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Annual Convocation 2025: Honouring Scholarship, Celebrating Achievement

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, celebrated a significant milestone in its academic journey with the Annual General Convocation 2025, held on 4 and 5 October 2026 at the Nalliah Auditorium, under the leadership of Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Peratheepan. Mr. G. Pradeep Saputhanthri, Secretary to the Prime Minister, graced the first day of the ceremony as the Chief Guest.

A highlight of the occasion was the conferment of the Degree of Doctor of Literature (Honoris Causa) on Emeritus Professor Sivasubramaniam Pathmanathan in recognition of his distinguished scholarly standing. The first day also witnessed the awarding of postgraduate qualifications, including the Master of Science in Agriculture (1), Master of Arts (2), Master of Development Economics (14) and Postgraduate Diploma in Management (3).

Over the two-day ceremony, a total of 1,966 graduands celebrated the culmination of their academic pursuits, with 985 graduands receiving their qualifications on the first day and 981 on the second. The event marked a proud occasion for the graduates, their families and the University community, reflecting the dedication and perseverance that underpin academic achievement.

The Convocation was further enriched by vibrant cultural traditions. Traditional cultural troupes from the Department of Fine Arts and the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies led the procession of students and staff, while the melodious Nathaswaram troupe led the Chancellor's procession into the Convocation Auditorium, adding colour, dignity and cultural splendour to this memorable celebration of academic success.



Honouring Service, Celebrating Excellence

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, celebrated long service recognition and research excellence at the Meritorious Service Awards, Felicitation to Retired Staff – 2025 and Vice-Chancellor's Award for Output-Based Research – 2024, held on 29 October 2025 at the Nalliah Auditorium. The ceremony commenced with an honour procession of the awardees and distinguished guests, followed by the welcome address by Mr. A. Sujendran, Senior Assistant Registrar. The Vice Chancellor, Prof. P. Peratheepan, honoured staff members who had completed 25, 30, 35 and 40 years of meritorious service in Academic, Administrative and Non-Academic positions, as well as retired staff members, presenting certificates, cash awards, medals and mementoes in recognition of their invaluable contributions to the University.

The ceremony also recognised outstanding researchers for their Output-Based Research achievements in 2024, highlighting the University's commitment to advancing scholarship and innovation. In his Chief Guest Address, the Vice Chancellor congratulated all award recipients and encouraged the academic community to pursue further excellence. The ceremony concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. V. Navirathan, Deputy Registrar, leaving a meaningful tribute to the spirit of service, and excellence at Eastern University.



AWARDS

Celebrating Research Excellence

The outstanding researchers of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, were honoured with Special Awards for Excellence in Research at the General Convocation 2025, held on 4 October 2025. The awards recognised their exceptional research contributions and their role in advancing the University's research excellence and international standing. Their achievements serve as an inspiration to the University community, encouraging innovation, collaboration, and the pursuit of knowledge that makes a meaningful impact on society.

**AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE in
RESEARCH and INNOVATION for
DRIVING GLOBAL IMPACT-2024**
*for the Best Global Impact on Research and
Innovation over the period 2018-2022*



Senior Prof. Andrew Gratien Johnpillai

**SABARATNAM PRIZE for
INTERVENTIONAL RESEARCH-2022**
*for the Best Research Publication
in Academic Discipline using
Interventional (Experimental) Approach*



Dr. Kandeeparoopan Prasannath

**SABARATNAM PRIZE for
INTERVENTIONAL RESEARCH-2022**
*for the Best Research Publication in
Academic Discipline using
Interventional (Experimental) Approach*



Dr. Karthikesu Karthijekan

**COOMARASAMY PRIZE for
OBSERVATIONAL RESEARCH-2022**
*for the Best Research Publication in
Academic Discipline using
Observational (Descriptive) Approach*



Prof. Kanesh Suresh

*“A little encouragement can restore confidence, a little kindness can change a day, and
a little understanding can bring people together.”*

Celebrating Research Excellence

**COOMARASAMY PRIZE for
OBSERVATIONAL RESEARCH-2022**
*for the Best Research Publication in
Academic Discipline using
Observational (Descriptive) Approach*



Prof. Thavanayagam Mathiventhan

**SABARATNAM PRIZE for
INTERVENTIONAL RESEARCH-2023**
*for the Best Research Publication in
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Interventional (Experimental) Approach*



Dr. Mohamed Salihu Mohamed Nafees

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Academic Discipline using
Interventional (Experimental) Approach*



Prof. Maheswaran Sithambaresan

**COOMARASAMY PRIZE for
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Academic Discipline using
Observational (Descriptive) Approach*



Dr. Ahamed Jalaldeen Mohamed Harris

*“Let every research question lead to deeper understanding, every collaboration create
new possibilities, and every discovery contribute something meaningful to the
advancement of knowledge and society.”*

Vice Chancellor's Award for Output-Based Research – 2024

Outstanding researchers of Eastern University, Sri Lanka, received the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Output-Based Research – 2024 at the Meritorious Service Awards and Felicitation to Retired Staff – 2025, held on 29 October 2025 at Nalliah Auditorium, reaffirming EUSL's commitment to research excellence and scholarly advancement.



Senior Prof. S. THIRUKKANESH

Senior Professor in Mathematics
Faculty of Science



Senior Prof. A. G. JOHNPILLAI

Senior Professor in Mathematics
Faculty of Science



Prof. T. BHAVAN

Professor in Economics
Faculty of Commerce and Management



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Faculty of Science



Prof. T. MATHIVENTHAN

Professor in Botany
Faculty of Science



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Faculty of Arts and Culture

Vice Chancellor's Award for Output-Based Research – 2024



Prof. V. THADCHANAMOORTHY

Professor in Paediatrics
Faculty of Health-Care Sciences



Prof. M. KONESWARAN

Professor in Chemistry
Faculty of Science



Prof. P. ELANGO

Professor in Mathematics
Faculty of Science



Prof. PRATHEEBA PRATHEESH

Professor in Management
Faculty of Commerce and Management



Prof. ROSHINI MURUGUPILLAI

Professor in Pharmacology
Faculty of Health-Care Sciences



Prof. P. MAYURATHAN

Professor in Medicine
Faculty of Health-Care Sciences

Vice Chancellor's Award for Output-Based Research – 2024



Prof. J. JEGANATHAN

Professor in Philosophy
Faculty of Arts and Culture



Dr. NIDYANANDAN PRATHEESH

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Faculty of Science



Dr. P. YOUHASAN

Senior Lecturer in Medical Education and Research
Faculty of Health-Care Sciences



Dr. K. KARTHIJEKAN

Senior Lecturer in Nursing
Faculty of Health-Care Sciences



Dr. A. L. M. RIFKY

Senior Lecturer in Biosystems Technology
Faculty of Technology



Mrs. T. PIO JUDE NAVINTHAN

Senior Lecturer in Mathematics
Faculty of Science

Vice Chancellor's Award for Output-Based Research – 2024



Mr. M. N. RAVIKUMAR
Senior Assistant Librarian
Main Library



Mrs. S. MAHESWARANATHAN
Senior Lecturer in Economics
Faculty of Commerce and Management



Ms. GENOOSHA NAMASSEVAYAM
Senior Lecturer in Nursing
Faculty of Health-Care Science



Mrs. JANARTHANI ARULNATHAN
Senior Lecturer in Pathophysiology
Faculty of Health-Care Science



*"The only way to discover the limits of the possible is to go beyond them
into the impossible."*

Arthur C. Clarke

THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD & FELICITATION TO THE RETIRED STAFF 2025

FELICITATION TO THE RETIRED STAFF 2025

Staff who have completed 40 years' services at EUSL as at 30.09.2025				
Wall Plaque				
No.	Full Name	Designation	Completion of 40 Years	Dept./Faculty
1	Senior Prof. Periyathamby Vinobaba	Senior Professor in Zoology	1985 - 2025	Dept. of Zoology/Science



Staff who have completed 35 years' services at EUSL as at 30.09.2025				
Gold plated Medal				
No.	Full Name	Designation	Completion of 35 Years	Dept./Faculty
1	Prof. (Mrs) Chandravathany George Devadason	Professor in Zoology	1990 - 2025	Dept. of Zoology/Science
2	Mrs. Sarasamalar Mohan	Rtd. Senior Staff Management Assistant	1990 - 2025	Office of the Dean/Science



Staff who have completed 30 years' services at EUSL as at 30.09.2025				
Silver Medal				
No.	Full Name	Designation	Completion of 30 Years	Dept./Faculty
1	Mr. Rasiah Mohan	Audio Visual Technical Officer Gr. I	1994 - 2024	Office of the Vice-Chancellor
2	Mr. Soosainathan Satheeskumar	Security Inspector Gr. I	1994 - 2024	Security Unit
3	Mr. Velappan Pragash	Senior Assistant Registrar	1995 - 2025	CEDEC
4	Prof. Thanabalasingam Krishnamohan	Professor in Political Science	1995 - 2025	Dept. of Social Sciences/Arts & Culture

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5	Prof. Saravanamutthu Jeyarajah	Professor in Economics	1995 - 2025	Dept. of Economics/ Commerce & Mgt.
6	Mr. Muniyandi Ravi	Senior Lecturer Gr. I in Philosophy	1995 - 2025	Dept. of Philosophy and Value Studies/ Arts & Culture



Staff who have completed 25 years' services at EUSL as at 30.09.2025				
Silver Medal				
No.	Full Name	Designation	Completion of 25 Years	Dept./Faculty
1	Professor Mylvaganam Pagthinathan	Professor in Animal Science	2000 - 2025	Dept. of Animal Science/ Agriculture
2	Dr. (Mrs) Niruba Sarath Jayasundara	Senior Lecturer Gr. I	2000 - 2025	Languages and Communication Studies/Communication & Business Studies, Trinco Campus
3	Mr. Gunasingham Parthiban	Senior Lecturer Gr. I in Chemistry	2000 - 2025	Department of Chemistry/Science
4	Mrs. Niranchana Somaskanthan	Senior Staff Mgt. Assistant	2000 - 2025	Dept. of Primary Health Care, FHCS,
5	Mrs. Nishanthi Nirumithan	Deputy Registrar	2000 - 2025	Academic Affairs Department
6	Mrs. Mohamed Sheriff Jahan Mumthaj Sameem	Deputy Registrar	2000 - 2025	Faculty of Arts & Culture
7	Mr. Sheltun Outschoorn	Driver (Special Grade)	2000 - 2025	General Services Division



THE MERITORIOUS SERVICE AWARD & FELICITATION TO THE RETIRED STAFF 2025

RETIRED STAFF MEMBERS				
No.	Full Name	Designation	Retired on..	Dept./Faculty
1	Mr. Vijayarajah Manirajah	Career Guidance Counsellor	18.11.2024	Career Guidance Unit
2	Mr. Arumugam Karunaharan	Security Guard (Supra Grade)	06.01.2025	Security Department
3	Dr. (Mrs) Shanthakumari Kesavan	Rtd. Professor in Hindu Civilization	11.01.2025	Dept. of Hindu Civilization/Arts & Culture
4	Mrs. Ruby Valentina Francis	Snr. Lecturer. Gr. I in Tamil	26.02.2025	Dept. of Tamil Studies/Arts & Culture
5	Mr. Satchithanantham Thiruchelvam	Laboratory Attendant Gr. III	31.03.2025	Dept. of Biosystems Technology/Technology
6	Mr. Sulaima Lebbai Hamsa	Storeman Gr. I	03.05.2025	Stores & Supplies Division
7	Mr. Kandiah Rajagopal	Senior Farm Supervisor	26.05.2025	University Farm
8	Mrs. Sarasamalar Mohan	Senior Staff Management Assistant	08.06.2025	Office of the Dean/Science
9	Ms. Kalaimathy Subramaniam	Instructress Gr. III in English	19.06.2025	DELT
10	Mr. Velu Shanmugarajah	Health Service Labourer (Special Grade I)	20.07.2025	Dept. of Crop Science/Agriculture
11	Mr. Sivalingam Yogarasa	Works Aid (Special Grade)	18.09.2025	Dept. of Botany/Science
12	Mrs. Shanthi Koneshwaran	Management Assistant Gr. I	16.04.2025	SVIAS



“Behind every successful university are countless people whose dedication may not always be seen, whose contributions may not always be celebrated, and whose efforts nevertheless make a lasting difference. Every role matters, every sincere effort counts, and every individual has the power to strengthen the institution through professionalism, kindness, and commitment.”

India-EUSL Partnership Strengthens Student Opportunities

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, had the honour of welcoming His Excellency Mr. Santosh Jha, High Commissioner of India, Madam Jha, and a delegation from the Indian High Commission on 30 October 2025 at the Nalliah Auditorium for the Scholarship Awarding Ceremony – 2025 under the Government of India's Financial Assistance Scheme. Through this initiative, 100 undergraduates of the 2025/2026 academic year will each receive a monthly stipend of LKR 7,500, providing a total annual assistance of LKR 9 million to support their academic journey and well-being.



Welcoming the distinguished delegation, Prof. P. Peratheepan, Vice Chancellor, highlighted the longstanding educational partnership between India and Eastern University. His Excellency Mr. Santosh Jha reaffirmed India's commitment to strengthening educational ties and creating greater opportunities for Sri Lankan youth. The ceremony was further enriched by vibrant cultural performances by students of the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies (SVIAS) and concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. V. Alagaretnam, Coordinator, International Affairs Division. The occasion reflected the enduring India-EUSL partnership in empowering students and advancing higher education.

Strengthening English Education through US-EUSL Partnership

Eastern University, Sri Lanka, welcomed officials from the United States Embassy in Colombo on 6 November 2025 to review the progress of the ongoing English Language Fellow Program, a collaborative initiative aimed at strengthening the English language skills of EUSL undergraduates. During the visit, Dr. Steven Walter, Public Diplomacy Officer, and Ms. Aruni Peiris, English Language Program Coordinator, paid a courtesy call on Prof. P. Peratheepan, Vice Chancellor, where they discussed the programme's objectives, initial outcomes and future directions. The visit further strengthened the academic and educational partnership between the US Embassy and EUSL.



FACULTY OF ARTS & CULTURE

Celebrating History and Heritage: History Day 2025 at Eastern University

The Department of History, Faculty of Arts and Culture, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, celebrated History Day 2025 on 7 October 2025 at the Arts Auditorium. Prof. V. Gunapalasingam, Dean, Faculty of Arts and Culture, graced the occasion as Chief Guest, while Prof. S. Pathmanathan, Emeritus Professor, University of Peradeniya, delivered the special talk titled “Thirukonamalaiyil Velaikkararum Vannipankalum Kalingarayanum Kaalinka Maganum,” exploring the historical significance of the region. The event commenced with the traditional lighting of the oil lamp and an introductory address by Mrs. G. Luxmykanthan, Head, Department of History. The distinguished guests were honoured by the Department, while an exhibition and an engaging programme involving local school students and teachers added further value to the celebration, continuing the University’s longstanding tradition of community engagement.



FACULTY OF SCIENCE

Faculty Day 2025: A Celebration of Talent and Togetherness

The Faculty of Science celebrated Faculty Day 2025 on 8 October 2025 at the Nalliah Auditorium, with Prof. P. Peratheepan, Vice Chancellor, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, as the Chief Guest. The celebration featured vibrant dance performances, creative presentations and student-led artistic displays, adding colour and energy to the occasion. Mrs. T. Pio Jude Navinthan, Dean of the Faculty of Science, also addressed the gathering, making the event a memorable celebration of the Faculty’s talent, creativity and community spirit.

“When individual talents unite behind a shared purpose ordinary efforts can produce extraordinary results.”

CAREER GUIDANCE UNIT

Preparing Students for Success: Interview Skills Seminar

The Career Guidance Unit, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, conducted a seminar on “How to Face an Interview” on 13 October 2025 at the Seminar Hall of the Career Guidance Unit for students of the 2021/2022 academic year, Faculty of Arts and Culture. The session was facilitated by Mrs. Pranaha Thineswaran, Career Guidance Counsellor, EUSL, who provided students with valuable guidance on effectively preparing for and facing interviews with confidence.



Promoting Awareness on STI and HIV among Technology Students

The Career Guidance Unit, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the Regional Directorate of Health Services, Batticaloa, conducted an Awareness Programme on STI and HIV on 23 October 2025 at the Seminar Hall, Faculty of Technology, for First-Year, First-Semester students of the Faculty of Technology. Dr. Nishan Gunarathna, Acting Consultant Venereologist, STD Clinic, and Dr. T. Thivakaran, Medical Officer, STD Clinic, Regional Directorate of Health Services, Batticaloa, served as Resource Persons, providing students with important awareness and guidance on STI and HIV prevention and health-related practices.



From Campus to Workplace: Agriculture Students Gain Industry Exposure

The Career Guidance Unit, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, organised an Exposure Visit to Brandix Apparel Solutions (Pvt) Limited, Batticaloa, on 4 November 2025 for students of the 2021/2022 academic year, Faculty of Agriculture. Mrs. T. Kishani, Executive – Human Resources, Brandix Apparel Solutions (Pvt) Limited, served as the Resource Person and provided students with valuable insights into the corporate workplace and human resource practices, enriching their understanding of professional life beyond the University.



Strengthening English Communication Skills for Future Professionals

The Career Guidance Unit, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, conducted a session on “Enhancing Communication Skills in English” on 11 November 2025 at the Department of English Language Teaching (DELT), EUSL, for students of the 2022/2023 academic year, Faculty of Technology. The session was conducted by Mr. Kevin Anderson, English Language Fellow, United States Embassy in Sri Lanka, providing students with valuable guidance to strengthen their English communication skills for academic and professional success.



Entrepreneurship Skills for Tomorrow's Innovators

An Entrepreneurship Development Programme was conducted on 22 November 2025 at the Department of English Language Teaching, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, for Third Year First Semester students of the Faculty of Technology. The programme featured Mr. S. Rajasingam, Master Trainer – Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB), who spoke on “How to Make a Successful Business,” and Mr. S. Kamalanathan, Master Trainer – SIYB and Enterprise Development Officer, Berendina Micro Investment Company Ltd., who guided students on preparing business plans and business games. Mr. V. Manirajah, Trainer – SIYB (KAB) and Career Guidance Counsellor, also contributed to the programme, strengthening students’ entrepreneurial knowledge and practical business skills.



CENTER FOR QUALITY ASSURANCE (CQA)

Driving Continuous Improvement at Trincomalee Campus

The Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA), Eastern University, Sri Lanka, conducted the First Progress Review Meeting on the Institutional Internal Review (IIR) Action Plan of the Trincomalee Campus on 1 October 2025 at the Rector's Office Boardroom. Led by Prof. P. Elango, Director, CQA, the meeting reviewed the implementation status of IIR recommendations and identified key next steps for sustained progress. The session brought together the Rector, Deans, IIR Action Plan Coordinator, Criterion Chairpersons and Faculty Quality Assurance Coordinators, strengthening institutional commitment to quality enhancement, continuous improvement and academic excellence.



Strengthening Quality Standards in Siddha Medicine Education

The Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA), Eastern University, Sri Lanka, conducted a Quality Audit of the Bachelor of Siddha Medicine & Surgery programme of the Faculty of Siddha Medicine on 1 October 2025 at the Faculty premises.

The audit assessed the programme against the standards of the Programme Review Manual and the Sri Lanka Qualifications Framework (SLQF). Prof. P. Elango, Director, CQA, reviewed relevant documentation and held discussions with Dr. (Mrs.) Balamanohary Uthayanan, FQAC Coordinator; Dr. K. Vidya Dharshini, Chairman, Faculty Curriculum Development Committee; and Mr. M. N. M. Shakoor, Assistant Registrar. Dr. V. Anavarathan, Dean, also joined discussions on the audit outcomes, reinforcing the Faculty's commitment to quality assurance and continuous academic improvement.



Advancing Quality Assurance Across EUSL



The Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA), Eastern University, Sri Lanka, conducted a strategic discussion on the "Implementation of Quality Assurance Mechanisms at the Centres, Units, and Cells of EUSL" on 14 October 2025 at the University Boardroom. Facilitated by Prof. P. Elango, Director, CQA, the session focused on establishing a clear and consistent reporting framework for Directors and Coordinators, in line with the recommendations of the Institutional Review 2023. Key areas included service quality, compliance with Institutional and Programme Review standards, and effective feedback and corrective-action mechanisms, reinforcing EUSL's commitment to institutional excellence and continuous quality improvement.

Turning IIR Recommendations into Action at SVIAS



The Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA), Eastern University, Sri Lanka, conducted the Second Meeting to Finalize the Action Plan for implementing the Internal Institutional Review (IIR) recommendations of the Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies (SVIAS) on 28 October 2025 at the SVIAS Boardroom. Coordinated by Prof. P. Elango, Director, CQA, the meeting brought together the Director, Heads of Departments, academic and administrative staff, SER Writing Team members and the FQAC Coordinator to review and interpret the recommendations and finalize appropriate actions for their effective implementation. The collaborative process strengthened SVIAS's commitment to quality assurance, accountability and continuous institutional improvement.

Building on Audit Findings, Preparing for What's Next

The Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA), Eastern University, Sri Lanka, conducted a discussion on the Quality Audit Report of the Bachelor of Commerce (Honours) degree programme on 12 November 2025 at the Faculty Boardroom, organised by the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell (FQAC), Faculty of Commerce and Management. Facilitated by Prof. P. Elango, Director, CQA, the session focused on planning the implementation of audit recommendations and preparing for the Bachelor of Business Administration (Honours) programme's forthcoming quality audit in January 2026. Academic staff, the Senior Assistant Registrar, Management Assistants and FQAC Coordinator participated in the discussion, strengthening the Faculty's systematic approach to evidence-based quality enhancement and audit preparedness.



Empowering Students in Quality Assurance

The Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA), Eastern University, Sri Lanka, conducted an Awareness Programme on Programme Review for Student Representatives on 26 November 2025 at the Seminar Hall, Staff Development Centre. Designed for Student Union members and batch representatives of the Faculty of Arts and Culture, the session, led by Prof. P. Elango, Director, CQA, introduced students to the Programme Review process, with particular emphasis on teaching and learning, assessment and examination practices. The programme encouraged meaningful student participation in university quality assurance and continuous improvement initiatives.



TRINCOMALEE CAMPUS

A Day with CIPM: Bridging HR Learning with Professional Practice

Final-year undergraduates of the BSc Honours in Human Resource Management at the Trincomalee Campus gained valuable exposure to professional HR practice through “A Day with CIPM: Learning HR in Practice,” organised by the Chartered Institute of Personnel Management (CIPM) on 3 October 2025 at CIPM Colombo.

A total of 34 students, accompanied by Mrs. Anuja Raveenther, Senior Lecturer in Management, participated in the special session, which featured expert-led discussions on becoming a world-class HR professional, future-ready HR skills and career pathways, LinkedIn strategies for HR graduates, and research proposal writing and HR publications.



The sessions were conducted by leading CIPM professionals, including Mr. G. Weerathunga, Director of Professional and Academic Affairs; Mr. Anushka Earskin, Director of the Business School; Ms. Thilini Kelaniyage, Manager of the Business School; and Ms. Kamani Perera, Manager of Research and Development. The programme provided students with practical insights into the evolving HR profession and the skills needed to confidently transition from university learning to the world of work.

Empowering Young Voices Through Filmmaking

Short filmmaking workshops were conducted for school students in the Batticaloa and Ampara Districts in preparation for the PAURA Short Film Competition, organised by the Election Commission in collaboration with the Department of Languages and Communication Studies, Trincomalee Campus.

The workshops were held at Methodist Central College, Batticaloa, on 3 November 2025 and the Ampara District Secretariat on 4 November 2025. Assistant Commissioner of Elections, Batticaloa, Mr. Regan, addressed students on democracy, elections and civic responsibility, while Mr. R. Joel Jairus, Resource Person, provided practical training on story development, screenplay writing, camera techniques and editing.



Trincomalee Campus Shines at Cre8X 2.0 National UI/UX Competition

Students of the 2021/2022 batch of Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, participated in Cre8X 2.0, the National UI/UX Design Competition organised by General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU). A total of 15 teams represented the Campus, with two teams securing places among the Top 8 and advancing to the Grand Finale held at KDU on 4 October 2025. The finalists also participated in a special design workshop conducted by KDU industry experts, gaining valuable insights into UI/UX design. The competition provided students with an excellent opportunity to strengthen their creativity, teamwork, problem-solving and design skills, bringing pride to Trincomalee Campus.



International Research Conference (TRInCo 2025) Brings Global Academic Voices Together

The 7th International Research Conference – TRInCo 2025, organised by the Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, in collaboration with the Indian Maritime University, Chennai, India, was held on 23 October 2025 under the theme “Attaining Serenity Through a Sustainable Eco-Just Society: Bridging Cultures, Sciences, and Technologies.” Prof. P. Peratheepan, Vice Chancellor, EUSL, and Dr. Malini V. Shankar, Vice Chancellor, IMU, served as Patrons, while Prof. K. T. Sundaresan, Rector, Trincomalee Campus, served as Chair. Mr. M. S. Ishar Ali, Ms. T. Thanushya and Dr. Avinash Godey served as Co-Chairs; Dr. (Mrs.) B. Mithurendran as Secretary; Mr. V. J. Delima as Co-Secretary; and Dr. (Mrs.) Vijitha Paheerathan as Editor. Prof. Jayantha Lal Ratnasekera, Hon. Governor of the Eastern Province, graced the occasion as Chief Guest.



International Research Conference (TRInCo 2025) Brings Global Academic Voices Together

The Keynote Address featured by Dr. Ramesh Kanneganti, Chairman, National Security Studies Experts Committee, UGC, Government of India. The Scientific Dialogue brought together Prof. A. Sarveswaran, University of Colombo; Senior Professor Somasundaram Sutharsan, Eastern University, Sri Lanka; Senior Professor B. Nimalathasan, University of Jaffna; and Dr. Sabesan Sithamparanathan, Cambridge University, UK. Guest Speakers included Samithamby (“Jey”) Jeyaseelan, (USA); Dr. J. Martin Sam Gnanaraj, (India); Dr. Fahd Rasul, (Pakistan); Capt. S. Viswanathan, (India); Rohini Reenum, (India); Dr. N. Godhantaraman, (India); Dr. Siva K. P. Sivakumaran, (Australia), and Dr. Aruna Kammila, (India), representing leading academic and professional institutions. The conference featured 72 research papers covering business governance and social innovation, language and intercultural studies, AI and emerging technologies, health sciences, environmental sustainability, agricultural and marine sciences, and maritime studies.



Dr. C. Sylendra Babu Inspires Trincomalee Campus Students



The Keynote Address featured by Dr. Ramesh Kanneganti, Chairman, National Security Studies Experts Committee, UGC, Government of India. The Scientific Dialogue brought together Prof. A. Sarveswaran, University of Colombo; Senior Professor Somasundaram Sutharsan, Eastern University, Sri Lanka; Senior Professor B. Nimalathasan, University of Jaffna; and Dr. Sabesan Sithamparanathan, Cambridge University, UK. Guest Speakers included Samithamby (“Jey”) Jeyaseelan, (USA); Dr. J. Martin Sam Gnanaraj, (India); Dr. Fahd Rasul, (Pakistan); Capt. S. Viswanathan, (India); Rohini Reenum, (India); Dr. N. Godhantaraman, (India); Dr. Siva K. P. Sivakumaran, (Australia), and Dr. Aruna Kammila, (India), representing leading academic and professional institutions. The conference featured 72 research papers covering business governance and social innovation, language and intercultural studies, AI and emerging technologies, health sciences, environmental sustainability, agricultural and marine sciences, and maritime studies.

“Kathamba”: Street Drama Brings Social Messages to Life

Third-year students of the Department of Languages and Communication Studies (LCS) presented ten street dramas under the subject Folk Media on 28 October 2025. The performances, presented as “Kathamba,” creatively conveyed a range of important social messages through the art of street drama.



“Clean Sri Lanka” Street Drama at Trincomalee Campus

Students of Kuchchaveli Vivekananda Maha Vidyalayam presented a street drama themed “Clean Sri Lanka” at the Trincomalee Campus premises on 29 October 2025. The performance creatively highlighted the importance of cleanliness and social responsibility among the community.



Research Proposal and Methodology Workshop for Academic Staff

A workshop on “How to Write Research Proposals and Research Methodology” was conducted for the Academic Staff of the Trincomalee Campus on 30 October 2025 at the FCBS Auditorium. Prof. M. Koneswaran, Professor in Chemistry, served as the Resource Person, providing valuable guidance to participants on developing research proposals and strengthening research methodology.



Skill Expo 2025 Showcases Student Entrepreneurship

Skill Expo 2025 was held on 3 November 2025 at the Cafeteria of the Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, under the Business Skills I course. Organised by the 2022/2023 batch of the Department of Business & Management Studies, Faculty of Communication & Business Studies, the Expo featured 50 stalls showcasing innovative business ideas, products and services.

The event provided students with valuable hands-on experience in marketing, communication, teamwork, problem-solving and entrepreneurship, while strengthening their confidence and practical understanding of business operations.



Workshop on Professional Grooming and Workplace Etiquette

The Faculty Career Guidance Cell (FCGC) conducted a workshop on “Enhancing the Professional Image – Grooming & Etiquette” on 6 November 2025 at the Mini Auditorium, ITC Building, for the 2021/2022 batch of the Faculty of Applied Science. The session was facilitated by Mr. Vijayapala Sinnathamby, DBA Researcher and PhD Scholar, who provided practical guidance on professional grooming, interpersonal communication and workplace etiquette, helping students strengthen their professional image and conduct.



Celebrating Accounting Excellence: Trincomalee Campus Hosts ‘Accounting Insight 2025’

The Department of Business and Management Studies, Faculty of Communication and Business Studies, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka, successfully organised “Accounting Insight 2025”, a two-day event held on 10 and 11 November 2025, marking the first celebration of International Accounting Day at the Campus. The programme was conducted under the guidance of Dr. (Mrs.) L. Sooriyakumaran and Dr. (Mrs.) D. Ravichandran, Head of the Department, with the support of the academic staff.



The event featured sessions on career pathways in accounting by CA Sri Lanka, student presentations, debates on globalisation and accounting standards, and activities highlighting ethics and professionalism. The occasion was graced by Prof. T. Sundaresan, Rector of Trincomalee Campus (Chief Guest); Prof. N. Rajeshwaran, Dean, Faculty of Commerce and Management (Guest of Honour); and Mr. A. Athithanan from CA Sri Lanka, along with Deans, Heads of Departments and academic staff. The programme provided students with valuable academic and professional exposure to the accounting discipline.

Sharpening Scientific Writing Skills for Emerging Researchers

The Faculty Career Guidance Cell (FCGC) conducted the workshop “Scientific Writing Skills for Emerging Researchers” on 12 November 2025 from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the Smart Lecture Hall, Faculty of Applied Science. The in-person session was organized for the 2021/2022 batch of the Department of Computer Science and was facilitated by Dr. (Ms.) J. Samantha Tharani, Senior Lecturer (Grade II), Department of Computer Science, University of Jaffna.

The workshop aimed to strengthen students’ scientific writing and research communication skills, equipping emerging researchers with the foundational techniques required to produce high-quality academic documents. The session emphasized clarity, structure, precision, and ethical practices in research writing, supporting students in preparing effective research papers and scholarly outputs.

Key topics covered included the principles of scientific writing, structuring research papers, maintaining clarity and academic tone, literature review strategies, citation practices, and ethical considerations in research. Dr. Tharani delivered the session in a calm, composed, and highly engaging manner, ensuring students could comprehend and apply the concepts to their ongoing and future research work.

The workshop successfully enhanced the scientific writing competencies of undergraduate researchers, fostering skills in structuring, clarity, and ethical academic practices. The Faculty Career Guidance Cell extends its sincere gratitude to Dr. Tharani and all supporting staff for their contribution, making the session a valuable and impactful learning experience for the students.



From Circuits to Smart Systems: Students Explore Microcontroller Technology

The Faculty Career Guidance Cell (FCGC) successfully conducted the workshop “Microcontrollers” on 17–18 November 2025 for students of the Department of Computer Science and on 20–21 November 2025 for students of the Department of Physical Science. The sessions were held from 8.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. at the Electronics Laboratory in an in-person format and were facilitated by Eng. S. Jeyaram, Eng. R. Vinojan, along with the Demonstrators of the Department of Physical Science. The workshop aimed to enhance students’ understanding and practical skills in microcontroller programming, IoT applications, sensor interfacing, and embedded system development.



From Circuits to Smart Systems..... *contd.*

The sessions provided students with hands-on exposure to automation, robotics, and real-time electronic system implementation. Participants actively engaged in designing and assembling circuits, coding tasks, and hardware-based projects, including smart lighting, temperature and humidity monitoring, line follower robots, obstacle detection systems, and interactive servo motor-based applications. Students demonstrated enthusiasm, collaborated effectively in groups, and sought guidance to troubleshoot and optimize their projects. Feedback collected at the conclusion of the workshop indicated that students found the sessions highly practical, engaging, and valuable for improving their technical competencies. They expressed increased confidence in building electronic circuits and IoT systems and showed strong interest in participating in future hands-on workshops. The Faculty Career Guidance Cell extends its sincere appreciation to the resource persons and demonstrators for their guidance, which made the workshop a successful and impactful learning experience for all participants.



Robotic Competition – 2025: Battle of Line Following Bots

The Faculty Career Guidance Cell (FCGC), in collaboration with the Department of Physical Science, successfully conducted the Robotic Competition – 2025 on 27 November 2025 at the Electronics Laboratory, Faculty of Applied Science, Trincomalee Campus, Eastern University, Sri Lanka. The competition provided students with a practical platform to apply knowledge in applied electronics, microcontroller programming, and hardware–software integration.

A total of 11 teams—TechGenZ, Code Crushers, Nebula 2.0, Electro-Nova, A-Z, NanoNova, RoarTrackot, Tech Six, Error 404, AMECA, and 102—participated in designing microcontroller-based robots capable of line following, obstacle avoidance, path rerouting, and 360° turning. Teams were evaluated on task accomplishment, speed, hardware selection, code optimization, obstacle avoidance, and innovation. The event commenced with addresses by the Dean of FAS, the Rector of Trincomalee Campus, and the Head of the Department of Physical Science, followed by simultaneous pairwise competitions along parallel tracks.



Robotic Competition – 2025 contd.

The results of the competition were:

- Champion: RoarTrackot
- 1st Runner-up: NanoNova
- 2nd Runner-up: Code Crushers



The Champion Trophy was awarded by the Rector, while the 1st and 2nd Runner-up Trophies and Participation Certificates were presented by the Dean. Appreciation letters for resource persons and demonstrators were presented by the Head of the Department of Physical Science. The Robotic Competition – 2025 provided students with an invaluable hands-on learning experience in robotics, microcontroller systems, and problem-solving. The event fostered creativity, teamwork, and technical skills, aligning seamlessly with the objectives of the FCGC Action Plan 2025. The Faculty Career Guidance Cell extends its sincere appreciation to all participants, collaborating departments, and staff members for their support in making this event a success.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

ACTING DEANS OF THE FACULTIES



Prof. J. KENNEDY

Professor in English
Faculty of Arts and Culture

Acting Dean

Faculty of Graduate Studies

Eastern University, Sri Lanka
from 13/11/2025

until the necessary approvals are obtained
to fill the post permanently



Prof. N. VAMAN

Professor in Hindu Civilization
Dept. of Hindu Civilization

Acting Dean

Faculty of Arts and Culture

Eastern University, Sri Lanka
from 02/12/2025

NEW APPOINTMENTS

DIRECTOR



Prof. T. BHAVAN

Professor in Economics

Dept. of Economics

Faculty of Commerce and Management

Director

Strategic Planning and Statistical Unit

Eastern University, Sri Lanka

from 22/12/2025

HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS



Prof. P. M. HAMTHOON

Professor in Arabic

Head

Dept. of Arabic

Faculty of Arts and Culture

For Three Years from 01/10/2025.



Dr. M. B. FOWZUL

Senior Lecturer Gr. I in Islamic Studies

Head

Dept. of Islamic Studies,

Faculty of Arts and Culture

For Three Years from 01/11/2025.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

ACTING HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS



Dr. T. GERETHARAN
Senior Lecturer Gr. I in Crop Science
Dept. of Crop Science
Acting Head
Dept. of Crop Science
Faculty of Agriculture
For Two Months from 01/12/2025



Dr. (Mrs.) VANITHA PRASANNATH
Senior Lecturer Gr. II
Dept. of Biosystems Technology
Acting Head
Dept. of Multidisciplinary Studies
Faculty of Technology
For Two Months from 01/12/2025

COORDINATOR



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Senior Lecturer Gr. II
Dept. of Biosystems Technology
Faculty of Technology
Coordinator
Gender Equity & Equality (GEE) Cell
Eastern University, Sri Lanka
For One Year from 01/10/2025

NEW APPOINTMENTS

EXTENSION OF PERIOD COORDINATOR cum MANAGER



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Senior Lecturer Gr. I in Commerce
Dept. of Commerce
Faculty of Commerce and Management
**Coordinator cum Manager
Technopark**
Eastern University, Sri Lanka
Extended for Two Years from 25/11/2025

ACADEMIC CAREER GUIDANCE ADVISOR



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Lecturer in Anatomy
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Faculty of Human Biology
**Academic Career Guidance Advisor
Faculty of Health Care Sciences**
Eastern University, Sri Lanka
For Three Years from 06/11/2025

From the Chief Editor's Desk *"Reflecting on Our Journey, Envisioning Our Future"*

As another year draws to a close, it is an opportune moment to reflect on our journey, celebrate our achievements, and look ahead with renewed hope and determination. Every milestone we have reached represents the collective commitment, dedication, and perseverance of our university community.

Throughout the year, our University has continued its mission of advancing knowledge, promoting research, and serving society. Behind every achievement are the efforts of our academic and non-academic staff, the enthusiasm of our students, and the support of all those who believe in the transformative power of higher education. Together, we have demonstrated that meaningful progress is built not merely on individual accomplishments but on shared vision, mutual respect, and collective responsibility.

This newsletter captures some of the activities, accomplishments, and memorable moments that have shaped our journey. Each story is a reminder that even the smallest contribution can make a meaningful difference when guided by a common purpose.

As we welcome the year ahead, may we move forward with confidence, compassion, and an unwavering commitment to excellence. Let us continue to build a University that inspires its people, enriches its community, and illuminates the path towards a brighter future.

Together, let us celebrate how far we have come, cherish what we have achieved, and look forward to all that we can accomplish.

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