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## தமிழறிஞர்களைக் கௌரவித்து யாழ்ப்பாணப் பல்கலைக்கழகம்..!

கந்தையா கார்த்திகேசன் அறக்கொடை நிதியத்தின் முழுமையான நிதிப் பங்களிப்புடன் தமிழ்த்துறையினரால் ஒழுங்கு செய்யப்பட்ட இரண்டாவது அனைத்துலகத் தமிழியல் ஆய்வுமாநாடு 2021 நவம்பர் 16 ஆம் திகதி யாழ்ப்பாணப் பல்கலைக்கழக கௌரவபதி கலையரங்கில் நடைபெற்றது.

“பன்முக நோக்கில் சங்க இலக்கியம்” என்னும் கருப்பொருளில் நடைபெற்ற இம்மாநாட்டின் திறப்புரையினை தமிழ்த்துறையின் முன்னாள் தலைவரும் வாழ்நாள் பேராசிரியருமாகிய கலாநிதி. அ. சண்முகதாஸ் “வரலாற்றில் முன்னேற்றம்” என்னும் தலைப்பில் நிகழ்த்தியிருந்தார்.

தமிழ் மொழிக்கும் இலக்கியத்திற்கும் பணியாற்றிய புலமையாளர்கள் எழுவர் இந்த நிகழ்வில் கௌரவிக்கப்பட்டனர். இந்தவகையில் பண்டிதர்களான க. ஈஸ்வரநாதபிள்ளை, க. உமாமகேஸ்வரம்பிள்ளை, திருமதி. வைகுந்தம் கணேசபிள்ளை, மு. ச. வேலாயுதபிள்ளை, வீ. பரந்தாமன், ம. ந. கடம்பேஸ்வரன்,

கலாநிதி. செ. திருநாவுக்கரசு ஆகியோருக்கான கௌரவத்தை யாழ்ப்பாணப் பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர். சி. சிறிசுருணராஜா வழங்கியிருந்தார்.

மேலும், தஞ்சைவாணன்கோவை, திருவாதவூரடிகள் புராணம், சிறுவர் செந்தமிழ் ஆகிய மூன்று நூல்களும் கந்தையா கார்த்திகேசன் அறக்கொடை நிதியத்தின் உதவியுடன் தமிழ்த்துறையினால் மீள்பதிப்புச் செய்யப்பட்டு இவ்வரங்கில் வெளியிடப்பட்டன. மேற்படி நூல்களில் தஞ்சைவாணன்கோவை – யாழ்ப்பாணத்தவரான வித்துவான் ந. சுப்பையாபிள்ளையினாலும், திருவாதவூரடிகள் புராணம் – யாழ்ப்பாணம் மட்டுவில் ம. க. வேற் பிள்ளையினாலும் உரை எழுதப்பட்டனவாகும். தமிழகத்திலும் ஈழத்திலும் அவர்களின் உரைகள் அறிஞர்கள் மத்தியில் பெரும் புகழ் பெற்றனவாகும். இதனைக் கருத்திற்கொண்டே அறிதாகவுள்ள மேற்படி நூல்களை தமிழ்த்துறை மீள்பதிப்புச் செய்திருந்தது.

மேலும், ஆறு அமர்வுகளாக நடைபெற்ற ஆய்வரங்குகளில் அறுபத்துமூன்று (63) ஆய்வுக் கட்டுரைகள் படிக்கப்பட்டன.

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## Editorial – Pathivu

### Resilience Amidst Crisis: The Faculty of Arts during the Pandemic

The outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic has caused unprecedented disruption in almost all spheres of life. Education is among the areas that have been hit hard by the arrival of this virus. Due to social-distancing policies adopted by governments all over the world, many universities and educational institutions have been compelled to pause or cease teaching in the traditional classroom setting for considerably long periods. Academic activities in the Faculty of Arts of the University of Jaffna have also been affected for the last two years due to the pandemic.

The Faculty took swift measures to address the disruption caused by the pandemic. Teaching and learning activities were shifted to virtual classrooms. The academics of the Faculty have developed multimodal online teaching mechanisms to make teaching and learning safe, effective and accountable. These mechanisms enable both the student and the teacher to continue their educational activities from a safe environment without feeling isolated from the world of academia. They keep the students academically engaged during these challenging days so that they will be able to resume education in the physical classroom settings with ease once the pandemic recedes or ceases.

In order to make online education effective and to ensure accountability in teaching, the Faculty of Arts has prepared a set of guidelines for multimodal online teaching. This is a pioneering document for the entire University of Jaffna and has been received well by the academic community within and outside the University. The Faculty also conducted end-of-semester examinations successfully via online platforms with the limited technological facilities available.

Following the commencement of vaccination and with students getting adapted to the conditions created by the pandemic, the Faculty of Arts made efforts to commence face-to-face lectures from mid - 2021.

With the enormous support from the staff attached to the Faculty and the guidance offered by the university administration, teaching-learning activities are slowly returning to normal. Presently the students have been called for lectures and exams batch-wise. Appropriate safety measures are in place to meet the challenges the pandemic continues to cause.

The Faculty of Arts hope to switch to a blended method of education which will include teaching and learning activities conducted both online and in person. A blended approach, while enabling the student to experience, the intellectual and emotional fulfillment those interactions that take place in the physical classroom offers, keeps them prepared to switch easily back to online platforms fully, if the pandemic causes unforeseen challenges. Although the pandemic has had a debilitating impact on education all over the world, the academic and non-academic staff and students of the Faculty of Arts, like their counterparts at other faculties and universities across the world, have shown great resilience during this crisis. We are hopeful that this resilience will continue and grow manifold and keep the Faculty active during these difficult times.



# Department Activities

## Contemporary Christian Thought: Series of Guest Lectures

The Department of Christian Civilization has started a series of guest lectures on 'Contemporary Christian Thought' conducted in the virtual mode. This lecture series primarily benefits students as it provides them opportunities to listen to and learn from eminent academics from across the globe whose work focuses on Christian thought.

This lecture series is an outreach programme of the Department as many alumni and those who are interested in this theme are eagerly participating in these sessions to broaden their horizons. Further, it is creating a network among academics and activists through the lively discussions that follow each presentation. Sixteen such sessions have been conducted so far between August 2021 and December 2021 and the endeavour continues.

The lectures focused on topics such as "Environmental Spirituality," "The Growth of the Tamil Christian Experience," "Palmyra Theology: A Theological Attempt for Tamil People", "Christian Literature in Tamil: A Contemporary Perspective", "Theology of Periphery: In View of the Political Liberation of the Sri Lankan Tamils", "Theology of Migration", "COVID 19 - Challenges and Opportunities: New Perspectives on Science and Spirituality and Humanity".

## Webinars on Recent Issues in Economics

The Department of Economics conducted webinars between July and November 2021 with a focus on recent economic developments and contemporary economic problems.

The webinars focused on the topics "Proposed Educational Reforms in Sri Lanka", "Global Impact of COVID - 19 and Policy and Response", "Trade Policy of Sri Lanka: A Political Economy Perspective", "Economic Crisis in Sri Lanka: What Next", "Belt and Road Initiative and Sri Lanka - China Trade" and "Budget Proposals -2022".

## GEOFORUM Seminar Series

The Department of Geography conducted 'Geoforum', a webinar series with the participation of multiple stakeholders. The invited speakers shared their professional and practical experiences on contemporary issues.

Professor Anuradha Banerjee, Professor of Geography, Centre for the Study of Regional Development, School of Social Science, Jawaharlal Nehru University, India delivered a talk on "COVID 19 Crisis and Indian Cities: Managing Urban Contours in Times of Pandemic".

To mark the International Disaster Risk Reduction Day, Dr. S. Amalanathan, Additional Secretary, State Ministry of Backward Rural Areas Development and Former Director General, Disaster Management Centre, Sri Lanka delivered a speech on "Disaster Impact and Sustainable Development in Sri Lanka".

Further, Eng. S. Sarvarajah, Irrigation Engineer, Department of Irrigation, Northern Province shared his views on "Water-Related Disasters in the Northern Region" and Dr. A. S. Soosai, Retired Professor, Department of Geography, University of Jaffna spoke on "Migrant Fishermen's Problems in the Northern Sea of Sri Lanka".

## Gender Awareness Programme

A gender awareness webinar for the second-year students of the Faculty of Arts was organized by the Education and Research Committee of the Faculty Gender Cell from the 5th of July to the 8th July from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on each day.

The event was facilitated by Dr. (Ms.) Kamalakumari Karunaanithy, Faculty Representative of the Gender Cell. Dr. T. Sanathanan, Senior Lecturer, Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna and Ms. N. Uthayani, Women's Development Officer, District Secretariat, Jaffna participated as resource persons.

## History Seminar for Advanced Level Students

The academic staff and the alumni of the Department of History organized a seminar for the students who are sitting for the G.C.E. A/L examination in History in the year 2021. The seminar was held online on the 29th of September 2021.

## Experience Sharing by SLAS Officer

The Department of History has initiated programs for the benefit of the students to help them understand the importance of the discipline and the prospects it offers following graduation. It organizes guest talks where alumni of the Department share their reflections on the impact of History education on their personal and professional lives and their experiences as professionals in various fields, and offer ideas to the students on prospective career paths.

Ms. A. Ezhilarasi, Divisional Secretary, Nallur and an alumnus of the Department of History, was invited to share her experiences on the 10th of October 2021 virtually.

## Guest Lectures by Scholars of History

The Department of History conducts academic seminars for the benefit of the staff and students of the Department.

A webinar on "Contribution of Women in the Freedom Struggle from Tamil Nadu" was conducted by the Department of History on the 8th of November 2021. Professor Dr. Tmt. M. Thilagavathi, Former Head, Department of History, Ethiraj College, Chennai, India and an eminent scholar in History was invited as a Guest Speaker.

Another webinar on "Archeological Studies at Kantharodai: Multi-Lateral Views" was conducted by the Department of History on the 14th of November 2021. Dr. Siva Thiagarajah, an eminent scholar in History from the United Kingdom, was invited as a guest speaker.

On the 5th of December, a talk on "British Colonialism and Migration of Tamils from India" was delivered virtually by Dr. J. Shanmugarajah, Head, Department of Modern History, Madurai Kamaraj University, India and a prominent scholar in Modern History.

## International Workshop on Basic ICT and Research Tools for Law Students

The Department of Law, in collaboration with Tamil Nadu Dr. Ambedkar Law University, Chennai, India and the Government Law College, Tirunelveli, India, organized an "International Workshop on Basic ICT and Research Tools for Law Students" on the 16th and 17th of July 2021 with the participation of more than 250 registered students from both institutions.

Mr. Bhimraj, PhD Scholar, South Asian University, Dr. Shyam Sundar, Assistant Professor, Dr. Ambedkar, GLC, Chennai, Mr. Atul Alexandar, Assistant Professor, NUJS, Kolkatta, Dr. Sangeetha Sriraam, Head of the Department, CUTN, Mrs. Thushani Shayanthan, Head, Department of Law, Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna, Mr. Sanjayan Rajasingham, Former Lecturer, Department of Law, University of Jaffna and Dr. K. Thabocharan, Senior Lecturer, Head, Department of Computer Science, University of Jaffna served as resource persons.

## 'Art History': Journal of Visual Arts, Visual Culture and Heritage

The Art History discipline of the Department of Fine Arts has been publishing a half-yearly research journal called 'Kalai Varalaru' (Art History) since 2020 to enhance a research culture among its students and disseminate the findings of research conducted by the lectures, alumni and the students of Art History at the University of Jaffna. The 4th issue of the Journal was handed over to the Vice-Chancellor on the 15th of December 2021 by the Editors.



## Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day - 2021 was organized by the Political Science Association, the student association of the Department of Political Science, on the 10th of October 2021. Mr. T. Kanagarajah, Regional Coordinator, Northern Province, Human Rights Commission of Sri Lanka, and Dr. N. Pushparajah, Senior Lecturer, Dept. of Political Science delivered guest talks at this event. The programme was coordinated and moderated by Prof. K. T. Ganeshalingam, Head, Department of Political Science.



## State Minister of National Heritage Meets the Vice-Chancellor of UoJ

Hon. State Minister of National Heritage, Performing Arts, and Rural Art Promotion, Mr. Vidura Wickramanayaka along with Ms. Nishanthi Jayasinghe, the Secretary of the Ministry, and Prof. Anura Manatunga, Director General, Department of Archeology, visited the University of Jaffna on the 6th of November 2021 during their tour to the North.

The State Minister met the Vice-Chancellor and the staff and students and assured them of support by the Department of Archeology to the development of the Department of History at the University of Jaffna.





## Content Language Integrated Learning (CLIL): Seminar on New Teaching and Learning Approach



The Department of English Language Teaching (DELT) conducted a seminar for the academic staff on the topic "Content Language Integrated Learning (CLIL)," which is a cutting-edge teaching and learning approach included in the new curriculum developed by the Department.

Content and Language Integrated Learning (CLIL) is an approach that involves both learning a subject in a foreign language and learning a foreign language by studying a content-based subject.

Ms. T. Kirushanthan, Senior Lecturer, DELT and one of the curriculum writers, participated as a resource person in the seminar. The purpose of the workshop was to enlighten the staff in this new approach and how it can be adopted in the language classroom. The seminar was organized by the Committee of the English Forum appointed by the Head, DELT.

## Workshop on 'Testing and Evaluation'

The Department of English Language Teaching (DELT) conducted a workshop for the academic staff on the topic 'Testing and Evaluation'.

Dr. A. Rasakumaran, Senior Lecturer, participated as resource person. The purpose of the seminar was to provide training to the staff on how to set questions for reading comprehension and assign weight to each question type using different techniques and strategies.

## Webinar on English Language Teaching

Webinars on various topics related to English Language Teaching (ELT) were conducted twice a month by the ELT Forum run by the undergraduates who take ELT course units for their General Degrees. This forum was initiated with a view to giving students a platform to share and enhance their knowledge through presentations and discussions.

Hundreds of students participated in the webinar series. Dr. K. Sanmuganathan, Dr. K. Shriganeshan, Dr. (Mrs.) K. Sivaji and Dr. T. Karunakaran delivered guest lectures in this webinar series.

## Rural Library Established by an University Student

'Virudcham' (விருட்சம்), a rural library that aims to encourage and promote reading habit among children who live in remote areas, has been established in Senaippulavu, Mamadhu, Nedurnkerny due to the earnest efforts of Ms. Sarumathy Nagarathnam, a third-year Media Studies student. This initiative was as an outcome of the course unit 'Development Journalism' taught by the Department of Media Studies as part of the third year B.A. study programme.

The ceremonial opening of the library was held on the 27th of December 2021 with the presence of people from the village, school teachers, government officers, representatives of non-governmental and volunteer organizations, university students and academics.

The land and the new building for the rural library were donated by the parents of the student.

University students, the school community of Nedurnkerny Maha Vidhyalayam, 'Sirahukal', a volunteer organization, Lions' Club, 'Puththaka Panpaaddu Peravai' – Mallakam and well-wishers donated books to the library.



## Academic Collaboration with Garden City University, India

The Department of Media Studies joined as an Academic Collaborator for the International Conference on "Media and Communication Practices in the Post Covid World: Innovations, Opportunities and Perspectives" organized by the Garden City University, Bangalore, India. This Conference was held on 24th of November 2021.

## Commencement of Higher Diploma in Media Studies

A Higher Diploma program in Media Studies (HDMS), a community outreach study programme of the Department of Media Studies, was inaugurated by Prof. S. Srisatkunarajah, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jaffna on 17.09.2021. Dr. K. Suthakar, Dean, Faculty of Arts, graced the occasion as Guest of Honour. The inauguration event was chaired by Dr. S. Raguram, Head, Department of Media Studies.

The Vice-Chancellor stated in his keynote speech that the university provides opportunities to youth who missed university entrance through programs like the HDMS. This program aims to support students who aspire to study professional journalism, and working journalists who do not possess appropriate educational qualifications in this field.

As a way of supporting and enhancing regional journalism, this two-year part-time programme will draw from the intellect and expertise of media academics, senior journalists and media analysts.



## Law Orientation Programme

The Orientation Programme for the first-year students of Law was organized by the Department of Law between the 22nd of September 2021 and the 8th of October 2021. The programme was divided into twelve sessions with each focusing on specific themes ranging from career guidance, students' welfare, transition from school to university, extra-curricular activities, virtual learning, student bonding, university by-laws and regulations and students' discipline.

Hon. Justice Sasimahendran Balendra, Judge, Court of Appeal, Dr. Harsha Cabral, President Council, Mr. V. Puvitharan, President's Counsel, Mr. Rajeev Amarasuriya, Former Secretary, Bar Association of Sri Lanka, Mr. Prasantha Lal De Alwis, President's Counsel, Mr. Selvakkunapalan, Deputy Legal Draftsman, Retired Prof. Shanthi Segarajasingham, Professor in Commercial Law, University of Colombo, Mr. D. S. Rajasingham, PhD candidate at the Yale Law School, Mr. Prashan De Visser, Founder, Sri Lanka Unites and Ms. Rushda Niyas, Legal Officer, Board of Investments spoke at these sessions.

## Forum on Contemporary Issues in Law

continuing its efforts that began in 2017, the Department of Law organized four discussions in 2021 under its lecture series 'Forum on Contemporary Issues in Law'.

A lecture on the topic "The International Law on Foreign Investment in Post-Covid World" was delivered by Prof. M. Sornarajah, Emeritus Professor at the Faculty of Law of the National University of Singapore, on the 9th of July 2021. The next lecture was on "A Critical Appraisal of Muslim Personal Law and Proposed Reforms". This lecture was delivered by Hon. Retired Justice Saleem Marsoof, President's Counsel, Former Justice of the Supreme Court of Sri Lanka, on the 18th of September 2021. Ms. Mathuri Purujoththaman, Attorney-at-Law delivered a lecture on "LGBTQI Protection in Sri Lanka: Continuing Challenges" on the 13th of October 2021.

## Undergraduate Seminar on Art History

The 2nd undergraduate seminar on Art History was held on the 10th and 11th of May 2021. The Art History Honors students from the 2018 batch presented their final-year dissertation research virtually. The audience included current students in Art History and members of the larger public. A discussion on the presentations was also held. Eight papers with a focus on local issues in Art history were presented at two online sessions.



## Study Tour of Art History Students

A Study tour for the final year students of Art History was conducted by the Department of Fine Arts. The study tour included sites and venues relevant to the course units that focus on Modern and Contemporary Sri Lankan Art. Students visited art galleries, museums and other art-historically important buildings in Colombo from the 4th of December 2021 to the 06th of December 2021.







## Visit of UK-based Scholars to the Department of Fine Arts

Dr. Gill Juleff from the University of Exeter and Prof. Ruth Young from the University of Leicester, United Kingdom visited the Department of Fine Arts to discuss future projects and possible collaborations in the field of heritage and memory.

The two scholars delivered a talk on “Exploring Community and Identity: A Role for Archaeology” on the 13th of December 2021. Ms. Kirupalini Stephen, Lecturer, Department of Art History, chaired the session. The talk focused on the ways in which Archaeology matters to different communities and how it can contribute to the development and expression of identities. The talk also considered how archaeology can contribute to discussions on human activities that have taken place within the last 500 years. The speakers focused on everyday lived experiences.

## Elevation of Law Alumni to Judicial Benches

For the first time in the fifteen-year history of the Department of Law, University of Jaffna, three of her alumni have been elevated to the judicial benches of Sri Lanka. Honourable Mr. Ranjithkumar, Ms. Teshepa Rajah and Ms. Subarajiny from the second and fifth batches of the Department of Law respectively were appointed as Magistrates.

## Highest Score at Attorney-at-Law Exam

Graduates from the eleventh batch of the Department of Law successfully completed their attorney-at-law final year examination in October 2020 with exceptional results. As the most applaudable achievement, Ms. Hithihamilage Sujatha Samaradiwakara scored an aggregate score of 78.75, the highest ever score achieved by a graduate of the University of Jaffna. She also topped the list of candidates who sat for this exam in the year 2020.

## Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan Moot Court Competition

The Sub-Committee on Mooting and Debating of the Law Students' Association, in collaboration with the Moot Court

Bench of Sri Lanka, organized the ‘Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan Moot Court Competition – 2021’, an intra-department moot court competition on Contract Law and the first of its kind at the University of Jaffna.

Spanning almost three months (between October 2021 and December 2021), the competition was held bilingually in Tamil as well as Sinhala with the aim of promoting a mooting culture in the Department of Law.

The team comprising of Mr. M. M. A. Ahmed, Ms. F. F. Simrana, and Ms. S. F. Mansaf were declared winners of the competition held in Tamil. They were also awarded the prize for the best memorandum. Ms. F. F. Simrana was named the best oral advocate.

The team comprising of Mr. H. M. P. J. Perera, Ms. N. B. D. Madhrangi and Mr. M. M. M. A. Rahman were declared the winners of the competition held in Sinhala medium. Ms. N. B. D. Madhrangi was named the best oral advocate in the Sinhala medium.

The team comprising of Mr. T. M. Y. S. Cooray, Ms. C. T. S. Kalpage and Ms. H. M. G. S. Herath was awarded the prize for the best memorandum in the Sinhala medium.



## Virtual Talks by Film Society

The Film Society of the University of Jaffna functioning under the Department of Fine Arts conducted eight virtual talks between the months of June and December 2021. The sessions focused on different issues around Cinema and Identity such as “Contemporary Tamil Cinema: Hopes and Despairs”, “Canadian Tamil World: A Feminist View”, “Borderless Cinema”, and “The Need for Documentary Film and Film Making.” The Society also organized events where filmmakers, directors, actors and lighting designers from Sri Lanka, India and Europe shared their experiences.

## Virtual Talks by Arts Circle

The Arts Circle, the student organization of the Department of Art History, conducted eight virtual events between May to October 2021. Art Historians and Cultural Researchers delivered talks on various topics such as "Digital Sivan: The Transformation of Gods in the Era of Information Technology", "Writing and Teaching Mass Atrocities", "Eelakesari Paper Advertisements: Modernism and Cultural Changes in Jaffna", "Tamil Aesthetics based on Tholkappiya Porulathikaram" and "Folk Aesthetics".

A panel discussion on the topic of "The Role of Art Education in Contemporary Art Practice" and an Artist talk on "étranger" were also organized by the Arts Circle with the participation of younger generation of artists and art educators.

## Seminars on Improving Communication and Media Literacy in Schools in the North

A seminar series on 'Improving Communication and Media Literacy in the Schools in the Northern Province' was conducted by the Department of Government Information in collaboration with the Department of Media Studies, University of Jaffna under the National School Media Club Promotion Program on the 22nd of September, 7th of October and 29th of October 2021.

Mr. Mohan Samaranayake, Director General of the Government Information Department, ceremonially opened the session with his Keynote Address. The event was coordinated by Mr. Harsha B. Abeykoon, Assistant Director of Information, Department of Government Information.

More than 300 participants, including teachers who are involved in teaching Communication and Media Studies in schools and school students from all over the island, benefitted from this seminar series.

## Exploration of Creative Minds for Future Media: Session Inauguration

With the participation of over 100 promising young students from the Department of Media Studies, HELVETAS and the Sri Lanka Development Journalists Forum (SDJF) began a virtual training program on Digital Citizenship on the 25th of July 2021 morning with a brief inauguration ceremony. This program, known as 'An Exploration of Creative Minds for Future Media', was conducted as per a Memorandum of Agreement (MoA) signed between the Helvetas Intercooperation gGmbH and the University of Jaffna.

A select group of undergraduates who are studying Media and Communication at the University of Jaffna, University of Peradeniya, University of Sri Jayawardanapura and South Eastern University participated in this virtual training programme. The aim of this program was to encourage exchange of ideas among different stakeholders in the fields of Media and Communication.

Along with Digital Citizenship, the training sessions covered the themes of Freedom of Expression, Right to Information and Gender and Media. The undergraduates of the University of Jaffna who attended this session will become members of the InSPIRE network and get opportunities to

work with undergraduates of the other three state universities. They will also learn with experts in the field during the training session.

## Online Book Lectures at Department of Linguistics and English



The Department of Linguistics and English organized two online book lectures in September. On the 10th of September 2021, Prof. Nandita Sharma (Professor, Department of Sociology, University of Hawaii, Manoa, USA) spoke about her book "Home Rule: National Sovereignty and the Separation of Natives and Migrants" Ms. Erandika de Silva, Lecturer (Probationary) in English Literature, moderated the event.

On the 20th of September 2021, Prof. Christina Davis (Associated Professor of Anthropology, Western Illinois University, USA) spoke about her book "The Struggle for a Multilingual Future: Youth and Education in Sri Lanka" Prof. Subathini Ramesh, Professor in Linguistics, moderated the event. Both lectures were well-attended by academics, students and the larger public.

## Online Discussions of Poetry Translations

'Leaving / நீங்குதல்'

The Department of Linguistics and English organized an online discussion of 'Leaving / நீங்குதல்' a collection of poems by Anar with English translations by Hari Rajaledchumy and Fran Lock on the 22nd of November 2021. Anar (poet), Hari Rajaledchumy (artist, writer), Fran Lock (poet, editor, activist) and Ponni Arasu (feminist historian, researcher, theatre practitioner and translator based in Batticaloa, Sri Lanka) spoke at the event. Ms. Erandika de Silva, Lecturer (Probationary) in English Literature, moderated the event.

'Tea: A Concoction of Dissonance / தேநீர்:  
முரண்களின் கலவை'

On the 10th of December 2021, the Department organized an online discussion of 'Tea: A Concoction of Dissonance / தேநீர்: முரண்களின் கலவை', a collaborative work of poetry (bilingual-Tamil and English) and art on tea by Geetha Sukumaran, P. Ahilan and Vidhya Srinivasan. R. Cheran (Poet, academic), Kanchuka Dharmasiri (Theatre practitioner, academic) and Vaidheki (Freelance artist, art teacher) spoke at the event. Geetha Sukumaran (Poet, translator), P. Ahilan (Poet, academic) and Vidhya Srinivasan (Poet, translator) read poems from the book. The event was moderated by Mr. Lakshmanan Ramanan, Senior Lecturer in English Language Teaching.



## Special Seminars for GCE A/L Students

The Department of Linguistics and English organized special seminars for GCE A/L students who are taking English as a main subject.

Prof. Sumathy Sivamohan (Professor in English, University of Peradeniya), Mr. Andi Schubert (Senior Lecturer in English, Open University of Sri Lanka), Ms. Dinali Fernando (Senior Lecturer in English, University of Kelaniya), Dr. Shasikala Assella (Senior Lecturer in English, University of Kelaniya), Dr. D. E. Devendra (Senior Lecturer in English, Open University of Sri Lanka), Ms. K. A. Thilini Prasadika (Temporary Lecturer in English, Open University of Sri Lanka) and Ms. Rochana Jayasinghe (Temporary Assistant Lecturer in English, University of Peradeniya) served as Resource Persons.

## 'நோய்க்கிடங் கொடேல்': Release of Translated Book



'கொடேல்', a Tamil translation of the book 'Health in These Times' written by Dr. Sanjeeva Wijesinha. The translation was done by Ms. Tharshika Ahilan, a graduate in Translation Studies from the University of Jaffna and a former Temporary Assistant Lecturer attached to the Department of Translation Studies.

The book has thirty-four chapters. The release was held on the 3rd of December 2021 at Kailasapathy Auditorium, University of Jaffna.

### மனித உரிமைகள் நூல் வெளியீட்டு நிகழ்வு



அரசறிவியல் துறை சிரேஷ்ட விரிவுரையாளர் கலாநிதி ந. புஷ்பராசாவினால் எழுதப்பட்ட மனித உரிமைகள் : கோட்பாடுகளும் நடைமுறையும் என்ற நூலானது ஒக்டோபர் மாதம் 26ஆம் திகதி 2021 அன்று உத்தியோகபூர்வமாக வெளியிடப்பட்டது.

இந்த வெளியீட்டு நிகழ்வுக்கு அரசறிவியல் துறைத் தலைவர் பேராசிரியர் கே.ரீ. கணேசலிங்கம் தலைமை தாங்கினார். இதில் கலைப்பீடப் பீடாதிபதி பேராசிரியர் கே. சுதாகர் சிறப்பு அதிதியாகக் கலந்து கொண்டதோடு நூலினையும் வெளியிட்டுவைத்தார். சமகால சர்வதேச மனித உரிமைகள் கோட்பாடுகள் மற்றும் நடைமுறைகள் தொடர்பான பல்வேறு விடயதானங்களை முழுமையாக வெளிக்கொணரும் இந்நூலானது மனித உரிமைகள் துறைக்குப் பங்களிப்புச் செய்யக்கூடிய ஒரு முழுமையான தமிழ் நூலாகக் காணப்படுவதோடு தமிழ்மொழிபுல மாணவர்களுக்கும் மனித உரிமைகள் ஆர்வலர்களுக்கும் பயனுள்ள வகையில் வடிவமைக்கப்பட்டுள்ளது.

## Achievements of the Staff

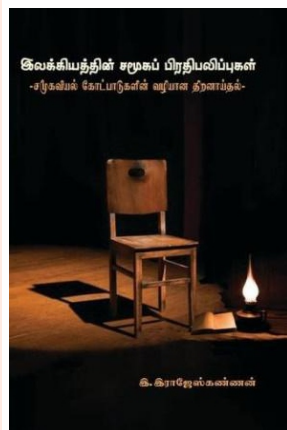
### State and Provincial Literary Awards



**Dr. T. Sanathanan's** (Senior Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts) book 'மேற்கத்திய நவீனவாதம்: ஓர் அறிமுகம்' (An Introduction to Western Modernism) received the State Literary Award for the best publication under the section of 'Varied Subjects' at the 'State Literary Awards Ceremony 2020-2021' held on the 3rd of December 2021.



**Rev. Dr. J.C. Paul Rohan's** (Senior Lecturer, Department of Christian Civilization) book 'கிறிஸ்தவ மெய்யியல்' (Christian Civilization) received the 'State Literary Award Certificate 2020' under the sub-section 'Academic and Research' at the State Literary Awards Festival held on the 3rd of December 2021.



**Mr. R. Rajeshkannan's** (Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology) 'இலக்கியத்தின் சமூகப் பிரதிபலிப்புகள்: சமூகவியல் கோட்பாடுகளின் வழியான திறனாய்தல்' (Social Reflections of Literatures: Literary Criticism through Sociological Theories) won the prize for the best book on 'Literary Criticism' for the year 2021. This prize was awarded by the Department of Cultural Affairs, Ministry of Education, Cultural Affairs, Sports and Youth Affairs, Northern Province.

## Membership in the Committee to Evaluate Murals for the Exhibition Gallery of National Archive

Dr. T. Sanathanan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts, was appointed as a member of the Committee to Evaluate Murals for the Exhibition Gallery of the National Archive by the Department of Archives, Ministry of Buddhasasana, Religious and Cultural Affairs.

## Commonwealth Scholarship

Mr. T. Vigneswaran, Senior Lecturer Gr. II, Department of Political Science, was awarded an Indian Commonwealth Scholarship to pursue his PhD in Public Administration at the Pondicherry University, India in 2020/2021.

## Awarded PhDs

Ms. Kamalakumari Karunanithy, Senior Lecturer Gr. I, Department of Economics, was awarded Doctor of Philosophy at the convocation of the University of Jaffna held on the 7th of October 2021.



Ms. Arudchelvi Kiruparajah, Senior Lecturer Gr. I, Department of Dance, was awarded Doctor of Philosophy at the convocation of the Sastra Deemed University, India held on the 16th of October 2021.

## உலகப் பெருந்தமிழர் விருது

சிலப்பதிகாரம் கூறும் மாதவியின் பதினொரு வகை ஆடல்களை ஓர் ஆய்வுக் குரிய ஆற்றுகையாக நெறிப்படுத்தி, இணைய வழியினுடாகப் பல மாவட்டங்களிலிருந்தும் மாணவர்களுக்கு பயிற்சி அளித்து, அவர்களது வீடுகளிலிருந்து ஒளிப்பதிவு செய்து தமிழ் ஆடல் எனும் பெயரில் அரங்கேற்றியமைக்காக நடனத்துறை சிரேஷ்ட விரிவுரையாளர் கலாநிதி திருமதி அருட்செல்வி கிருபைராஜா 16.09.2021 அன்று தென்னிந்தியாவில் நடைபெற்ற இரண்டாவது பன்னாட்டு சிலப்பதிகார மாநாட்டில் உலகப் பெருந்தமிழர் விருதினைப் பெற்றுக் கொண்டார்.



## Appointments, Promotions, Transfers and Retirement of Academic and Supporting Staff

### Appointment: Head of the Department



Dr. A. Antonyrajan, Senior Lecturer Gr. I, was appointed as Head of the Department of Geography in July 2021.



## Appointments: Academic Staff



Mr. Muthulingam Ramanan was appointed as Senior Lecturer Gr.II in ICT at the Dean's Office - Arts in December 2021.

Mr. Pathmanesan Prasanth was appointed as Lecturer (Unconfirmed) in Art and Design in December 2021



Ms. Mary Delcia Antony Christian was appointed as Lecturer (Unconfirmed) in the Department of Economics in December 2021.

Ms. Dinoshia Sujindar was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of History in December 2021.



Ms. Ushanthy Mahalingam was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of History in December 2021.

Ms. Piruntha Kulasingam was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in Art History in the Department of Fine Arts in December 2021.

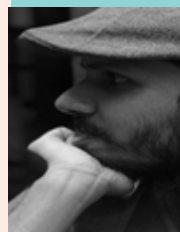


Ms. Mathisalliny Thurairasa was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in Drama and Theater Arts in the Department of Fine Arts in December 2021.



Ms. Arunthavanathan Pirasanth was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in Drama and Theater Arts in the Department of Fine Arts in December 2021.

Mr. Sasinindu Sewwandike Malduma Patabendige was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of English Language Teaching in December 2021.



Mr. Srinagaruban Pathujan was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Law in December 2021.

Ms. Hithihamilage Sujatha Samaradiwakara was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Law in December 2021.



Mr. K. Piratheeban was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Education in December 2021.



Ms. Mohamed Sareep Aroosiya Banu was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in Home Economics in December 2021.

Ms. Suveedda Piratheepan was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Economics in December 2021.





Ms. Neruja Narenthiran was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Economics in December 2021.

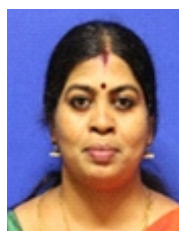
Mr. Ananda Kangeyan was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in Art and Design in December 2021.

Ms. Priyanadhi Ramanathan was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Translation Studies in December 2021.



Mr. Vimalakanthan Vargikan was appointed as Instructor Gr. III in the Department of Music in December 2021.

Ms. Chandrika Sujithkumar was appointed as Instructor Gr. III in the Department of Music in December 2021.



Ms. Jeevanthani Lambbotharan was appointed as Instructor Gr. III in the Department of Music in December 2021.

## Appointments: Academic Support Staff

Mr. John Mariathas Kirutharshan Nicholas was appointed as Instructor Gr. III in Drama and Theater Arts in the Department of Fine Arts in December 2021.



Ms. Pavithira Vasantharupan was appointed as Instructor Gr. III in the Department of Dance in December 2021.



Mr. Ponipus Thairiyanathan Justin Jelood was appointed as Instructor Gr. III in Drama and Theater Arts in the Department of Fine Arts in December 2021.



Mr. Rasiah Thanaraj was appointed as Instructor Gr. III in the Department of Dance in December 2021.

Ms. Hamsavathy Jegatheeswaran was appointed as Instructor Gr. III in the Department of Music in December 2021.



Mr. Ananthakrishnan Srikanth was appointed as Instructor Gr. III in the Department of Dance in December 2021.



Mr. Pathmanathan Sivamynthan was appointed as Instructor Gr. III in the Department of Music in December 2021.



Ms. Bamini Mathuraj was appointed as Instructor Gr. III in Computer Technology at the Dean's Office - Arts in December 2021.



## Appointments: Non-Academic Staff



Mr. Thangavel Sivanesan was appointed as Technical Officer (Audio-Visual) Gr. II in the Department of Media Studies in December 2021.

Ms. Janani Thussjanthan was appointed as a Technical Officer Gr. II Segment B in the Department of Geography in November 2021.



Mr. Mahendran Geethan was appointed as Technical Officer (ICT) Gr. II Segment B in the Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts in August 2021.

Ms. Vethiga Annarajah was appointed as Management Assistant Gr III in the Department of Economics.

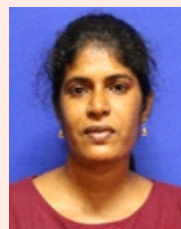


Ms. Janany Bakeerathan was appointed as Management Assistant Gr III in the Department of History.

Ms. Sriranjani Niroshan was appointed as Management Assistant Gr III in the Department of Home Economics.



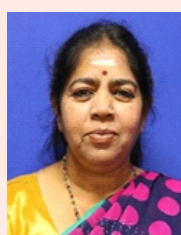
Ms. Vinistra Mahadeven was appointed as Management Assistant Gr III in the Department of Fine Arts (Drama and Theatre).



Ms. Vithusha Vigneswaran was appointed as Management Assistant Gr III in the Department of Translation Studies

## Promotions: Academic Staff

Dr. Sinnathurai Vijayakumar was promoted as Professor in Economics with effect from the 14th of September 2018



Dr. (Ms.) Selvaranjitham Sivasubramaniam was promoted as Professor in Tamil with effect from the 21st of March 2019.

Dr. Karunakaran Suthakar was promoted as a Professor in Geography with effect from the 2nd of September 2019.



## Transfer:

Mr. S. Koventhan (Management Assistant Gr I) was transferred to the Department of Christian Civilization.

Mr. Kodeeswaran Vijiharan, Management Assistant Gr. III, was transferred to the Department of Media Studies on 06.09.2021 from the Academic Establishments, University of Jaffna.



## Retirement:



Prof. N. Gnanakumaran, retired from the Post of Senior Professor, Department of Philosophy with effect from the 30th of September 2021 after completing 43 years of services. He was elected as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts in July 2009 for 03 years and re-elected for the position and served until December 2016. He taught course units in Philosophy, Psychology and Saiva Siddhanta. Prof. N. Gnanakumaran was promoted to Senior Professorship in 2012.

Dr. Kandasamy Sithamparanathan, Senior Lecturer in Drama and Theatre Arts, Department of Fine Arts, retired from services on the 1st of October 2021. He joined the University of Jaffna as a Lecturer (Probationary) in 1992. He served as Lecturer in the subject of Drama and Theatre Arts in the Department of Fine Arts for 29 years which include his tenure of office as Head of the Department.



## Achievements of the Students

### Music Undergraduate Tops the Island

**Mr. Pulenthiran Gopishanth**, a third-year student of the Department of Music, secured the first place island-wide and won the National Youth Award 2020 for the Ragadhari South Indian Classical (Solo) Performance.

The event was conducted by the National Youth Services Council. The winner was presented with the award on the 26th of November 2021.



## Winners at 'YARLWAGEESAR'

### Inter-Faculty Debate Tournament

The team comprising of Ms. Lasitha Tharukshi, Ms. Manusha Erandi, Ms. Sachini Sewwandi and Ms. Taruka Kalpage, representing the Department of Law was declared winner of the Sinhala medium debate at 'YARLWAGEESAR,' Inter-Faculty Debate Tournament 2021 jointly organized by the National Peace Council and the University of Jaffna.



## Top Places at the Island – Level Short Film Competition

The Alcohol and Drug Information Center (ADIC) organized a short film competition on drug prevention and enhancing the knowledge and skills of university students. Although this program started during the COVID - 19 pandemic, undergraduates from the University of Jaffna made their mark in this competition. Despite the many challenges, the event achieved the desired goals, thanks to virtual technology. The following students won awards in the competition.



**First Place: Ms. P. Sriviththiya** (Third Year, Media Studies) won the Award and a cash prize of **Rs. 50,000.00**.

**Second Place: Ms. N. Sharumathy** (Third Year, Media Studies) won the Award and a cash prize of **Rs. 30,000**.



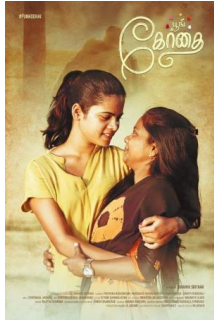
**Third Place: Ms. Kamsajini Premaraj** (First Year, Media Studies) won the Award and a cash prize of **Rs. 20,000**.



**Fourth Place: Mr. Raveenthiran Benaya** (First Year, Media Studies) won the Award and a cash prize of **Rs. 10,000.**



## A Final Year Student Makes a Landmark Achievement through her Debut Short Film

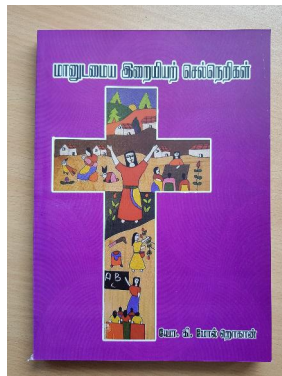


Under the project 'Film for Dialogue' implemented by Chrysalis, an affiliate organization of CARE International and funded by Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ), Ms. Suvanya Srithar, a final-year student in Media Studies produced a short film titled 'Punkodai' which speaks about an unspoken issue, i.e., same-gender orientation. The film has gathered widespread viewership..

Ms. Suvanya Srithar was selected as one of the 10 candidates for the workshop on film production organized by GIZ and Chrysalis joining hands with 'The Movement Lab' by Green Pictures.

The launching and first screening of this film was held in Jaffna on the 14th of October 2021. The screening was followed by a discussion. Participants joined the event virtually.

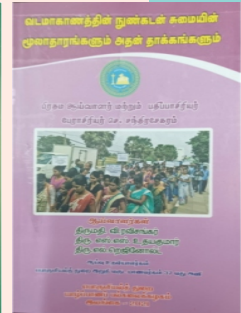
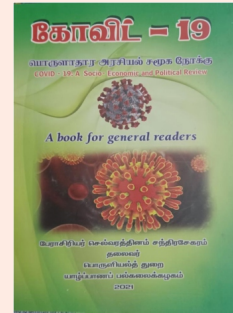
## Publications of the Staff



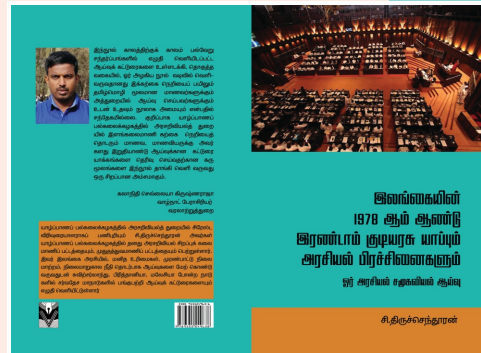
**Rev. Dr. J.C. Paul Rohan**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Christian Civilization has published two books in Tamil: 'மாநுடமைய இறையியற் செல்நெறிகள்' (Anthropocentric Theological Trends) and 'சமகாலக் கிறிஸ்தவச் செல்நெறிகளின் பின்புலங்கள்' (Background to Current Christian Trends).

**Prof. S. Santhirasegaram**, Department of Economics, has published a book for general readers on 'கொவிட் 19: பொருளாதார அரசியல் சமூக நோக்கு' (COVID – 19: A Socio-Economic and Political Perspective).

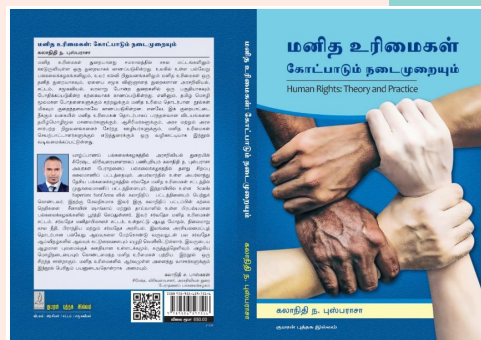
**Prof. S. Santhirasegarm, Mrs. V. Ravishankar, Mr. S. S. Uthayakumar and Mr. L. Reginold** from the Department of Economics have published a book on 'வட மாகாணத்தின் நுண்கடன் சுமையின் மூலாதாரங்களும் அதன் தாக்கங்களும்' (The Origins of the Microcredit Burden in the Northern Province and its Impact).



Mr. S. Thiruchenthuran, Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science has published a book with the title 'இலங்கையின் 1978ஆம் ஆண்டு இரண்டாம் குடியரசு யாப்பும் அரசியல் பிரச்சினைகளும் : ஓர் அரசியல் சமூகவியல் ஆய்வு'.



**Dr. N. Pushparajah**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science, has published a book on the title 'மனித உரிமைகள்: கோட்பாடும் நடைமுறையும்' (Human Rights : Theory and Practice).

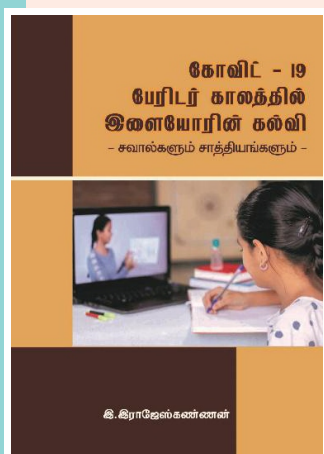


**Dr. K. Shriganeshan**, Senior Lecturer, Department of English Language Teaching (DELT), has published two ESL texts for undergraduates with the titles 'Grammar through Theatre Tasks' and 'Literature in the Language Classroom',

**Dr. T. Karunakaran**, Senior Lecturer, Department of English Language Teaching (DELT), has published a book together with S. Rajendran and N. Gejeswari on the title 'Dimensions of Translation'.

**Mr. V. Paranthaman**, Senior Lecturer, Department of English Language Teaching (DELT), has published course material with the title 'Automatizing L2 Academic Reading Skills'.

**Mr. R. Rajeshkannan**, Senior Lecturer, Department of Sociology, published a monograph with the title 'கோவிட்-19 பேரிடர் காலத்தில் இளையோரின் கல்வி: சவால்களும் சாத்தியங்களும்' (Education of Young people During COVID - 19 Pandemic: Challenges and Opportunities).



## Keynote Address

Dr. (Mrs.) K. Sivaji, Senior Lecturer, Department of English Language Teaching (DELT) delivered a Keynote Address on "The Process of 'Looking Back' in the South Asian Diasporic Women's Writings" at the International Conference on 'Women's Writing in English' at MSV College affiliated to Manonmaniam Suntharanar University, Thirunelveli, Tamil Nadu, India in November 2021.

## Students' Publications

### 'Translator'

The Department of Translation Studies launched the 4th Issue of 'Translator-2020', the annual magazine of the Department, on the 3rd of December 2021.

The magazine includes fourteen articles written in Tamil and English under different sections such as academic articles, poems, interviews and translated works.

### 'Kanali'

'Kanali - 2020', the third issue of 'Kanali', the students' magazine of the Department of Media Studies, was ceremonially released by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. S. Srisatkunarajah on the 17th of September 2021.

The event was chaired by Dr. S. Raguram, Head, Department of Media Studies, Dr. K. Suthakar, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts graced the function as Guest of Honour. 'Kanali' has been published since 2018. It carries features, articles, interviews, travel notes and different types of creative productions by students.

