researcher 2022 at the Dean’s Awards for Research Excellence – 2022, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka which held on 29th November 2022. Mrs. TGD Udayakanthi has completed her Bachelors in Sociology and Masters in Social Science in Sociology from University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka and currently reading her PhD under University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. Gender and Development, Social Issues, War and Migration studies and Women studies are her major research areas. She has published a number of research articles, journals and publications in last year and recently published on Women Mobilization in Sri Lanka.



Recruitments

Department of Social Sciences has recruited new members as temporary lecturers to enrich the academic capacity of the department and Mr. Susith Siriwardhana, Ms. Pavithra Wickramage and Mr. Ishara Rajapaksha have been recruited as Temporary lecturers in Sociology and Mr. Pathum Niwantha has been recruited as a Temporary Lecturer in Criminology.



Ms. Sulakkhana Gamage was recruited as the Management Assistant of Department of Social Sciences.

Research and Publication committee

Professor Promotion Appreciation Ceremony - 04.01.2022



Professor Promotion Appreciation Ceremony - 03.06.2022



Professor Promotion Appreciation Ceremony - 26.10.2022





Scholarships Awarding Ceremony – 30th May 2022







Monthly Lecture Series

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Research & Publication Committee Monthly Lecture Series - No 03

Climate Change in Sri Lanka: Past, present, and future




Dr. JMSB Jayasundara
 Senior Lecturer - G I
 Department of Environmental Management
 Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities
 Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Date: 01st June 2022
 Time: 2.00 - 04.00 pm
 Place: Hall no 20, FSSH

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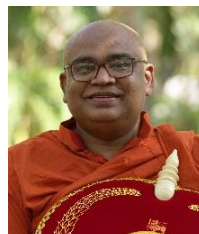
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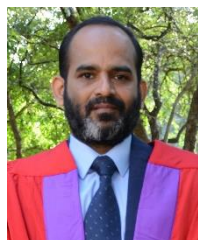
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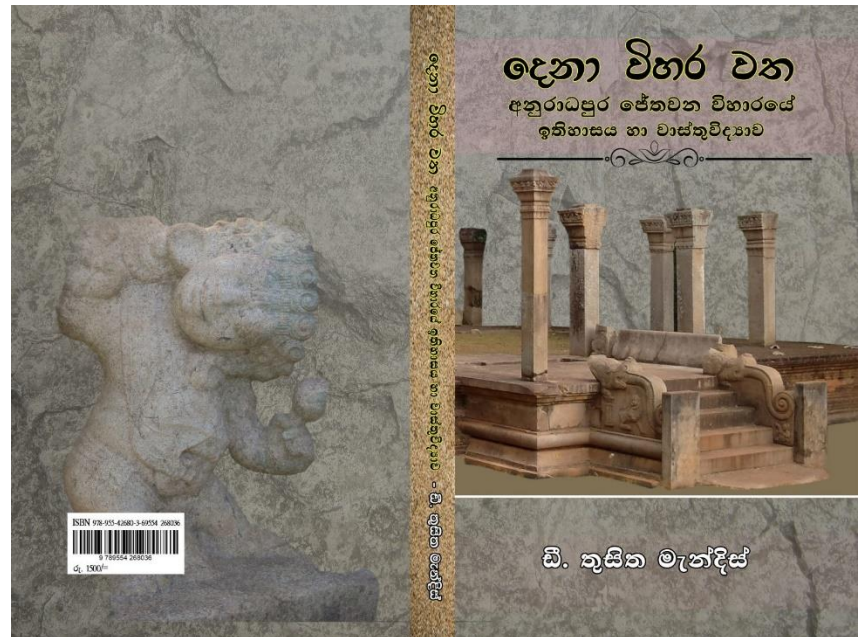
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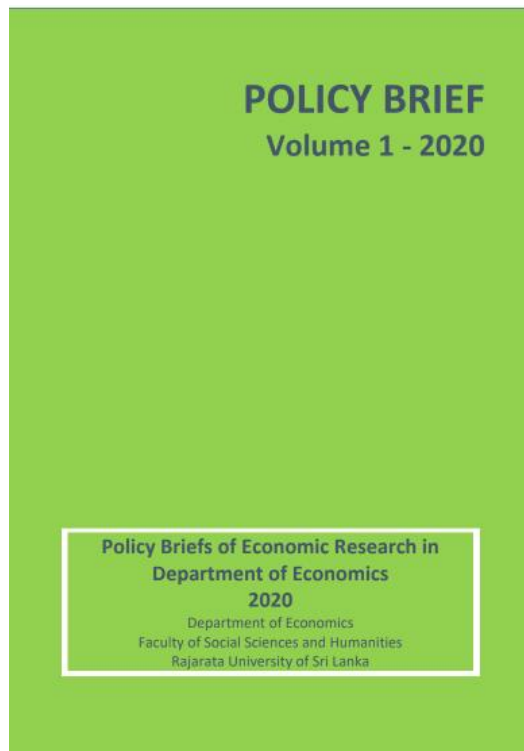
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