

Quality Enhancing Activities – 2021
Faculty of Agriculture
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Summary of Workshops, Seminars, Webinars, Training and Awareness Sessions, etc. – 2021

Hands-on Training in Drone and GPS Agriculture

Training session to provide hands-on experience in Drone and GPS Agriculture was successfully organized by the AHEAD (ELTA-ELSE), Department of Plant Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The training was held at the Faculty auditorium on 05th January 2021 from 10.00 a.m. to 3.00 p.m. with the participation of the academic staff including permanent, temporary, and contract members of the Department and interested members from the other departments of the Faculty. Mr. Isuru Karalliyadda, Surveyor at BOMITEC (Pvt.) Limited with his team were served as the resource person of the training. The training was coordinated by Dr. Nalaka Geekiyanage, Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Plant Sciences.



Training Program for Executive Staff and Head of Academic Departments on University Financial and Administrative Procedures

A workshop on Financial procedures (Funding & Grants) held under “**University Financial and Administrative Procedures**” was successfully held at the Staff Development Centre of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 05th January 2021. Head of the Department of Plant Sciences and head of the Department of Agricultural Systems, Assistant Registrar, and Farm Manager were among the participant from the Faculty of Agriculture.

Virtual Inauguration Ceremony of Master of Agriculture, FoA, RUSL 2021

Virtual Inauguration Ceremony of Master of Agriculture (2nd intake), FoA, RUSL was held on 16th January 2021.



Two-day Workshop on "Soft 21st Century Skills for addressing the 21st Century Challenges"

The first two-day workshop titled “soft 21st-century skills for personal and professional success” organized by AHEAD faculty DP for the 2016/17 batch was held on 26th and 27th January 2021 at the faculty auditorium. Prof. Chalinda Beneragama from academia and Dr. Sumendra Jayaram from the cooperate sector were served as resource persons to deliver comprehensive content related to soft skills that are expected by today’s competitive job market from the graduates.

TWO DAY WORKSHOP ON

"SOFT 21ST CENTURY SKILLS FOR ADDRESSING THE 21ST CENTURY CHALLENGES"

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Following are some insights highlighted by the speakers of the inauguration session.



"Faculty of Agriculture of the Rajarata University has initiated a lot of programs to invest in the personal and professional development of each student. Throughout your four years of studies, you can take the advantage of a wide range of opportunities to gain the knowledge, skills, and experiences that meet the expectations of today's job market"

Prof. A.M.J.B. Adikari
Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka



"The workshop is organized by the faculty development project of AHEAD which comprises of 6 activities. This workshop comes to you from Activity No 04 coordinated by Dr. Sumali Dissanayake. It is expected to improve your socio-emotional skills, and personal and professional development through addressing these "Soft 21st century Skills". AHEAD grant is a loan taken from the World Bank and therefore we need you to gain the maximum out of these two days' workshops to achieve the objectives of the grant"

Dr. N.S. Abeysingha
Coordinator - AHEAD Faculty DP
Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka



Other than the subject specific knowledge and skills you are learning in your BSc. Agriculture degree program, there are many other skills that have become indispensable to be succeeded in 21st century competitive job market. Our goal is to assist you in bridging the skills gap through a comprehensive package of "Soft 21st Century Skills" through personal and professional development initiatives of the AHEAD Faculty

Dr. Sumali Dissanayake
Activity Coordinator - Personal & Professional Development
AHEAD Faculty DP
Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

The participants found the workshop very relevant, appropriate, inspiring, and interesting as shown in their feedback. Majority rated "Excellent" for the overall assessments of the workshop.

Webinar on "Recent advances and potentials of using nanotechnology in the food industry"

A webinar was conducted on "Recent advances and potentials of using nanotechnology in the food industry" to provide awareness on nanotechnology and its uses in the food industry to the majoring students in the Dept. of Animal and Food Sciences (2016/2017 batch) on 29th January 2021. The session was conducted by the Sri Lanka Institute of Nanotechnology (PVT) LTD. The Senior Research Scientist of SLINTEC, Dr. Surani Chathurika served as the resource person. The academic staff of the department and students majoring in both Animal Science and Food & Postharvest modules of the Dept. of Animal and Food Sciences participated. Mrs. C.A.K. Dissanayake at the Department of Animal and Food Sciences coordinated this webinar.

Workshop on "Nursery Management" for the students in the Department of Plant Sciences

A workshop on Nursery Management for majoring students in the Department of Plant Sciences (2016/2017 batch) was held at the Faculty Field, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 12th February 2021. The resource persons were Mrs. R. Malkanthi, Mr. R. Chaminda, and Mr. T. Premathilaka. Mrs. Darshani Wijaywardhana, Lecturer, Department of Plant Sciences coordinated the event.



Training of Trainers (ToT) on Outcome-Based Education and Learner-Centered Teaching (OBE-LCT)

A ToT programme on “Outcome-Based Education and Learner Centered Teaching (OBE-LCT)” was held from 23rd to 25th February 2021 at the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. Facilitators of the programme were Prof. Gominda Ponnampereuma, Prof. Indika Karunathilake, and Prof. Asela Olupeliyawa of Department of Medical Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo. Twelve staff members; Dr. W.C.P. Egodawatta, Dr. D.M.D. Dissanayake, Dr. D.A.U.D. Devasinghe, Dr. U.G.A.I. Sirisena, Dr. S.C. Somasiri, Dr. D.W.M.M.M. Kumari, Ms. A.J. Fenando, Mr. P.D. Kahandage, Dr. K.K.P. Perera, Mr. N.M.K.C. Premarathne, Mr. Mohamad Nisam, and Mr. S.M.C. Bandara completed this three-day training as master trainers of the faculty. Dr. W.C.P. Egodawatta, Senior Lecturer, Department of Plant Sciences, coordinator to the curriculum revision, 2021-2025, organized this event under the Faculty AHEAD grant.

The following topics were covered during this training session.

- Learner-centered learning (LCL); an introduction
- Large group learning
- Small group learning
- Problem-based learning (PBL)
- Team-based learning (TBL)




Workshop on “Substance Prevention in University” Organized by the Student Counselling Unit of the Faculty of Agriculture


Student Counselling Unit of the Faculty of Agriculture has organized a workshop on "Your life is in your hands" for the students of the 2016/2017 batch on 03rd March 2021 at the Faculty Auditorium. The workshop aimed to prevent substance use in the university by enhancing awareness among students. In absence of Dr. Manoj Fernando as a resource person, Mr. Chamil Senevirathne, Department of Health Promotion, Faculty of Applied Sciences, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka has conducted the awareness session with great interest of students.

Student Counseling Unit
Invites you to witness an interesting talk on

“Your Life is in Your Hands”



Resource Person:
Dr. Manoj Fernando
Senior Lecturer
Department of Health Promotion
Faculty of Applied Sciences
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka



Date: 03rd March, 2021
Time: 1.30 pm onwards
Venue: Auditorium

(Participation is compulsory for the students' of 2016/2017 batch)

Workshop on Effective English Writing Skills


A workshop on “Effective English Writing Skills” was conducted for the students of the 1200 series (2018/19 batch) on 16th March 2021. The purpose of the workshop was to develop the academic writing skills of the undergraduates of the faculty. The resource person for the workshop was Ms. Nishani Jayaweera, Department of English, University of Peradeniya. Workshop coordinators were Dr. KKP Perera, Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Systems, and Ms. Ishari Maduwanthi from the Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Agriculture. This workshop was funded by Faculty DP/ Activity 02 of the AHEAD project.


FOR 1200 STUDENTS

Effective
English Writing
Skills

LIVE
WEBINAR on

On **16th** March 2021 at **9.00 a.m.**





Ms. Nishani Jayaweera

Department of English
University of Peradeniya

Organized by AHEAD Faculty DP - Activity 2
Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

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Non-Academic Staff Training Workshop on “Professional Development at New Normal”

Staff Development Centre (SDC) in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit of the University has conducted a workshop on “Professional Development at New Normal” for non-academic staff members of the University. The sessions were held on 29th, 30th, and 31st March 2021 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at SDC and 8 members of the non-academic staff from the Faculty of Agriculture participated in these sessions.

Embedding CLIL- permanent and temporary academic staff of the DPS

A workshop on Integrated English Language Teaching and Assessment for permanent and temporary academic staff of the Department of Plant Sciences of the faculty was held on 24th March 2021. The sessions were conducted by Dr. Chalinda Benaragma and Dr. Sreemali Herath. The workshop was coordinated by Dr. Nalaka Geekiyanage, Senior Lecturer, Department of Plant Sciences.



Library Awareness sessions {online} for the undergraduates of the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

An awareness session on “Use of Library E-resources and Databases” was held on 23rd March 2021 using the Zoom platform for the students in the 2018/2019 batch of the Faculty. Mrs. W.P.T.Dilrukshi, Senior Assistant Librarian, Faculty of Agriculture conducted the programme.

Awareness session on “University Systems” to the academic staff members of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

An awareness session on “University Systems” was held on 27th March 2021 at the Staff Development Center of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka with the participation of 27 academic staff members of the University. Snr. Prof. (Ms.) P.A. Weerasinghe of the Department of Plant Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture served as the resource person of the session. The session was conducted as a virtual event due to Covid 19 pandemic.

Opening ceremony of Technology Incubation Center (TIC) at Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka (RUSL) in collaboration with the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission (SLIC) established a Technology Incubation Center (TIC) at Faculty of Agriculture, Puliyankulama, Anuradhapura for the commercialization of invented products. TIC was declared open on 9th April 2021 in an event graced by the distinguished members. Dr. G.V.T.V. Weerasooriya, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Agricultural Engineering and Soil Science was appointed as the coordinator of the TIC by the Faculty Board of the Faculty for the continuation of its activities.

20th Years of Excellence in the Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL

The activities were held at the faculty to celebrate its 20th Years of Excellence on 21st April 2021 from 8.30 am onwards. This event was graced by ven. Etalawatunawewe Gnanathilaka, the Chancellor of the Rajatata University of Sri Lanka and Prof. B.A. Karunarathne, Vice-chancellor of the Univerity.

The image shows a two-page document for the 20th Anniversary Celebration Programme. The left page is an invitation, and the right page is the agenda.

Invitation Page:

- Logo: 20 YEARS of EXCELLENCE 2001 - 2021, FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE, RAJARATA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
- Text: "You are Cordially Invited to Grace the 20th Anniversary Celebration of the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka"
- Date: Wednesday 21st April 2021
- Time: 8.30 A.M – 8.30 P.M
- Location: At Faculty Premises
- Organizing committee: 20th Anniversary Celebration Programme

Agenda Page:

- 8.30 am – 9.00 am: Registration and Refreshment
- 9.00 am – 11.30 am: Morning Session
 - 9.00 am – 9.05 am: University Anthem
 - 9.05 am – 9.15 am: Lighting the Oil Lamp
 - 9.15 am – 9.25 am: Welcome Address by Prof. A.M.J.B. Adikari, Dean/FoA
 - 9.25 am – 9.35 am: Overview of the Faculty Development _ Video Presentation
 - 9.35 am – 9.45 am: Address by Dr. B.A. Karunarathne, Vice Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
 - 9.45 am – 9.55 am: Address by Ven. Etalawatunawewe Gnanathilaka Thero, Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
 - 9.55 am – 10.30 am: Book Launching Programme
 - 10.30 am – 10.40 am: Address by a Leader of the Farmer Organization
 - 10.40 am – 10.45 am: Releasing of a Song to Celebrate 20th Anniversary / FoA
 - 10.45 am – 11.10 am: Token of Appreciation of Founders, Deans and 20 Year Service Existence / FoA
 - 11.10 am- 11.20 am: Donation of Sports Items by Alumni Association and Address by a Member of Alumni Association / FoA
 - 11.20 am – 11.25 am: Vote of Thanks by Ms. K.G.S. Nimesee
 - 11.25 am – 11.30 am: National Anthem
- 9.00 am – 3.00 pm: Blood Donation Programme
- 12.30 pm: Lunch Break
- 3.00 pm – 4.00 pm: Tree Planting Programme
- 7.00 pm – 8.30 pm: "Dharma Deshana" Programme

The 13th Annual Research Symposium

The 13th Annual Research Symposium (ARS) of the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, Puliyankulama, Anuradhapura is scheduled on 28th and 29th April 2021 as a virtual conference under the theme "Challenging the Pandemic with Agricultural Innovation". Innovation is the key to improving productivity, sustainability, and resilience in the agriculture and food sector. The ARS creates an official platform for final year students to present the findings of their research for an audience comprised of scientists, stakeholders, academics, and colleagues. It also aims

to motivate young researchers and enhance their research skills, develop interactions and establish a working relationship with industry personnel, and recognize the best-performing students. Mr. A.P.S. Fernando, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Agricultural Systems served as the coordinator of the 13th ARS, and Dr. A.M.K.R. Bandara, Senior Lecturer at the Department of Agricultural Systems served as the chief editor of the symposium proceeding.

Webinar on “ජල යාත්‍රා” (Water Journey for Undergraduates of RUSL)

A webinar was conducted on “Water Journey for Undergraduates of RUSL” on 14th May 2021 to provide awareness on water-related issues and the application of IWRM principles to overcome those issues to the undergraduates of the Faculty of Agriculture. Senior Professor C.M. Navaratne (University of Ruhuna), Dr. Missaka Hettiarachchi (World Wildlife Fund), and Ms. Kusum Athukorala (NetWWater) served as the resource persons and Professor M.H.J.P. Gunarathna moderated the sessions. Over 150 undergraduates of the faculty participated in this webinar.

Voice of Water
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14th May 2021

from 8.30 - 10.30 am

Resource persons :

- Senior Professor Champa Navaratne, University of Ruhuna
- Dr. Missaka Hettiarachchi, World Wildlife Fund
- Ms. Kusum Athukorala, Women for Water Partnership and NetWWater

Moderated by Prof. M.H.J.P. Gunarathna

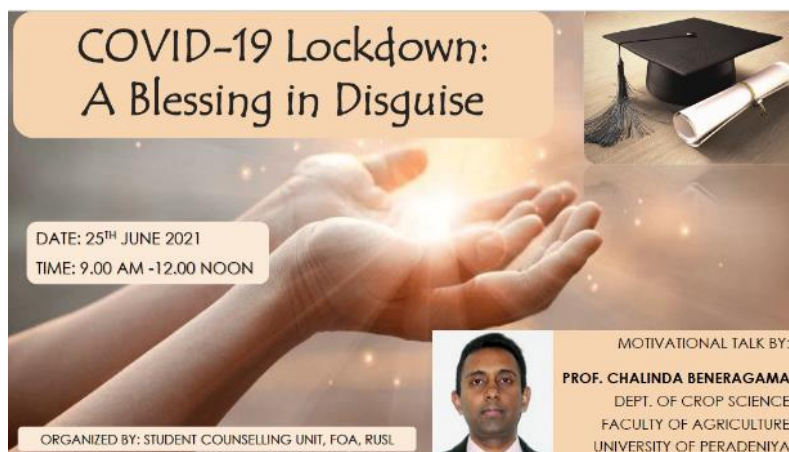
Please join us on Zoom Meeting ID : 616 1935 6742 | Passcode : Jala6@RJT

Awareness session on Management Information System (MIS)

An awareness session on MIS was held on 12th June 2021 for the staff members of the faculty via the Zoom platform from 9 AM onwards. Prof. Hewagamage the consultant for the MIS was the resource person of the session.

Workshop on "Covid 19 lockdown: A blessing in disguise" a motivational session Organized by the Student Counselling Unit of Faculty of Agriculture

The Student Counselling Unit of the Faculty of Agriculture has organized a workshop on "Covid 19 lockdown: A blessing in disguise" for the students of the 2017/2018 batch on 25th June 2021 on an online platform. The workshop aimed to motivate the student to use online resources and online courses to expand their knowledge base during the lockdown period. Prof. Chalinda Beneragama, Department of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya has conducted the session with great interest of students.



Workshop Series for Majoring Students of the Department of Plant Sciences of the Faculty

A series of workshops were organized for the majoring students (2016/2017 batch) of the Department of Plant Sciences to expand their knowledge base related to different disciplines by hearing from the experts in an online platform. The workshops were coordinated by Mrs. W.M.R.S.K. Warnasooriya, Senior Lecturer, and the Ms. Umali Herath, Temporary Lecturer of the Department of Plant Sciences. The workshops were funded by the AHEAD department DP.

Schedule of the Workshop

	Topic and Resource Person	Date	Time
1.	Covid 19 Lockdown: A Blessing in Disguise Prof. Chalinda Beneragama Dept. of Crop Science, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya	21.07.2021	1.00 p.m. – 4.00 p.m.
2.	The Future of EAC Sector in Sri Lanka Mr. U.K. Kodikara Head- Business Counselling Unit, Department of Export Agriculture, Peradeniya	29.07.2021	11.00 a.m.- 2.00 p.m.
3.	Social & Community Forestry Mr. Fazly Mohamed Consultant, Mahaweli Authority of Sri Lanka	29.07.2021	3.00 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.

4.	Quality Standards and Certification Process Dr. D.N.C. Attygalle Senior Management Consultant	31.07.2021	9.00 a.m. – 12.00 a.m.
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**COVID-19 Lockdown:
A Blessing in Disguise**

DATE: 21ST JULY 2021
TIME: 1.00 PM -4.00 PM

MOTIVATIONAL TALK BY:
PROF. CHALINDA BENERAGAMA
DEPT. OF CROP SCIENCE
FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE
UNIVERSITY OF PERADENIYA

ORGANIZED BY: DEPARTMENT OF PLANT SCIENCES, FOA, RUSL

Please mark your level of awareness about

CONDUCTED BY:
Dr. D.N.C. Attygalle
Senior Management Consultant

**Export Agricultural Crops Sector in Sri Lanka
Marketing and Future**

DATE : 29th JULY 2021
TIME : 11.00 AM -2.00 PM

CONDUCTED BY
Mr. Upali Kodikara
Head / Business Counseling Unit
Department of Export Agriculture

ORGANIZED BY: DEPT. OF PLANT SCIENCES, FOA, RUSL
FUNDED BY: AHEAD PROJECT

Social & Community Forestry

DATE : 29th JULY 2021
TIME : 3.00 PM -5.00 PM

CONDUCTED BY
Mr. Fazly Mohamed
Reforestation Specialist
Minipe Left Bank Canal
Rehabilitation Project
Ministry of Irrigation

ORGANIZED BY: DEPT. OF PLANT SCIENCES, FOA, RUSL
FUNDED BY: AHEAD PROJECT

Planting labor and social mobilization

- ▶ Based on available funding source
- ▶ Community mobilization via talking to youth societies/ water societies/ temple / other CBO's
- ▶ Try to include poachers and other farmers to paid labor force. This give them sense of ownership
- ▶ Discuss important matters with community. Make them part of the problem solving team.
- ▶ Organize planting and other events through community leadership

**Keep in mind! You will leave some day.
Make forest their own from the beginning!**

Quality Standards and Certification Process

DATE : 31st JULY 2021
TIME : 9.00 AM -12.00 NOON

CONDUCTED BY
Dr. D.N.C. Attygalle
Senior Management Consultant

ORGANIZED BY: DEPT. OF PLANT SCIENCES, FOA, RUSL
FUNDED BY: AHEAD PROJECT

Workshop on "Research Proposal Writing"

The Department of Plant Sciences in the Faculty organized a workshop on " Research Proposal Writing " on 15th July 2021 from 9.00 to 12.30 pm through the Zoom platform. Mrs. KRE Padmathilaka / Mrs. TDC Priyadarshani at the Department of Plant Sciences organized this event under the Department AHEAD grant. Dr. DIDS Benaragama, Department of Plant Sciences, University of Saskatchewan, Canada was the resource person for the event. It was a good opportunity for students in the 2016/2017 batch in the majoring module at the Department of Plant Sciences to gain preliminary knowledge regarding research proposal writing before their Final year research projects.

Webinar on Tackling the Challenges – Jala Yatra on River Sand Mining for undergraduates of FoA, RUSL, and UoR

A webinar was conducted on “Tackling the Challenges - Jala Yatra on River Sand Mining” to provide awareness on impacts on river sand mining on water resources and livelihood to the undergraduates who are specializing in Agricultural Engineering, Environmental Soil Management and Green Technology of Faculty of Agriculture of University of Ruhuna and Rajarata University of Sri Lanka on 21st July 2021. Dr. Missaka Hettiarachchi (World Wildlife Fund), Dr. Melita Grant (University of Sydney) Ms. Nimmi Sanjeevani (Center for Environment Justice, Ms. Muditha Priyanwada (Construction Industry Development Authority), and Ms. Kusum Athukorala (NetWWater) served as the resource persons. Senior Professor C.M. Navaratne (University of Ruhuna) and Professor M.H.J.P. Gunarathna moderated the sessions. Over 60 undergraduates of two faculties participated in this webinar.

Jala Yatra - Sand Mining in Sri Lanka

Jointly organized by:
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka and
University of Ruhuna

Target audience:
AE/ESM/GT Specilization Students of
Faculty of Agriculture,
RUSL & UOR

Resource persons:

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Dr. Missaka Hettiarachchi,
World Wildlife Fund
- 
Dr. Melita Grant,
University of Sydney
- 
Ms. Kusum Athukorala,
Women for Water
Partnership and NetWWater
- 
Ms. Nimmi Sanjeevani,
Centre for Environment Justice
- 
Ms. Mudhitha Priyanwada,
Construction Industry Development Authority

Moderators:

- 
Senior Professor
Champa Navaratne (UoR)
- 
Professor
M.H.J.P. Gunarathna (RUSL)

**21st
July 2021
8.30 -10.30 am**

Meeting ID: 632 6343 3200 Passcode: Jala7@RJT

Inauguration Ceremony for new entrants (2019/2020)

The virtual inauguration ceremony to welcome the new intake of students in the 2019/20 batch to the faculty was held on 28th July 2021.

INVITATION

AGENDA

09.30 a.m - Traditional Lighting of the Oil Lamp

09.35 a.m - University Anthem

09.40 a.m - Welcome Address by Prof. A.M.J.B. Adikari
Dean, Faculty of Agriculture

09.55 a.m - Address by Student Representative,
Faculty of Agriculture

10.05 a.m - Address by Mrs. W.M.R.S.K. Warnasooriya
Senior Student Counsellor, Faculty of Agriculture

10.15 a.m - Address by Mr. N.C.S. Senaka
Acting Registrar, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

10.25 a.m - Address by Dr. B.A. Karunaratne
Vice Chancellor, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

10.40 a.m - Vote of Thanks

10.45 a.m - National Anthem

The Dean & Staff of the
Faculty of Agriculture
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Cordially Invite

All Members of the Academic Staff,
Faculty of Agriculture

for the Virtual Inauguration Ceremony of
2019/2020 Batch

On
Wednesday 28th July 2021
at 9.00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

MEETING ID: 667 6455 2999
PASSWORD: C72fd8uN

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE
RAJARATA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA
PULIYANKULAMA
ANURADHAPURA

Awareness on LMS for the New Entrants 2019/2020

An awareness session was conducted for the newly recruited students for the batch 2019/2020 on 28th July 2021 at 12.30 pm. The students were inculcated on the basic features and the operations of the faculty LMS since the academic programme continues in line with the learning management platforms at present. This was a part of the orientation programme. Mrs. E.D.T. Somarathne, computer instructor of the faculty was served as the resource person for conducting this session.

Intensive English Programme for the New Intake to the Faculty (2019/2020 Batch)

The Intensive English Programme is an annual programme organized by the Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka to enhance the English knowledge of the new university entrants through teaching English intensively. The Programme was conducted from August to September via an online platform due to Covid - 19 lockdown that prevailed in the country. Lectures of the Intensive English Programme were conducted by the academic staff members of the Department of English Language Teaching, SMC Bandara, AAI Maduwanthi, and BGDS Nandarathna coordinated by AAM Nizam. This time, the programme was conducted for 1 and ½ months via an online platform due to Covid - 19 lockdown that prevailed in the country.

Remedial English Programme for 2018/19 batch

The Remedial English Programme – Level 1 was conducted virtually for the 2018/2019 Batch from February to April 2021. The lectures of the Remedial English Programme – Level 2 also started virtually in December 2021 and will go on till February 2022. The lectures of the programme are conducted by the academic staff members of the DELT, FoA.

Workshop on Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop for English as Secondary Language (ESL) courses developed for the Faculty of Agriculture

A two-day Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop was conducted for the newly developed ESL courses of the Faculty of Agriculture on 28th June and 02nd July 2021. Academic staff members of the Department of English Language Teaching Unit, Faculty of Agriculture were the target group of those workshops. The resource persons for the Workshop were Dr. Shashini Thenabadu, Ms. Dilinie Gunarathne, Ms. Sandaru Diwakara, and Ms. Suranmali Prananda from the Department of English Language Teaching, University of Colombo. Participants of the workshop were academic staff members of the Department of English Language Teaching Unit, Faculty of Agriculture. The workshop coordinator was Dr. KKP Perera, Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Systems. This workshop was funded by the Faculty DP of the AHEAD project.

University of Rajarata

Courses: English for Higher Education & English for Employment

TOT Workshop schedule

Skill Area	No. of lessons	No. of hours	Proposed dates and times	Resource Person
Grammar	6 lessons	1 ½ h	Monday, June 28 th 8.30 – 10.00 am	Ms. Dilinie Gunaratne
Writing	11 lessons	2 ½ h	Monday, June 28 th 10.15 am -12.45 pm	Dr. Shashinie Thenabadu
Reading / Listening	5 lessons	2 ½ h	Friday, July 2 nd 2.00 – 4.00pm	Ms. Suranmali Prananda
Speaking	8 lessons	2 h	Friday, July 2 nd 4.15pm – 6.15pm	Ms. Nandula Perera

Orientation Program for New Intake to the Faculty (2019/2020 Batch)

An orientation program is an annual event organized by the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka to aware and align the new university entrants on the

degree program, rules and regulations of the university, university life, etc. Further, it aimed to motivate students to set goals for their future careers. Orientation program – 2021 was organized by Mrs. W.M.R.S.K. Warnasooriya, Senior Student counsellor, Dr. D.M.S. Duminda, Deputy proctor, and Mr. S.P. Dissanayake, Coordinator of Career Guidance Unit of Faculty of Agriculture for the fresh undergraduates' of 2019/2020 batch upon their entry to the University. Orientation sessions were conducted by academic staff members of the faculty, members of the career guidance unit of Rajarata University, and a few outside resource persons in an online platform due to covid 19 lockdown prevailed in the country.



21ST CENTURY SKILLS
LIVE WEBINAR
02nd August 2021
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm
 Orientation Programme for
2019/2020 BATCH
 Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
 Resource Person
Mr. Jaliya Rathnayake
 Career Guidance Counsellor
 Career Guidance Unit
 Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
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LIVE WEBINAR
 Meeting ID: 622 2015 3129
 Passcode: 8F5-GEXq
 Orientation Programme for
2019/2020 BATCH
 Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
 Resource Person
Mr. Wilson Gunarathne
 Senior Lecturer & Professional Trainer
 in Chanth Mathak Media Consultant
03rd August 2021
2.00 pm – 4.00 pm



"Every Great Achiever is Inspired by a Great Mentor"
 LAILAH GIFT AKITA
"Mentoring Allows You to See the Inside Yourself"
 - OPRAH WINFREY -
 Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development Project (AHEAD) of the
 Faculty of Agriculture,
 Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
**Inviting all the students
 of 2019/2020 Batch**
**Awareness Session on
 University Mentoring & Counselling Program:
 A Path to Success**
 Speaker:
Dr. Chaminda Weerasiriwardena
 Senior Counselor and Psychotherapist,
 Teaching Hospital,
 Kandy.
**05.08.2021
 THURSDAY
 9A – 12P**
 On virtual platform
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://learn.zoom.us/j/65712660996?pwd=V2lGNTh6cXU1ckVtVlUNCi9Sc0Z2Zz09>
 Activity Coordinator : Dr.S.N.Dissanayake | Contact Thilini (071 452 9950) for any inquiries
 Please consider that the participation for this awareness session is compulsory for all the students and attendance will be counted.



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Orientation Programme for the Fresher's - 2021
 05th August 2021 at 2.00 – 5.00 pm

Time	Theme	Resource Person	Affiliation
2.00-2.05 am	Introduction	Dr. Anura Sirisena	Secretary, FAAAR & Senior Lecturer, FoA, RUSL
2.05 – 2.30 am	FAAAR, Past, present and Future	Mr Janaka Rajapaksha	President, FAAAR & Curator, The Parliament of Sri Lanka
2.30 – 3.00 am	Beyond the BSc Agriculture degree	Dr. Rasika Wathsala	Senior Lecturer, FoA, RUSL
3.00 – 3.30 am	Identity of Rajarata Alumni	Ms. Chamila Pathirana	Divisional Secretariat, Narammala
3.30 – 4.00 pm	What private sector is looking from you	Mr. Tisara Hemantha	Commercial Bank, Kalawana
4.00- 4.30 pm	Extra curricular activities and Uni life	Mr. Janaka Wijesinghe	Vice secretary, FAAAR & Principal, Rangiri Dambulla NC, Dambulla

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Orientation Programme for 2019/2020 batch
Faculty of Agriculture
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka
30th July – 6th August 2021

Date	Time	Session	Resource Person/s
30 th July 2021	9.00am – 10.30 am	Norms and Ethics of University Culture	Snr. Prof. (Ms.) P.A. Weerasinghe, Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL
	11.00am– 12.00noon	Introduction to Student Counselling Unit	Ms. Rasika Warnasooriya, Senior Student Counsellor, Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL
	2.00pm – 4.00pm	History of the University System of Sri Lanka	Dr. M.G.T.S. Amarasekara, Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL
02 nd August 2021	9.00am – 10.30am	Institutional structure, regulations and the ethics of the academic program	Prof. A.M.J.B. Adhikari, Dean, Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL
	11.00am – 11.30am	Introduction to the Dept. of Agricultural Systems	Dr. AMKR Bandara / Head, Dept. of Agricultural Systems
	11.30 – 12.00noon	Introduction to the Dept. of Plant Sciences	Dr. UGAI Sirisena / Head, Dept. of Plant Sciences
	12.00noon–12.30 pm	Introduction to the Dep. of Agric. Engineering and Soil Sciences	Dr. Shiromi Dissanayake / Dep. of Agric. Engineering and Soil Sciences
	12.30 – 1.00 pm	Introduction to the Dept. of Animal and Food Sciences	Prof. WAD Nayananjalie / Head, Dept. of Animal and Food Sciences
	2.00pm – 4.00pm	21 st Century Skills	Mr. Jaliya Rathnayake, Career guidance Coordinator, Career Guidance Unit / RUSL
03 rd August 2021	9.00am – 12.00 noon	Active Citizen Program & Leadership Development Programs	Dr. U.G.A.I. Sirisena & Ms. K.K.P. Perera, Coordinators of the 'Active Citizen Program' Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL
	11.30am – 12.30pm	Messages from Assistant Registrar	Assistant Registrar, Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL
	2.00pm – 4.00pm	Motivational programme: Belief power gets powerful results	Mr. Wilson Gunaratne, Senior Lecture/ Founder, Charitha Hathak Media
04 th August 2021	9.00am- 10.00am	Hostel Rules and Regulations	Dr. N.S. Abeysinghe Dr. (Mrs.) K.M.N. Kumari, Wardens of the Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL
	10.30am – 12.30pm	Rules & Regulations of Universities, Anti Ragging Act, Gender Based Violence and Civil Law	Dr. D.M.S. Duminda, Deputy Proctor, Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL
	3.00pm – 5.00pm	Use of Library Facilities for Academic Activities	Ms. W.P.T. Dilrukshi, Senior Assistant Librarian Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL
05 th	9.00am – 12.00noon	Mentoring and counselling:	Dr. Chaminda Weerasiriwardhana,

August 2021		A path to success	Senior Psychotherapist and Counsellor, National Hospital Kandy (Funded by AHEAD)
	1.00 - 2.00 pm	Introduction to Career Guidance Unit	Mr. S.P. Dissanayake, Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL
	2.00 - 4.00 pm	How to be effective in online education	Mr. Ruwan Wigamage, Manager, LK Domain
6 th August 2021	9.00am - 12.00noon	Gender Sexuality and Reproductive Health	Dr. (Mrs.) Kiloshini Hendawitharana, School Medical Officer, RDHS, Anuradhapura
	1.30am - 2.00pm	Introducing the Needy Scholarship Fund	Dr. UGAI Sirisena, Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL
	2.00pm - 5.00pm	Motivational Talk: Alumni Association of the Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL	Coordinate by Dr. U.G.A.I. Sirisena, Alumni Association of Faculty of Agriculture, RUSL

Orientation session conducted in parallel to the Intensive English programme

No	Event	Resource Person	Date
01	Examination By-Laws and Exam Violation	Dr. Wolly Wijayarathne, Faculty of Agriculture	24 th September 2021
04	Physical Education in University Life	Director, Physical Education Unit, RUSL	30 th September 2021
05	Skills for Undergraduates	Mrs. A.M. Dissanayake, Career Guidance Unit, RUSL	29 th September 2021
06	Introduction to Prospectus	Dr. W.C.P. Egodawatta, Faculty of Agriculture	27 th September 2021
08	Introducing e-portfolio	Dr. (Ms.) D.A.U.D. Devasinghe, Faculty of Agriculture	24 th September 2021

Webinar on “Creating Self-Attraction for Better Employability” for the Undergraduates of the Agriculture Faculty, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

The Agriculture library organized a Webinar on “CREATING SELF-ATTRACTION FOR BETTER EMPLOYABILITY”. It was held on 14th July 2021 from 2.00 p.m to 5.00 p.m using the Zoom platform for the undergraduates of the Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. Dr. Nishani Ekanayake (Senior Lecturer), and Dr. Mayuri Athapattu (Senior Lecturer) from the Faculty of Management and Finance, University of Colombo were the resource persons for the event.

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CREATING SELF- ATTRACTION FOR BETTER EMPLOYABILITY



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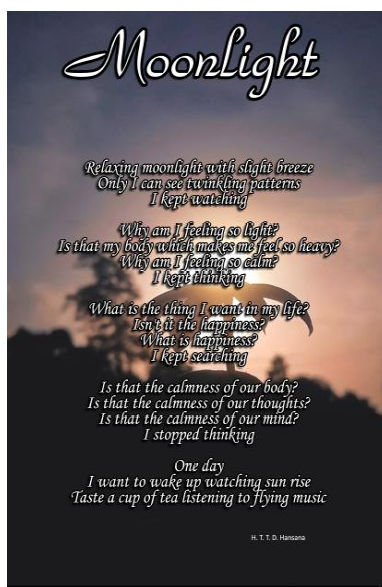


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Moonlight

*Relaxing moonlight with slight breeze
Only I can see twinkling patterns
I kept watching*


*Why am I feeling so light?
Is that my body which makes me feel so heavy?
Why am I feeling so calm?
I kept thinking*

*What is the thing I want in my life?
Isn't it the happiness?
What is happiness?
I kept searching*

*Is that the calmness of our body?
Is that the calmness of our thoughts?
Is that the calmness of our mind?
I stopped thinking*

*One day
I want to wake up watching sun rise
Taste a cup of tea listening to flying music*

H. T. T. D. Harshana



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Workshop title on Trainers (TOT) workshop for English as Secondary Language (ESL) courses developed for the Department of Agricultural Systems

A two-day Training of Trainers (TOT) workshop was conducted for the newly developed ESL courses of the Department of Agricultural Systems on 26th and 28th July 2021. The target group for the workshop was the academic staff members (both the permanent and the temporary staff members) of the Department of Agricultural Systems. The resource persons for the Workshop were Dr. Shashini Thenabadu, Ms. Dilinie Gunaratne, Ms. Sandaru Diwakara, and ms. Suranmali Prananda from the Department of English Language Teaching, University of Colombo. The workshop coordinator was Dr. KKP Perera, Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Systems. This workshop was funded by the Department DP of the AHEAD project.

University of Rajarata

Courses: English for English for Scientific Communication (3200) & Industrial English (4100)

TOT Workshop schedule

Skill Area	No. of lessons	No. of hours	Proposed dates and times	Resource Person
Grammar & Vocabulary	5 lessons	1 ½ h	Monday, July 26 th 8.30 – 10.00 am	Ms. Dilinie Gunaratne
Writing Academic & Industrial	7 lessons	2 ½ h	Monday, July 26 th 10.15 am -12.45 pm	Dr. Shashinie Thenabadu & Ms Sandaru Diwakara
Reading / Listening	8 lessons	2 h	Wednesday, July 28 th 8.30 – 10.30 am	Ms. Suranmali Prananda
Speaking	9 lessons	1 ½ h	Wednesday, July 28 th 10.45 – 12.15 am	Ms. Nandula Perera

Dhamma sermon organized by the Students of the 2019/2020 batch

The dhamma sermon program “*Thurunu Daham Arana*” was organized by the students of the 2019/20 batch as an online event on 22nd August 2021. All staff members were invited by the students to participate in the event.

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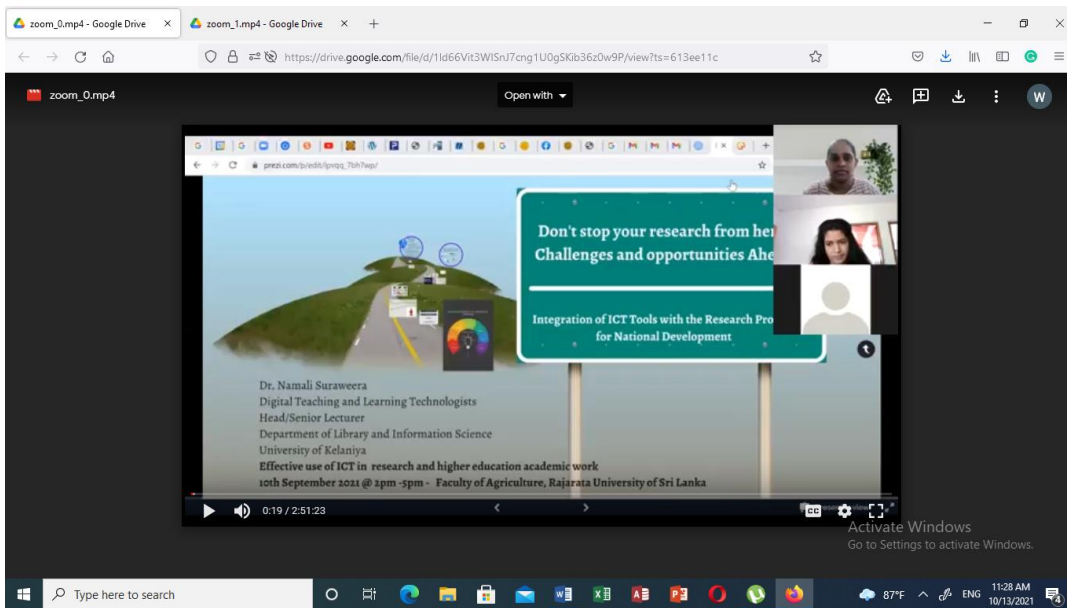
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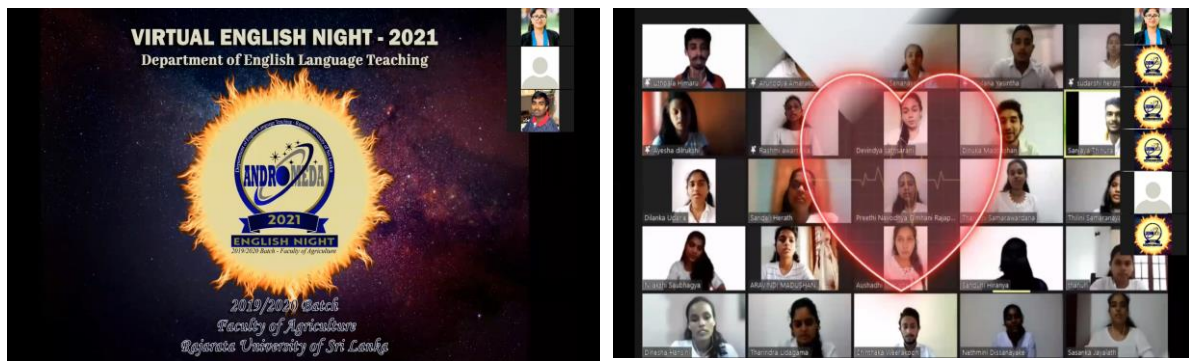
Webinar on “Effective use of ICT in research and higher education academic work” for the Undergraduates of the Agriculture Faculty, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

The Agriculture Library organized a workshop on “Effective use of ICT in research and higher education academic work” for the final year students of the Agriculture Faculty, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, and the activity was founded by the AHEAD faculty DP. The Webinar was held on 10th September 2021 using the Zoom platform. The main objectives of the workshop were to introduce ICT tools that students can be used with their research process and promote students to use different and freely available ICT tools for their research work. Dr. Namali Suraweera, Senior Lecturer, University of Kelaniya was the resource person of the workshop.



English Night of 2019/2020 Batch

With the intention of enhancing the creative talents and English language skills of the new entrants, the annual English Night is usually conducted at the end of every Intensive English Programme. With the outbreak of the Covid -19 pandemic, the English Night of 2019/2020 Batch was conducted virtually on 21st September 2021. The programme was organized by the Department of English Language Teaching, Faculty of Agriculture, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka with the financial support of the AHEAD project.





Awareness session on ePortfolio for the students in 2019/20 batch

E-portfolio is a platform for continuous updating and recording of students' academic and extracurricular activities done during their university life. It is customary to share the e-portfolio with the mentors and is a base for the mentoring program of the faculty as mentors can provide the necessary advice, support, and encouragement for continuous upgrading of the student's university life. The awareness session on e-portfolio for the students in the 2019/20 batch was held on 24th September 2021 from 9.00 am - 11.00 am using the Zoom platform. Dr. D.A.U.D. Devasinghe/coordinator of the Faculty Quality Assurance Cell has conducted this session. The format for the eportfolio was revised and submitted for FB approval as well.

Agro-Entrepreneurial Experience Sharing Forum- 08th October 2021

An interactive session with successful farmers and undergraduates of the faculty was held on 08th October 2021 using a virtual platform due to the prevailing pandemic of Covid- 19. Members of the academic staff and 190 students participated in the sessions. Dr. N.S. Abeysinghe, Senior Lecturer and the coordinator (activity 05) of the AHEAD faculty DP coordinated this event with the support of a team appointed by the Faculty Board.



AGRO-ENTREPRENEURIAL EXPERIENCE SHARING FORUM

Faculty of Agriculture - Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

08th OCTOBER 2021 | 9AM-12PM



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Opening Ceremony of the Glasshouse


Department of Plant Sciences, FOA, RUSL established a new field laboratory named Rajarata University Controlled Environment Facility (RuCeF) through a Development Oriented Research under AHEAD project funded by the World Bank. The ceremonial opening of RuCeF was held on 18th October 2021 in an event graced by distinguished

members including Prof. B.A. Karunaratne, the Vice-Chancellor of the university, and Prof. A.M.J.B. Adikari, the dean of the faculty. How this facility is of high utility in simulated climate change adaptation experiments was elaborated by Senior Professor WAJM DE Costa, Department of Crop Science, University of Peradeniya. A team led by Dr. Nalaka Geekiyanage, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Plant Sciences, won this grant.

Invitation

**Opening of Rajarata University
Controlled Environment Facility
(RuCeF)**

Department of Plant Sciences
Faculty of Agriculture
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka



Morning Session

Time

10.58 am Ceremonial opening of the Rajarata University
Controlled Environment Facility
Orientation Tour inside the Rajarata University
Controlled Environment Facility

11.30 am Refreshments
End of Ceremonial event

Afternoon Session

Time

2.00 pm Welcome speech,
Dr. Nalaka Geekiyanage

2.05 pm Video clip

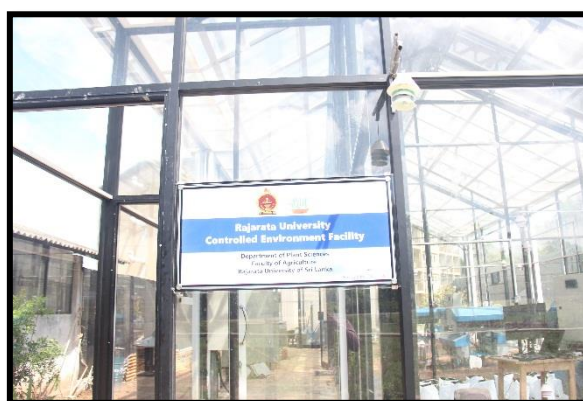
2.10 pm Speech by the Head of the
Department of Plant Sciences, Dr. Anura Sirisena

2.15 pm Technical Session,
Prof. Janendra De Costa

2.45 pm Speech by the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture,
Prof. A.M.J.B. Adikari

2.50 pm Speech by the Vice Chancellor,
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka,
Prof. B.A. Karunaratne

2.55 pm Vote of Thanks, Dr. Udeni Devasinghe





Farmer Awareness Program on TMR briquettes (AHEAD DOR-39)

A one-day training program for the dairy farmers in Mahaweli System L was successfully organized by the Department of Animal and Food Sciences. The training session was held at Mahaweli Training Center, Sampathnuwara on the 1st November 2021, mainly focusing on enhancing farmers' awareness of the importance of feeding management in order to obtain continuous and higher milk production. Farmers were educated on the importance of animal nutrition, forage conservation, and feed supplements. A TMR briquette prepared as a research finding was also introduced to the farmers. Prof. W. A. D. Nayananjalie, Dr. S. C. Somasiri, Mrs. M. A. A. P. Kumari, and Mr. W.V.V.R. Weerasinghe served as the resource persons of the program.



Workshop on Preparing Graphical Abstracts

A workshop on presenting research findings using graphics was successfully conducted for the students enrolled for AS 4101 E-course "English for Scientific Communication" and interested students of 4100 series (2016/17 batch) on 11th November 2021. The resource person for the workshop was Dr. Uvasara Dissanayake, Head, Department of Agricultural Extension, Faculty of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya. The workshop coordinator was Dr. KKP Perera, Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Systems.

**ONLINE
WORKSHOP**



Preparing Graphical Abstracts



Resource person

Dr. Uvasara Dissanayake

Head,

Department of Agricultural Extension

Faculty of Agriculture

University of Peradeniya

11 November 2021
2.00 pm - 4.00 pm



Workshop Coordinator

Dr. Kumudu Kopyawattage

Department of Agricultural Systems

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Guest Lecture on "Product Planning and Marketing Strategies for Agro-tourism Operations"

A guest lecture on "Product Planning and Marketing Strategies" for the students who studied the course unit of AS 4106 - Agro-Ecotourism in 2015/2016 Batch was held successfully on 15th November 2021. The resource person for the workshop was Ms. Chathurika Senarathna, Lecturer, Department of Social Sciences, Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka. The event was coordinated by Mr. S.P. Dissanayake, Lecturer (prob.) at the Department of Agricultural Systems.

Guest Lecture

"PRODUCT PLANNING AND MARKETING STRATEGIES FOR AGRO-TOURISM OPERATIONS"

15th November 2021

02.00 – 4.00 PM



Meeting ID: 631 9116 9382

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Ms. Chathurika Senarathna

Lecturer


Department of Social Sciences

Faculty of Social Sciences and Humanities

Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

Virtual field on Agro-ecotourism

A virtual field visit was conducted for the students who studied the course unit of AS 4106 – Agro-Ecotourism in the 2015/2016 Batch on 17th November 2021. This visit aims to explore the agro-ecotourism destinations in Sri Lanka, to understand the operational activities in particular agro-ecotourism destinations in Sri Lanka, and to discuss the sustainability aspects of agro-ecotourism operations. Mr. Ishanda Senevirathne, Manager in Sustainability, Waters Edge Hotel, Battaramulla was served as the resource person of the event. The virtual field visit was coordinated by Mr. S.P. Dissanayake, Lecturer (prob.) at the Department of Agricultural Systems.



VIRTUAL FIELD VISIT ON
“AGRO-ECOTOURISM”

17th November 2021
 11.00 AM – 1.00 PM

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Mr. Ishanda Senevirathne
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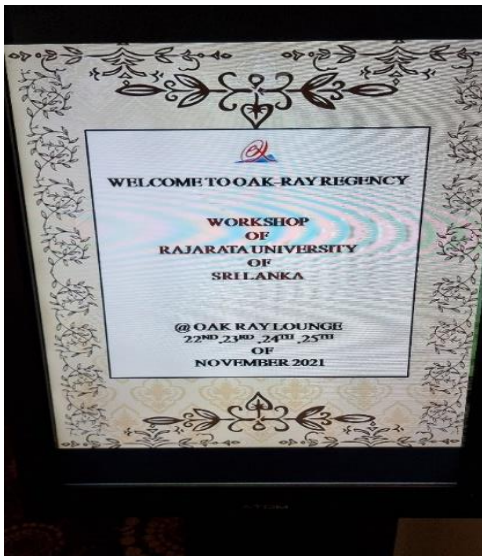
3rd Training of Trainers (ToT) programme on assessing Outcome-Based Education (OBE) and Lerner Centred Teaching (LCT)

A 4-day ToT programme on “assessing Outcome-Based Education (OBE) and Lerner Centred Teaching (LCT)” was successfully held at the Staff Development Centre, University of Peradeniya from 22nd – 25th November 2021. Prof. Ranjith Pallegama, Prof. Chalinda Beneragama, Prof. Roshan Regal, Dr. Asitha Bandaranayake, Ms. Ramona David, Prof. Sakunthala Ekanayake, were the resource person for the event. Twelve staff members; Dr. W.C.P. Egodawatta, Dr. U.G.A.I. Sirisena, Dr. D.A.U.D. Devasinghe, Dr. S.C. Somasiri, Mrs. Isuri Jayawardhane, Ms. A.J. Fernando, Mr. E.J. Kosgollegedara, Dr. K.K.P. Pereara, Mr. N.M.K.C. Premarathne, Mrs. E.D.T. Somarathne, Mr. Mohemad Nisam, and Mr. S.M.C. Bandara were participated to be trained as master trainers of the faculty. Dr. W.C.P. Egodawatta, coordinator to the curriculum revision, 2021-2025 at the Department of Plant Sciences organized this event under the Faculty AHEAD grant.

The following topics were covered during this training session.

- OBE: Why and what for?
- Fitting assessments within the concept of OBE
- Why and what for

- Fitting the assessments within the concept of LCT
- Embedding ICT into the curriculum
- Assessing ICT skills in the OBE systems
- Assessing knowledge outcomes: Are we doing it right?
- Aligning assessments within the outcomes
- Games to assess “teamwork” skills
- Embedding CLIL in the curriculum
- Assessing English language within the subject
- Planning the lessons for LCT in the OBE
- Embedding and assessing soft skills within OB subjects
- Assessments for learning and assessments as learning in OBE





Virtual Round Table discussion on Transition of agro-tourism in consonance with the new normality with students

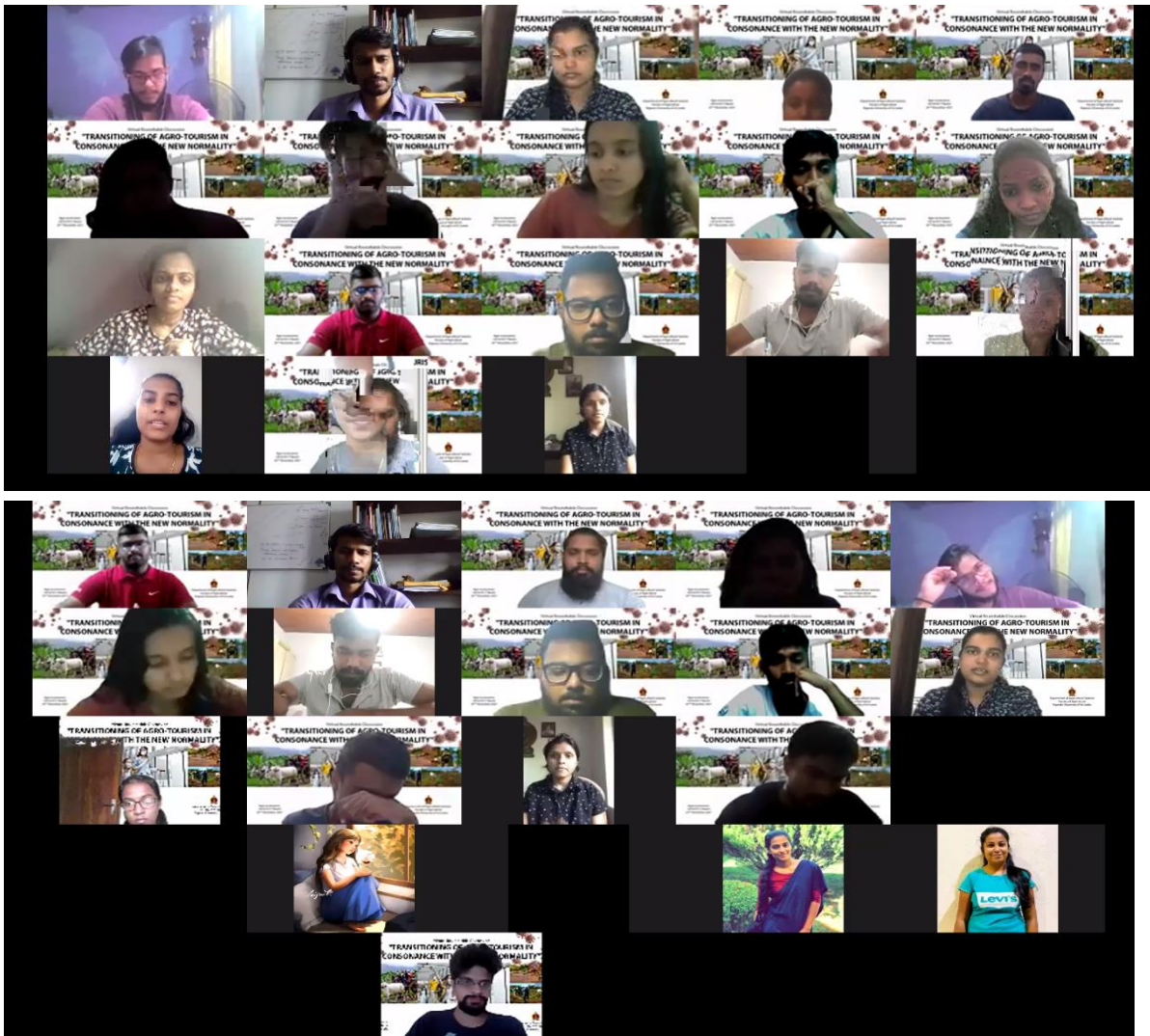
Students were actively disused about handling operations with the pandemic situation, transportation of tourists to their destination under the covid19 situation, covid-19 safety protocols, improve infrastructure facilities as the minimizing the spread of covid19, accommodation establishment under the new normal, introducing new tourism packages during the covid-19 pandemic, how to serve food and beverages under new normality, importance of bio bubbles, digital solutions for improving tourism after covid19, how to maximize economic profit by bringing tourists from pandemic situation to Sri Lanka, Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, and Threats (SWOT) Analysis with regard to ecotourism in Sri Lanka after COVID 19 and changing government policy options after covid19 related to the tourism sector.

Virtual Roundtable Discussion
"TRANSITIONING OF AGRO-TOURISM IN CONSONANCE WITH THE NEW NORMALITY"



Agro-ecotourism
(2016/2017 Batch)
24th November 2021


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Workshop on Research Cartoon Presentation

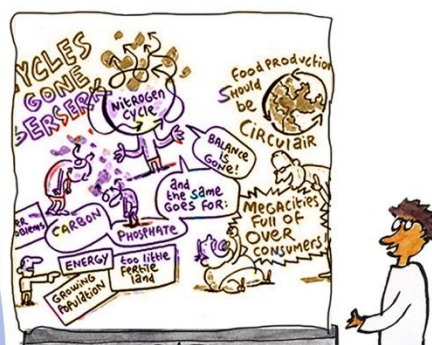
A workshop on presenting research findings using cartoons was successfully conducted for the students enrolled for AS 4101 E-course “English for Scientific Communication” and interested students of 4100 series (2016/17 batch) on 26th November 2021. The resource person for the workshop was Mr. Ashoke Herath, a Communication Specialist. The workshop coordinator was Dr. KKP Perera, Senior Lecturer, Department of Agricultural Systems. This workshop was funded by Department DP/AHEAD grant.



Resource person
Ashoka Herath

Research Cartoon Presentation

For 4100 Students



26th Nov. 2021
10.00 am - 12.00 pm

Workshop Coordinator
Dr. Kumudu Kopiyawattage
Department of Agricultural Systems
Faculty of Agriculture
Rajarata University of Sri Lanka



Awareness Session on “Use of Smart Boards for Classrooms and Meetings”

A workshop on “Use of Smart Boards for Classrooms and Meetings” was successfully held at the Conference Room, Department of Plant Sciences, Faculty of Agriculture on 29th November 2021 from 10.30 a.m. to 1.30 p.m. with the participation of permanent and temporary academic staff members of the department. Mr. H M D Lakmal Herath served as the resource person of the session. Dr. Nalaka Geekiyanage,

Senior Lecturer, Department of Plant Sciences coordinated the event under the AHEAD grant of the department.



Webinar series organized by the Career Guidance Unit of the Faculty

A Webinar series was organized by the Career Guidance Unit of the Faculty targeting students in all batches (*i.e.* 2015/2016, 2016/2017, 2017/2018, 2018/2019, and 2019/2020) of the faculty. The activities list in the webinar series is listed in the table below. The webinars were coordinated by Mr. S.P. Dissanayake, the carrier guidance coordinator of the faculty with the support of the Career Guidance Unit, RUSL.

Programme/Resource Person	Topic	Date
Webinar for 2018/2019 batch		
Mr. Wilson Gunarathne	Belief power: gets powerful results	20 th May 2021
Industry expert webinar series		
Dr. Prasanna Wijesinghe	Nature of future job market	05 th February 2021
Mr. Sujeewa Uhanovita	Future job demand in hotel industry	10 th February 2021
Mr. Naveendra Liyanaarachchi	Future Job demand in financial industry	24 th February 2021
Mr. Wilson Gunarathne	To perform best be away from stress	3 rd March 2021
“IT <i>Yaha Maga</i> ” initiated by Sarvodaya Fusion in collaboration with Ministry of Education and Facebook	How to use internet and social media effectively as undergraduates	4 th March 2021
Dr. Kishu Gomes	What it takes to win globally	19 th March 2021
Mr. Mahesh Ravindra	Career Ladder in the insurance field	08 th April 2021
Dr. (Mrs.) K.R.N. Harshani	Personal productivity and career development	06 th May 2021
Mr. Thinusha Bamunuarachchi	Career in process improvement	12 th May 2021
Mr. A. Mathiesha Mahamalage	Career development - apparel industry	18 th May 2021
Mr. Jaliya Rathnayake	Change the way you see the world	24 th May 2021
Mrs. A.M. Dissanayake	Work-life balance in new normal	16 th May 2021

Mrs. A.M. Dissanayake	Emotional intelligence for a successful life	21 st June 2021
Mrs. A.M. Dissanayake	Spiritual intelligence and love	26 th July 2021
Dr. Pradeep Samarakoon	Impact of technology on career development	29 th July 2021
Mr. Nipuna Indrajith Dissanayake	Fine tune your digital marketing skills	09 th August 2021
Ms. Nirishini Ranasinghe	Career in banking industry	7 th October 2021
Mr. Susil Liyanage	Change your life in 7 ways	14 th October 2021
Mr. Asela Colombage	Pharmaceutical industry career paths	05 th November 2021
Mr. Sampath Aluthpatabandihe	Look beyond what you can see: Developing a global mindset	11 th November 2021
Mr. Jaliya Rathnayake	Shape your values for better career	26 th November 2021

Webinar on...



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**"CAREER IN BANKING
INDUSTRY"**



MS. NIROSHINI RATHNASINGHE
 PEOPLE'S BANK – DEPUTY MANAGER
 CHARTERED MARKETER, ASSOCIATE MEMBER OF IBSL
 MBA, MCIM - UK

**07th October 2021 at
07.30pm - 08.30pm**

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Jaliya Rathnayake

Career Guidance Counsellor
 Certified NLP Trainer, Master Hypnosis
 Practitioner, Master Timeline Practitioner,
 Master Coach, Transformational Coach
 Rajarata University of Sri Lanka

**24th May 2021 at
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Mrs. A.M. Dissanayake

PGDE, Dip in Psychology, Dip in Counseling MIPC,
 Member of NASSC, Member of Professional
 Counselors Association PCA, Widya Keerthi
 Career Guidance Counselor
 Professional Psychological Counselor
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WEBINAR ON...
CAREER IN PROCESS IMPROVEMENT



MR. THINUSHA BAMUNUARACHCHI
PROCESS IMPROVEMENT EXPERT
BUSINESS CONSULTANT - ERNST AND YOUNG

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Dr. Pradeep Samarasekara
Senior Lecturer
Faculty of Computing and Technology
University of Kelaniya

Webinar on...

**"IMPACT OF
TECHNOLOGY ON
CAREER DEVELOPMENT"**

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Mr. Mahesh Ravindra
Award Wining Manager
Regional Distribution Manager,
Softlogic Life Insurance PLC

Webinar on...

**"CAREER LADDER IN THE
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**08th April 2021 at
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Webinar on...

**"FINE TUNE
YOUR DIGITAL
MARKETING SKILLS"**



MR. NIPUNA INDRAJITH DISSANAYAKE
IYAP – TRAINING FACILITATOR
MBA (READING), BBA (HONS) SP. MARKETING MANAGEMENT, DIPSE,
PCM, CCHRM, CDM

**09th August 2021 at
02.00pm - 04.00pm**

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WEBINAR ON...

"CAREER DEVELOPMENT – APPAREL INDUSTRY"



A. MATHIESHA MAHAMALAGE
HEAD OF TALENT DEVELOPMENT
STAR GARMENTS (PVT) LTD

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Dr.(Mrs). KRN Harshani
Senior Assistant Librarian
Career and productivity consultant,
Certified NLP Practitioner
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Webinar on...

**"PERSONAL PRODUCTIVITY
AND CAREER
DEVELOPMENT"**

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**06th May 2021 at
02.00pm - 04.00pm**

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