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Feature Article

Sri Lankan Libraries and Industrial 5.0



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The industrial revolution or so-called IR is a changing process of technological, socioeconomic, and cultural aspects. The evolution of industries derived from 1.0 now stepping to 5.0. In this gradual revolution, industry 4.0 is the strategic parameter to achieve the action plan of many industries including libraries. The root cause of IR 4.0 is the development of modern technologies (Min et al., 2019). However, the majority of industries are still in the middle phase of IR 4.0. To address the changing needs of users and to survive in the changing world, Sri Lankan libraries tend to transform their entire system, processes, operations, and functions with digital technologies. For example, library automation had become a buzzword in Sri Lankan perspective. Further, smart systems, mobile technology applications, robotization, virtual and augmented reality (VR and AR), big data analytics, cyber computing, virtualization, Artificial Intelligence (AI), machine learning, and Internet of Things (IoT) (Ellen Frederick, 2016) are enablers of industry 4.0 which are not best leveraged in Sri Lankan libraries. However, IR 5.0 is also on its way.

Industry 5.0 is a result of a gradual industrial revolution where both humans and technology involve in human wellbeing and economic enhancement (GEORGE & GEORGE, 2020). Industry 5.0 is more rational, sustainable, and human-centric whereas industry 4.0 is to maximize performance optimization through machines, processes, and system interconnection (Hussain, 2020). Thus, “technology” is man-made and indeed for supporting humans but not for superseding. Therefore, Sri Lankan libraries should strategically continue their move in this industrial revolution. Efficiency and productivity generated by industry 4.0 should be optimistically balanced when moving towards industry 5.0. No doubt, human intuition is paramount. The reason is that even any technology is a masterpiece of the human mind. Human creativity, capacity of problem-solving, and decision-making cannot be programmed. That is why libraries still survive and the role of librarianship remains as a well-accepted profession with slight changes. If the machines, systems, and processes could fulfill the expected requirements in the library with no human intuition, this industry 5.0 will not emerge. Therefore, industry 5.0 provides the answer to the common question raised by many parties “why do we need librarians if we have Google”. The optimal outcome can be leveraged where only human-machine interactive collaboration exists.

Furthermore, industry 5.0 in libraries ensures sustainability. It does not merely encourage the libraries to grab whatever the latest technology available in the industry. But it motivates the librarians to be aware of the present requirements of the users, availability, and compatibility of the technologies as well as how effective they are in optimizing the existing phenomenon. In terms of reducing wastage and enhancing efficiency and effectiveness, industry 5.0 expects library productivity. In a nutshell, this strives toward economic growth. But the human-centric approach in industry 5.0 widens the library objectives. Thus, the concerns about the well-being of the library staff uplift the library vision to the next level. However, the basement created by industry 4.0 is essential to reach the prosperity of libraries while research and development (R&D), innovations, creativity, decision making, and problem-solving capability are embedded in the strategies of the libraries. Thereby, industry 5.0 will act as a multi-faceted approach to achieving Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which address 3 main dimensions of economic, social, and natural resources conservation perspectives. Hence, this is the best time for Sri Lankan libraries to set their vision, mission, long-term objectives, values and develop policies, and procedures before embracing industry 5.0.

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Achievements & Awards



Appointment to Cover up the Duties of the Librarian, University of Jaffna

Mr. S. Ketheeswaren (Snr. Asst. Librarian- Gr. I) has been appointed to cover up the duty of the Librarian of the University of Jaffna since 26/06/2022.

Appointed as the Chairman of Policy on Policies and Chairman of the Committee for Policy Gap Analysis for QAC, SUSL

Mr. Kusala Fernando, Senior Assistant Librarian was appointed as the chairman of the subcommittee on formulating a policy on policies by the Senate Standing Committee for Quality Assurance, SUSL. In addition, he has appointed as the chairman of the subcommittee on conducting a policy gap analysis by the Senate Standing Committee for Quality Assurance, SUSL. Mr. Fernando led the team to formulate a sustainable mechanism to manage universities policies and procedures. The team will formulate a database and a separate website for policies of the SUSL.



Appointed as a Student Counselor for the Academic Year 2020/2021

Dr. Achala Ranaweera, Assistant Librarian, University of Kelaniya was appointed as the student counselor for the academic year 2020/2021

Treasurer of FHSSTU 2022/2023

Ms. Sakunthala Senevirathna, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Ruhuna was elected as the Treasurer of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Science Teachers Union (FHSSTU), University of Ruhuna for the year 2022/2023. Also, she has served as the Assistant Secretary year 2021/2022.

Appointed as the Secretary of the Wayamba University Teachers' Welfare Association (WUTWAS)

Mr. K.G.I. Jayawardana/ Senior Assistant Librarian, Main Library, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka has been nominated as the Secretary of the Wayamba University Teachers' Welfare Association (WUTWAS) for the next tenure during the Annual General Meeting (AGM) held on 1st August 2022.

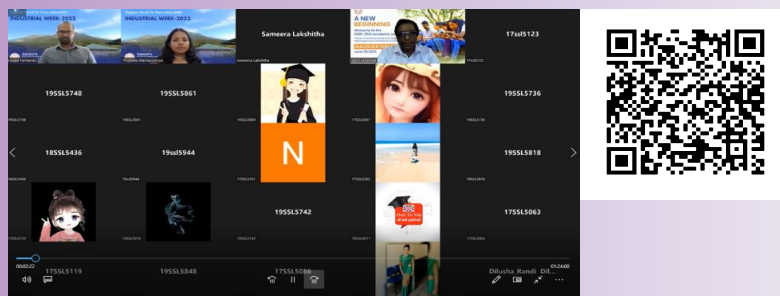
Appointed as the Executive Committee Member

Mr. A.P.M.M.D.B. Dayananda/ Assistant Librarian, Main Library, the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka has been nominated as an Executive Committee Member for both Wayamba University Teachers' Welfare Association (WUTWAS) and Kuliyaipitiya University Teachers Association (KUTA) during Annual General Meetings held on 1st August 2022 and 25th August 2022 respectively.

Academic Contributions

Contribution as Resource Persons for Industrial Week 2022, SUSL

The industrial week 2022 of the Faculty of Social Sciences and Languages of Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka was held from 01.08.2022 to 05.08.2022 via Zoom platform. Mr. Kusala Fernando, Senior Assistant Librarian and Ms. Thrishala Warnasooriya, Assistant Librarian conducted consultation sessions on “Information literacy and academic research” and “Job based learning and acquisition of job-based information” respectively for the undergraduates of the faculty. The two lectures are available in the official YouTube channel of library, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. (<https://tinyurl.com/2k5rk2sp>)



Excelling in Research – Introductory Lecture

Mrs. Thushari Seneviratne, Senior Assistant Librarian in-charge of Research Support Services Division of Library, University of Moratuwa delivered the introductory lecture of the free webinar series in “Excelling in Research: Important Steps to Writing & Present your Research” in Sinhala medium on 27th June 2022 via Zoom platform. Academic Libraries Group (2021/2022) of the Sri Lanka Library Association organized this webinar series in Sinhala and Tamil medium in order to encourage library professionals attached to government, public and school libraries to engage in research.

Visiting Lecture on Information Literacy and Scientific Communications Skills

Senior assistant librarian, Mr. Kusala Fernando served as a visiting lecturer at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Ruhuna for the module of Information Literacy and Scientific Communications Skills.

Visiting Lecture on Information Literacy and Library Skills

Mr. Sanath Pushpakumara, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Ruhuna served as a Visiting Lecturer at the Faculty of Fisheries and Marine Sciences Technology, University of Ruhuna for the module of Information Literacy and Library Skills.

Workshop on “Reference Management using Mendeley”

The Main Library of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) together with the Staff Development Centre of the OUSL conducted a workshop on Reference Management using Mendeley for the university staff on 19th August 2022 through Zoom. The workshop consisted of a demonstration on using Mendeley for simplifying the entire referencing workflow and provided knowledge on how to organize and manage the literature resources using Mendeley software. Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, Assistant Librarian, OUSL served as the resource person for the workshop.

Consultancy for Research Staff

Dr. Anoma Weerakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Open University of Sri Lanka, conducted an online session on “Reference Management with Mendeley” for the research staff of the Institute of Policy Studies Sri Lanka, on 26 th August. Senior and Junior research staff of the institute participated in the session.

Academic Contributions by the KDU Library Staff

- Mrs T C Ranawella, Senior Assistant Librarian of Kotelawala Defence University, covered the topics under Information Literacy for the students of Civil Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering and Mechanical Engineering of the Faculty of Engineering under their Research Methodology Module with two credits.
- UD Hiruni Kanchana, Senior Assistant Librarian, Allied Health Sciences Library, Kotelawala Defence University, delivered a lecture on Referencing and Mendeley Reference Management Software on 18th July 2022, under the Webinar Series on Excelling in Research: Important steps to writing & presenting your research organized by the Academic Libraries Group (2021/2022), Sri Lanka Library Association.
- Mrs. MP Rajapaksha, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Medicine has conducted an online awareness session on “Library E-resources” for the students of the Faculty of Criminal Justice & Police Science for the benefit of their academic activities.

Academic Contributions by the University of Moratuwa, Library Staff

- Dr Nayani Gunawardhana, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Moratuwa conducted a lecture on “Introduction to information sources” on 12th July 2022 for the Department of Materials Science & Engineering for their UG students in Level II.
- Dr Nayani Gunawardhana, Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Moratuwa conducted a lecture on “Information sources and literature search” on 8th August 2022 the Department of Architecture for their UG students in Level-5.
- On invitation for the second consecutive year, by the Faculty of Information Technology, University of Moratuwa, Senior Assistant Librarian, Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku served as a resource person for the independent study module of level 3 students in the faculty. The internal and external resources for the students were explained during the online session on 19th August 2022.

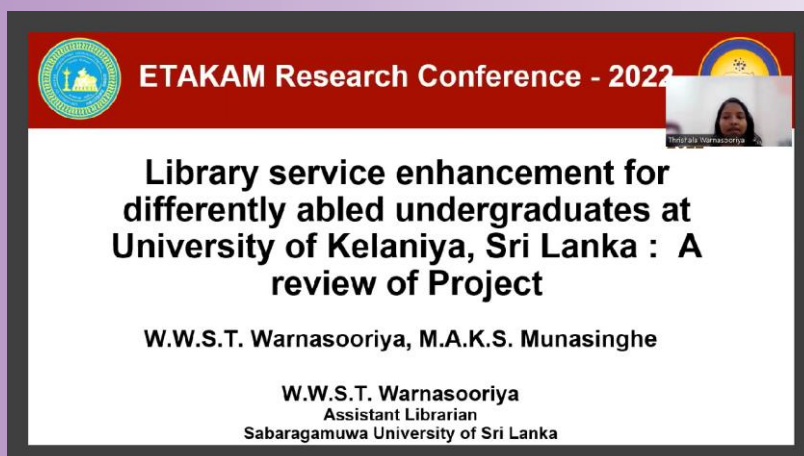
Academic Contribution by the University of Kelaniya

- Lecture on “Information Searching Techniques and Electronic Database Searching” for the Skill Development Program for Postgraduates (MPhil/PhD) 2022 of the Faculty of Graduate Studies was conducted on 17th July 2022.
- Lecture on “Information Searching Techniques and Electronic Database Searching” was conducted for the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) students at the Faculty of Graduate Studies on 22nd August 2022.
- Lecture on “Information Searching Techniques and Electronic Database Searching” for the postgraduate students of the Master of Business Administration (MBA), Faculty of Graduate Studies on 29th September 2022.

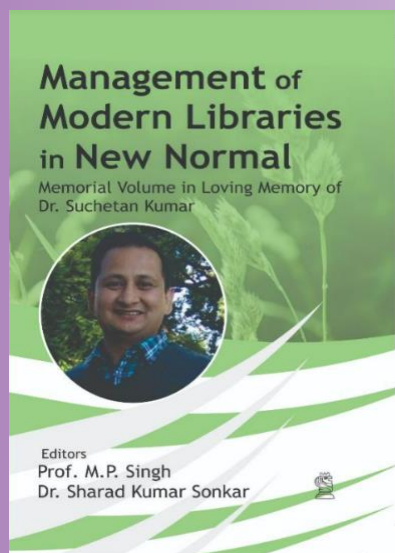
Research Contribution

Paper Presentation at ETAKAM Conference

Ms. Thrishala Warnasooriya, Assistant Librarian, SUSL and Mr. Kasun Munasinghe, Assistant Librarian, UOK presented a research paper on “Library service enhancement for differently abled undergraduates at the university of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka : a review of project” at ETAKAM research conference organized by the library, University of Jaffna on 12th August 2022.



Book Chapter by Mrs. Thushari Seneviratne



Prof. (Mrs.) Vathsala Wicramasinghe, Senior Professor, Department of Management of Technology, Faculty of Business and Mrs. Thushari Seneviratne, Senior Assistant Librarian in-charge of Research Support Services Division of Library, University of Moratuwa published a book chapter titled “Information literacy skills - a comparison of two undergraduate cohorts with and without instruction” in Management of modern libraries in new normal: memorial volume in loving memory of Dr. Suchetan Kumar. Memorial volume edited by Prof. M.P. Singh and Dr. Sharad Kumar Sankar was released on 6th May, 2022 as a publication of Indu Book Services Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi.

Research Publications

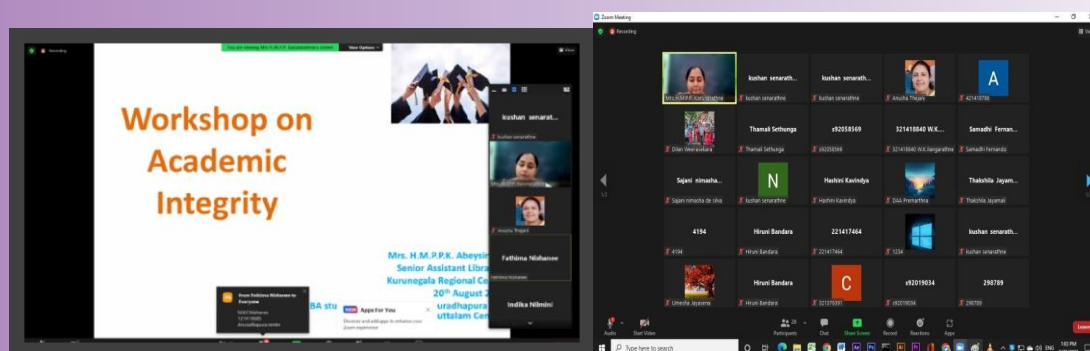
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Student Support

Workshop on “Academic Integrity”

Workshop on “Academic Integrity” for Bachelor of Arts level 03 students in Kurunegala, Anuradhapura and Puttalm Centres was held on 20th August 2022 from 11.00 am to 1.00 pm via ZOOM platform. The Resource person was Mrs. Piumali Karunarathna Abeysinghe, Senior Assistant Librarian, Kurunegala Regional Centre, The Open University of Sri Lanka. This workshop explained the basics of the concept of academic integrity, specifically, an introduction to the fundamental values of academic integrity, how to achieve academic integrity as a university student, and what academic dishonesty is and how to avoid it. The workshop was successfully conducted with interactive activities with the participation of the students.

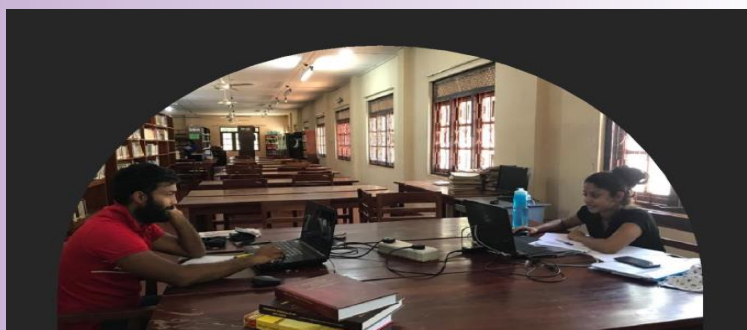


Webinar Series for Undergraduates

Wayamba University Library Network is conducting webinar series for undergraduates and postgraduates to upgrade their knowledge of related areas of the library and its relevancy. The 3rd webinar programme was held on 28th July 2022 under the title of “Information Literacy for Academic Purposes”. Mr. KGI Jayawardana/Senior Assistant Librarian, Main Library, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka shared his knowledge as a resource person.

New Cyber Zone Establishment-SUSL

A new cyber zone was established in the main library, SUSL, to provide internet and related hardware facilities for users. Essential study tools and computer packages required for undergraduates will be available to enhance this initiative to the next level in the recent future.



Research Consultancy for Undergraduates

Dr. Anoma Weerakoon, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Open University of Sri Lanka, served as the resource person for a series of workshops for the final year research students of the Faculty of Natural Sciences of the Open University of Sri Lanka. The first two workshops of the series titled; “How to write a research proposal” and “Information sources and searching techniques for research purposes” were held on 10th and 14th August with the participation of more than 100 undergraduates via zoom. The series of workshops were organized jointly by the Kandy Regional Centre (KRC) Library and the Computer Society of KRC.

Opening of the Digital Wall at the KDU Library

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University introduced a new user service, the Digital Wall, on 7th September 2022, allowing the students, instructors, and researchers access to the knowledge accessible at the British Council. This QR-sensitive screen with QR codes access through IOS and Android phones installed at the Main Library of KDU enables users to access resources for education, relaxation, and training of the undergraduates and junior staff for IELTS. The Deputy Vice Chancellor (Defence & Admin), Brigadier W Chandrasiri RSP USP psc, along with the Librarian, Library Academic Staff, administrative, and non-academic employees, proclaimed the Digital Wall open.



Workshop on “Introduction to SPSS”

Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, Assistant Librarian of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) carried out a demonstration on employing SPSS statistical software for data analysis, for the research students of the Department of Pharmacy, Faculty of Health Sciences of the OUSL. This was held on 23rd September 2022 at the Audio-visual Resource Centre (AVRC) of the Library. The workshop covered entering data, running basic statistical techniques, and developing graphs and charts using SPSS.



An Awareness Session on “Accessing E-resources Remotely”

Mrs. Irosha Marasinghe, Assistant Librarian, Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) was invited by the Faculty of Management Studies to conduct an awareness session on how to access university subscribed e-resources using remote access facilities. The presentation was made at the Faculty Board held on 06th September 2022, which explained the two methods: the Shibboleth access facility and Virtual Private Network (VPN) facility given by the Library to access e-resources distantly.

Quality Assurance

Workshop on “Performance Development of the Library Staff Through Service Quality”

The Library Quality Assurance Cell (LQAC) organized the workshop on “Performance Development of the library staff through Service Quality” to enhance the performance of the library staff. The workshop was held on 19th July 2022 at the Main Library and the following areas were covered at the workshop; How to Face an Interview and Get Ready for a Written Test by Mrs. W.M Thusithakumari/Acting Librarian, Duties and Responsibilities of the library staff by Mr. KGI Jayawardena, SAL/ Acquisitions & Faculty Librarian of Medical Library, How to fulfil user requirements in a crisis situation by Mr.APMMDB Dayananda, AL/ Reader Services, Main Library and How to support Reader using OPAC by Mrs. GDAS Malkanthi, SAL/ Faculty Librarian, Makandura Premises.

Workshops on “Public Relations for Better Library Service” and “Professionalism and Working Ethics”

In collaboration with the Staff Development Center, Quality Assurance Cell of the KDU Library organized two online workshops for the library staff to enhance their knowledge. These two informative workshops covered “Public relations for better library service” and “Professionalism and working ethics” by prominent lecturers, Dr Wathmanel Seneviratne, Librarian, and Senior. Prof. Susirith Mendis, Faculty of Medicine, Kotelawala Defence University

Community Outreach

Research Support Services for Piliyandala Education Zone

In commemoration of the Golden Jubilee of University of Moratuwa, Library organized an eight-week programme to make awareness on research support services for Deputy Directors, Assistant Directors, and Teacher-Trainers in Piliyandala Education Zone. Dr. (Mrs.) Nayani Gunaeardena, Mr. Nishan Punchihewa and Mrs. Thushari Seneviratne, Senior Assistant Librarians of University of Moratuwa Library serve as resource persons. Inauguration of this programme took place on 23rd September, 2022. About 30 participants attended the programme.



Awareness Session on How to use a Library- CSR project

The Kandy Regional Centre Library of the OUSL conducted an awareness session on “how to use a library” for school leavers who are registered at the Center for Computer Literacy short course. The session was conducted as a CSR project for the benefit of school leavers who are potential candidates for higher education. The session was conducted physically on 07th September at the Kandy Centre of OUSL and the resource persons were Dr. Anoma Weerakoon/ SAL and Mrs. M.M. Pushpamala/ LIA.

Reading Month Celebration-SUSL

In celebration of the literature and reading months, Karagasthalawa primary school in collaboration with school library development committee and grade 3 students organized a book perahera on 01.09.2022 at Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka. The library academic staff, SUSL graced this event with their presence and Mrs. T. N. Neighsoorei Jayah, the librarian, donated valuable books to encourage the reading habit of those students.

Workshop on “Records Management”

The Main Library of the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) held a workshop on records management for the Centre for Educational Technology & Media (CETMe) staff on 21st September 2022 with the intention of making them aware of managing records of audio-video materials of the CETMe, Mr. R.M. Gunasekara, Senior Assistant Librarian, OUSL, served as the resource person for the workshop, which was held at the Audio-visual Resource Centre (AVRC) of the Library.



Upgrading Primary School Libraries

Upon the request received by the principal of Bellapitiya Primary College, Horana, the outreach services division expanded the services to upgrade the primary school library in par with the National Literary month. Senior Assistant Librarian, University of Moratuwa, Mrs. Upeksha Kodithuwakku advised the library staff members to organize the library collection and conducted a short session on “arranging library collection using Dewey Decimal Classification”. The success of the programme will be monitored in future by depending on the given time frame for the library staff members. Senior Assistant Librarian, Mr. Anura Kiriella of University of Moratuwa coordinated the programme which was conducted on 16th September 2022.



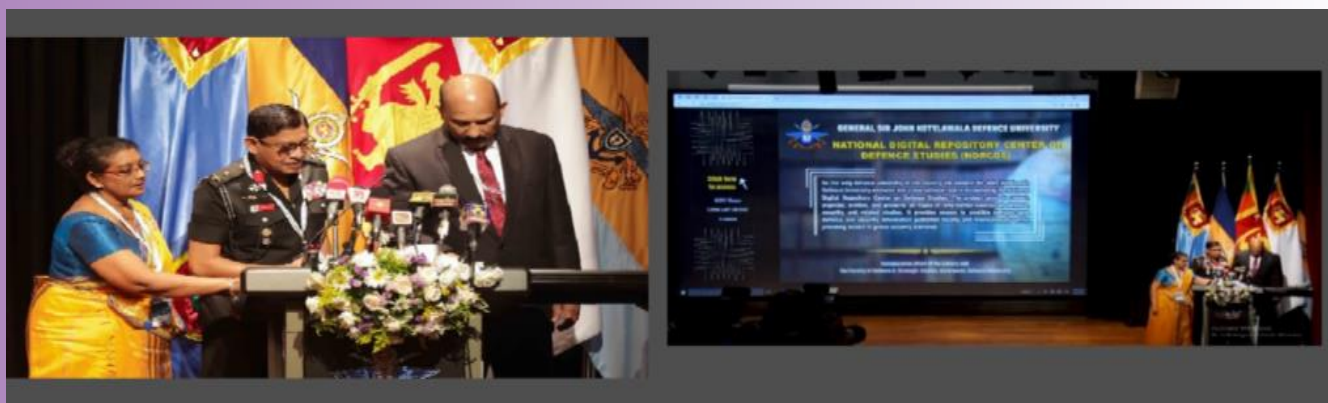
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National Digital Repository Centre on Defence and Security Studies (NDRCDS) at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU)

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University (KDU) launched the National Digital Repository Centre on Defence and Strategic Studies (NDRCDS) on 29th September 2022 at the inauguration ceremony of the International Research Conference of the university. General GDH Kamal Gunaratne (Retd) WWV RWP RSP USP ndc psc MPhil, Secretary- Ministry of Defence, Hon. Prof Subramanian Swamy, former minister of Commerce, Law & Justice, India, the Vice Chancellor, Deputy Vice Chancellors, Deans, Directors, Librarian, other invited dignitaries and the KDU staff members witnessed the event. Being the only defence university of the country, KDU will be the focal point of defence and security studies information with this digital repository which provides access for credible information sources.

This National project is a collaborative effort of the Faculty of Defence and Strategic Studies (FDSS) and the Library, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, with financial patronage of the Prof. Emerita Kusuma Cooray, Consul Emeritus of Hawaii Consular Corps and former honorary consul for Sri Lanka in Hawaii.

To launch this national project within a short period, Mrs UDH Kanchana, Senior Assistant Librarian, Allied Health Sciences Library, worked as the Project Coordinator under the supervision Dr Wathmanel Senevirathne, Librarian of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.



Launching the Library Information Management System (UCLIMS)

The Main Library is pleased to announce, the “University of Colombo Library Information Management System” (UCLIMS) is open for all undergraduates, postgraduates, researchers, academic, administrative, and non-academic staff of the University of Colombo from the 26th of September 2022. The launching ceremony was held at the main library with the presence of the Vice Chancellor, Senior Professor (Chair) H.D. Karunaratne, as the Chief Guest and the Deans, Directors, the Deputy Librarian of the University of Ruhuna and students of the University of Colombo along with the Acting Librarian, Academic, Administrative & Non-academic Staff of the Main Library. The system facilitates to increase in the visibility of the collections in all libraries; supports all stakeholders to use the library resources without any limitation; reserve the book when needed, send purchase suggestions, log in to this system remotely, and search facilities in Sinhala/Tamil and English languages



In Search of Innovators to Commemorate Golden Jubilee of University of Moratuwa

Library, University of Moratuwa in collaboration with several academic staff members attached four faculties organized three awareness programmes to enhance the knowledge and expertise on innovations and inventions focusing on students, teachers, and principals of Moratuwa Education Division, Piliyandala Education Zone.

Programme for teachers in-charge of innovations and inventions was held on 30th September in the Library Auditorium with the participation of 36 teachers representing 26 schools in the Moratuwa Education Division. Four academic staff members representing the Faculty of Architecture and the Faculty of Business joined hands with Library.

Dr. Kamal Wasala, Senior Lecturer, Department of Integrated Design and Coordinator of Timber Design and Innovation Centre of the University of Moratuwa delivered a lecture titled "Innovation and creative thinking." Mr. Sithumini Rathnamalala, Senior Lecturer representing the same department conducted an activity-based session on "Can creativity be taught?" Dr. Thesara Jayawardena, Head, Department of Industrial Management and Director of Business Research Unit focused on "Entrepreneurship and art of risk-taking" while Prof. Dinesh Samarasinghe attached to the same department talked about "Market identification: launching a successful new product".



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BALIS Degree Programme Graduation Ceremony

The first batch of our Bachelor of Arts in Library and Information Studies degree graduated on September 14, 2022 at the graduation ceremony held at BMICH. The course was initiated at the timely request of the Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) to open up higher education opportunities for LIS diplomates and pave the way for them to continue their professional development. OUSL has enlisted the input of renowned library professionals and academics in the field from Sri Lanka and abroad to develop the scope of the BALIS degree. Completion of this degree enables LIS diploma holders to obtain an honors degree in two years. The BALIS degree program is run by the Information Studies Unit (ISU) of the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) at OUSL and coordinated by Mrs. Damayanthi Gunasekara, Senior Assistant Librarian (Grade I), OUSL.



Human Library Project-SUSL: Event 03

The 3rd Human Library Event” organized by the main library, SUSL was successfully held on 30th July 2022 at 10. 00 am at the Faculty of Geomatics, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, Belihuloya with the talk of famous master potter Mr. Ajith Perera. The event was a platform for Mr. Chathura, undergraduate of the Faculty of Geomatics, SUSL to share his experience on his new experiment of cinnamon oil extract. The project concept, planning and development was by the Assistant Librarian, Ms. Thrishala Warnasooriya and the supervision and consultation by the librarian, Mrs. Neighsoorei Jayah and Senior Assistant Librarian, Mr. Kusala Fernando.



Etakam Research Conference –ERC 2022: Under the Sphere of Jaffna

The first International Research Conference -2022 organized by the Library, University of Jaffna under the sphere of the Jaffna University International Research Conference (JUICE 2022) was held on the 12th of August 2022 with the theme of Enhancing library system to best engage with global change. The conference is formally named Etakam Research Conference (ERC 2022). The name Etakam denotes book house in Tamil (ஏதகம்). The General Chair of the Jaffna University International Research Conference (JUICE 2022) was Professor S. Srisatkunarajah, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jaffna. The Conference Chair was Mr. S. Ketheeswaran, Acting Librarian, the University of Jaffna. The keynote address titled AI/ML Applications for Knowledge Organization in Libraries: Designing a Semi-Automated Subject Indexing System based on LCSH was delivered by Prof. Parthasarathi Mukhopadhyay, the Professor in Library & Information science, University of Kalyani, West Bengal, India. The invited speakers were Dr V. Vimal Kumar, Mahatma Gandhi University, Kerala, India, Dr N. Suraweera, Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya, and Dr M.M. Mashroofa, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka. The conference proceedings consists of full papers of the keynote address and three invited talks, and nineteen research abstracts that were presented at the conferences.





Current contents and index service – SUSL University International Research Conference (JUICE 2022)

The main library, SUSL commenced a current content service (CCS) to disseminate the information regarding the recent addition of periodicals. The current contents can be accessed through the main library website (<https://www.sab.ac.lk/lib/periodicals>). This was initiated by Ms. Thrishala Warnasooriya, Assistant Librarian and Head/Periodical section, with the guidance of Mrs. Neighsoorei Jayah, the librarian and Mr. Kusala Fernando, Senior Assistant Librarian. This digestive information service includes the following packages.

- Current contents of academic journals and research proceedings
- Current contents of magazines
- Current contents of reports and handbooks
- Current contents of pamphlets and prospectus
- Index to the past examination papers
- Index to postgraduate theses and dissertations
- Scanned newspaper cuttings
- Web links to government publications



E-Repository Content Migration -SUSL

The library, SUSL, initiated importing and reindexing the digital content available at the National Science foundation (<http://susrepo.nsf.ac.lk/>) to the e-repostiory of the Sabaragamuwa university under the supervision and advice of Mr. Kusala Fernando, Senior Assistant Librarian. Repository at the NSF will be shut down after all the contents are successfully moved.

Electronic Resource Pack Service -SUSL

The library, SUSL, initiated sharing electronic resource pack service by Mr. Kusala Fernando, Senior Assistant Librarian importing. resource packs can be access through <https://www.sab.ac.lk/lib/electronic-resources-packs>



Research Lounge

The second, third and fourth Research Lounges were held on 28th July 2022, 23rd August 2022 and 27th September 2022 at the Board Room of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Moratuwa in hybrid mode. These were organized by the Faculty of Graduate Studies in collaboration with the University Library. Dean/FGS Prof. Ajith De Alwis directed and guided the Research Lounge Team and the events were very successful.

The theme of the second Research Lounge was “Aiming at High-Impact Publications”. Organizing research ideas for publications, the structure of a journal paper, selecting a forum from publications were discussed. Dr. Hirushie Karunathilake, Senior Lecturer, University of Moratuwa and Dr. M.I.G. Suranga Sampath, Senior Lecturer, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka participated as resource persons. Dr. Emeshi Warusawitharana, Senior Lecturer, University of Moratuwa, participated as invitee. Dr. Nayani Gunawardhana was the moderator of the second Research Lounge.

The theme of the third Research Lounge was “From Coursework to Real Research”. Why research, why coursework?, doing real research: myths and challenges were discussed. Dr Prathapasinghe Dharmawansa, Senior Lecturer, University of Moratuwa, Dr Minhua Ding, Senior Lecturer, Sri Lanka Institute of Information Technology and Dr. Chathuranga Weeraddana, Senior Researcher, University of Oulu, Finland were resource persons. Dr. Nayani Gunawardhana was the moderator of the third Research Lounge.

The theme of the fourth Research Lounge was “Making Academic Writing Easy”. Typical writing features of academic writing, worldwide popular AI-inbuilt software for academic writing (DeepL Translator, Grammarly, Ginger, Writefull, Paperpal, and South Korean & Hong Kong-based human interfaces) discussed. Prof. Mahesh Jayweera, University of Moratuwa and Janith Dissanayake, Director, Newnop Co., Ltd, Giheung, Gyeonggi-Do, South Korea were resource persons. Dr. Nayani Gunawardhana was the moderator of the fourth Research Lounge.



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