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This newsletter contains all significant happening of CINEC Campus Malabe. from the 1st of july to the 31st of december 2024.

KEY NEWS..

The Day Innovation Shined: 5th CINEC International Research Symposium 2024

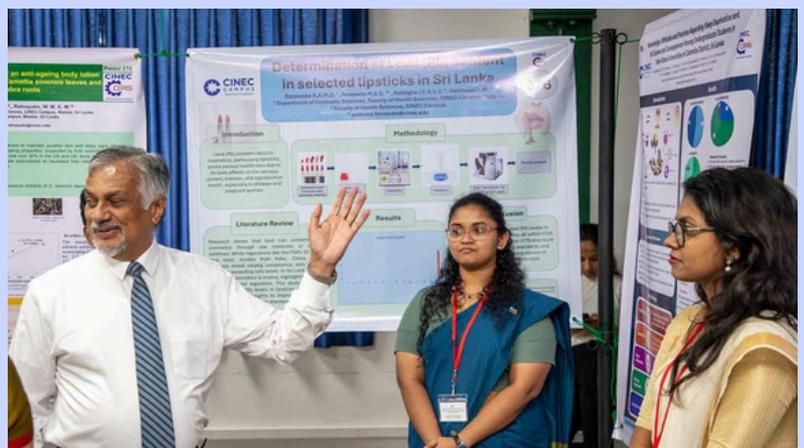
The 5th CINEC International Research Symposium (CIRS'24) was held on December 6th, 2024 at the CINEC Campus premises in Malabe. The theme for the 5th edition of the symposium was "Sustainable Future: Harnessing Humanity through Creativity and Innovation."



The Faculty of Computing hosted the symposium this year. The main event which comprised of the keynote speech and the panel discussion was held in the Klaus E. Orlandorff auditorium, which was later followed by the faculty technical sessions. The keynote speaker was Chair Professor of Chemistry at the University of Colombo, Sri Lanka, Professor K.M. Nalin de Silva, and the Guest of Honor for CIRS'24 was Senior Professor Ranjith Dissanayake of Curtin Colombo.



CIRS'24 featured national and international research abstracts categorized under eight sub themes reflecting the central theme emphasizing the vision "Per aspera ad sapientiam" – "Through hardships to wisdom."



FACULTY NEWS...

"Sneha Dayada" Donation Program

On January 22, 2025, the students of Batch 6 from the Faculty of Health Science (FHS), in cooperation with the Faculty of Health Science Students Society (FHSSS), organized a heartfelt donation to Apeksha Hospital, Maharagama. This program was part of the annual charity event organized by the FHSSS and was held in loving memory of a late student from Batch 6.



The donation consisted of essential cancer medications to support the treatment of pediatric cancer patients. This humble effort was made possible through generous monetary contributions and fundraising efforts led by the students of the faculty.

Batch 6 of FHS and FHSSS extends their heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to this initiative. Their generosity and dedication have not only honored the memory of their fellow student but also brought hope to children in need.

Inauguration Ceremony of Batch 48 Navigation Officer Cadets

New avenues were opened for the Batch 48 Navigation Officer Cadets as they had their inauguration on the 26th of November 2024.



As per tradition, the students were given a thorough briefing of their program and given valuable advice by their instructors and lecturers on the importance of the journey they have undertaken which is complete with challenges, adventures and opportunities to grow into the best versions of themselves.

We wish all the students the very best in their academic endeavors.

Inauguration Ceremony of Batch 51 Officer Cadet Training Program

Another commendable milestone was entered into the history books of CINEC when the inauguration ceremony of Batch 51 Officer Cadet training program took place on the 17th of December 2024.

The incoming officer cadets were addressed by their to-be instructors and lecturers, imparting them with valuable advice and food for thought before the commencement of their program and their pathways as they embark on their journey.

We wish all the students the very best in their academic endeavors.



Navigation Deck Rating Award Ceremony.

The Navigation Deck Rating Award Ceremony paved the way for many talented individuals to achieve success in their relevant field. Held on the 21st of October 2024, the memorable ceremony, which served as a bastion to their success, took place at the CINEC Auditorium to a resounding success.

The ceremony began with the traditional lighting of the oil lamp and the addresses to the audience, comprising of members of the staff, students, and their parents, by Captain Peshala Medagama and Captain Prasanna Sedrick, who imparted valuable advice for the students. The ceremony proceeded with the distribution of the certificates, which awarded the hard work and commitment displayed by the students in their path to achieve excellence in the maritime field.

We wish the students all the best along with fair winds and following seas.

White Coat Ceremony of Batch 7 and HD Batch 3



Where success does not frame into a mere paper qualification, the “White Coat Ceremony” is a hallmark of a student’s transition from preclinical studies to the clinical phase.

Commencing from the heralding spirit marked by the lighting of the oil lamp, the occasion followed through its formality.

The centerpiece of the ceremony initiated from presenting the white coats to students under the four major degrees; BSc (Hons) in Biomedical Sciences, BSc (Hons) in Industrial Pharmaceutical Sciences, BSc (Hons) in Cosmetic Sciences and BSc (Hons) in Medical Health Product Management, followed by the Higher Diploma, composing students of both HD in Biomedical Sciences and HD in Pharmaceutical and Cosmetic Sciences. Asserting further inspiration, the speech by the Academic Coordinator enlightened the atmosphere. Yet another significant milestone was captured as the students stood in unity, voicing the oath and promising sheer commitment towards their skill and excellence.



CLUBS AND ASSOCIATIONS ...

CINEC Students' Media Circle shines at Youth Voice Awards 2024



Members of the CINEC Students' Media Circle was able to dominate the Youth Voice Awards ceremony for 2024 organized by J'Pura Voice, the official media club of the University of Sri Jayawardenepura. The ceremony was held in the University of Sri Jayawardenepura premises on December 29th 2024.

The ceremony was held in parallel with the media competitions held earlier in the year including Raawa'24, the all-island dubbing competition, and Allusion'24, the all-island announcing competition. The Youth Voice Awards ceremony was the culmination of the competitions.

The following members of the CINEC Students' Media Circle managed to win coveted awards and prizes of the ceremony, leaving an indelible mark not only on the ceremony but also on the future of Mass Media and Public Speaking.



• **Chamalka Senevirathne**
Winner, Supernova News Compering Competition (Sinhala category)



• **Sawinde Weerasinghe**
Winner, Raawa'24 (English category)
Best Program Presenter, Allusion'24 (English category)



• **Devnethmi Rajakaruna**
2nd Runner Up, Raawa'24 (English category)



• **Piyangie Baduge**
Winner, Raawa'24 (Sinhala category)



• **Akash Perera**
2nd Runner Up, Raawa'24 (Sinhala category)



• **Nadee Balasuriya**
Best Live Presenter, Allusion'24 (English category)



• **Oshada Bandara**
Best Documentary Presenter, Allusion'24 (English category)



• **Team Sync (Nadee Balasuriya and Oshada Bandara)**
Best Duo, Allusion'24 (English category)

CINEC Students' Media Circle shines at Youth Voice Awards 2024

The "Visthara" photography workshop- phase I organized by the CINEC Students Media Circle successfully took place on the 1st of January 2025 and was delivered via Google Meet.

The workshop was conducted by Mr. Ashan Senevirathne, Vice President of the Student Association of CINEC and the pioneer behind Ashan Senevirathne Photography. A number of enthusiastic students participated in the workshop in the hopes of improving their skills in the art of photography and they were not disappointed at all. The intricacies behind the click of the shutter and the mechanisms that go into taking the perfect picture were discussed in great detail, thanks to the expertise of Mr. Ashan.

A practical workshop, conducted by Mr. Ashan is expected as well in the near future, where enthusiasts will be able to put the knowledge gained into practice.

Media Circle of CINEC Campus visits Sirasa TV, Stein Studios: An initial exposure to one of the prominent entertainment complexes in South Asia.



Members of the CINEC Students Media Circle successfully concluded the media industry visit on 7th of November, 2025. Experiencing a professional setup with a multitude of opportunities for the novices of the industry.

The exclusive and initiative program was a firsthand experience for the beginners and prodigies willing to capture the rare opportunity of establishing connection with Sri Lanka's leading television network Sirasa TV, proceeding the tour to Stein Studios in Ratmalana.

Engaging discussions with pioneers in the field, production segments, screen testing, voicing, announcing were aspects which had been brought to light.

The members were particularly invested with the insights which created an eye-opener, for the individuals with the intention of pursuing a career in journalism, broadcasting, media production and a diverse array of additional guidance was granted.



The remarkable introduction to the competitive and expertise of the founders and creators have outlined a big picture, highlighting behind the scenes of the media and entertainment sector.

Zero Plastic Trail '24: Together for Tomorrow!

Zero Plastic CINEC, in collaboration with the CINEC Student Association (SA), the Rotaract Club of CINEC Campus, the Leo Club of CINEC, and the IEEE Student Branch CINEC, successfully organized Zero Plastic Trail '24 on October 25, 2024. This initiative played a crucial role in combating plastic pollution while promoting environmental awareness, exemplifying the capacity of educational institutions to drive sustainable change.



As part of a larger national movement, over 11,000 volunteers participated in 130+ cleanup trails across Sri Lanka, collectively removing more than 25,000 kilograms of plastic and polythene waste. The CINEC-led effort commenced from the campus and proceeded towards the Malabe Bus Station, with students and faculty members actively collecting waste and reinforcing responsible disposal practices.



The success of Zero Plastic Trail '24 highlights the commitment of the younger generation to sustainability. By promoting collaboration between academia and local communities, the initiative not only addressed plastic pollution but also

encouraged long-term environmental responsibility, reinforcing the significance of collective action in preserving the environment.

CINEC Turns into Horror Once Again!!!

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After the success of Fearflix 01, the CINEC Students' Media Circle brought back the scares with Fearflix 02, a horror movie week that left audiences thrilled and chilled. Held from November 25th to November 28th, this second edition was more than just a cinematic fest; it also served as a fundraising initiative to support the CINEC Students' Media Circle.

The event opened with *Prey for the Devil* (2022), a supernatural horror that took viewers into the world of exorcisms, setting a dark and ominous tone for the days to come.



Then came *Annabelle: Creation*, the prequel that revealed the terrifying origins of the infamous doll, keeping everyone on edge with its suspenseful storytelling and eerie atmosphere. The screams continued with *Scream VI*, a slasher hit packed with relentless chases, shocking twists, and heart-pounding jump scares that had the audience gripping their seats. On the final evening, the screen showcased *The Conjuring* (2013), the horror classic that won the Empire Award for Best Horror in 2014. This terrifying film pulled the audience deep into the paranormal investigations of Ed and Lorraine Warren, delivering an intense and unforgettable finale to Fearflix 02.

To make the experience even more exciting, every attendee received free popcorn with their ticket, adding a touch of taste to the cinematic thrill. A horror-themed photo booth allowed students to capture eerie memories with spooky backdrops.

Fearflix 02 wasn't just about watching horror films; it was about bringing students together through shared thrills while supporting a meaningful cause. With a perfect mix of terrifying movies, interactive activities, and an enthusiastic crowd, Fearflix has cemented itself as a must-attend event at CINEC.

The Lord Is Born: CINEC Christmas Carol Service 2024



The CINEC Campus community came together to celebrate the festive season in a way that truly captured the spirit of Christmas. Organized by the Aesthetic Circle of the CINEC Student Association, the annual Christmas Carol Service, titled “The Lord Is Born”, took place on the 19th of December 2024 at the CINEC Auditorium.

The event brought students, staff, and guests into a warm and joyful atmosphere, filled with music, along with a real sense of togetherness. The choir’s performances reminded everyone of the deeper meaning of the season and the timeless message of Christ’s birth.

One of the most touching parts of the evening was a shadow act that creatively narrated the story of Jesus’ birth. It was a powerful and emotional performance that really resonated with the audience, adding a deeper, more heartfelt dimension to the event.



More than just a musical gathering, the carol service gave the CINEC community a chance to slow down, connect, and enjoy the warmth and joy of the season. It was a meaningful moment to reflect on values, the things that make the Christmas spirit so special.

Silver Spotlight: CINEC's Ensembles Shine at Tantalize XIV

CINEC Campus took center stage at Tantalize XIV with impressive performances across several categories, including Solo and Group Dancing, Solo and Group Singing, and the Musical Band segment. The students, having dedicated months of preparation and rehearsals, showcased their skills with precision and enthusiasm.

In the Group Singing category, Soul of Harmonies stood out by combining the contemporary anthems along with the classical hits, delivering a performance that earned them the Runners-Up position. Their strong vocal coordination and stage presence impressed the spectators.

Meanwhile, in the Musical Band category, Team Vibrations secured the Runners-Up spot, showcasing their talent and hard work. Their performance was a testament to their musical skill and commitment.

These achievements go beyond personal success. They not only highlight the hard work and determination of each individual but also showcase the incredible talent within themselves to commit towards the progress. These winnings add value to all the participants who took part and showed their incredible talents and dedication.

The occasion became a conclusive memory enhanced by the presence of the higher management as well as the participation ensured by the staff of the Faculty of Health Sciences. Marking yet another generational elevation, the “White Coat Ceremony” introduced fresh beginnings for both Batch 7 and HD Batch 3.

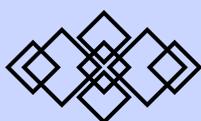


Fun Food Fiesta by CINEC Aesthetics Unit

Elevating entertainment, enjoyment and extravagance to an advanced step, the 2024/2025 student executive committee of the CINEC Aesthetics Unit initiated the “Fun Food Fiesta” which took place on the 4th and 9th of December 2024 at the Open Cafeteria premises. As an alternative underlined for the fundraising of CINEC Carols 2024, the “Fun Food Fiesta” also included “The Game Zone”, taking the student population by storm. The food stalls that bustled with excitement introduced a combination of foods and delicacies, increasing the visitors.



Primarily reinforced by Dr. Chandrani Adikaram, the students of the Aesthetics Unit prioritized the students by not only letting them indulge amidst the world of deliciousness but also to create their platform by performing in front of others. The layered foundation of live background music, added extensive intensity for the talented performers. This was an opportunity to all those students who obtained the potential of enchanting the premises with their notational voices. While the sopranos, tenors and altos worked in harmony, the Fiesta had also included a gaming zone, specifically targeting the students who preferred screens and competitive victories. Not only was this an opportunity to enhance their skills but also a moment of increasing interactions and connections among each other. The performers included students who sang, danced, played musical instruments as well as performed acts which surely did entertain the participants. The presence of the higher management and lecturers have surely created an everlasting impact and word of rejoice among the CINEC community.



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