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## Acknowledgment

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## Progress Review of Action Plan/ Coporate Plan of UWU - 2018

A Two Day Program on Progress Review of Action Plan/Corporate Plan UWU - 2018 was held at Uva Management Institution, Ohiya on July 9 & 10, 2018 with the participation of Vice Chancellor, Deans of the Faculties, Registrar, Librarian, Acting Bursar, Heads of the Departments, Directors of Cells & Units, Senior Assistant Registrars, Assistant Registrars and many other relevant stakeholders.





# Reaching New Heights

## Opening Ceremony - CGU & CSO

The newly built offices for Career Guidance Unit (CGU) and Chief Security Office (CSO) were ceremonially opened on August 21, 2018 with the participation of the Vice Chancellor, Deans, Registrar, Librarian, Bursar and other staff members of UWU. The ceremony was coordinated by Dr. H.M.W.M. Herath, Director, Career Guidance Unit.



## Opening Ceremony - Maintenance Unit

The formal opening ceremony of newly constructed building for Maintenance Unit took place on September 18, 2018. The office was ceremonially opened by the Vice Chancellor with the participation of former Vice Chancellor Dr. G. Chandrasena, Deans, Librarian, Bursar and other staff members of UWU. The event was coordinated by Mr. F.F.A. Farouk, Works Engineer of UWU.





# Reaching New Heights

## Ceremonial Inauguration of DELT

The Department of English Language Teaching (DELT), the 9<sup>th</sup> Department of the Uva Wellssa University was ceremonially inaugurated on October 31, 2018. The inaugural function was held at the Main Lecture Theater (MLT) at UWU. Professor Rajiva Wijesingha, Senior Professor in English graced this occasion as the Chief Guest while delivering a thought provoking speech. Prof. (Dr). J.L. Ratnasekera, the Vice Chancellor, Mr. B.M.C.N. Balasooriya, Director of English, Department of Technical Education & Training, Deans of the Faculties, Registrar, Bursars, Heads of the Departments, Directors of the Centers, academic staff, students, administrative staff and non-academic staff took part in this prestigious inaugural function.



## Launching Ceremony - JMTR



The Maiden Journal of the Faculty of Management of UWU, Journal of Management and Tourism Research (JMTR) was ceremonially launched on December 13, 2018. Prof. M.S.M. Aslam making the Keynote speech highlighted the significance of knowledge dissemination in today's information based economy. The Editor in Chief Dr. Ruwan Ranasinghe noted the focus of JMTR in opening up new avenues of management research, facilitating the crossing of disciplinary boundaries, bringing new theoretical tools to bear on empirical problems, and enabling conversations between academics and policy makers.





# Reaching New Heights

## Stakeholder Meeting of Proposed BSc in Communication Sciences

Faculty of Management organized a stakeholder meeting with the aim of obtaining valuable comments and suggestions for the proposed Bachelor of Communication Sciences Degree Programme. Industrialists representing variety of related organizations in Sri Lanka participated in the programme on October 12, 2018 at Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration(SLIDA), Colombo 07.



## Winners of the Faculty Proposals - AHEAD

The Faculty of Management and the Faculty of Science and Technology won the ELTA-ELSE DP offered under Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) project. As the first competitive grant winners of UWU, both faculties obtained 100 million rupees by each.





# The 8<sup>th</sup> General Convocation

The 8<sup>th</sup> General Convocation of UWU was held on August 11, 2018 at BMICH, Colombo. This year, 523 Bachelors' Degrees were conferred by Thripitakacharya Dharma Keerthi Sri Sumangala Rathanapala Dhammarakkhitha, Most Venerable, Bengamuwe Sri Dhammadinna Nayake Thero, the Chancellor of UWU. The best performer in every Degree Programme was rewarded with Vice Chancellor's award for outstanding performance by Prof. (Dr). J.L. Ratnasekera, the Vice Chancellor. Further, Prof. Ananda Jayawardane, Director General, National Science Foundation, Former Vice Chancellor, University of Moratuwa delivered the convocation speech.

In this 8<sup>th</sup> Convocation, the Faculty of Animal Science and Export Agriculture conferred 222 Bachelor's degrees under five degree programmes, the Faculty of Science and Technology conferred 199 Bachelor's degrees under four degree programmes and Faculty of Management conferred 102 Bachelor's degrees under two degree programmes.









## Beyond the Horizon - Collaborations and Linkages

### Forest GEO Analytical Workshop in Czenh Republic

Prof. Sisira Ediriweera, Dean, Faculty of Science & Technology was invited by the Center for Tropical Forest Science - Forest Global Earth Observatory to represent the country at CTFS-Forest GEO Analytical Workshop during July 20 - August 3, 2018, held in Czech Republic. There were participants from 27 countries where Prof. Sisira Ediriweera represented Sri Lanka. The event was consisted of workshop focused on the analysis of data from the global Forest GEO, forest dynamics sites and conducted in collaboration with scientists around the world.



### Workshop in Bangalore, India

Prof. Sisira Ediriweera, Dean, Faculty of Science & Technology was invited by the Indian Institute of Science (IIS), Bangalore, India to participate in a Workshop on Data and Tools for Climate Resilience Planning in South Asia, held on August 13 & 14, 2018 in Bangalore, India. The objective of this workshop was to provide a platform for a dialogue on climate adaptation and resilience among research communities, decision makers and other stakeholders in South Asia.





### Research Collaborations with Lanzhou University, China

Prof. Saman Herath attached to the Department of Export Agriculture, served as a Visiting Research Fellow during July 15, 2018 - October 2, 2018 attached to the College of Pastoral Agriculture Science and Technology, Lanzhou University, China. During his time at Lanzhou, Prof. Herath carried out some research activities with the experts of Lanzhou University.

Prof. Herath also attended the 4<sup>th</sup> International Grassland Agriculture Conference held during September 25 – 27, 2018 in the Lanzhou University and he presented research findings in this conference on “Effect of biochar on soil carbon sequestration in volcanic and non-volcanic grassland soils”.



### Resource Person in International Seminars

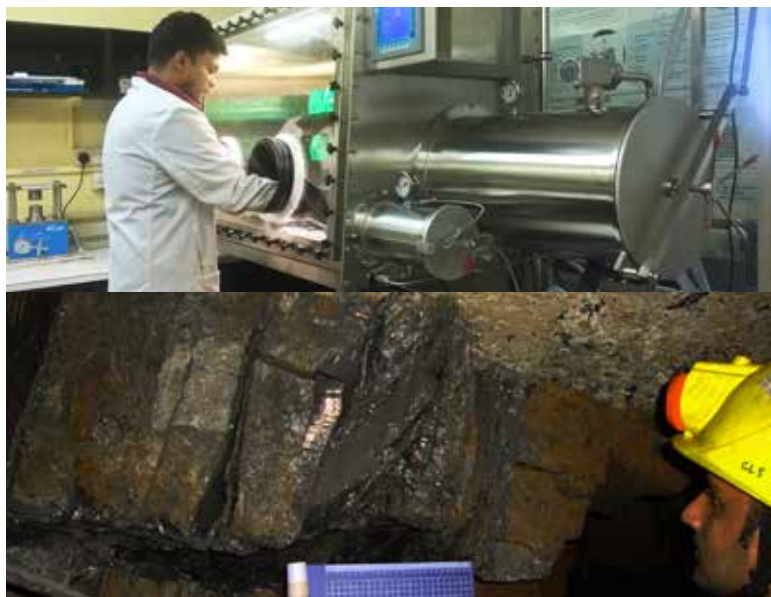


Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian participated as a resource person in international seminars and workshops held in three Indian universities during December 7-14, 2018. It consisted with lectures and sessions comprised of topics in Research Indicators, Research Management, Online scholarly publication and Reference Management software.

### UWU Research on Graphite

The research collaboration of UWU with the National Institute of Fundamental Studies and University of Peradeniya entail in the value addition to the natural Sri Lankan vein graphite. The research project has already applied for 3 patents. The project of “Developing Sri Lankan Vein Graphite for the Rechargeable Batteries” has been nationally recognized and already inserted into the National Research and Development Investment Framework (2015-2020) of the General Treasury.

More information can be obtained from the link - [http://www.vidusara.com/2017/09/20/feature5.html?fbclid=IwAR2ojbnvBnopk5KtYs\\_g8V\\_6UL8dRqCJaevEiXLI\\_-Z8C5edkEkj5jJjsFs](http://www.vidusara.com/2017/09/20/feature5.html?fbclid=IwAR2ojbnvBnopk5KtYs_g8V_6UL8dRqCJaevEiXLI_-Z8C5edkEkj5jJjsFs)





## Vice Chancellor Visited Three Indian HEIs

Prof. (Dr). J.L. Ratnasekera, the Vice Chancellor of UWU was the Chief Guest at the International Conference on Emerging Trends in Librarianship at Indian Institute of Management (IIM) Trichy, India, held during December 10-12, 2018. The Vice Chancellor delivered the Keynote Address. Mr. M.F. Hibathul Careem, the Registrar of UWU delivered a special address at this conference. Discussions were held between the UWU delegation and the IIM, Trichy authorities regarding the possible future collaborations.

The Vice Chancellor and the Registrar also visited the Central University of Tamil Nadu and Periyar University, India. The visits were an important step towards building a strong network between two universities.





## Staffs' Outstanding Achievements

### The Session Best Paper in 8<sup>th</sup> ICMR

Mr. A.N.R. Weerawansa, Lecturer (Probationary) attached to the Department of Export Agriculture of UWU was awarded the Session Best Paper in the 8<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Multidisciplinary Research (ICMR), held during August 23-25, 2018 in Singapore. The conference was organized by Philippine Association for Institutions of Research (PAIR). Mr. Weerawansa received this award for his paper entitled, "Status on Natural Parasitization of Rice Yellow Stem Borer, *Scirpophaga incertulas* in Bathalagoda Region, Sri Lanka".



### Outstanding Poster Presentation Award

Ms. T.S.R. Fernando, Lecturer attached to the Department of Animal Science, UWU won the "Outstanding Poster Presenter" award at the 23<sup>rd</sup> Research Postgraduate Symposium (RPS), held on December 5 & 6, 2018 at the University of Hong Kong. The Research Postgraduate Symposium (RPS) is an annual event organized by Li Ka Shing Faculty of Medicine and the University of Hong Kong. She received this award for her paper entitled "Differential expression of PDIA1 and PDIA6 in endometrial cell lines and their suppressive effect on spheroids attachment".



### Best Research Paper Award

Dr. T. Pratheepan, Senior Assistant Librarian was awarded the conference best paper in the International conference on Emerging Trends in Librarianship held during December 10-12, 2018 at Indian Institute of Management (IIM), India.





## Manusath Handa - 2018

The Art Festival of UWU, Manusath Handa - 2018 organized by the Art Club was held during October 29 - November 17, 2018 with array of events such as 'Rookada Sandarshana' (a puppet show) 'Cinema Sathiya' (Cinema week), 'Gosha' melodious musical night featuring the youth band 'aaa'.

'Nidra' and 'Bhaawa sankalana' were intra-university programs to unveil creativity and talents of undergraduates offering unique music and dancing performances of Music Circle and Dancing Circle. With the engagement of local artists Kasun Kalhara, Mithra Kapuge and Nalaka Anajana Kumara, Rathnashri Wijesinhe, two programmes "Spandana" & "Warsha" were organized for the first time in art festival offering unforgettable experience to Uva community. There were school level competitions: singing, dancing, drama, art and the all winners were presented with certificates at the closing ceremony held on November 17, 2018.





# Co-existence within Cultures, Traditions, Religions and Festivities





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## Aurora 2018

Aurora 2018 organized by the Department of Animal Science was held on September 28, 2018 at UWU, offering memorable culinary experience to UWU family.



## VIP Dinner Night



VIP Dinner Night organized by Hospitality, Tourism & Events Management Degree Program was held on October 8, 2018 at UWU Premises.





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## Malaithendral - 2018



Malaitthendral is an annual event organized by the Tamil students with all the undergraduates of UWU to promote the artistic and cultural values of the students exhibiting the cultural diversity of the university. The event was organized for the 5<sup>th</sup> consecutive time on November 4, 2019 at the Badulla Library Auditorium. Professor Dr. S Sivalingaraja, Former Head of the Department of Tamil Language, University of Jaffna and Hon Mr. Senthil Thondaman, Minister, Uva Provincial Council participated as the Chief Guests. Deans of the Faculties, university lecturers, undergraduates, school students and general public took part in this occasion.



## Adeste Fideles Dorothea - 2018

The annual Christmas Carol Service of UWU was held under the theme Adeste Fideles on December 5, 2018. The function was organized to share the joy of Christmas with members of UWU family.





# Co-existence within Cultures, Traditions, Religions and Festivities

## Pirith Chanting Ceremony

The annual Pirith Chanting Ceremony was held on December 8, 2018 with the participation of all students and staff members of UWU. In the morning of December 9, 2018, the UWU family got the precious opportunity of offering alms for the Reverend Maha Sangha. The Chief Incumbent of Muthiyangana Raja-Maha Vihara, preached Dhamma for devotees.





# Creative Initiatives

## World Tourism Day

The World Tourism Day was celebrated by the students of Hospitality, Tourism & Events Management Degree Program in collaboration with the Provincial Council of Uva Province on September 27 & 28, 2018. Shramadana campaign was also organized in Ella area as one of the activities to promote the tourism in Uva Province.



## Poultry Forum - 2018



The 2<sup>nd</sup> Poultry Forum – 2018 (PF-2018) on Future of the Poultry World: Smarter and Greener Production organized by the Department of Animal Science was held on September 28, 2018 at the university premises. The event was co-hosted with Crysbro Group of company and many other well-wishers. Over 250 participants from three agricultural universities of Sri Lanka along with expertise from research institutes, industries participated in this forum where five guest speakers from universities and research institutes delivered addresses in the field of poultry industry.





## Creative Initiatives

### Marketing Day - Emporia 2018



Second year undergraduates of Industrial Information Technology (IIT) Degree Program organized this under the course unit Principles of Marketing, in order to give the practical exposure to the students on marketing mix. The Marketing Day was started as a departmental event in 2017 and it creates a platform for students to learn the concepts in Marketing Management. It was held for the second time on November 29, 2018 with the participation of Deans, Heads, academic staff, non-academic staff and all the students of UWU.



### Tea Day - DESTINO 2018

Tea Technology & Value Addition Degree Programme, of UWU organized the first ever Tea Day - DESTINO 2018 at the university premises on December 6, 2018. This was organized with the purpose of promoting tea culture in Sri Lanka.





## Creative Initiatives

### SHECODERess V2.0

SHECODERess V2.0 is the first ever Inter University Girls' Only Hackathon in Sri Lanka which was organized by the WIE Affinity Group of IEEE Student Branch of UWU. The second chapter of it was unveiled as an overnight event on October 13 & 14, 2018 at the UWU premises.

The event was organized in order to popularize coding, programming and other necessary IT skills among the ladies of ICT work force in the island. 52 teams comprised of 156 competitors from UWU, University of Colombo School of Computing, Wayamba University, Sabaragamuwa University, University of Sri Jayawardanapura, Rajarata University, University of Kelaniya, University of Ruhuna and Institute of Information Technology participated in the event. University of Colombo School of Computing won the 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> places from all the Competitions.



### IEEEXtreme V12.0

IEEEXtreme is a global challenge where teams of IEEE student members are advised and proctored by an IEEE member, and supported by an IEEE student branch to complete in a 24-hour time span against each other to solve a set of programming problems under the guidance of Dr. Saranga Premathilake, Head, Department of Computer Science and Technology.

IEEE UWU student branch hosted the IEEEXtreme V12.0, on October 20 & 21, 2018 exposing UWU undergraduates to International Hackathon experience including 45 IEEE student members under 15 teams. All the teams were able to reach to the top 280 teams within Sri Lankan level and the team 'UWUCoDeOrDie' won the 864<sup>th</sup> place in global ranking out of 4400+ teams.

Mr. Charitha Wimaladharmas and Mrs. Harshani Wickramaratne, Lecturers attached to the Department of Computer Science and Technology were the proctors for evaluating and guiding in the competition.





# Students' Remarkable Journey and Achievements

## UWU Shines at NBQSA 2018

The project Amba Yaluwa- the concentration device developed by the students of Department of Computer Science & Technology was awarded a merit under the category of Tertiary Student Projects (Technology) at 'National Best Quality ICT Awards (NBQSA) Night' held on October 19, 2018 at Hotel Galadari, Colombo. This event was organized by the Sri Lankan section of British Computer Society (BCS).



## Winners of Undergraduate Quiz Competition – RUSL 2018



Five undergraduate students of Aquatic Resources Technology Degree Program, UWU participated in the quiz competition under 'Inventing in Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services (ISIBES 2018)' on October 16, 2018 organized by the Rajarata University parallel to their 4<sup>th</sup> International Research Symposium. UWU team won the Undergraduate Quiz Competition competing with 11 teams represented by state universities.

## Chaturmana 18

The all island inter university talent show competition Chaturmana 18 was organized by the University of Sri Jayawardhanapura in 2018. The UWU participants have secured the 5<sup>th</sup> place in the competition.





# Students' Remarkable Journey and Achievements

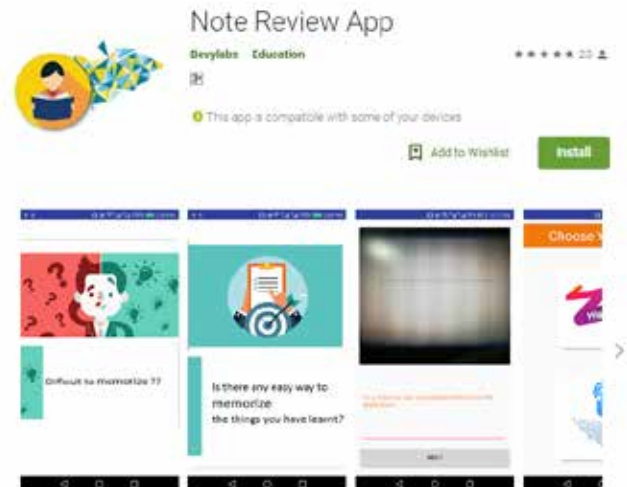
## Innovative Projects on ICT

A team of UWU undergraduates have invented two new IT products;

- Python – Sinhala Interpreter : The team of UWU students has developed the world's first Python Sinhala Interpreter for the Sri Lankan students, who are engaged in computer programming. This was already inserted into the Google playstore as a freely available application. Being a fully offline software application, this interpreter makes the user competent in Python programming language in a step by step manner.

- Note Review App: This new creation was recognized for its novelty and application at the Sahasak Nimavum 2018 competition by receiving the golden award for the first place in the category of ICT.

The team was recently awarded the first place as the 'Best Makerspace Startup'; the initiative of the Embassy of USA in Sri Lanka and Maldives for the empowerment of entrepreneurship and technology in Sri Lanka. This award was presented at an event held at the American Corner, Kandy on December, 9, 2018 by the United States Ambassador to Sri Lanka and Maldives, Her Excellency Alaina B. Teplitz.





# Widening Participation: Our Work towards Community

## Street Drama Competition

A Street Drama Competition to memorialize 'Uva Rebellion - 1818' was held at UWU in June, 2018 with the participation of six drama teams. Award winning actor Kumara Thirimadura chaired the panel of judges with Mr. Indika Tennakoon and Mr. Jagath Kulathilaka of UWU. The competition was organized by Cultural Ministry of Uva Province with the collaboration of UWU.



## Celebration of Uva Rebellion - 1818



A school seminar to commemorate Uva Rebellion - 1818 was held at Simon Peiris Auditorium in March, 2018, with the participation of school children from Badulla. Mr Indika Tennakoon and Mr. Jagath Kulathilaka participated as resource personnel. The event was organized by the Cultural Ministry of Uva Province.

## Media Seminar Series

Media Seminar series for A/L media stream school students was held in Badulla, Bandarawela and Mahiyanganaya in November, 2018. The seminar series was organized by Badulla District Secretariat and Department of Government Information. Nearly 750 A/L mass media students have participated in the seminar series.





# Widening Participation: Our Work towards Community

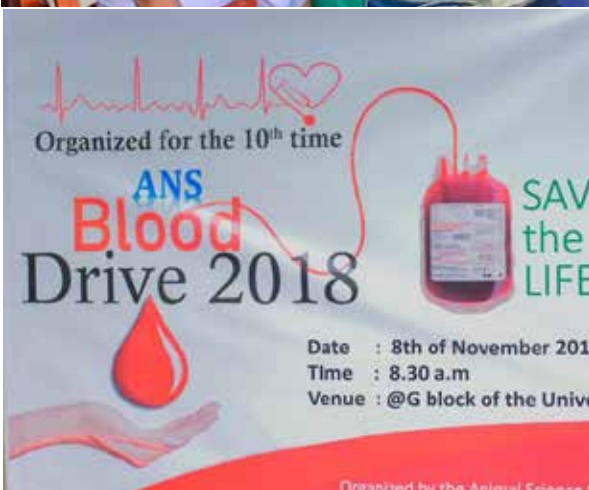
## Book Donation

The book donation programme organized by the UWU library with the purpose of giving opportunity to enjoy reading of books by elders who are living in elders home was held on August 8, 2018. More than 500 books were donated to Kailagoda and Redeepana Elders Homes, Badulla. The event was coordinated by Ms. D.P.C. Vithana, Assistant Librarian. The staff members and students of the UWU along with some outside well-wishers contributed to this activity.



## ANS Blood Drive 2018

An annual event on noble charity, ANS Blood Drive 2018 organized by the third year undergraduates of the Animal Science Degree Programme with the support of Central Blood Bank, Badulla was successfully held on November 08, 2018 for its 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive time. Prof. (Dr). J.L. Ratnasekera, the Vice Chancellor, Prof. S.C. Jayamanne, Dean, Faculty of Animal Science & Export Agriculture, Mr. Nuwan Liyanage Head, Department of Animal Science, academic staff together with other administrative, non-academic staff members and students of the university took part in the event. This is a major community service activity of the UWU event calendar and this time more than 200 blood donors extended their generous helping hands to make this event a success.





# Widening Participation: Our Work towards Community

## Vidu Nimsara 2018

The annual community service programme, Vidu Nimsara 2018 was organized by the undergraduates of Science & Technology (SCT) Degree Programme, UWU. The programme consisted of seminars on Mathematics for GCE O/L students. This was held on November 5, 2018 for the students from Badulla, Monaragala and Ampara areas.



## Donation Programme by Creador



As a part of the commitment towards community service, Creador, the Entrepreneur's Club of UWU organized a donation programme for the first time. This programme was undertaken as a social welfare activity of the club in Badulla Viyadiguna Maha Vidyalaya on November 30, 2018. Uniform fabrics, bags, water bottles, books, and pens were donated with the support of lecturers, relations of the students and the club members.





# Widening Participation: Our Work towards Community

## “A Ray of Hope to Gloomy Lives”

Undergraduates of Entrepreneurship & Management (ENM) Degree programme organized the annual alms giving programme to Methsewana Elders Home, Kailagoda, Badulla on November 11, 2018 under the theme of "A Ray of Hope to Gloomy Lives".

The undergraduates cleaned the elders home and helped the elders to get their selves cleaned. In the evening, the elders were treated with a tea and a snack followed by a session of entertainment. It was a life time experience for most of the individuals in giving rays of hope to the elders who are spending the autumn season in their lives.



## Certificate in English for School Leavers – 7<sup>th</sup> Intake

The Inauguration Ceremony of Certificate in English for School Leavers course for 7<sup>th</sup> batch of students offered under Centre for Open and Distance Learning (CODL) of UWU was held on November 18, 2018 at UWU with the participation of Dean, Faculty of Management, Head, Department of Management Sciences, Head, Department of Public Administration, academic and non-academic staff and more than 130 prospective students along with their parents.

CODL of UWU offers this great opportunity to school leavers of Uva Province, with the aim of enhancing knowledge and skills of students with the key of English while developing links and affiliations with Uva community.





# Amusement through Sports: Playing and Enjoying

## Inter-University Netball Championship – 2018



Physical Education Unit of UWU organized the Inter University Netball Championship - 2018 on August 18 & 19, 2018. Undergraduates representing 14 universities participated in this Netball tournament. It was a remarkable final match, and the University of Sri Jeyawardenapura won the Championship while the University of Colombo and University of Kelaniya became the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> runners-ups respectively. Prof. (Dr). J.L. Ratnasekera, the Vice Chancellor of UWU graced the occasion as the chief guest.





# Amusement through Sports: Playing and Enjoying

## ENM Trophy 2018

The ENM Trophy 2018, the annual Softball Cricket Tournament organized by the undergraduates of Entrepreneurship & Management Degree Programme was held on September 23 & 24, 2018 at the University playground. With the purpose of encouraging team spirit while strengthening the harmony, this was successfully held with the participation of 26 teams including a team from staff members.

The Championship of ENM Trophy 2018 was won by two teams, Mineral Resources & Technology and the Industrial Information Technology.





# Amusement through Sports: Playing and Enjoying

## Government Service Badminton Championship - 2018



The Government Services Badminton Championship was held at the Mercantile Badminton Association courts on November 16, 2018 at Torrington, Colombo 7. UWU became the runners up in women 'A division' finals competing with Sri Lanka Customs. Moreover, Ms. W.M.U.N. Keerthirathne, the Director, Physical Education Unit of UWU won the Gold Medal in individual women section competing with the player of Sri Lanka Police at the finals.

## EAG Bash 2018

EAG Bash 2018 was held on December 1, 2018. The championships under male and female categories were won by Department of Export Agriculture and the Faculty of Engineering Technology, respectively.





# Amusement through Sports: Playing and Enjoying

## CST LAN Challenge

The overnight gaming competition organized by the undergraduates of Computer Science & Technology Degree Programme, the CST LAN Challenge 2018 was held on November 23, 2018, with the participation of more than 30 teams of UWU undergraduates. The event mainly focused on giving the undergraduates a stress releasing experience of overnight competitive gaming challenge amidst of their busy schedules. This also focused on up rooting an interest in the field of gaming within the CST undergraduates.



## UWU Robot Battle



UWU Robot Battle 2018 was successfully conducted for the 2<sup>nd</sup> consecutive time on December 15, 2018. The competition was held under two categories; School and Open, where numbers of enthusiastic young tech students took part in the robotics extravaganza. Under the School category, there were 48 teams comprising a total of 180 school students while 135 teams comprised of more than 300 participants competed under the Open Category.



The first places of the School and the Open categories were won by the Swarnajayanthi Maha Vidyalaya, Kegalle and the University of Vocational Technology (UNIVOTEC) respectively.





# Amusement through Sports: Playing and Enjoying

## Inter University Taekwondo Championship 2018

Inter University Taekwondo Championship 2018 was organized by the University of Kelaniya on September 29 & 30, 2018 with the participation of 14 universities. UWU won 10 bronze medals.



## Inter University Athletics Championship 2018



Inter University Athletics Championship 2018 organized by Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association was held on October 27 & 28, 2018 at Sugathathsa Stadium, Colombo, with the participation of 14 universities. K.H.Muthumala from UWU won the bronze medal in, High Jump women category.

## Inter University Karate Championship 2018

Inter University Karate Championship 2018 organized by the University of Moratuwa was held on November 3 - 4, 2018. W.C.S.Fernando from UWU won the Silver Medal in under 60 kg men category.



## Combined University Basketball Team

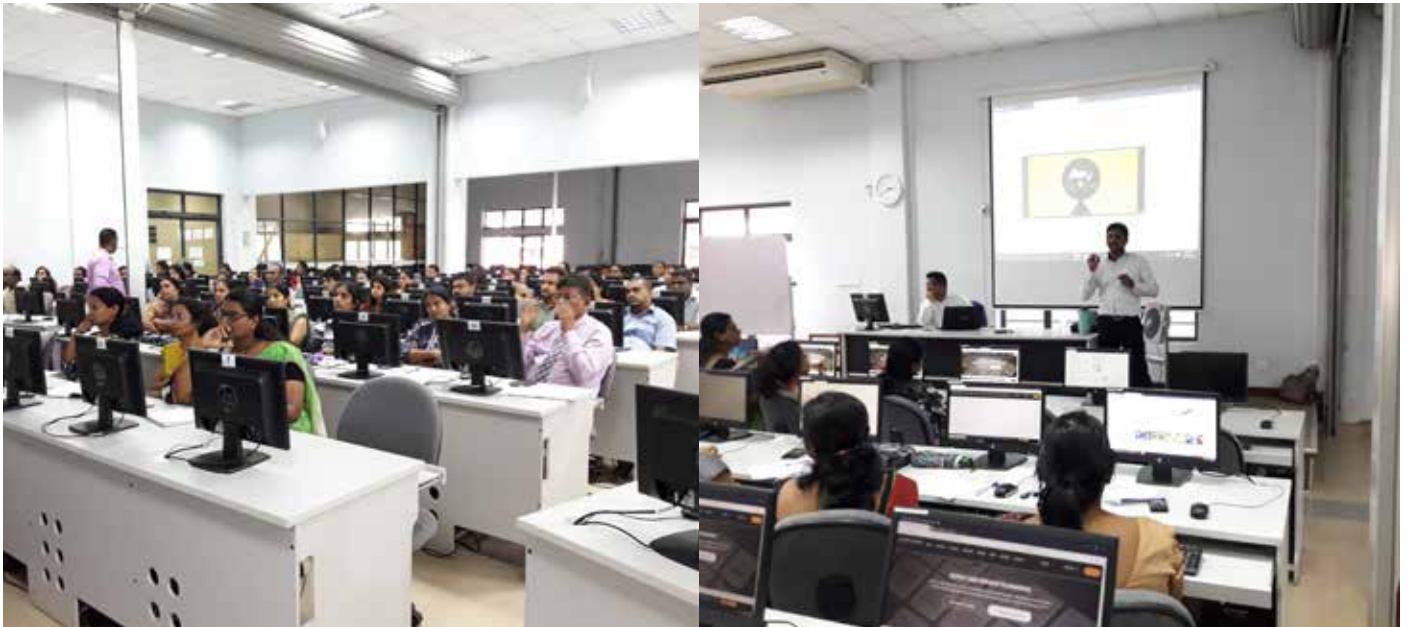
Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association had selection trails on November 17, 2018 at the University of Peradeniya, to select Sri Lanka University combined basketball women team players. In this trail two students of UWU were selected and one was appointed as the captain to Sri Lanka Combined University Basketball Team 2018. W.M.L. Amendra (Captain) U.G.R.P. Wijerathne



## Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

### Introducing Plagiarism Detection Tool

A workshop on Plagiarism Detection Tool was organized by the Library with the purpose of introducing fully automated system for handling the problems with plagiarism using URKUND online tool as one of the initiatives of the UGC – CONSAL. The workshop was coordinated by the Librarian. Mr. H.M.K.M. Herath Mank Service Int. and Dr. T. Pratheepan, UWU served as resource persons. More than 75 academics and administrative staff members participated in the workshop held on September 26, 2018.



### Conference Chair & Co-Hosting Partner

The 5<sup>th</sup> International Conference on Fisheries and Aquaculture, (ICFA) 2018 jointly hosted by the Uva Wellassa University and the University of Muhammadiyah Malang, Indonesia was held on August 23 - 24, 2018 in Colombo. Professor S.C. Jayamanne, Dean, Faculty of Animal Science & Export Agriculture, UWU participated as the conference Chair of ICFA 2018.





# Conferences, Workshops and Seminars

## Catch Your Dreams

Catch Your Dreams, a Career Guidance Workshop organized by the Career Guidance Unit in collaboration with the Gavel Club of UWU was held on December 11, 2018. This was organized with 3 objectives: enhancing the current knowledge of the modern world of work, panoplying the students with the necessary soft skills, guiding them to entail in the industry. Mr. Denzel Perera, General Manager and Mr. Deepthi Bandara Head of Sales from ACL Cables PLC extended their contribution as the resource persons of the workshop. The event was started with the welcome address by senior lecturer Dr. A.N.B. Attanayake, followed by the introduction of the speakers. Mr. Denzel Perera conducted the workshop with a fruitful presentation followed by a Q & A session.



## Career Expo 2018

To provide a platform to the Faculties and Students; prospective employers from the industries and services sector; HR Consultants and Career Counseling firms to interact for each other's mutual benefits, UWU Career Expo 2018 was organized by Career Guidance Unit of UWU focusing mainly on the requirements of the four Faculties of UWU on October 29, 2018 at University premises. 17 Resource Persons representing different sectors shared their experiences and enlightened the students about the career prospects.





# Appointments and Promotions

## Appointments - Academic Staff



Ms. J.M.P.V.K. Jayasundara  
Head, Department of English  
Language Teaching  
With effect from 10.12.2018



Dr. M.A.S.R. Senavirathne  
Faculty of Science & Technology  
Senior Lecturer (Grade II)  
With effect from 10.07.2018



Dr. K.M.R.K. Kulathunga  
Library  
Senior Assistant Librarian  
(Grade II)  
With effect from 01.08.2018



Dr. M.W.A.C.S. Wijethunga  
Faculty of Animal Science &  
Export Agriculture  
Senior Lecturer (Grade II)  
With effect from 01.08.2018



Ms. T.G.A.H.C. Amarawansa  
Faculty of Management  
Lecturer (Probationary)  
With effect from 02.07.2018



Mr. A.M.D.B. Nawarathna  
Faculty of Management  
Lecturer (Probationary)  
With effect from 16.07.2018



Mr. K.K.T.N. Ranaweera  
Faculty of Animal Science &  
Export Agriculture  
Lecturer (Probationary)  
With effect from 15.08.2018



Mr. E.P.D.N. Thilakarathne  
Faculty of Animal Science &  
Export Agriculture  
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Mr. P.C.B. Dias  
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Lecturer (Probationary)  
With effect from 15.08.2018



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