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## MESSAGE FROM THE VICE-CHANCELLOR

I believe that by providing the right leadership in terms of goal setting, planning and organizing and wise use of resources etc., and by way of a collective effort, we can produce the “Wayamba Graduate” that we have been dreaming of for a long-time, who possesses an expert ‘Knowledge’ and multiple ‘Skills’ and positive ‘Attitudes’ with the right ‘Mindset’ i.e. the most sought-after attributes of quality of a graduate by prospective employers.

With this goal in my mind, I am in the process of making significant changes in the methods of teaching and to the academic environment, which is essential to ensure productive teaching/learning and assessment-based methodologies and technologies and inclusive educational strategies. An enriched academic environment with the creation of new, and by transforming the existing, academic I professional programs to ‘Outcome-Based Student-Centered and Employment Oriented’ ones, we will be in a position to create the pathway for producing the unique ‘Wayamba Graduate’.

At this crucial point of time, I firmly believe that incorporation of Virtual I Online Teaching-Learning Methodologies into the curriculum with right types of Formative and Summative Assessments and stepping into the sphere of ‘Digital Information-Education Communication’ is a must to step into the future.

In so doing, the Blended and Experiential Learning and Efficient Administrative Process should be fully supported by bringing such “outfits” into the process of Education and Communication. I wish to emphasize at this juncture that it is not the ‘quantity’ but the ‘quality’ of services offered to the key stakeholders that will judge the success of the processes of teaching-learning and administration.

We shall all go together for that!

*Senior Prof. Udith K Jayasinghe*



### The 6<sup>th</sup> Vice-Chancellor of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka Appointed

Senior Prof. Udith K Jayasinghe-Mudalige has been appointed as the 6th Vice-Chancellor of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka. He assumed duties on 8th September 2020.

Prof. Jayasinghe holds the posts of Senior Professor and the Chair of Department of Agribusiness Management, Faculty of Agriculture & Plantation Management. He possesses an excellent track record as an academician, researcher, expert consultant and social worker. Prof. Jayasinghe has taken up the challenge of steering the WUSL to greater vistas in the face of the current world crisis. His vision is to make it the “Best National University Focusing on Undergraduate Education”.



# APPRECIATION OF SERVICE

## Prof. E.M.P. Ekanayake



After completion of a successful three year term, from 22 May 2017, Prof. E.M.P. Ekanayake, relinquished his services in the post of Vice-Chancellor of the Wayamba University of Sri Lanka on 21 May 2020. Prior to being

appointed as Vice-Chancellor, he served as the Dean of the Faculty of Applied Sciences for a record five terms uncontested.

## Dr. Sanjeewa Bowatte

Dr. Sanjeewa Bowatte, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Medicine, Wayamba University of Sri Lanka has been appointed as the Acting Vice Chancellor of the WUSL. He assumed



duties of this post on 22 May 2020 after the tenure in office of Prof. E.M.P. Ekanayake was over and cover up the duties till 07 Sep 2020 until the new Vice-Chancellor assumed duties.



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# FACULTY NEWS & EVENTS

Faculty of  
Agriculture  
&

Plantation Management

## M.AETM

Master of  
Agri-Enterprise  
&  
Technology  
Management

PROCEEDINGS OF  
**WORK  
INTEGRATED  
LEARNING  
2020**



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MASTER OF AGRI-ENTERPRISE  
&  
TECHNOLOGY MANAGEMENT

WIL-3Min®

Seminar Presentation

23<sup>rd</sup> August 2020

Faculty of Agriculture & Plantation Management

### 1<sup>ST</sup> WIL PROCEEDING OF M.AETM

Master of Agri-Enterprise and Technology Management (M.AETM) released its first proceeding of Work Integrated Learning (WIL) consisting of 136 students' reviewed case-studies followed by a WIL-3Min seminar presentation to mark the successful completion of the programme for the 1st batch.

### M.AETM Teaching Panel





# MY GARDEN

**2020 - 07 - 26 | Episode 02**

A knowledge-sharing new TV programme on home gardening was conducted on Siyatha TV by Dr. Wishwajith Kandegama, staff and students of the faculty.



## NOVEL AVENUES IN FOOD TECHNOLOGY

Showcasing the “Novel Avenues in Food Technology” by the Dept. of Bio-Systems Engineering for the students of Technical College, Kuliyaipitiya.



## Workshop on OBE-LCT

The FAPM staff getting trained on Outcome Based Education and Learner Centred Teaching (OBE-LCT) by the resource person Snr. Prof. Udith K. Jayasinghe as a part of an activity funded by the AHEAD (ELTA/ ELSE)

# FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCES

## ASRITE 2020

7th Annual Symposium on Research and Industrial Training (ASRITE) of the Dept. of Electronics was successfully held on 31st of July 2020 under the coordination of Dr. P.M.Senadeera and panel chaired by Snr. Prof. K.P.Vidanapathirana. Mr. M.P.M Dias won both awards for the best final year industrial training project presentation and the individual research project presentation.



## Electronics for the A/L Students

A workshop on 'Electronics' was conducted by the Dept. of Electronics for about 200, G.C.E. A/L students of St. Joseph's Balika Maha Vidyalaya, Kegalle on the 25th of September 2020 with the help of a resource team: Mr. M.A.A. Karunarathne, Prof. K.P. Vidanapathirana, Prof. (Mrs) K.S. Perera, demonstrators and the final year undergraduates.



# FACULTY OF BUSINESS STUDIES & FINANCE



## WAYACIM 2020

WAYACiM - 2020 was successfully conducted virtually under the theme 'Encouraging Competitiveness and Sustainability through Innovative Research' by the Dept. of Business Management on 25th of September 2020 as the first-ever online conference held in the University.

## TEACHING & LEARNING

English as a Second Language (ELS)

A series of training sessions on ESL was conducted by Mr. Mohan Samaranayake, Senior Lecturer of Dept. of English Language Teaching on 30th July and 29th September 2020 for the Dept. of English Language Teaching of the Rajarata University of Sri Lanka.

## MOCK INTERVIEWS IN ACTION



The Dept. of Business Management conducted the mock interviews on the 16th of September 2020 for the 1st intake of the Certificate Course in Business Communication while the Dept. of Banking and Finance conducted the mock interviews on 23rd of September 2020 for the 4th intake of Certificate Course in English for Career.



## WEBINAR SERIES BY THE "RESEARCH CIRCLE"

The "Research Circle" of the Dept. of Banking & Finance, completed 2 webinar series for the undergraduate students and the academic staff to uplift the research culture within the Department.

## INTERNAL QUALITY REVIEW 2019



The Dept. of Accountancy conducted its annual internal review for 2019 on study programmes on the 14th of August 2020 as a requirement of the Academic Quality Enhancement Framework (AQEF).

# FACULTY OF LIVESTOCK FISHERIES & NUTRITION



Mr. Krishan D. Karunaratne



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## New Jellyfish Species Discovered

A new box jellyfish species named '*Carybdea wayamba*' was discovered as a part of a PhD work by Mr Krishan D. Karunaratne under the supervision of Dr M.D.S.T. de Croos from the Dept. of Aquaculture and Fisheries. This breakthrough finding will go down in the history as the world's first jellyfish species introduced by Sri Lankan researchers.

(The new box jellyfish species  
*Carybdea wayamba*, Karunaratne and de  
Croos, 2020)



(upside-down jellyfish species  
*Cassiopea Andromeda*,  
Forskål, 1775)





# NEWSLETTER

NUTRITION SOCIETY WAYAMBA UNIVERSITY OF SRI LANKA  
N U T S O C

DO WE REALLY NEED  
**VITAMIN & MINERAL**  
SUPPLEMENTS?

WHY NUTRITION IS IMPORTANT  
DURING  
**PREGNANCY?**

FIGHT AGAINST  
**CANCER**  
THROUGH DIET

MANAGING  
**KIDNEY DISEASES**



## NutSoc Goes Digital



The Nutrition Society (NutSoc) of the Dept. of Applied Nutrition released its first-ever digital Newsletter in September 2020.



**Paper Based Fruit Fly Trap**  
Dr. RGS Wijesekara, Senior Lecturer of the Dept. of Aquaculture and Fisheries invented a new special fruit fly trapping paper as a substitute for the existing commercial traps that can trap around 5000 flies within 10 days producing a game-changer in fruit fly management.

## Training Budding Dietitians & Nutritionists

The Dept. of Applied Nutrition conducted a workshop on "How to Serve as a Role Model and an Expert in Nutrition and Dietetics Fields in the Real World of Work" with the guidance of Mrs. Thakshila Adikari on 25th September 2020 as a part of the Dept. AHEAD project.





### WORKSHOPS ON PARA-CLINICAL CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

A series of workshops were conducted by the Faculty to develop teachers' guides for Para-clinical and Clinical disciplines and assessment methods in undergraduate examinations.

## “SHESHA” ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨ 2020



A variety event “SHESHA” (ශ්‍රේෂ්ඨ) was organized by the students of the inaugural batch on 17th of September 2020 to commemorate the ending of the second MBBS examination in the Faculty.

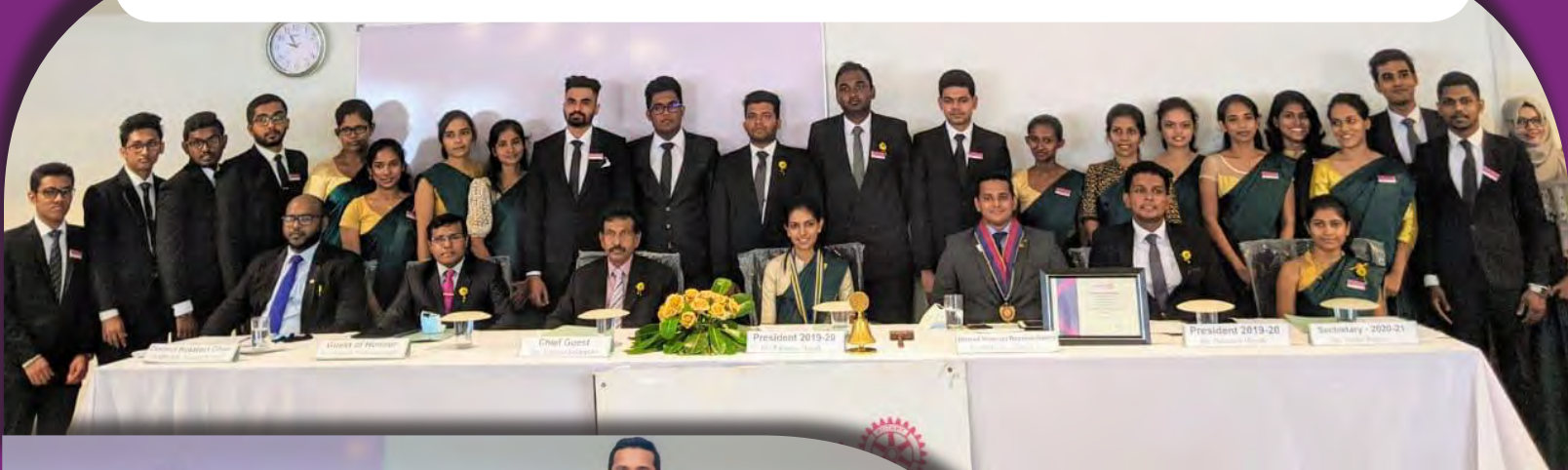




# MEDICINAL TREE PLANTING DAY

A tree-planting campaign was held at Labuyaya premises in Commemoration of the 156th birthday of Anagarika Dharmapala on 17th of September 2020, where over 60 varieties of native medicinal species were planted.

## ROTARACT CLUB OF WUSL



The 2nd installation ceremony of Rotaract Club of WUSL was held on 5th of September 2020 with the inauguration of new president Rtr. Kumuthu Wijayasuriya. This ceremony, sponsored by the Rotary Club of Kurunegala, went down in Rotaract history of Sri Lanka as the installation ceremony with the highest number of member participation.



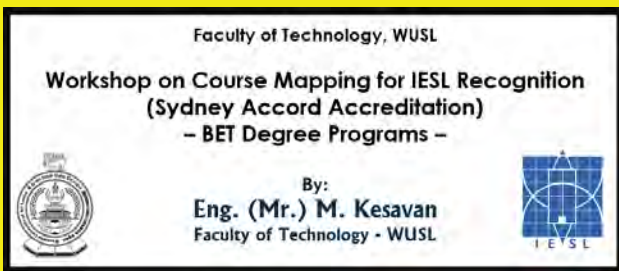
# FACULTY OF TECHNOLOGY

## Stakeholder Meeting

A stakeholder meeting was held at the Dept. of NanoScience Technology on 18th September 2020 to obtain feedback on the degree programme from various experts.



## Workshop on Mapping BET Courses



A workshop on course & programme mapping of the Bachelor of Engineering Technology (BET) degree based on the requirements for IESL (Institution of Engineers Sri Lanka) Recognition and Sydney Accord Accreditation was held on the 25th August and 1st of September, 2020.

## Visit by UGC Coordinator for Technology

Dr. T.A. Piyasiri, the Coordinator for Technology Stream appointed by the UGC discussed the Quality Assurance related practices and various aspects of the degree programmes for further improvements on 30th September 2020.



## Visit by Hon. State Minister Mr. Prasanna Ranaweera



Hon: State Minister of Cane, Brass, Clay, Furniture & Rural Industry Promotion Mr. Prasanna Ranaweera visited the Dept. of NanoScience Technology on 30th September 2020, to discuss with Prof. CAN Fernando and the academic staff on developing clay-based products with new nanotechnology.

## New Remote-controlled Grass Cutter

Third-year undergraduates of the Dept. of Electrotechnology developed a grass cutting machine that is a wirelessly remote-controlled alternative to conventional lawnmowers and bush cutters.





# OTHER NEWS

# LIBRARY

Wayamba University Library Network (WULN) organized an outreach programme on “How to market yourself” for the G.C.E. A/L students of the St. Peter’s college, Colombo-04 on 25th September 2020 at Makandura Premises of the WUSL. Rector Rev. Daya Darshana Perera along with teachers and 160 students attended the programme.



## FISU

**INTERNATIONAL DAY  
OF UNIVERSITY SPORT**  
Proclaimed by UNESCO  
20 September



# 20

september

# 2020

# SPORTS

International Day of University Sport (IDUS) was organized by Sri Lanka University Sports Association (SLUSA) for the first time in the Sri Lankan University sports arena on 20th September 2020 at the University of Kelaniya, with the participation of students from the WUSL.

# LetsIDUS



WAYA VENTURES 2020, the first-ever investor forum was organized by the Entrepreneurship Development Centre (EDC) of the Faculty of Business Studies and Finance on the 11th of September 2020 to provide a platform for student entrepreneurs to present their business models to the industry experts and investors.

# AHEAD PROJECT



An outcome-Based Education-Learner Centered Teaching (OBE-LCT) workshop was held on 10th September 2020 at the Faculty of Business Studies and Finance.



People

Promotions



**Dr. Bandara Gajanayake** was promoted to **Professor in Plantation Management**, the Department of Plantation Management, Faculty of Agriculture and Plantation Management.



**Dr. H.M.I.K. Herath** was promoted to **Professor in Environmental Soil Science**, the Department of Plantation Management, Faculty of Agriculture and Plantation Management.



**Dr. B.S Habaragoda** was promoted to **Senior Lecturer (Grade I)** in the Department of Industrial Management, Faculty of Applied Sciences.



**Dr. Kumari M. Rathnayake** was promoted to **Senior Lecturer (Grade I)** in the Department of Applied Nutrition Faculty of Livestock Fisheries and Nutrition



**Dr. K.D.P.P. Gunathilake** was promoted to **Senior Lecturer (Grade I)** in the Department of Food Science and Technology, Faculty of Livestock Fisheries and Nutrition.



**Mrs. Buddhini Tharanga** was promoted to the post of **Senior Lecturer (Grade II)** in the Department of Banking and Finance of Faculty of Business Studies and Finance.



**Ms. W.D.M.B.K. Dissanayake** was promoted to **Senior Lecturer (Grade II)** in the Department of Business Management, Faculty of Business Studies and Finance.

Appointments



**Prof. J.C. Edirisinghe** was appointed as the **Dean** of the Faculty of Agriculture and Plantation Management.



**Dr. Sanjeewa Bowatte** Consultant Physician was appointed as the first elected **Dean** of the Faculty of Medicine.



**Prof. H.M.L.K. Herath** was appointed as the **Head** of the Department of Agribusiness Management, Faculty of Agriculture and Plantation Management.



**Dr. D.R. Gimhani** Senior Lecturer was appointed as the **Head** of the Department of Biotechnology, Faculty of Agriculture and Plantation Management.

# Congratulations TO ALL OF YOU!

## People

## Appointments



**Dr. R.H.M.K. Rathnayake**  
Senior Lecturer  
was appointed as the **Head** of  
the Department of  
Horticulture and Landscape  
Gardening, Faculty of  
Agriculture and Plantation  
Management.



**Dr. Chaminda Karunarathne**  
Senior Lecturer  
was appointed as the **Head** of  
the Department of Industrial  
Management, Faculty of  
Applied Sciences.



**Ms. W.M. Thusithakumari**  
Senior Assistant Librarian  
was appointed as the **Acting  
Librarian** of the Wayamba  
University of Sri Lanka.



**Mr. R.J. Wellassa**  
Director of Physical Education  
was appointed as the  
Vice President for Sri Lanka  
Universities Sports  
Association  
(Executive Committee).

## Comings



**Mrs. Dilani Dassanayake**  
joins the Department of  
Construction Technology of  
Faculty of Technology as a  
**Senior Lecturer (Grade II)**



**Mr. Sajith Udayanga**  
joins the Department of  
Construction Technology of  
Faculty of Technology as a  
**Lecturer (Probationary)**



**Mr. Lakshitha Meragalge**  
joined the Department of  
Mechanical and  
Manufacturing Technology of  
Faculty of Technology as a  
**Lecturer (Probationary)**



**Mr. H.M.S.M. Herath**  
joins the Department of  
Electrotechnology of Faculty  
of Technology as a  
**Lecturer (Probationary)**

## Goings



**Dr. (Mrs.) B.M.K.S. Tilakaratne**  
former Executive Director of  
Institute of Post-Harvest  
Technology has rendered a  
tremendous service to the  
Department of Food Science  
and Technology, Faculty of  
Livestock Fisheries and  
Nutrition.  
Wish you all the best.



**Mrs. S. Pathiraja**  
Assistant Registrar  
Library Services of the Library  
got retired. Wish you a good  
retirement.

**Prof. Thamara Athawuda**  
of the Department of Agribusiness Management, Faculty  
of Agriculture and Plantation Management got retired.  
Wish you a good retirement.

# Congratulations TO ALL OF YOU!

## People

## Achievements



**Dr. R.G.S. Wijesekara**

Senior Lecturer & Head of the Department of Aquaculture and Fisheries won Gold and Silver medals for his Eco-friendly inventions at the 5<sup>th</sup> International Invention and Innovation Competition in Canada (iCAN) 2020, Toronto.



**Dr. Thushanthi Perera**

Senior Lecturer of the Department of Applied Nutrition won her first NRC grant for the year 2020 for the proposal on Household Food Waste Behaviors and Implications for Food Security and Environmental Sustainability in Sri Lanka.



**Mrs. P.M.H.D. Pathiraja**

was conferred with Doctor of Philosophy in Food Science from the University of Saskatchewan, Canada. Dr. P.M.H.D. Pathiraja is attached to the Department of Food Science and Technology in Faculty of Livestock Fisheries and Nutrition.



**Mr. W.S. Sanjeewa**

was conferred with Doctor of Philosophy in Risk Management at the Huazhong University of Science and Technology, China. Dr. W.S. Sanjeewa is attached to the Department of Insurance and Valuation in Faculty of Business Studies and Finance.



**Mrs. D.A. Thakshila Kumari**

was conferred with Doctor of Philosophy in Management from Management and Science University, Malaysia. Dr. D.A. Thakshila Kumari is attached to the Department of Banking and Finance in Faculty of Business Studies and Finance.



**Mr. L.A.D.C.J. Wickramasekara**

a student of the Department of Insurance and Valuation has been awarded as the Annualized New Business Premiums (ANBP) Top Achiever (Beginner Category) of City Region 01 branch at Union Assurance PLC, for the month of July.

**Team Simple Minds**, the third year undergraduates (174 Batch) of Department of Business Management, Faculty of Business Studies and Finance Runners Up in Biz 2020, UWU Entrepreneurs' Day Competition, organized by Uva Wellassa University.



**Mr. Janitha Ekanayake**



**Mr. Wageeshawanniarachchi**



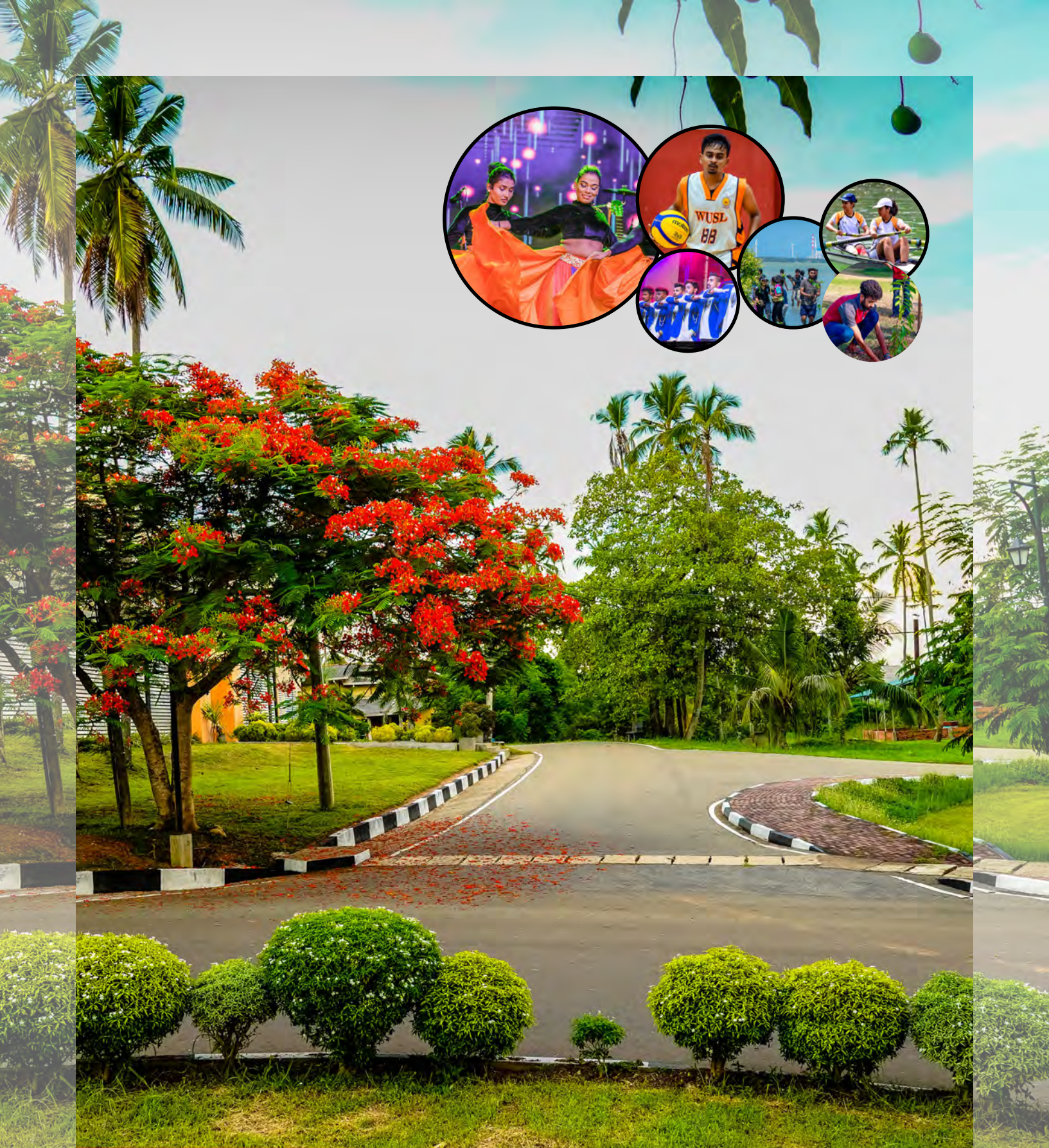
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**Mr. Ashen Gunasekara**



**Ms. Dishani Fernando**



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