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ICSUSL 2025

Bringing together diverse perspectives in humanities, technology, and interdisciplinary research, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka (SUSL) successfully hosted its 10th International Conference (ICSUSL 2025) together with the 6th China–Sri Lanka Communication and Cooperation Forum, under the theme “Synergizing Humanities and Technology for Shaping the Future.” Organized by the Centre for Research and Knowledge Dissemination, SUSL, the biennial conference marked its tenth consecutive edition and continued its role as an inclusive platform for academics, researchers, undergraduate and postgraduate students, and industry professionals to present and exchange research findings across diverse disciplines.



The technical sessions of the conference were conducted online on 17th and 18th December 2025. Senior Prof. N.A.K.P.J. Seneviratne, Chairman of the University Grants Commission of Sri Lanka, served as the Chief Guest and Keynote Speaker, while Senior Prof. Tilak Hewawasam of the University of Peradeniya served as the Guest of Honour. The conference also featured a keynote address by Prof. X. Fu, Director of the Education Assessment Center, Huanggang Normal University, China.



Complementing the main conference programme, several pre-conference events were also organized, providing additional opportunities for academic engagement, knowledge sharing, and collaboration.

ICSUSL 2025 thus served as a significant forum for connecting research, innovation, humanities, and technology while strengthening national and international academic partnerships.

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Doors to U.S. Education

Strengthening academic engagement and awareness of international educational opportunities, Dr. Patrick McNamara, Executive Director of the United States–Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission, met with Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, on 16th October 2025 under the USBus Programme. The meeting focused on Fulbright opportunities and EducationUSA, with discussions centred on opportunities for academic advancement, international scholarships, and educational pathways in the United States.



26th General Convocation

Celebrating another significant milestone in the academic journey of SUSL, the 26th General Convocation – Phase II was ceremoniously held on 22nd October 2025 at the university premises. Degrees were conferred upon graduates of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, Faculty of Technology, Faculty of Computing, Faculty of Geomatics, and Faculty of Applied Sciences, marking the culmination of their academic pursuits.



The ceremony brought together distinguished members of the academic community, university staff, parents, and well-wishers to celebrate the achievements of the graduates. Several outstanding students were also recognized for their exceptional academic performance, receiving prestigious gold medals awarded by esteemed sponsors, professors, and alumni.



The convocation celebrated not only the academic accomplishments of the graduates but also their perseverance, dedication, and contributions to the university community.

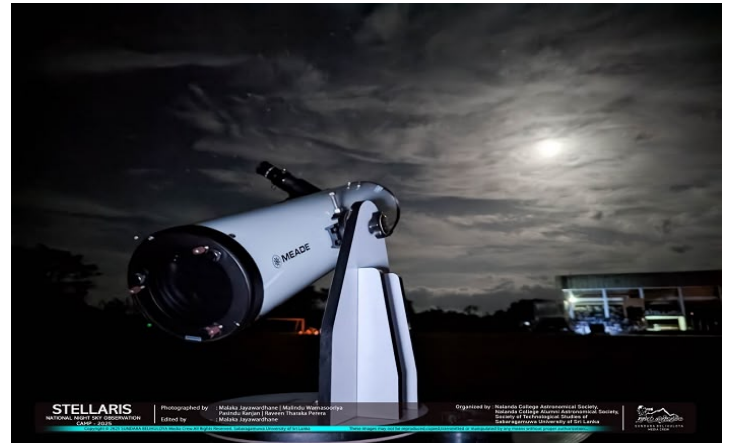
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It further reflected SUSL's continued commitment to nurturing innovation, leadership, and academic excellence across diverse fields of study.



Faculty of Applied Sciences

STELLARIS 2025



The National Night Sky Observation Camp was held on 04th July 2025 from 6.00 p.m. onwards at the University Playground. The programme was organized to enhance participants' knowledge and interest in astronomy through interactive learning sessions and practical observations of the night sky, while fostering scientific curiosity and inspiring students to explore opportunities in astronomy and space science. The event was conducted with the support of the Nalanda College Astronomical Society and the Nalanda College Alumni Astronomical Society. Participants had the opportunity to observe celestial objects using astronomical equipment and engage in discussions on astronomy, making the event both educational and inspiring.

Sports Medicine

The ICAS 2026 Webinar Series commenced with its first webinar on 04th July 2025, featuring the topic “Sports Medicine and Injury Prevention.” The session was delivered by Mr. Chamila Suresh Senavirathna, a qualified physiotherapist and academic attached to the Department of Physiotherapy, Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.



Nature and Knowledge



A workshop on “Concepts of Ecology” was conducted by Prof. Enoka Kudavidanage on 15th July 2025 with the objective of strengthening participants' understanding of fundamental ecological concepts and their applications in natural resource management. The programme focused on building a strong foundation in animal behaviour, adaptations, and ecological interactions while connecting theoretical knowledge with practical aspects of biodiversity conservation and environmental management. The workshop provided valuable insights into ecological principles and their relevance in addressing contemporary challenges in natural resource management.

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Statistics for Smarter Industries

A workshop on Statistical Quality Control Methods for Industrial Applications was conducted on 27th July 2025 for employees of Ceylon Beverage Can. The programme focused on the application of statistical quality control techniques in industrial and service environments, with the objective of improving process efficiency, product quality, and operational performance. The workshop was conducted by Prof. R.M.K.T. Rathnayake, who provided participants with practical knowledge of statistical quality control methods, including process monitoring, data analysis, and quality improvement techniques.



Advancing Research through FTIR



A workshop on Fourier Transform Infrared (FTIR) Spectroscopy was conducted on 29th July 2025 for students and staff members. The programme was facilitated by Prof. Hasintha Wijesekara, Professor of the Department of Natural Resources, with the aim of enhancing participants' knowledge of FTIR spectroscopy and its applications in scientific research and material analysis. This programme contributed to strengthening research competencies and promoting the effective use of advanced analytical instruments.



Understanding Snakes, Protecting Nature

A workshop on snake conservation and awareness was organized on 31st July 2025 by the Small Cat Advocacy and Research Organization in collaboration with the Society of Natural Resource Studies, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The programme aimed to educate students on the ecological importance of snakes and promote awareness about the need to protect these valuable species within natural ecosystems.



The workshop covered important topics including first aid measures for snakebite incidents, clarification of common myths and misconceptions about snakes, and the role of snakes in maintaining ecological balance. Participants also had the opportunity to observe live snakes up close, providing an engaging learning experience that enhanced their understanding of snake behaviour, conservation, and coexistence with wildlife.

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Science of Sports Nutrition

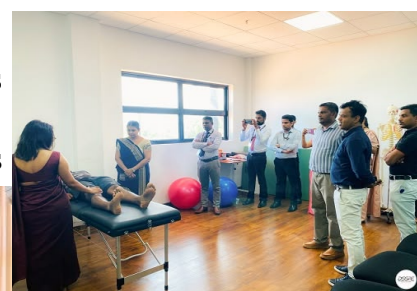


The second webinar of the ICAS 2026 Webinar Series was held on 31st July 2025 on the theme “Sports Nutrition.” The session was conducted by Professor Ranil Jayawardena, a medically qualified clinical nutritionist who received his medical training at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. The webinar highlighted the vital role of nutrition in enhancing athletic performance, supporting recovery, and maintaining overall health and well-being.

Sports Rehabilitation

Strengthening sports healthcare facilities and athlete support services, Group 1 students of the Department of Sports

Sciences and Physical Education, successfully inaugurated the Physiotherapy Unit on 06th August 2025 under the Sport Sociology and Community Service module. Established in collaboration with People’s Bank, this initiative represents a significant step towards enhancing sports rehabilitation services within the university. The newly established unit provides advanced physiotherapy and rehabilitation facilities for university athletes, reducing the need to seek specialized services outside the region, particularly in Colombo.



Future of Sprint Performance



Introducing an innovative solution for sprint training and performance analysis, a team presented an Inexpensive Digital Block Starter for Sprinters on 07th August 2025. This cutting-edge invention was developed to provide an affordable and effective method for monitoring key performance parameters during sprint starts. The digital block starter is capable of measuring reaction speed, left and right reaction forces, and the three-dimensional movement of the Centre of Gravity (C.G.) across the x, y, and z axes, including its motion trajectory. The innovation has the potential to support athletes, coaches, and researchers by providing valuable data-driven insights to improve sprint performance and enhance sports science applications.

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Sports for Community Development

Demonstrating the value of community engagement through sports education, Group 2 students of the Department of Sports Sciences and Physical Education, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, carried out a community service initiative at Balangoda Rajawaka Vidyalaya under the Sport Sociology & Community Service module. The programme was conducted on 07th August 2025 with the aim of supporting young athletes and promoting sports development at the school level. As part of the initiative, students renovated the school's sports room, donated essential sports equipment, and conducted an athletics workshop to enhance students' knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm for sports.



Innovation and Care



Enhancing athlete welfare and strengthening sports support facilities, Group 03 – Coolplay Savers of the Department of Sports Sciences and Physical Education, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, successfully donated an ice machine to the department on 11th August 2025 under the Sport Sociology and Community Service module. The initiative was undertaken to improve athlete recovery practices, support effective injury management, and enhance the quality of sports and physical activities within the university. Complementing this contribution, a practical workshop on cryotherapy and acute injury management was conducted in collaboration with members of the Red Cross Society.

Idea Ignition



The Idea Ignition Pitching Competition was held on 14th August 2025 at the Faculty of Technology Auditorium. Organized as part of APSURS 2025, the competition provided an exciting platform for students to present innovative ideas, demonstrate their entrepreneurial potential, and transform creative concepts into viable solutions.

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Championing Clean Sport

The fourth webinar of the ICAS 2026 Webinar Series was held on 20th August 2025 on the timely topic “Doping in Sports.” The session was delivered by Mr. Chamath Sirinika, Assistant Director of the Sri Lanka Anti-Doping Agency (SLADA), who plays a key role in athlete education and the implementation of national anti-doping policies. The webinar provided participants with a comprehensive understanding of doping in sport, emphasizing the importance of fair play, ethical conduct, and compliance with anti-doping regulations.

Spaces for Sporting

Promoting sports development and community engagement, third-year undergraduates of the Department of Sports Sciences and Physical Education, carried out a community service initiative at B/Ananda Central College, Walhaputhanna on 20th August 2025. The project focused on renovating and beautifying the school's sports room to create a more inspiring and supportive environment for students. As part of the initiative, students renovated and decorated the sports room, introduced sports-themed murals to motivate young learners, and donated essential sports equipment, including a volleyball. The programme encouraged students to engage in physical activities, develop healthy lifestyle habits, and recognize the value of sports in personal development.

Sports Analytics

The third webinar of the ICAS 2026 Webinar Series was held on 22nd August 2025 under the theme “Sports Analytics: Tracking Data Applications in Football.” The session was conducted by Dr. Nirodha Epasinghe, Senior Data Analyst at the British Columbia Ministry of Health, where she specializes in health data analysis and cohort development, particularly in chronic disease management. The webinar explored the application of tracking data in analyzing player movement, team tactics, and game dynamics in football.

New Player Dugouts

Enhancing the facilities available for athletes and spectators, the Community Service Project of the 2020/2021 Batch (Group 4) of the Department of Sports Sciences and Physical Education, SUSL, successfully constructed and donated new player dugouts at the Main Ground of the university on 22nd August 2025. The initiative was carried out under the subject Sport Sociology and Community Service as part of the students' commitment to community-oriented sports development. The project, conducted throughout the day, contributed to improving the sporting environment of the university by providing better facilities for athletes during training sessions and competitions.



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Innovation Meets Industry



Pro Food, Pro Pack & Ag-Biz 2025, the international exhibition on processed food, packaging, and agriculture, was held from 22nd to 24th August 2025 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH). The event provided an excellent platform for students to showcase their innovative products, research, and technological advancements to industry professionals and the wider public.

Statistics through R

WORKSHOP ON
Statistical Methods:
Implementation with R
for Academic Staff and Researchers

Pre-Session
Introduction to R Software
Resource Person: Mr. HACS Hapuarachchi
Date: 26.08.2025 Time: 15:00 – 17:00

One-Day Workshop
Statistical Methods: Implementation with R
Staff Session
Resource Persons:
Prof. S Samita
Dr. Nirashan Withanage
Dr. Rajitha M Silva
Date: 02.09.2025 Time: 08:00 – 17:00

Students Session
Resource Persons:
Dr. Gemini De Silva
Dr. Nirashan Withanage
Dr. Chathuri Jayasinghe
Dr. Rajitha M Silva
Dr. Neluka Deshpande
Date: 02.09.2025 Time: 18:00 – 17:00

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Strengthening research and data analysis competencies, a Workshop on “Statistical Methods: Implementation with R” was conducted on 26th August and 02nd September 2025. The programme was facilitated by Life Members and Executive Committee Members of the Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka (IASL), who shared their expertise in statistical computing and data analysis using the R programming language.

Safe Food for All



The Vidatha Workshop: Advancing Knowledge in Food Analysis, Safety, Packaging, and Processing was held on 15th and 16th September 2025. The programme was organized to enhance awareness of food safety, food analysis, packaging, and food processing among members of the school community, promoting the importance of safe and sustainable food practices. Mr. Pramod Bandara, Lecturer in the Department of Food Science and Technology, served as the resource person for the workshop. Through informative presentations and interactive discussions, participants gained practical knowledge on food quality, safety standards, and modern food processing techniques, contributing to greater public awareness of food science.

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Quality from Source to Table

An awareness programme on animal-based food products was held on 17th September 2025 for Public Health Inspectors with the objective of enhancing their knowledge of food safety, quality standards, and regulatory aspects related to animal-derived food products. The programme aimed to strengthen professional competencies in ensuring public health and food safety. Mr. M.C.N. Jayasooriya, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Food Science and Technology, served as the resource person for the session. Through expert presentations and discussions, participants gained valuable insights into current food safety practices, quality assurance measures, and emerging issues associated with animal-based food products.

Coaching through Biomechanics



Strengthening the knowledge and technical capacity of athletics coaches, a Sports Biomechanics Workshop under the Altitude Training Programme of NISS was conducted on 18th September 2025 at the High Altitude Training Center, Nuwara Eliya. The programme was designed to enhance coaches' understanding of fundamental biomechanical principles related to human movement and sports performance. Conducted by Prof. A.W.S. Chandana, an expert in Sports Biomechanics, the workshop focused on the practical application of

biomechanical analysis to improve athletic techniques, optimize performance, and minimize the risk of sports-related injuries. Through expert guidance and knowledge-sharing sessions, participants gained valuable insights into the role of biomechanics in athlete development and performance enhancement.

Awareness in Food Science



An Awareness Programme on Food Technology was held on 19th September 2025 at Sivali Central College, Ratnapura, with Dr. T.C. Kananke, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Food Science and Technology, serving as the resource person. The programme was organized to enhance students' understanding of modern food technology and its significance in ensuring food quality, safety, and sustainable food production.

Empowering Decisions with Data



Prof. R.M.K.T. Rathnayake conducted a workshop on enhancing data-driven decision-making skills for employees of ATG Hand Care (Pvt) Ltd. on 24th September 2025. The programme was designed to strengthen participants' ability to analyze, interpret, and utilize data effectively in making informed decisions within an industrial environment.

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Food Evaluation



Ms. J.W.A. Sajiwanie, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Food Science and Technology, participated as the guest speaker at an Awareness Programme on Sensory Evaluation of Foods held for employees of CBL (Pvt) Ltd. on 15th October 2025. The programme was organized to enhance participants' understanding of sensory evaluation techniques and their importance in maintaining food quality and consumer satisfaction.

Advancing Physical Literacy



The ICAS 2025 Pre-Conference Workshop on Physical Literacy was successfully held on 03rd and 04th November 2025 with the aim of enhancing knowledge and practical understanding of physical literacy among educators, coaches, and researchers in the fields of physical



education and sports sciences. The workshop introduced participants to contemporary concepts, assessment approaches, and effective strategies for promoting lifelong engagement in physical activity. The programme featured expert

contributions from Dr. Nigel Green and Dr. Amith Malik, internationally recognized specialists in the field of physical literacy, who were invited by the ICAS 2025 Organizing Committee.

Quality in Food Manufacturing



A workshop titled "Enhancing Food Industry Standards through Statistical Quality Control" was conducted by Prof. R.M.K.T. Rathnayake on 04th November 2025 for employees of Maliban Biscuit



Manufactories (Pvt) Ltd. The programme focused on the application of statistical quality control techniques to improve product quality, process consistency, and operational efficiency within the food manufacturing industry.

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Sport Management



The ICAS 2025 Pre-Conference Workshop on Sport Management was successfully held on 05th November 2025, bringing together participants interested in advancing their knowledge of contemporary sport management practices. The workshop was designed to equip educators, students, researchers, and sports professionals with practical skills and managerial insights essential for the effective administration of sport organizations. The programme covered key areas including sport marketing, event management, sport governance, and leadership in sport organizations, providing participants with a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities within the modern sports industry.

Performance through Biomechanics



Bringing together experts in sports science and biomechanics, the ICAS 2025 Pre-Conference Workshop on Sport Biomechanics took place on 06th November 2025. The programme was designed to introduce participants to the application of biomechanical principles in sports performance analysis, with particular emphasis on movement analysis, injury prevention, and strategies for enhancing athletic performance. The workshop featured Prof. A.W.S. Chandana, Mr. Chiranjibi Nayak, and specialists from Qualisys and Frinco as resource persons.

Igniting Innovation in Sports



Fostering innovation and entrepreneurial thinking in the field of sports, the Youth Spark Pitching Competition was held on 06th November 2025 as part of the ICAS 2025 programme. The competition provided a dynamic platform for students and young researchers to present innovative ideas and research-based solutions related to sports, physical education, and sports technology. Participants showcased creative concepts before a panel of evaluators, demonstrating their ability to address contemporary challenges through innovation and research. The event encouraged critical thinking, effective communication, and the development of practical solutions while promoting a culture of research, creativity, and entrepreneurship among aspiring professionals in the field of sports sciences.

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Tackling Invisible Plastic Threat

An awareness workshop on “Understanding the Global Microplastic Threat” was organized by the Lions Club of Balangoda in collaboration with the LEO Club of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka and the Sri Lanka Association of Science. The programme was conducted to raise awareness among local officers on the environmental and health risks associated with microplastic pollution, promote the reduction of single-use plastics, and encourage future research collaborations. Prof. S.S.R.M.D.H.R. Wijesekara from Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka conducted the programme, which was targeted at Grama Niladhari Officers, Development Officers, and Field Officers of the Balangoda Divisional Secretariat. Through expert presentations and discussions, participants gained valuable knowledge on the sources, impacts, and management strategies related to microplastic pollution, strengthening community-level efforts towards environmental sustainability. This event took place on 10th November 2025.



Cultivating Excellence in Tea

A workshop on “Practical Techniques for High-Quality Tea Leaf Harvesting” was conducted by Mr. Dimuthu Abeysinghe, an entrepreneur, on 16th November 2025 targeting tea cultivators in the region and university students. The programme was organized to enhance participants’ knowledge of modern tea cultivation practices and promote the production of high-quality tea leaves through improved harvesting techniques. The workshop covered key areas including modern approaches to tea cultivation, current challenges faced by tea growers, and available cultivation loan facilities to support the industry. Through expert guidance and interactive discussions, participants gained valuable insights into improving productivity, addressing practical issues in tea cultivation, and adopting sustainable practices in the tea sector.



Sustainability Beyond Borders

Guest lectures on “Inland Fisheries Management and Life Cycle Assessment” were conducted on 17th November 2025 by Dr. Rohasliney Hashim and Dr. Amir Sharaai from the Department of Environment, Universiti Putra Malaysia. The programme provided students and participants with valuable insights into international practices in fisheries management, environmental assessment methodologies, and emerging approaches in sustainable resource management. The sessions focused on enhancing participants’ understanding of life cycle assessment tools, their applications in environmental evaluation, and the importance of sustainable practices in managing natural resources. The guest lectures also provided valuable career guidance and highlighted future opportunities in the fields of environmental management, fisheries, and sustainability.

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Vision Meets Opportunity



Preparing final-year students for successful professional careers, B10 Talks 2025 was held on 19th November 2025, bringing together distinguished leaders from the fields of business, government, and entrepreneurship. The event served as a platform for students to engage with experienced professionals and gain valuable insights into the demands and opportunities of the modern workplace. Through thought-provoking presentations and inspiring real-world experiences, the speakers highlighted the importance of adaptability, discipline, innovation, leadership, and purpose in building meaningful and successful careers.

Healthy Choices



AURA 25 – World Food Day Celebration was held on 21st November 2025 at the Faculty of Applied Sciences premises to celebrate World Food Day and create awareness among university staff and students on healthy eating patterns and the importance of balanced nutrition. The event aimed to promote healthier food choices and encourage the university community to adopt sustainable and nutritious dietary practices. Through awareness activities and interactive sessions, the programme highlighted the significance of food, nutrition, and well-being in maintaining a healthy lifestyle.

Ethical and Sustainable Gem Industry

Bringing together experts from the gem industry and academia, a workshop on gem identification, technological innovations, and sustainable gem practices was held on 13th December 2025 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Medicine, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The programme was organized by the Young Scientists Forum and the Society of Natural Resource Studies, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, with the participation of gem industry professionals and university students. The workshop featured expert sessions by Mr. Saman Amarasena (Managing Partner, Swisscut Lapidary), Mr. Priyantha Weliwatte (Chairman, Sri Lanka

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Gem and Miners Association), and Engineer Chamal Jaliya (Senior Lecturer). Participants gained practical exposure to gem identification techniques, including demonstrations on Kroma AI-powered automated micrograph technology, while exploring recent developments and innovations in the gem industry.

Smart Farming

An Awareness Programme on Greenhouse Farming was held on 19th December 2025 with the objective of enhancing knowledge on modern agricultural practices and promoting sustainable farming methods. Mr. S.M.C.P. Siriwardana, Assistant Director, Agrarian Development Office, Balangoda, contributed to the programme as the resource person. The session provided valuable guidance on greenhouse farming techniques, modern agricultural skills, and the effective use of controlled cultivation methods. The programme also highlighted the importance of off-season cultivation as a strategy to improve productivity and support more stable income opportunities for farmers.



Roots of a Sustainable Future



Promoting environmental responsibility and student engagement in conservation efforts, the Society of Natural Resource Studies, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka conducted a Tree Plantation Programme on 20th December 2025. The initiative was designed to contribute to carbon capture, enhance biodiversity, and encourage practical involvement of students in environmental protection activities. Through this student-led programme, participants actively contributed to ecological restoration while gaining awareness of the importance of conservation, sustainability, and climate action. The event highlighted the role of the university community in supporting greener practices and fostering a stronger connection with nature.



Faculty of Computing

ICT Innovation



Showcasing the latest developments in computing and information technology, the latest edition of ComSpective, the biannual ICT Technical Magazine of the Faculty of Computing, was officially launched on 30th July 2025. The publication serves as a platform for disseminating knowledge, promoting innovation, and highlighting emerging trends in the field of computing.

Secure Digital Futures

Enhancing industry readiness among future computing professionals, the Professional Development Committee of the Faculty of Computing organized a webinar titled “Introduction to Identity & Access Management – Developer’s Guide” on 14th August 2025 via Zoom. The session, conducted by Mr. Ishara Karunarathna, was specially designed for final-year undergraduates to strengthen their understanding of modern digital identity and application security. The webinar introduced participants to the fundamentals of Identity and Access Management (IAM), covering key concepts such as digital identity security, authentication mechanisms, authorization, and secure access management in modern software applications. Drawing on current industry practices, the session provided valuable practical insights into secure application development while familiarizing students with emerging trends and career opportunities in cybersecurity and identity management.



ICARC 2026 Begins

Marking the beginning of preparations for another international research gathering, the official website of the International Conference on Advanced Research in Computing (ICARC 2026) was launched on 21st August 2025 at the Faculty of Computing, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The launch signified an important milestone in the conference’s journey toward fostering collaboration among academia, researchers, and industry professionals. The ceremony was graced by Prof. M. Sunil Shantha, Vice Chancellor of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, and Prof. S. Vasanthapriyan, Dean of the Faculty of Computing and Chair of ICARC 2026.



Faculty of Computing

ComURS 2026 Web Launch



Marking the commencement of another chapter in undergraduate research excellence, the official website of the Computing Undergraduate Research Symposium (ComURS 2026) was launched on 09th October 2025 at the Faculty of Computing, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The launch signified the beginning of preparations for the third edition of the symposium and reaffirmed the faculty's commitment to fostering a vibrant research culture among undergraduates.

Professional Online Presence

Preparing students for successful careers in the technology sector, the Professional Development Committee of the Faculty of Computing, organized a webinar titled “How to Build a Strong Digital Presence” on 19th October 2025 via Zoom. Conducted by Mr. Rushen Samodya, the session focused on “Crafting Your Digital Identity: Building a Strong LinkedIn and GitHub Presence.” The webinar guided students on developing a professional online identity by creating impactful LinkedIn profiles, maintaining well-organized GitHub portfolios, and effectively showcasing their technical skills and achievements. Designed to support students preparing for internships and future employment, the session provided practical strategies for enhancing professional visibility, personal branding, and career prospects in the rapidly evolving technology industry.

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AI-Driven Future



Highlighting the transformative role of artificial intelligence in modern software development, the Faculty of Computing, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, organized a webinar titled “Engineering the Future: How AI and Emerging Technologies are Redefining the Software Industry” on 16th November 2025 via Zoom. The session was conducted by Mr. Shanaka Gamage, who shared expert insights into the rapidly evolving technology landscape. The webinar explored how artificial intelligence and emerging technologies are reshaping software engineering, development practices, and the broader

IT industry. Through practical examples and industry perspectives, participants gained a deeper understanding of current technological trends, the skills demanded by the modern workplace, and the opportunities and challenges presented by AI-driven innovation. The programme also encouraged students to prepare for internships and future careers by embracing continuous learning and technological advancement.

Faculty of Geomatics

Curriculum Revision



Focusing on the continuous enhancement of academic standards and industry relevance, the Faculty of Geomatics conducted a three-day Curriculum Revision Workshop from 29th to 31st July 2025 at the Foundation Institute, Colombo. The workshop was held under the chairpersonship of Dr. N.M.P.M. Piyasena and brought together academic expertise and discussions aimed at strengthening the faculty’s curriculum framework. The programme commenced with a welcome

address by the Dean of the Faculty of Geomatics, Dr. H. Divithure, who emphasized the significance of regular curriculum revision in responding to evolving academic requirements, technological advancements, and

Journey in Geomatics Education



Welcoming and preparing a new generation of Geomatics professionals, the Faculty of Geomatics, conducted the Students' Orientation Programme for the academic year 2023/2024 from 29th September to 31st October 2025. The programme was organized under the guidance of Mrs. J. A. S. Jayakody, Deputy Senior Student Counsellor, in collaboration with Dr. H. Divithure, Dean of the Faculty of Geomatics. Designed to support the smooth transition of newly enrolled students into university life, the orientation programme introduced participants to the university environment, faculty structure, academic requirements, student support services, and opportunities for peer interaction. The initiative provided an essential foundation for students to adapt to their new academic setting and develop the confidence, skills, and awareness required to successfully pursue their studies and future careers in the field of Geomatics.

Undergraduate Research Excellence

Providing a valuable platform for showcasing undergraduate research excellence, the Research Unit of the Faculty of Geomatics successfully organized the Undergraduate Research Colloquium 2025 on 25th November 2025. The event brought together final-year undergraduates, academic staff, and researchers to share research findings, exchange knowledge, and engage in meaningful scholarly discussions.

The inaugural session was graced by Dr. H. Divithure, Dean of the Faculty of Geomatics, along with academic staff members. Prof. P.G.R.N.I. Pussella delivered the formal welcome address, while the keynote speech by Prof. S.A.D. Sandanayake, Chair Professor of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, provided valuable insights and enriched the academic significance of the occasion.

Following the inauguration, parallel technical sessions were conducted, allowing undergraduate researchers to present their studies before expert panels. The presentations were evaluated based on research quality, innovation, academic rigour, and clarity, highlighting the faculty's commitment to nurturing a strong culture of research and innovation among future geomatics professionals.



Faculty of Geomatics

Geomatics Education with Industry



Bridging the gap between academic learning and professional practice, the Industrial Day of the Faculty of Geomatics, was successfully held on 26th November 2025 at the Faculty Auditorium. The event brought together industry experts and final-year students, creating a valuable platform for knowledge sharing, career guidance, and professional engagement. Representatives from SumathiIT (Pvt) Ltd, Suleco (Pvt) Ltd, and Bhoomi Tech (Pvt) Ltd participated in the programme and shared insights into current industry practices, emerging trends, and career opportunities available for Geomatics graduates. The event also featured demonstrations of advanced Geomatics instruments, allowing students to gain practical exposure to modern technologies used in the field. The programme was attended by the Dean of the Faculty of Geomatics, Dr. H. Divithure, along with academic staff members, highlighting the faculty's commitment to strengthening industry collaboration and preparing students for successful professional careers.

Faculty of Management Studies

Dainties 2025



Demonstrating outstanding talent in hospitality and culinary arts, undergraduates of the Department of Tourism Management achieved remarkable success at “Dainties 2025,” a hospitality competition hosted by Uva Wellssa University on 17th July 2025. Mr. B. D. D. K. Appuhamy, an undergraduate of the department, emerged as the

Champion of the Culinary Competition, showcasing exceptional creativity and expertise in culinary arts. Meanwhile, Ms. M. A. M. Fernando secured Second Runner-up in the Bartending Competition, demonstrating impressive skills, innovation, and creativity in mixology.



Faculty of Management Studies

Caring for Sacred Spaces



Contributing to the preservation of cultural heritage and environmental sustainability, the *Rathnapura Saman Dewalaya* Cleaning Project 2025 was conducted on 15th August 2025. The initiative focused on maintaining the cleanliness and environmental quality of the sacred site while promoting greater awareness of the importance of protecting religious places,



preserving cultural heritage, and caring for the environment. The project also encouraged community-oriented responsibility among participants and demonstrated the value of collective efforts in safeguarding places of cultural and religious significance for future generations.

Entrepreneurial Spirit

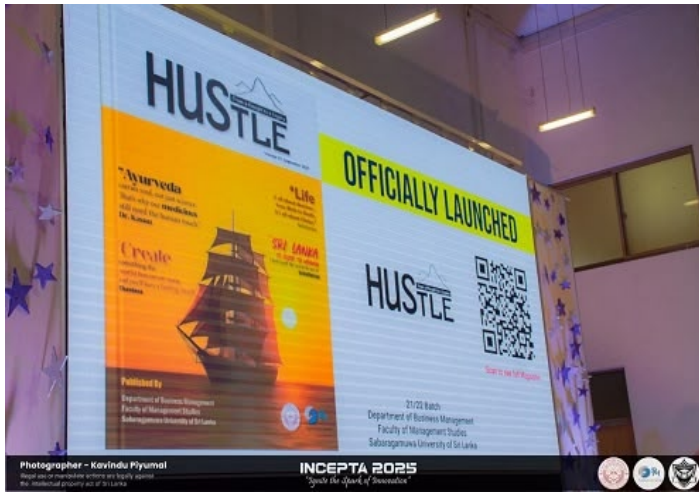


Fostering an entrepreneurial mindset among undergraduates, Incepta 2025 – Entrepreneurship Day was held on 16th September 2025 at the auditorium, Faculty of Management Studies. The event provided students with a platform to present their business ideas and innovative products, while encouraging creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial thinking. It also created opportunities for knowledge sharing and interaction, inspiring students to transform their ideas into potential business ventures.

Hustle: Ideas in Motion

Marking a new milestone in student creativity and academic expression, the Department of Business Management officially launched its magazine, *Hustle*, on 16th September 2025 at the Faculty of Management Studies Auditorium. The publication provides a platform for students to showcase their creative ideas, knowledge, experiences, and perspectives while encouraging communication and intellectual engagement within the department. The launch also highlighted the department's commitment to nurturing student talent and creating opportunities for students to express their ideas through academic and creative publications.

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Voices for Tourism



Promoting awareness and engagement in the tourism sector, the Tourism Awareness Workshop and Tour Voice – Grand Finale was held on 26th September 2025. The programme provided a platform for participants to enhance their understanding of tourism while showcasing their knowledge, creativity, and communication skills through the Tour Voice competition.

VR Experience Zone

Bringing together education, industry engagement, and cultural experiences, the VR Experience Zone, Tourism Stakeholder Meeting, and Thala Sanchara Music Evening were held on 26th September 2025. Organized by the Department of Tourism Management in collaboration with the Tourism and Hospitality Alumni Association and the Tourism and Hospitality Subject Association, the event brought together various stakeholders from the tourism industry. The programme aimed to raise awareness of the economic and social significance of tourism, while strengthening collaboration between academia and the tourism industry through networking and knowledge exchange. It also provided an opportunity to introduce school students to the importance and potential of the tourism sector through engaging and interactive activities.

ICAS 2025



Inauguration Ceremony - ICAS 2025

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Serving as a premier international forum for the exchange of knowledge in sports sciences, the International Conference of Applied Sports was successfully held on 06th and 07th November 2025. The conference brought together academics, researchers, practitioners, and industry professionals from Sri Lanka and abroad to present and discuss the latest research findings, innovative practices, and emerging developments in sports science, physical education, and sport management. The programme featured distinguished international keynote speakers, invited experts, and research presenters representing leading universities and research institutions collaborating with the ICAS conference. Through keynote addresses, technical sessions, and scholarly discussions, the conference fostered international collaboration, encouraged interdisciplinary research, and strengthened academic and professional networks in the field of applied sports sciences.



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Paddling Towards Adventure

Bringing adventure and experiential learning together, the Samalawewa Kayaking Fest 2025 was held on 26th September 2025. The event encouraged students to engage in competitive and team-based kayaking activities, helping them develop teamwork, leadership, collaboration, and decision-making skills in an outdoor setting. The programme also sought to promote awareness of the adventure tourism potential of Samalawewa, highlighting the area as a destination with opportunities for recreational and nature-based tourism.



Learning, Leading, Creating



Strengthening practical business and interpersonal skills through experiential learning, the Business Plan Development Outbound Training Programme was conducted on 30th September and 01st October 2025 at AnuRaa Camping Site, Bandarawela. Organized for undergraduate students of the Department of Business Management, the programme provided an engaging learning environment beyond the conventional classroom. Through a range of practical and team-based activities, students enhanced their teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, communication, and resilience, while applying concepts related to the Business

Plan Development subject. The programme encouraged students to develop collaborative and entrepreneurial skills essential for successfully transforming business ideas into viable plans.



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Promoting a culture of reading and supporting educational development among schoolchildren, the book donation project, "පොතකින් හිතකට," was conducted by the Department of Accountancy and Finance in October 2025. The project reached students of B/Kosgama Vidyalaya and BR/Karagasthalawa Maha Vidyalaya, with donation programmes held on 01st October 2025 and 03rd October 2025, respectively. Staff members of the Department of Accountancy and Finance participated in both events and contributed to this community-oriented initiative. The project aimed to support the educational needs of schoolchildren by providing access to additional learning resources and encouraging reading habits among young learners.

Personality Development

Supporting the holistic development of undergraduates, the Faculty of Management Studies organized a Personality Development Programme on 21st October 2025 at the Faculty Auditorium. The programme was designed to equip students with the personal and professional competencies required for academic success and future careers. The sessions focused on enhancing participants' self-confidence, self-awareness, communication, leadership, and interpersonal skills while inspiring personal growth through expert guidance and motivational activities. By encouraging students to recognize and maximize their potential, the programme contributed to preparing confident, responsible, and career-ready graduates.

Investors' Day 2025



Enhancing financial literacy and strengthening connections between academia and the financial sector, Investors' Day 2025 was successfully held on 31st October 2025 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Management Studies. Organized for undergraduates following the BSc (Hons) in Financial Management and BSc (Hons) in Banking and Insurance degree programmes, the event provided students with valuable insights into investment practices, financial knowledge, and emerging trends in the industry.



The programme featured expert contributions from Prof. Athula Gnanapala, Dean of the Faculty of Management Studies; Prof. T.U.I. Peiris, Head of the Department of Accountancy and Finance; and Mr. Tushara Jayaratne, Officer in Charge/Deputy Director General of the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka. Through interactive sessions and knowledge-sharing activities, the event aimed to promote financial awareness, encourage innovation, and foster stronger academic-industry collaboration.

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Ideas into Art



Promoting creativity, innovation, and product development among undergraduates, the "InnovArt Exhibition" was held on 11th November 2025 at the Faculty of Management Studies. The exhibition provided students with a platform to showcase their innovative ideas and artistic handmade creations, encouraging them to transform their creativity into practical and marketable products.

TiP: Bridging Academia and Industry



Strengthening connections between academia and industry, the official launch of TiP Magazine Vol. 08 took place on 11th November 2025 as part of Theberuma 2025 – Networking Evening. The event provided a valuable platform for fostering meaningful interaction between academic and industry communities beyond the formal university setting. This programme also aimed to enhance the professional and academic skills of undergraduates by creating opportunities for networking, knowledge sharing, and exposure to industry perspectives. The launch of the latest edition of TiP Magazine further contributed to promoting student engagement and strengthening academic–industry collaboration.

Advancing Entrepreneurship



Bringing together scholars, entrepreneurs, and industry professionals to advance entrepreneurship research, the 4th Annual Research Conference of the Sri Lanka Forum of Entrepreneurship (SLFE) was successfully held on 20th November 2025 at the Auditorium, Staff Development Centre. The conference served as a national

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platform for sharing contemporary research findings, exploring emerging trends, and discussing innovations in the field of entrepreneurship.

The event brought together academics, university students, researchers, industry professionals, entrepreneurs, and policymakers, creating opportunities for knowledge exchange, academic collaboration, and meaningful discussions. Through research presentations and professional interactions, the conference contributed to the development of entrepreneurship theory and practice while strengthening the entrepreneurial ecosystem in Sri Lanka.

7th MURS



Promoting a strong culture of undergraduate research and scholarly engagement, the 7th Management Undergraduate Research Session was successfully held on 18th December 2025 by the Faculty of Management Studies. The event provided an important platform for young researchers to present their research findings, exchange knowledge, and receive valuable feedback from academics and industry professionals.



The session featured a keynote address by Dr. Anil Munasinghe, Chief Executive Officer of Kelani Cables PLC, who shared valuable insights and perspectives with the participants. The programme aimed to encourage undergraduate researchers to publish their findings, recognize outstanding research contributions through publication opportunities in a special issue of the Asian Journal of Management Studies, and strengthen the quality of academic supervision provided to emerging researchers.

Excellence in Management Research



Celebrating excellence in research and academic contribution, the 4th Annual FMS Research Awards Ceremony was successfully held on 18th December 2025 at the Faculty Auditorium. Organized by the Faculty of Management Studies, the event recognized and appreciated the outstanding research achievements and scholarly contributions of faculty members in the field of management studies. The ceremony aimed to foster a strong research culture by encouraging innovation, creativity, and high-quality scholarly work.

It also focused on promoting academic development, strengthening research collaborations, enhancing the impact of research outcomes, and highlighting the vital role of research in advancing the field of management. Through this annual recognition programme, the faculty continues to motivate researchers, celebrate academic excellence, and inspire continuous contributions toward impactful and innovative research.

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Digital Healthcare



Strengthening public participation in the development of patient-centred digital healthcare solutions, the Community Engagement and Involvement (CEI) Meeting was held on 10th November 2025 at the Auditorium of the Faculty of Medicine, SUSL. The meeting provided an important platform for patients and community members to share their experiences, perspectives, and expectations regarding the development of a digital healthcare support system. Participants representing the Northern, Eastern, Western, Sabaragamuwa, and Central Provinces actively contributed to the discussions, ensuring that the proposed solution reflects the needs of its intended users. The strong participation marked an important milestone in the DIGIPATHS project, pioneered by the Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna, and demonstrated its commitment to developing an effective, inclusive, and genuinely patient-centered digital health solution.



SUSL Takes the Trophy



Promoting sportsmanship, friendship, and unity among medical students, the “ශ්‍රීමාවිතාන” Memorial Trophy Cricket 2025 was held on 23rd November 2025 at the Sivali Central College Grounds, Ratnapura. The tournament brought together the cricket teams of the Faculty of Medicine, SUSL and the Faculty of Medicine, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka. The event encouraged students to engage actively in sports while fostering camaraderie and healthy competition between the two faculties. Demonstrating an impressive performance, the SUSL Faculty of Medicine cricket team emerged victorious, securing the championship in the memorable encounter.

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Fostering fellowship and strengthening relationships within the medical community, the Pedura Musical Programme, “ඉසිවර ස්වර 2025”, organized by the Aesthetic Society of the Faculty of Medicine, was held on 26th November 2025. The event brought together consultants of the Teaching Hospital Ratnapura, academic staff, and students of the Faculty of Medicine in a relaxed and entertaining setting. The programme aimed to create opportunities for interaction beyond the academic environment and to strengthen mutual understanding and good relationships between medical students and the consultants of the Teaching Hospital Ratnapura.

Inauguration Ceremony



Marking the beginning of a new academic journey, the Inauguration Ceremony of the 8th Batch was held with the participation of the Vice Chancellor, Deans, and academic staff of the university. The ceremony welcomed the new students to university life and provided an opportunity to introduce them to the academic environment, expectations, and opportunities ahead.

Varsity Battle 2025

Demonstrating exceptional knowledge and competitive spirit, two teams representing Batch 3 and Batch 5 of the Faculty of Medicine, SUSL secured First and Second Places, respectively, at the Varsity Battle 2025 – Cluster 3 Inter-Faculty Competition. Organized by the Securities and Exchange Commission of Sri Lanka (SEC) in collaboration with the Colombo Stock Exchange (CSE), the prestigious national inter-university quiz competition provided a platform for students to demonstrate their knowledge and intellectual abilities. With their outstanding performances, both SUSL teams earned the opportunity to represent the university at the national-level competition.



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SSLSAS 2025



Promoting student research and scholarly engagement, the 11th Sabaragamuwa Social Sciences and Languages Students' Annual Symposium was held on 14th July 2025. The symposium provided a valuable platform for students to present their research, engage in academic discussions, and exchange knowledge and ideas with their peers. It also encouraged scholarly collaboration and contributed to fostering a vibrant research culture among students in the fields of social sciences and languages.



A Taste of Japan

Celebrating Japanese culture through culinary traditions, the Shikikai Japanese Language Association, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, organized “Umami Fest Season 2” on 19th August 2025. The event provided students with an engaging opportunity to experience and appreciate Japanese cuisine while learning about aspects of Japanese cultural heritage. A variety of authentic Japanese dishes, including Nama Choco, Dango, Senbei, Tempura, and Dorayaki, were prepared and served, creating an enjoyable setting for cultural interaction. The event also encouraged active student participation, fostering intercultural understanding and



Modern Translator

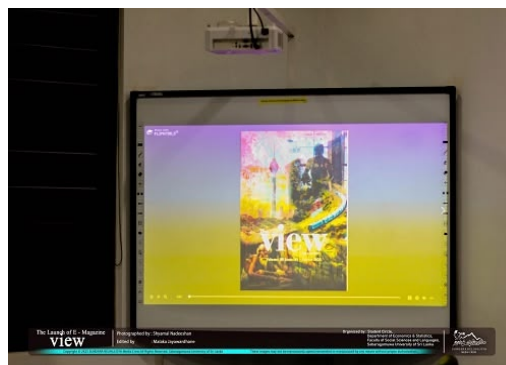
Exploring the evolving role of translators in the global publishing landscape, the Research Center for China–Sri Lanka Economic Development and Cultural Exchange, together with the Chinese Society, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, organized a workshop on “The Modern Translator: Navigating Literature, Law, and Technology in Global Publishing” on 21st August 2025. The programme aimed to provide participants with

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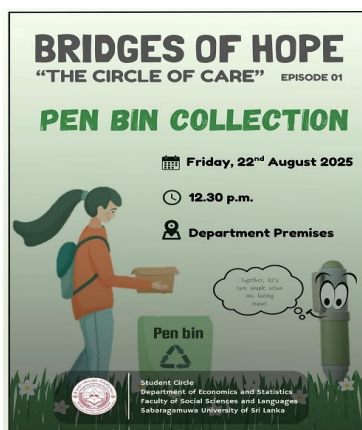
insights into contemporary translation practices and the growing intersection of literature, legal considerations, and technology in global publishing. The session was conducted by Mr. Pradeep Gamage, CEO of Goodreads Lanka (Pvt) Ltd., who shared perspectives on the changing demands of the translation profession and the opportunities and challenges emerging from technological developments in the publishing industry.



View



The Student Circle of the Department of Economics and Statistics marked another milestone in student creativity and intellectual engagement with the launch of View Magazine, Volume 05, Issue 01, held on 21st August 2025. The publication provides a platform for students to share their ideas, perspectives, creative work, and academic interests, while encouraging a culture of communication, knowledge sharing, and student participation within the department.



From Waste to Change

Promoting environmental responsibility and sustainable practices, “Bridges of Hope” – The Circle of Care, organized by the Student Circle of the Department of Economics and Statistics, was held on 22nd August 2025 at the Department premises. As part of the initiative, the Pen Bin Collection programme focused on raising awareness of plastic waste and encouraging students and staff to adopt responsible recycling practices. The project contributed to reducing environmental pollution, promoting sustainable habits, and fostering a stronger culture of responsible waste management within the university community.

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Sparking Young Minds



Inspiring young minds to believe in themselves and pursue their aspirations with confidence, the Student Circle of the Department of Economics and Statistics organized the “Speak to Inspire” Programme on 26th August 2025 at R/Pathakada Buddhist Maha Vidyalaya. The programme encouraged students to embrace challenges, develop self-confidence, and pursue their dreams while providing motivation and guidance towards a brighter future.

Data into Insights



The Student Circle of the Department of Economics and Statistics organized a workshop titled “Unlock the Power of Data with Power BI” on 16th September 2025. The session was conducted by Ms. Dhanushi Balasooriya, Executive Officer, Department of Management Information Systems, Janashakthi Insurance PLC, who shared valuable industry knowledge and practical insights into data analytics and visualization. The workshop provided students with an opportunity to enhance their understanding of Power BI and its applications in data analysis, visualization, and data-driven decision-making, while gaining exposure to current industry practices.

Next Academic Journey



Supporting the professional growth of newly recruited academics, the Faculty Academic Mentoring Steering Committee, organized an introductory session for the Faculty Academic Mentoring Programme – FSSL 2025 on 23rd September 2025. The programme was conducted in line with the Policy on Mentoring for Academics introduced by the university and was aimed at probationary and temporary lecturers of the faculty. The session introduced the objectives and framework of the mentoring programme, highlighting the importance of collaboration, reflective practice, and continuous academic development. It also provided participants with an overview of how the mentoring programme would support their professional growth and development as early-career academics.



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English & Education



Expanding opportunities for advanced study and professional development in English and education, the Sabaragamuwa University introduced and promoted the Master of Arts (MA) and Postgraduate Diploma (PGD) in English & Education – 2026 programme on 04th October 2025. The programme was presented to prospective local and international students interested in English language teaching, English literature, and teacher education, highlighting the academic and professional opportunities offered through postgraduate study. Further, the programme provided prospective students with an

overview of the available study pathways and the potential for further academic and professional advancement in the fields of English and education.

Strengthening Profiles

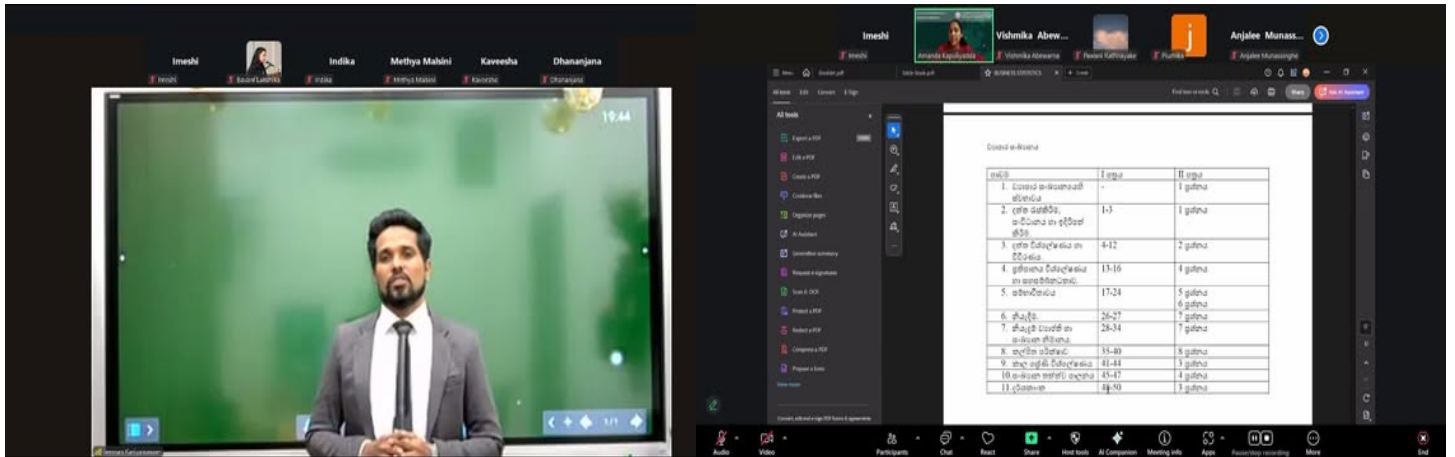


Strengthening the capacity of academic staff to enhance their research visibility and publication success, the Quality Assurance Cell of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, SUSL, organized a workshop on "Strengthening Academic Profiles for Research Publication Success" on 07th October 2025 at the CC1 Lab, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. The programme was designed to enhance participants' understanding of the importance of developing and maintaining a strong academic presence in the digital space and its role in supporting research dissemination and publication success. The workshop was conducted by Mr. I. D. K. L. Fernando, Senior Assistant Librarian, and Ms. T. Warnasooriya, Assistant Librarian, of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The session provided academic staff with practical insights into strengthening their digital academic profiles and improving their visibility within the scholarly community.

Preparing for Success

Supporting students in their preparation for the 2025 G.C.E. Advanced Level Examination, the Student Circle of the Department of Economics and Statistics, in collaboration with the Alumni Association, organized a series of online seminars on 11th, 19th, and 25th October 2025. The seminars covered Information Technology and Business Statistics, providing participants with academic guidance, subject-related knowledge, and valuable support in their examination preparation. The initiative also reflected the department's commitment to extending its academic support and expertise beyond the university community.

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Aharam: Culture, Connection and Harmony



Celebrating the richness of Tamil cultural heritage, the Tamil Unit of the Department of Languages, organized “Aharam – Tamil Cultural Event 2025” on 15th October 2025. The event featured a vibrant display of Tamil cultural traditions through a range of performances and exhibits, providing students with an opportunity to engage with and appreciate diverse cultural expressions. It also contributed to fostering intercultural understanding, strengthening student engagement, and promoting harmony within the university community.

AI Meets English Education



The Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages conducted a five-day workshop series on “Integrating AI into English Language Pedagogy and Assessment” from 13th to 17th October 2025. The programme brought together English lecturers from multiple faculties specializing in ESL, ESP, and Translation Studies, undergraduate students from SUSL and Uva Wellassa University, and curriculum developers and Board of Studies members involved in postgraduate programme revision. The workshop was designed to equip English lecturers with practical knowledge and tools for integrating artificial intelligence into language teaching and assessment, while encouraging students to use AI responsibly in language learning and academic writing. It also provided a collaborative platform to revise the CALL module of the MA/PGD in English and Education to incorporate contemporary AI-enhanced practices. The sessions were conducted by Dr. Usree Bhattacharya, Associate Professor of TESOL and World Languages, Department of Language and Literacy Education, University of Georgia, who shared valuable expertise on the emerging role of AI in English language education.

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Translation Day 2025

Fostering academic exchange and collaboration in the field of translation studies, the Department of Translation Studies, University of Jaffna, organized "Translation Day 2025" from 14th to 15th October 2025 at the University of Jaffna. Prof. Manoj Ariyaratne of the Department of Languages, SUSL, participated as a guest speaker, while members of the Translation Students' Association (TSA), Department of Languages, SUSL, also took part in the event. The programme provided an enriching platform for knowledge sharing, academic discussion, and inter-university collaboration. Participation exposed students and academics to diverse perspectives, approaches, and practices in translation studies, further strengthening academic connections between the two universities.



A Night of Rhythm



Bringing together music, entertainment, and cultural diversity, the Calypso Night Extravaganza was held on 29th October 2025. The event created a vibrant and enjoyable atmosphere for students, providing an opportunity to relax, interact, and celebrate through music and entertainment. It also fostered cultural appreciation, strengthened student interaction, and contributed to a greater sense of community within the university.

Chinese Language Teaching

Supporting the advancement of Chinese language education in schools, the Confucius Classroom of SUSL, with the support of the Department of Languages, organized a Chinese Language Workshop for School Teachers on 18th November 2025. The workshop focused on enhancing teachers' competencies in Chinese language teaching and providing practical support for the effective delivery of Chinese language education in school settings. The programme also contributed to strengthening the capacity of teachers and promoting the

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continued development of Chinese language learning in schools.

Fulbright Opportunities



Promoting awareness of international academic opportunities, the United States–Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission, in collaboration with the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, organized an awareness session on “Fulbright Opportunities and EducationUSA” on 17th November 2025. The session was conducted by Dr. Patrick McNamara, Executive Director of the United States–Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission, and provided participants with valuable information on international scholarship opportunities and academic pathways in the United States. The programme also featured an engaging discussion, enabling participants to clarify their interests and gain a better understanding of opportunities for further academic and professional development.

Better Teaching



M. D. N. M. U. Mahawaththa, who shared valuable insights into contemporary teaching and classroom management practices.

2025 CHINESE LANGUAGE WORKSHOP
FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS OF SABARAGAMUWA AND UVA PROVINCES

Panel of Experts
Dr. Noel Dassanayake
Ms. Rangan Ranasinghe
Ms. Xia Zi Han
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Join us for an engaging workshop on Chinese language, culture, translation, and literature. Explore the richness of Chinese traditions, discover the art of translation, and experience how literature connects classrooms across cultures.

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The Faculty Academic Mentoring Steering Committee (FMSC) organized Mentoring Session II on “Teaching and Classroom Management” on 18th November 2025 for newly recruited academics. The session aimed to strengthen their teaching competencies through effective lesson planning, student-centred engagement strategies, and the integration of technology into classroom practice. The programme provided practical guidance on creating engaging learning environments and adopting effective teaching approaches to meet the diverse needs of undergraduate students. The session was conducted by Dr.

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Mentoring for Success



As part of its continued academic support for school students, the Department of English Language Teaching (DELT) conducted Mentoring Session IV on “Student Wellbeing and Mentoring” on 24th and 25th November 2025 at R/Muththettuwegama Vidyalaya. The programme was conducted with the contribution of DELT staff and focused on supporting students in their preparation for the G.C.E. Ordinary Level English Examination. In addition to academic guidance, the session addressed students’ wellbeing and encouraged them to approach their studies with greater confidence, motivation, and a positive mindset.

Shaping Professional Excellence



The Faculty Academic Mentoring Programme for Newly Recruited Academics conducted Mentoring Session III on “Personal Grooming, Professional Development, and Ethics” on 13th December 2025. The session aimed to enhance the professional development of newly recruited academics by providing guidance on personal grooming, communication etiquette, presentation skills, and the maintenance of professional ethics. The programme was conducted by Prof. T. C. Gamage of the Department of Marketing Management, Faculty of Management Studies. Prof. Rohan Abeywickrama, Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages, attended the session as the Special Invitee.

Guiding the Guides



The Faculty Academic Mentoring Steering Committee of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages organized a group mentoring programme for newly recruited academics on 15th December 2025 at the Skill Development Centre, Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages. The programme aimed to provide newly recruited academics with guidance on effective mentoring practices and practical strategies to enhance the wellbeing of undergraduate students. The session was conducted by Prof. W. M. J. Welgama of the Department of Social Sciences, who shared valuable insights and practical approaches to supporting and mentoring students throughout their academic journey.

Staff Achievements

Excellence Beyond the University



A proud moment for the Department of Sports Sciences and Physical Education and Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Mr. Pathum Weerakkody was appointed as the Head of Delegation for Team Sri Lanka at the prestigious 29th Asian Youth Table Tennis Championship 2025. The championship was held in Tashkent, Uzbekistan, from 26th June to 02nd July 2025, bringing together the region's most promising young table tennis players.

SUSRED Award 2025



Recognizing excellence in postgraduate research supervision, a supervisory team comprising Prof. Hasintha Wijesekara, Dr. Sasimali Zoysa, Prof. Meththika Vithanage, Prof. Anushka Rajapaksha, and Prof. Nadeeshani Nanayakkara received the SUSRED Award 2025, presented by the National Science Foundation, Sri Lanka. The award acknowledged their outstanding supervision of the postgraduate research project titled “Microplastics-Bound Transport of Pharmaceuticals, Personal Care and Consumer Care Products (PPCPs), and Toxic Trace Metals in Water.” The award ceremony took place in Colombo on 16th July 2025.

A Milestone in Medical Excellence



Dr. Chamani Gamakaranage, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Medicine, successfully obtaining Board Certification as a Specialist in Clinical Haematology.

Staff Achievements

Doctoral Degree Completion



Dr. H. J.M. Yoganjana S. Menike, Senior Lecturer (G.II) at the Department of Tourism Management completed her Doctor of Philosophy at the University of Potsdam, Germany.

Masters Degree Completion



Ms. H.K.D.W.M.N. Amali Hapuhinna, Lecturer at the Department of Accountancy & Finance completed her MSc. in Management at the University of Sri Jayewardenapura.



Ms. P.M.A.S.Pathiraja, Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Accountancy & Finance completed her Master of Philosophy at the Faculty of Law, University of Colombo.



Ms. S.H.M.L. Walakumbura, Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Accountancy & Finance completed her MSc. in Management at the University of Sri Jayewardenapura.

Student Achievements

SUSL Shines at National ICT Awards



Demonstrating excellence in postgraduate innovation and information and communication technology, Mr. P. A. Fernando, a PhD candidate of the Faculty of Postgraduate Studies, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, received two prestigious recognitions for his outstanding project. He emerged as the winner of the ICT Student Award in the Postgraduate Category at the Computer Society of Sri Lanka (CSSL) Awards. He also received the Bronze Award 2025 for the Best Postgraduate Project in the Postgraduate Student Projects category at the National ICT Awards – NBQSA 2025. These achievements highlight his academic excellence and innovative contribution to the field of ICT, while bringing recognition to Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka at the national level. Mr. Fernando's research was guided by Prof. H. K. S. Premadasa of the Centre for Computer Studies, SUSL.

Raising Awareness, Winning Hearts



Demonstrating creativity and commitment to raising awareness about cancer, Ms. R. K. Umedha Sewmini of the 5th batch of the Faculty of Medicine secured first place in the most popular video award at a cancer awareness video competition organized for undergraduates of Sri Lankan universities. The competition was held as part of the celebrations of the College of Pathologists of Sri Lanka.

Shines in Pediatrics Quiz



Demonstrating strong academic knowledge and competitive spirit, the Faculty of Medicine, SUSL secured third place at the Inter-Medical Faculty Pediatrics Quiz 2025. The competition was organized by the Sri Lanka College of Paediatricians, bringing together medical students from faculties of medicine across the country.

New Appointments



Prof. H. U. S. Pradeep, Department of Social Sciences, has been appointed as the Proctor of the Sabaragamuwa University with effect from 03rd November 2025.



Dr. M.P. Milinda Piyasena, has been appointed as the Head of the Department of Surveying and Geodesy.



Ms. N.A.L.D. Randi Silva, has been appointed as the Head of the Department of English Language Teaching.

Promotions



Dr. L.D. Lekamge, Department of Natural Resources, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade I).

Promotions



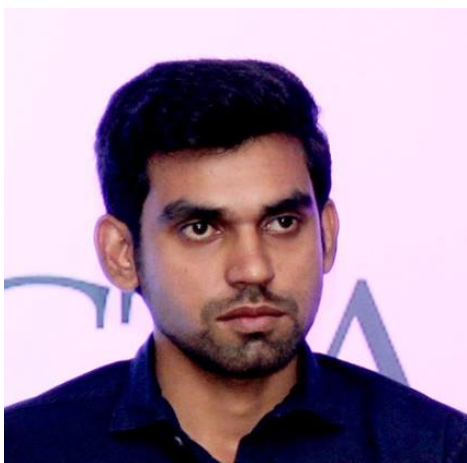
Dr. M.G.A.N. Perera, Department of Physical Sciences and Technologies, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade I).



Dr. C.N.R. Wijesundara, Department of Tourism Management, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade I).



Mr. G.A.C.A. Herath, Department of Computing and Information Systems, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II).



Mr. H.M.K.T. Gunawardhana, Department of Computing and Information Systems, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II).

Promotions



Ms. Ms. A.D. Maxworth, Department of English Language Teaching, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II).



Ms. N.A.L.D. Randi Silva, Department of English Language Teaching, was promoted to the post of Senior Lecturer (Grade II).



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Sabaragamuwa University Day 2026 will be held in February 2026 as a significant annual occasion to commemorate the establishment and development of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The event will bring together members of the university community, including academic and non-academic staff, students, alumni, and other stakeholders, to celebrate the achievements, contributions, and continued growth of the University.

A range of academic and cultural activities will be organized as part of the celebration, including recognition of outstanding academic performance and distinguished contributions to the University. The occasion will provide an opportunity to reflect on the University's journey, achievements, and continued contribution to higher education and national development.



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