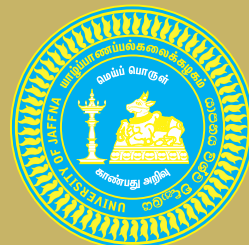


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FACULTY OF ARTS, UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA



658 Graduates Awarded Degrees in Faculty of Arts in Academic year 2020

The Faculty of Arts of the University of Jaffna is one of the largest faculties in the Sri Lankan Universities comprising 17 departments with 27 study disciplines. Currently, the Faculty of Arts is one of the major stakeholders of the University of Jaffna with the highest student population and academic disciplines.

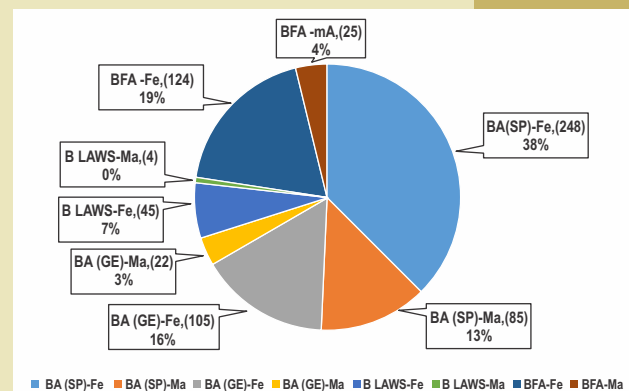
The Faculty of Arts is unique in its traditional and cultural background. It has adopted dynamic policies for quality in education and focuses on contemporary approaches towards teaching, learning and research activities.

A total number of 658 graduates have completed their degree programmes in the Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna during the academic year 2020. The conferment of their degrees took place at the 35th General Convocation – 2021 held on the 24th and 25th of February 2021 at the Indoor Stadium of the University.

Nearly 79% of these graduates were females. These graduates hope to enter the world of work with motivation and enthusiasm to bring about transformation at various levels.

The Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred upon 460 graduates. Of these graduates, 333 received Honours degrees and 127 General Degrees.

The Bachelor of Laws degree was conferred upon 49 graduates and the Bachelor of Fine Arts degree was conferred upon 149 graduates.



The Chancellor Professor Sivasubramaniam Pathmanathan, the Vice-Chancellor Professor Sivakolundu Srisatkunarah, the Rector of Vavuniya Campus, Deans of the Faculties, Heads of Departments, the Registrar, Academic and Academic Support Staff of the University and other invitees graced the event.

Editorial – Pathivu

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The Dean's Message

As the Faculty of Arts of the University of Jaffna will be celebrating its Golden Jubilee year in the near future, I am delighted to bring greetings to the first issue of the Faculty of Arts' quarterly newsletter. I see our newsletter as a way of communicating with our vital stakeholders and informing them of our achievements, accomplishments, and developments. Here you will find contemporary news about the faculty, its programs, students, staff, and alumni. The Faculty of Arts is the largest Faculty at the University of Jaffna. We offer a variety of undergraduate programs and provide multiple avenues to learning, research, community engagement, and career development. Although the year 2021 has been its devastating and unprecedented due to the pandemic, we remain positive and focused on our mission, which is to educate our students in the Humanities and Social Sciences. Our Faculty continues to excel in their teaching, creative activity, and research endeavors and the members of the Faculty are presenting their work at regional, national and international forums. I hope that you enjoy the information presented in the Newsletter and feel free to send us your valuable feedback, comments, and suggestions. Collaboration and shared ideas are key to the success of all our future endeavors as we all work together in creating broader visibility, presence, partnerships, and success for the Faculty of Arts, nationally and internationally. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Newsletter Committee for their important contribution towards launching the first News letter of the Faculty of Arts and thank the Vice-Chancellor for the financial support to this initiative.

With kind regards,

Dr. K. Suthakar

Dean, Faculty of Arts
University of Jaffna.

Unceasing Teaching-Learning Activities during 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 ceased teaching in the traditional classroom setting for at least three months.

Academic activities in the Faculty of Arts of the University of Jaffna came to a halt in mid-March 2020 with the announcement made by the University Grants Commission to shut down all public universities in the country until further notice.

However, the Faculty of Arts explored all possible alternative avenues of teaching and learning for this period and enhanced its online teaching and learning facilities to help the students and teachers to engage in academic activities from the safety of their homes. The Faculty has taken a number of appropriate measures to ensure that students from marginalized socio-economic backgrounds are not excluded from the ongoing online academic activities.

The reason for adopting a virtual classroom and multimodal online teaching delivery patterns in the Faculty of Arts was to keep the staff and students of the Faculty academically engaged during these challenging times.



EVENTS

Donation of 1200 DVDs by Balu Mahendra Library to the Department of Media Studies



In order to re initiate the Film Appreciation Movement in the Northern Province and encourage the youngsters to involve in film productions, 'Balu Mahendra Library', the one and only film archive in North donated 1200 original DVDs of award winning films from different countries and various languages to the Department of Media Studies, University of Jaffna on the 20th of April, 2021.

The formal ceremony of handing over the donation was held at the board room of University of Jaffna and Prof. S. Srisatunurajah, Vice-Chancellor, University of Jaffna received the donated DVDs from Mr. A. Yesurasa, Film Critic and well-known Writer on behalf of 'Balu Mahendra Library'. Dr. K. Suthakar, Dean, Faculty of Arts, Dr. S. Raguram, Head, Department of Media Studies, Mr. Dinesh Koduthor, Lecturer, Media Studies and staff and students participated in the event.

World Theatre Day Celebration

A discussion with Dr. Velu Saravanan, Assistant Professor at the Faculty of Performing Arts in the Pondicherry Central University on the topic 'Rejoicing with Children: Experiences of Producing Children's Plays' was organized by the Empty Space Theatre Group of the Department of Fine Arts at the University of Jaffna on 27th of March 2021 as a way of celebrating the World Theatre Day 2021.



Study Tour to 'Kurunthoormalai' Excavation Site



A study Tour was organized by the staff and final year students of Archeology on 24th of March 2021 to the 'Kurunthoormalai' excavation site in the Mullaitivu District.

Arts History Students Participated in the Launch of 'Press play



A group proposal submitted by the final year Art History students of the Department of Fine Arts was accepted and their playlist was tuned in to at the 'Colombo Design Festival - 2021'.

This event was a part of the 'Sri Lankan Design Festival - 2021' held in Colombo from the 15th -17th of January 2021. A series of playlists conceived by the Museum of Modern and Contemporary Art, Sri Lanka in collaboration with artists, designers, curators, art historians and art organizations in Sri Lanka was tuned in at this Festival.

Ms. M. Kanuja, Mr. S. Pakkiyaraj, Ms. S.Vithusha, Mr. V.Rukshana, Mr. M.Piratheep, Mr.S. Suriya, Mr. Y. Nishanthan and Ms. N. Farhana participated in the event from the Department of Fine Arts.

Debating Competition

The team 'Yarl Tharka' representing Department of Law, University of Jaffna has emerged as the Runner up of a debating competition in Sinhala category organized by J'pura Voice - the official broadcasting unit of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura, from April 3rd - 10th 2021 Hasitha Gimhana Perera secured the Best Sinhala Debater award of the competition. Dilmi Madhurangi Hasitha Gimhana Perera Lakmal Deegalla and Pasindu Jeyadeesha Perera were participated as team members and Tharuka Kalpage and Imash were participated as reserve members in the competition.

174வது சத்குரு ஸ்ரீ தியாகராஜ பஞ்சரத்ன ஆராதனை

யாழ் . பல கலைக் கழக இராமநாதன் நுண் கலைக் கழக இசைத்துறையினரால் 174 வது சத்குரு ஸ்ரீ தியாகராஜ பஞ்சரத்ன ஆராதனை 01.02.2021 அன்று கழக மண்டபத்தின் நடராஜ அரங்கில் வெகு விமர்சையாக கொண்டாடப்பட்டது.

ஆராதனையின் தொடக்கமாக பூஜை வழிபாடும் அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து ஈழத்தின் புகழ்பெற்ற நாதஸ்வர வித்வான்களான திரு. பாலமுருகன் , திரு. குமரன் , தலில் வித்வான்கள் திரு.தெ.உதயசங்கர், திரு. சு.செந்தில் ஆகியோரின் மங்கல இசையும் இசைக்கப்பட்டது.

அதனைத் தொடர்ந்து ஈழத்தின் மூத்த கலைஞர்கள் , விரிவுரையாளர்கள், மாணவர்கள் அனைவரும் இணைந்து பஞ்சரத்னக் கிருதிகளை இசைத்தனர். இந்நிகழ்வில் யாழ். பல்கலைக்கழகத் துணைவேந்தர் பேராசிரியர் சி. சிறிசற்குணராசா, கலைப் பீடாதிபதி கலாநிதி கே. சுதாகர், கிழக்குப் பல்கலைக்கழக விபுலானந்தா காண்பியல் மற்றும் அழகியல் கற்கைகள் நிறுவகத்தின் முன்னாள் பணிப்பாளர் கலாநிதி ஜெயசங்கர் மற்றும் பலர் கலந்துகொண்டு சிறப்பித்தனர்.



Webinar Series

'Youth, Truth and the Meaning of Life'

The Department of Philosophy conducts a webinar series on 'Youth, Truth and the Meaning of Life' in order to encourage ethical deliberations of among the students of the University of Jaffna. The sessions were coordinated and moderated by Mr. N. Sivakaran, Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy.

The series of webinars attracted not only undergraduates but also scholars from Sri Lanka and abroad.

Department of Philosophy
University of Jaffna
Invite to a
Webinar
Series No XI
on
Youth, Truth & The Meaning of Life
01 APRIL 2021 (Sat)
09:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Moderator & Coordinator
N. Sivakaran
B.A(Hon), LLB, P.O. Dip in Psy, M.A., MEd, MCPS (Reading - Colombo)
Senior Lecturer
Department of Philosophy
University of Jaffna

K. Kamsala
Final Year Student
How to improve
Thinking Skills

V. Thushiyanthan
Final Year Student
Philosopher Nietzsche
View on How to be
Extraordinary

J. Jinithe
Third Year Student
Change Yourself
According to Contest
& Situation

T. Lipika
First Year Student
How to Face Problems
With Confidence

On April 18th
7.00 pm Onwards
Zoom ID : 828 322 6454

European Union Delegation's Visit to the Department of Media Studies

In order to inspect the progress of the establishment of the incubator space at the Department of Media Studies with the collaboration of HELVETAS and Sri Lanka Development Journalists Forum (SDJF), a European Union Delegation to Sri Lanka and the Maldives, representing the funding agency, visited the Department of Media Studies on the 24th of March 2021.

The discussion was held at the Media Lab where the incubator center is to be established. The Head and staff of the Department of Media Studies participated in the discussion. Ms. Tania Perera (Political and Communication Section), Ms. Anne Vaugier-Chatterjee (Political and Communication Section), Mr. Francesco Damiani (Contract and Finance) and Nicolas Gerard (Cooperation) represented the EU and Ms. Subhashi Dissanayake, Country Representative, HELVETAS, Ms. Chandula Kumbukage, Project Manager, HELVETAS and Mr. Mohamad Azad, Program Director, SDJF represented the implementing agencies.




Webinar Series Conducted by the Law Students' Association

The Law Students' Association conducted a series of webinars between February and April 2021. The sessions focused on the themes 'Protection of Language Rights', 'Introduction to Cyber Law and Electronic Evidence' and 'Legal Aspects Relating to Employment of Women'.

LSA Webinar Series 2020/21


WEBINAR 02

via zoom




Introduction to Cyber Law & Electronic Evidence

Sunday 7th of February 10.30 am - 12.30 pm



Guest Speaker
Mr. Jayantha Fernando
Director, CERT
Legal Advisor, ICTA



Moderator
Aznee Marzook
First Year Law Student,
University of Jaffna

Organized by Law Students' Association, University of Jaffna

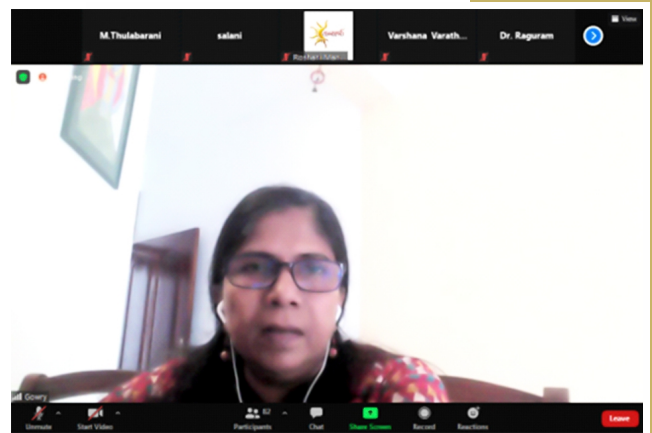
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Media Studies Students participate in the Discussion on 'What Makes Women Set Backed?'

The fourth-year Media Studies students participated in a Virtual Discussion on 'What Makes Women Face Set Backs?' conducted by the Law and Society Trust, a not-for-profit organization engaged in legal research, advocacy and human rights documentation in Sri Lanka. The discussion was held on the 4th of February 2021 and the participants analyzed societal factors which encourage gender discrimination.

Sri Lanka Press Institute Invited Media Studies Students to Participate in Collaborative Feature Writing

Under the title 'Promotion of a Commemorative Culture and Peace in Sri Lanka', Sri Lanka Press Institute (SLPI) Invited students from the Department of Media Studies to participate in a webinar on composing collaborative feature writings about their own landscape. The webinar was conducted on 19th of March 2021. More than 100 students from all the batches of Media Studies participated in the webinar. Ms. S. Thevagowry, a Senior Journalist, discussed various issues on writing feature articles and guided the students.



Participation of Students of Sociology in Research Activities

Seven students from the Department of Sociology participated in a workshop organized by the National Peace Council on Research Method for Pluralism Research. This workshop was conducted by Dr. S. Jeevasuthan on 16th and 17th of April 2021.

A research project on the psychosocial and economic challenges faced by refugee returnees from India was carried out by the students of the Department of Sociology under the supervision of Dr. S. Jeevasuthan. Canada-bound Irregular Migrants for International Organization for Migration assisted the research. This project was conducted in the Nallur, Jaffna and Kopay DS divisions in the Jaffna district.

Memory Walk and Panel Discussion: International Jaffna Cinema Festival 2020

A memory walk and panel discussion were conducted as part of the International Jaffna Cinema Festival 2020 with the coordination of Dr. T. Sanathanan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts.



A panel discussion on 'Past, Present and the Future of Sri Lankan Tamil cinema' featuring Dr. T. Sanathanan and Prof. Sumathy Sivamohan, Mr. Saminadan Wimal and Mr. Raj Sivaraj as panelists was held at Kailasapathy Auditorium, University of Jaffna on 25th of March 2021.

The memory walk on 'Evergreen Silver Screen', another activity relevant to the International Jaffna Cinema Festival, was conducted on the 20th of March 2021. This walk aimed to connect the cinema halls that were active before the civil war in Jaffna through memories of social practice.



Community Outreach

Awareness Seminar on G. C. E. A/L English

The Department of Linguistics and English organized an outreach seminar to create awareness among school students about the subject English offered as a main subject at the G. C. E. A/L examinations.

The seminar was held on 10th of April 2021 at the Kailasapathy Auditorium of the University of Jaffna. Students, teachers and parents from Jaffna and Kilinochchi districts attended this seminar. Three academics who teach English Literature at the University of Jaffna served as resource persons. Many students who attended the seminar signed up for the seminar series on G. C. E. A/L English conducted by the Department.



Seminar on Transition from G.C.E O/L to G.C.E A/L

Mr. A. Nithlavarnan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Education, participated as a resource person in a seminar on 'Transition from G.C.E O/L to G.C.E A/L' for the students of Jaffna Hindu College on the 21st of April 2021.



Talks on Fine Arts via Virtual Platform

Dr. T. Sanathanan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts delivered two online lectures on important themes for groups of audience that comprised students, scholars and the larger public.

The talk on 'Translation of a Document' took place via Zoom on 26th of March 2021 to mark the launch of the archive of S.J.V. Chelvanayakam, an event organized by Tamil Worlds Initiative and Centre for South Asian Studies, Asian Institute, Munk School of Global Affairs and Public Policy.

The lecture on 'Art as a Witness' took place on 31st January 2021. This guest lecture was organized by the Department of Visual and Technological Arts, SVIAS, Eastern University of Sri Lanka.

Law Academics Delivered Talks at the Public Domains

Ms. Kosalai Mathan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Law delivered a lecture at a Webinar on 'The Need for Laws on Privacy and Cyber Violence' organized by the Yeheliya Foundation on the 11th of January 2021.

Ms. Kosalai Mathan participated in an Awareness Programme on 'Law Relating to Women Rights' and delivered a lecture to the staff attached to the Divisional Secretariat, Point-Pedro on 09th of March 2021.



THE NEED FOR LAWS ON PRIVACY AND CYBER VIOLENCE

Junior Bar Committee of the BASL in collaboration with the Yeheliya Foundation.





Ms. Kosalai Mathan,
Senior Lecturer,
Department of Law, University of Jaffna.
Attorney-at-Law

DATE : 11th January 2021
TIME : 3.00 - 4.30 PM

zoom f Live



Ms. Harithriya Kumara,
Attorney-at-Law
LLB (Hons)



Moderator:
Ms. Dinushika Dissanayake,
Attorney-at-Law



Mr. Kalinga Indatissa, P.C
President - BASL



Mr. Rajeev Amarasinghe,
Secretary - BASL



Mr. Kuvera de Zoysa, P.C
Chairman -
Junior Bar Committee



Mr. Jenaka Basuriya
Co-Conveners -
Junior Bar Committee

Ms. Kosalai Mathan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Law participated as a Guest of Honour at the Women's Day celebrations organized by the Jaffna District Women's Federation on the 23rd of March 2021 at the Jaffna District Secretariat and delivered a speech on 'சமூக மட்டத்தில் பெண்களின் பங்களிப்பும் பிரதிநிதித்துவமும்'.

Ms. Kosalai Mathan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Law participated as a resource person for the Women Campaign Academy and delivered a lecture on 'அரசியல் அமைப்புக்கான அறிமுகம் & ஒரு அரசியல் அமைப்பிலுள்ள அடிப்படை உரிமைகளின் முக்கியத்துவம்'. The event was organized by the International Republican Institute (IRI) on the 26th of March 2021. Women candidates from the Northern and Eastern Provinces who contested in the recent elections were the participants of the event.



Mrs. Thushani Shayanthan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Law, participated as a resource person in a workshop on 'Gender Equity & Equality (GEE), Sexual Harassment (SH) in HEI & Other Places' and delivered a lecture on 'Grievance Mechanisms and Available Support for Victims'. The workshop was conducted for the staff of the Main Library of the University of Jaffna. The event was organized by the Centre for Gender Equity and Equality, University of Jaffna on the 9th of March 2021.

Dr. Thiruvarangan Chairs the Jury Panel for the Gratiaen Prize 2020

Dr. Mahendran Thiruvarangan, Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Linguistics and English chaired the jury panel for the Gratiaen Prize 2020. The Gratiaen Prize was founded in 1992 by the Sri Lankan-born novelist and poet Michael Ondaatje with his Booker Prize money for 'The English Patient'.

The Prize is awarded each year to the best submitted creative work in English, written by a Sri Lankan writer resident in Sri Lanka. This is the first time an academic from the University of Jaffna served on the jury panel for the Gratiaen Prize.

Student Achievements

Placement at the World's Largest Moot Court Competition

The team consisting of Ms. Chathura Viraj Wijesekara, Ms. Shannel Malisha Gunatilaka, Ms. Kathirtharsini Parameswaran, Ms. Fathima Rasha and Ms. Dilogini Moses from the Department of Law was selected as one of the 150 best teams out of 770 Universities around the world at the 'Jessup 2021: Global Rounds', the world's largest moot court competition.

Ms. Dilmi Madhurangi, Ms. Hasitha Gimhana Perera, Mr. Lakmal Deegalla Pasindu and Mr. Jeyadeesha Perera participated from the Department of Law in the team titled 'Yarl Tharka' from the University of Jaffna and became Runners Up in the Inter-University Debating Competition in Sinhala conducted by 'J'pura Voice', the official broadcasting unit of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura.



Media Studies Assist the Telecasting and Documenting of the University Convocation – 2021



Students and alumni from the Department of Media Studies actively participated in telecasting and documenting the photographs of the Convocation of the University of Jaffna – 2021 held on the 24th and 25th of February 2021 at the Indoor Stadium of the University.

Mr. T. Thivakar, Ms. P. Sivatharsiny, Ms. P. Pavatharany, Ms. M. Roshani, Mr. P. Dilakshan, Mr. R. Kalaianathan, Mr. B.S. Praveen and Mr. R. Muralikaran from the Department of Media Studies contributed to this initiative.

Faulty of Arts Wins the Competitive Grant of 100 Million under AHEAD



The Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna won the competitive grant of 100 million Sri Lankan Rupees for the execution period of three years under the AHEAD project that has been supported by the World Bank Group in 2019. Proudly, this is the first development grant awarded to the Faculty of Arts based on the complete evaluation of the proposals submitted by different faculties in the state Universities of Sri Lanka.

The project aims to support the Faculty of Arts, University of Jaffna to produce Arts students who are 'well-qualified academically' and 'trained professionally for the world of work' and 'mobilized for wider civic and social life'.

The activities are designed holistically to achieve this aim. In last two years of the execution of this project, 68 % of the outcomes were achieved. The remaining outcome will be achieved before end of May 2022.

Progress of the Project

1

Academic staff were trained in OBE and LCT based curriculum development. The Curriculum of 25 Disciplines were revised and implemented from the academic year of 2018/2019. 370 students were trained to enhance their soft skills.

2

Academic, administrative & academic supporting staff were trained in handling virtual platforms. The establishment work of 15 SMART class rooms were partially completed. The establishment work of a Research Lab and students' study areas are ongoing.

3

Visually challenged students underwent special training. A support center for persons with disability has been fully furnished with special equipment and is ready to function. The course syllabus for second and modern languages are placed to the Faculty Board for approval.

4

A Research HUB has organized 10 seminars for Level 04 students with stakeholder representatives to identify the research gaps at local and regional levels. Five meetings were conducted with the above-mentioned stakeholders to create collaboration.

5

The revised English course curricula were implemented from the academic year 2018/2019. The establishment work of an English Lab is going on. A process to purchase specific software platforms to cater to the teaching and learning activities is underway.

Staff Achievements

Fulbright Award



Mrs. Ajitha Suganthan, a former Lecturer (Prob.), Department of History has won the Fulbright Masters Award, from the United States – Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission in 2021.

Membership in International Association



Mrs. Abiramy Rajkumar, Senior Lecturer in Psychology, and Head, Department of Philosophy secured membership in the Australian and New Zealand Mental Health Association in 2021.

Appointments

Head of the Department:



Prof. K. Arunthavarajah (Associate Professor) was appointed as the Head of the Department of History.

Academic Appointments:



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



Dr. M. Thiruvarangan was appointed as Senior Lecturer Gr II in the Department of Linguistics and English.

Mrs. Christilla Thamari Joe Inparaj was appointed as Instructor Gr.III in the Department of English Language Teaching (DELT)



Mrs. S. Gajendran was appointed as Senior Lecturer Gr II in the Department of Dance.

Mrs. D. Sugunan was appointed as Lecturer (Unconfirmed) in the Department of Dance.



Mrs. M. Sriskantharajah was appointed as Lecturer (Unconfirmed) in the Department of Music.

Mr. A. Amirthasinthujan was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Music.



Mr. M. Thushyanthan was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Music.

Mr. S. Gobithas was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Music.



Mr. V. Ragavan was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Music.



Mr. T. Thelaxsan was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) at the Unit of Art and Design.



Mr. R. Thanushan was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Geography.

Mr. S. Ravi was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Geography.



Miss. Arivarasy Muthulingam was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of English Language Teaching (DELT).



Mrs. Thulashika Dineshan was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of History.



Mrs. Vithuja Rajaram was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of English Language Teaching (DELT).

Miss. Sansika Puvanathas was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of History.



Mr. V. Jokeswaran was appointed as Instructor Gr III in the Department of English Language Teaching (DELT).



Mr. S. Seransan was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Tamil.



Mrs. Luxika Raguram was appointed as Instructor Gr III in the Department of English Language Teaching (DELT).

Mr. T. Ajanthakumar was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) in the Department of Tamil.



Mrs. Saimeera Sutharsan was appointed as Instructor Gr III in the Department of English Language Teaching (DELT).



Miss. M. T. E. Kumudumalee De Silva was appointed as a Lecturer (Probationary) in English Literature at the Department of Linguistics and English.

Appointment of Student Counselors

(From March / April 2021)

Mrs. R. Ragavan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Dance

Dr. (Mrs.) S. Arangarajah, Senior Lecturer, Department of Music

Mr. N. Paranthaman, Senior Lecturer, Department of Music

Dr. (Mrs.) S. Aravinthon, Senior Lecturer, Department of Music

Dr. K. Kajavinthan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy

Mrs. S. Senthuran, Senior Lecturer, Department of Linguistics and English

Miss. S. Mohan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Linguistics and English

Mr. S. Thiruchchenthuran, Senior Lecturer, Department of Political Science

Mr. S. Jude Dinesh Koduthor, Lecturer (Prob.), Department of Media Studies

Mrs. S. Rajashanthan, Senior Lecturer, Department of ELT

Mr. T. Thileepan, Lecturer (Prob.), Department of Philosophy

Mrs. J. Gugathasan, Lecturer (Prob.), Department of Sociology

Mrs. S. Karthikeyan, Lecturer (Prob.), Department of Linguistics and English

Appointment and Transfer of Academic Support Staff



Mr. A. Srikanth was appointed as an Instrument Caretaker cum Repairer in the Department of Dance, Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts (RAFA)



Mrs. Tharsiga Sathiyababu Laboratory Attendant, Department of Geography was appointed as Technical officer - Gr II Segment B (Trainee) and posted to the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.



Miss. S. Kayathiri, Laboratory Attendant, Home Economics was appointed as Technical officer - Gr II Segment B (Trainee) and posted to the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences.

Retirement



Senior Professor Paramu Pushparatnam from the Department of History retired from services on 10th of February 2021. He joined the University of Jaffna as Lecturer (Prob.) in 1984. He served as a well-known Historian and an Archaeologist for 36 years during his university career. He won several national awards including the State Sahitya Academy Prizes.



Professor Makeswara Kurukkal Saravanapava Iyer from the Department of English Language Teaching retired from services on 11th of February 2021. He was one of the pioneering Professors of the Department and served the University for 32 years..

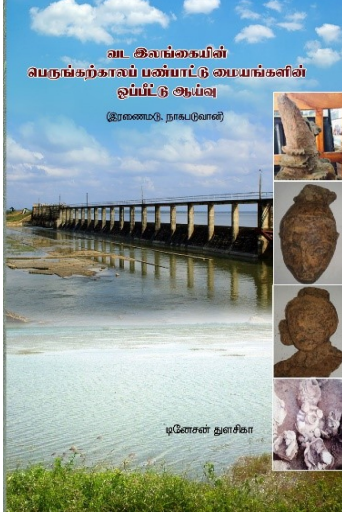
Higher Studies



Mr. T. Vigneswaran, Senior Lecturer Gr II, Department of Political Science commenced his PhD in Public Administration at the Pondicherry University from March 2021.



Mrs. Rathiga Vimalkumar, Lecturer, Home Economics commenced her PhD in Resource Management at the Avinashilingam Deemed University, Tamil Nadu in April 2021.



Publications of the Staff

A Comparative Study of Two Megalithic Cultural Centers in Northern Sri Lanka (Iranaimadu and Nakapaduvan)

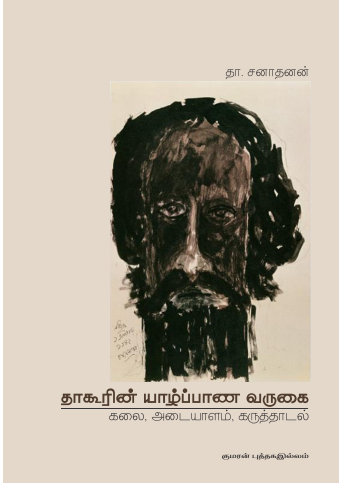
Mrs. Thulasika Dineshan, Lecturer(Prob.), Department of History published a book with the title of 'வட இலங்கையில் பெருங்கற்காலப் பண்பாட்டு மையங்களின் ஒப்பீட்டு ஆய்வு - இரணைமடு, நாகபடுவான்' (Comparative Research on the Sites of Northern Sri Lanka's Megalithic Culture (Iranaimadu & Nakapaduvan) in January 2021.

The spread of Megalithic culture marks the beginning of a new phase in Sri Lanka's cultural history. This book demonstrates with evidence that Iranaimadu and Nakapaduvan, two centers associated with Megalithic culture, were inhabited by people from the pre-historical period to the historical period. It also offers detailed analyses of the social, political, economic, technological, religious and artistic aspects of the lives of the people who lived in these two centers and the ways in which they were similar and different from one another, while bringing out the ties that existed between them.

Tagore's Jaffna Visit: Art, Identity, Discourse

Dr. T. Sanathanan, Senior Lecturer, Department of Fine Arts published a book with the title of 'தாகூரின் யாழ்ப்பாண வருகை: கலை, அடையாளம், கருத்தாடல்' (Tagore's Jaffna Visit: Art, Identity, Discourse) by the Kumaran Book House, Colombo in 2021.

This book, while recording Rabindranath Tagore's Sri Lankan and Jaffna visits through Newspaper reports, tries to reveal the cultural politics of his visit. By reading the local art practices that were influenced by Indian Nationalism and the cultural renaissance of the 1920s, this book revisits the critical practice of constructing modernism in the Sri Lankan context as a product of westernization.



Student Publications

'Thinakaran' National Tamil Daily Publishing Series of Feature Articles by Students from the Department of Media Studies

From January 2021, 'Thinakaran' National Tamil Daily from Lake House Publications which was founded in the year 1932 has allocated a full page for feature articles written by students from the Department Media Studies Students.

The articles, which focus on social, cultural and economic issues and current affairs, are published in the Friday-Edition of 'Thinakaran' and have received notable attention from its readers all over the island.

