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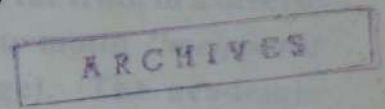
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MISSION STATEMENT OF THE UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA BASED ON OUR VISION

"The University of Jaffna is committed to search the truth in a diverse field of subjects as has been emphasized in its motto "*meipporul kanpatha arivu*" (discernment is knowledge). The academic community of the University is determined to create an atmosphere of academic excellency by maintaining high quality of teaching, research and scholarship in advanced learning with dissemination and enhancement of knowledge, intellectual and professional competence, freedom of thought and expression, equality and fairness and mobilizing all available resources to uplift the cultural, economical and social heritage of the community and nation."

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இலங்கை சனாதிபதி
President of Sri Lanka



It is with a deep sense of happiness that I associate myself with the 25th Anniversary Celebrations of the University of Jaffna.

Universities are centres of Higher Education where one's learning is enriched through constant research and partaking in National and International debates around issues of importance.

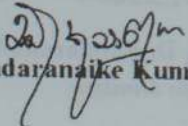
Such a University education was made available to the Jaffna youth in 1974, by Hon. Prime Minister Ms. Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

In its formative years, not only did the campus cater to the aspirations of Jaffna youth but also it embraced the aspiring youth from the South, demonstrating the Universality of Education. Over the years, Jaffna University has produced men and women of academic excellence, working for the betterment of the human race.

I trust that the University will once again dedicate itself to further enrich higher education and embrace the aspiring youth from all over the Island in its fold.

I have no doubt that the academics, students and administrators would join hands in the furtherance of the said goals to the challenges of the next millennium.

I wish the organizers of this event every success in their future endeavours.


Chandrika Bandaranaike Kumaratunga
PRESIDENT.



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Prime Minister of Sri Lanka

Message



It is with pleasure I associate myself with the celebrations taking place in connection with the Silver Jubilee. I vividly remember the day I opened the Jaffna Campus. On this day it was dedicated to the nation to promote higher education, research and culture of the nation and specially to meet the legitimate aspirations of the Tamils of the North.

I am aware that the University of Jaffna has lived up to the ideals envisioned and has during the past 25 years produced graduates who can enrich society with their knowledge gained at this seat of learning.

I take this opportunity to thank the academic and the non-academic staff of the university for the dedicated services rendered to produce motivated and imaginative graduates to serve the country.

I wish the University of Jaffna success in all its future endeavours.

Sirimavo R. D. Bandaranaike
Prime Minister



Message from the
Hon. Richard Pathirana
Minister of Education and Higher Education

As the Minister in charge of Education and Higher Education in this country. I am greatly pleased to felicitate the University of Jaffna on its Silver Jubilee. It is well-known that Jaffna Peninsula has had a reputation for educational achievements since the 19th Century. However, it was the United Front Government led by the Prime Minister Madam Sirimavo Bandaranaike which established first university in the Jaffna Peninsula. Madam Prime Minister ceremonially opened the Jaffna Campus of the University of Ceylon on 06 October 1974.

The University of Jaffna can be proud of its record of achievements over the past 25 years. The progress it has made is all the more remarkable given the many constraints and problems it has had to face on account of military operations, terrorism and security situation in general. I am pleased to note despite these problems, the University has made every effort to maintain academic standards and provide quality higher education.

I may also state that the present Government has supported the expansion of the University of Jaffna by the establishment of a new Campus at Vavuniya with two Faculties in 1997 and by approving the establishment of two new Faculties namely, Management Studies and Commerce and Graduate Studies. This Government will continue to support the University of Jaffna to develop into a fully-pledged national university where students from all communities and from all parts of the country could pursue higher education.

Richard Pathirana
Minister of Education and Higher Education

17 September, 1999



Message From
Dr W A Wiswa Warnapala, M. D.
Deputy Minister of Education and Higher Education,
Chairman of Public Accounts Committee of Parliament
B. A. (Econ.) Hons (Ceylon)
M. A. (Pittsburg) Ph. D. (Leeds)

Formerly : Professor of Political Science
University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka

I have great pleasure in sending my felicitations to the University of Jaffna on the occasion of the celebration of Silver Jubilee on 6th October 1999.

The Jaffna Campus of the University of Ceylon was declared open ceremonially by the Prime Minister, Hon Sirimavo R D Bandaranaike on 6th October, 1974. This was in response to a demand by the people of the Northern Province for an Institution of University status, made over a long period of time.

At that time I was a young lecturer in the Department of Political Science at the University of Peradeniya and I was very sad that many of our friends left our company there and went to Jaffna to take up academic posts at the new Institution. I have had a very intimate relationship with quite a number of them and this amounted to a personal loss to me.

Once I was invited to Jaffna as a Chief Guest on the occasion of the publication of the Biography of Handy Perimpanayagam, the Youth Congress Leader. During my visit I had the opportunity of visiting the Campus and I was impressed by the promise of development it had shown at that time. I had also the opportunity of visiting Prof. S. Vithyananthan and other friends from Peradeniya who had gone to Jaffna and joined the staff there.

The academia of Peradeniya and Jaffna had a common background, training, and I may say a community of interest. The development of this University could not proceed as expected on account of the on going war which has lasted for an unusually long period, and it was on account of this situation that the Faculty of Engineering could not be established there. In the past few years the affairs of the University have returned to normality, and we have made every effort possible to assist the University in reactivating its academic programmes. There has been a spurt of constructional activity within the University premises and some of the major building programmes which could not be completed over a long period of time have been revived and completed.

Previously, there were four Faculties at the University of Jaffna. Recently with the concurrence of the University Grants Commission two new Faculties : the Faculty of Graduate Studies and the Faculty of Management Studies have been established in the year of the Jubilee Celebrations. Although, the impact of their creation will not be visible immediately they have the potential of facilitating the development of high quality academic programmes in the years to come.

Personally, I am very happy that we are associated with the further development of this University presently and we shall continue to promote its smooth development during our period in office.

Finally, I wish to congratulate the authorities and others of the University community for their achievements and wish them the best of success in the future!



*Message from the Chairman of the
University Grants Commission*

I wish to congratulate the University of Jaffna for its record of achievements over the past quarter century. From small beginnings in 1974 with two Faculties, today the University has expanded to cover a comprehensive range of subjects with six Faculties operating in Jaffna and a separate Campus with two more Faculties operating in Vavuniya. The University has produced more than 10,000 graduates and diplomates and over 300 post-graduates in different subject areas over the years and it has a distinguished alumni working in Sri Lanka and abroad.

The services rendered by the University and its record of achievements have to be understood and appreciated in the context of the severe constraints faced, prevailing unsettled conditions and ups and down experienced during the major part of its existence. Despite these problems and limitations, the university has been able to not only survive but grow steadily. I may particularly mention the success of the university in maintaining academic standards and providing quality education at both undergraduate and post-graduate levels.

I take this opportunity to convey my best wishes and felicitations to all concerned the Vice Chancellor and the Council, members of the Senate and the Faculty Board, the executives and non-academic staff and the student community at large - for the commitment shown to foster an active university life despite the many problems.

I am confident that the University of Jaffna would, in the shortest possible time, become not only a centre of excellence but also a truly national University where students from all parts of the country would find it an effective learning environment conducive for higher studies and research.

Professor S. Tilakaratna

Chairman

17 September, 1999



*Message from the Chancellor
University of Jaffna*

It gives me much pleasure to send this message on the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the University of Jaffna.

The Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka was declared open by Prime Minister the Hon. Sirimavo Bandaranaike on the 6th October, 1974; and with the implementation of the Universities Act of 1978 it became the University of Jaffna. Incidentally, the main Campus of the University of Jaffna was originally the Parameshvara College founded by Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan in 1923.

I remember well the opening Celebrations of October 6th, 1974, when University Academics and Staff, as well as distinguished guests from all parts of Sri Lanka joined in commemorating the auspicious occasion.

Today as we look back at the achievements of the University, we must remember that, in spite of all the hardships and tribulations that the Administrators and Academic Staff have had to face in recent times, the University of Jaffna has continued to function with devotion to the cause of higher education for a quarter of a century. My fervent hope is that the University will continue its good work with the same spirit of dedication as in the past, and I wish it success in all its future endeavours.

Prof. T. Nadaraja
Chancellor, University of Jaffna.



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JAFFNA, Sri Lanka.

Prof. P. BALASUNDRAMPILLAI
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I have great pleasure and in fact I am proud to write the message of felicitations for the Silver Jubilee Souvenir, which will be released during the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the University.

The University of Jaffna (then known as Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka) was inaugurated on 6th of October, 1974 at the premises of Parameswara College, a premier Hindu Educational Institution founded by Sir Pon Ramanathan, a leading Hindu Educationist, statesman and philanthropist.

The establishment of the University in a way fulfilled a long felt need and culminated the struggle for a University in the North. At the inception the University had only two Faculties, namely, Science and Humanities now it has expanded to six Faculties, Science, Arts, Management & Commerce, Medicine, Agriculture and Graduate Studies. In addition, one academy (the RAFA) and department (the Department of Siddha Medicine) are functioning. Further a campus was established in 1997 at Vavuniya with two Faculties - namely Faculty of Business Studies and Faculty of Applied Science.

The main campus of the University is situated on the fringe of the city of Jaffna amidst serene atmosphere free from the bustle of the city and enjoys the benefits of red soil terrain.

As a seat of higher learning, the University of Jaffna has spread the light of learning to the letter of its motto "மெய்ப்பொருள் காண்பது அறிவு", "It is wisdom that discern the true things".

As a modern University within a short period of its existence has performed the knowledge producing and pedagogical roles in a satisfactory manner despite unsettled war like situation with strains and crises.

The University has mobilised and organised the intellectual resources of our society with particular emphasis on regional development. The core sectors of our University, graduate training received high priority and a research culture has been developed in the University. A few cultural departments and the RAFA have maintained our cultural heritage. The RAFA has trained many renowned artistes and provides ample opportunity for all artistes in the area.

It has a solid record of considerable achievements in both professional higher education and more flexible forms of higher education and has produced distinguished alumni belong to different walks of life scattered all over the world.

Various forms of activities of the University students and the staff have spread to the society and linked with the University in order to prevent the University community from leading an ivory tower existence.

All those achievements were possible due to the untiring and devoted efforts of the Chancellors and the Vice-Chancellors, Council members, and members of the academic and non-academic staff who held these positions in the past and holding them at present.

On this happy occasion, I offer my felicitations and wish the University a very bright future and I have no doubt that the University will grow from strength and meet the challenges of higher education in the next millennium and become a seat of learning par excellence.

Prof. P. Balasundarampillai
Vice - Chancellor

Registrar's Message



On the occasion of the Silver Jubilee Anniversary of the University of Jaffna on 6th October 1999, it gives me particular pleasure to salute the pioneers who devoted to establish the University of Jaffna. During the last twenty five years, it has been on continuous achievement in educational aspects as well as in infrastructure activities. It has also been a year of historic significance for creation of new faculties in the University of Jaffna. The broad understanding and cordial relations between academic and non-academic staff were reaffirmed and strengthened and also help a lot to achieve the above goals.

Today as we stand on a threshold of a new millennium, University of Jaffna can look forward with confidence to realising the goals to create a prosperous educational society to lead the country to uplift it in all aspects. In conclusion, I once again wish the Vice-Chancellor, Members of the Council and Senate, Staff of the University, students and Well Wishers for the steadfast commitment and loyalty to the University of Jaffna in the years gone by and its 25th year. I take this opportunity to express the hope that the University of Jaffna will emulate the examples of the world best Universities in harnessing the intellectual resources of the region and will make a substantial contribution to the development of the country.

Dr. K. Kunarasa

Registrar, University of Jaffna

PREFACE

The need to publish a Souvenir of the University of Jaffna became a necessity, in view of the approaching Silver Jubilee Celebration on the 6th October 1999. At this juncture, it is appropriate to look at the development and the role of our University, the highest seat of learning of this region. The University has had a steady growth over the years. This Souvenir is a genuine attempt to highlight the landmarks of the development of this University, the achievements of the Faculties and Departments and their future plans in the forth coming new millennium. A Silver Jubilee Souvenir Committee was appointed by the Senate, University of Jaffna for the preparation of this Souvenir. It comprised of the following, Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer (Head / Hindu Civilization), as Chairman, Dr. N. Sivarajah (Head / Community Medicine), Mr. V. P. Sivanathan (Head / Economics), Mr. G. Mikunthan (Head / Agricultural Biology), Mr. P. Makinan, (Head / Maths & Statistics) and Mr. S .T .B . Rajeswaran (Arts Faculty representative) as members.

In preparing a Souvenir of this nature one can go into great detail or be concise. The Committee followed a middle path. The first chapter covers the brief history of the Jaffna campus and later as University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka. Chapters two to six give the details of the General Administration, Faculties, Departments and Units etc. The seventh chapter highlights the future plans in brief. Further more in fairness to the academic Departments and Units it was felt that Heads of Departments be given a chance to write the history of their own departments. This same concession was extended to the Heads of branches of the administrative Units too. According to the decision taken by Committee the write up of the Faculties, Departments were submitted to the respective Deans, who took pain to edit them with a view to maintain uniformity. The efforts of the Heads of Departments, Deans of the Faculties, Registrar the Heads of the Administrative branches, Presidents of the Unions and Associations are greatly acknowledged, If there are any omissions , that may be due to delay in response to our request, or gap in communication. The Committee regrets if there being any such occurrence since we were requested to complete this task within a time-frame. The Committee took a decision to take care to avoid over lapping as the Faculty Hand - Book also being published by the respective Faculties. It was felt by all that the Souvenir should appear impressive.

The Committee wishes to record its appreciation to all those who helped magnanimously to publish this Souvenir, in an impressive manner. We are grateful to them.

As the Chairman of the Committee it is a privilege that I got a chance to compile the first chapter, and edit the Souvenir for which I express any sincere thanks to our Vice- Chancellor, Prof . P. Balasundarampillai.

Prof . P . Gopalakrishna Iyer
Chairman
Silver Jubilee Souvenir
(Sub) Committee.

University of Jaffna
Thirunelvely, Jaffna
September 1999

PREFACE

The report of the Committee of the University of India... The Committee was constituted in 1950... The Committee's report is published by the Government of India... The Committee's report is published by the Government of India... The Committee's report is published by the Government of India...

The Committee wishes to express its appreciation to all those who helped magnanimously to publish this document in an imperative manner. We are grateful to them.

As the Chairman of the Committee it is a privilege that I can address to you the first chapter and also the Secretary for which I express my thanks to our Vice-Chancellor.



University of India
New Delhi
September 1950

THE GREAT SCHOLAR STATESMAN AND PHILANTHROPIST, FOUNDER OF THE
PARAMESWARA COLLEGE NUCLEUS OF THE JAFFNA CAMPUS



SIR PONNAMPALAM RAMANATHAN

THE CHANCELLOR



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VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE SILVER JUBILEE YEAR



Prof. P. Balasundarampillai

B.A. (Hons.), Ph.D (Durham)

From 1997.01.01 to date

THE FIRST PRESIDENT OF THE JAFFNA CAMPUS



Prof. K. Kailasapathy

B.A., M.A., Ph.D (Birm.), Hon. D. Litt. (Jaffna)
From 1974.08.01 to August 1977

**THE PRESIDENT OF THE JAFFNA CAMPUS AND
THE FIRST VICE CHANCELLOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA**



Prof. S. Vithiananthan

B.A. (Hons.), M.A., Ph.D., Hon. D. Litt. (Jaffna)

From August 1977 to December 1978 (As President)

From 1979.01.01 to 1988.06.30 (As Vice Chancellor)

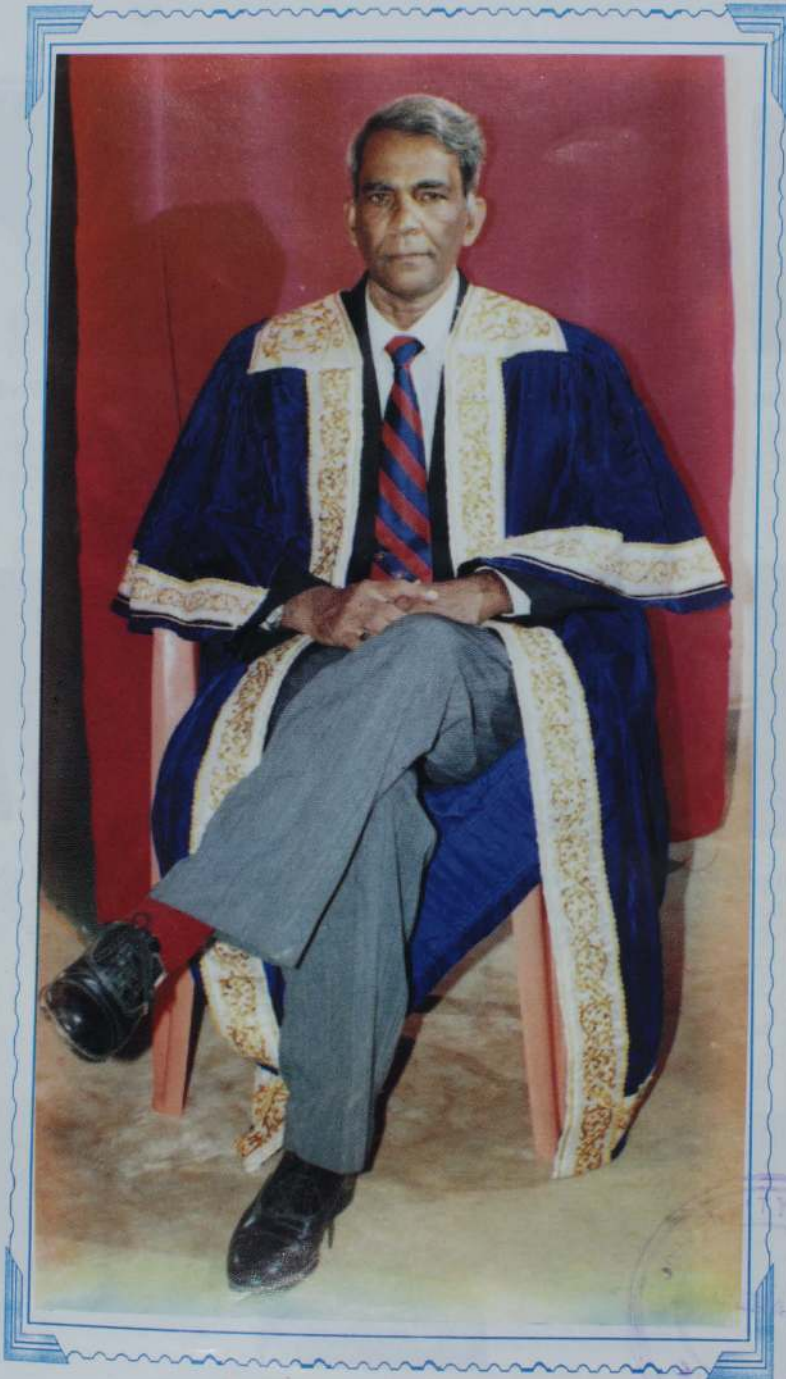
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OF THE UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA



Prof. A. Thurairajah

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From 1988-09.01 to 1994-03-31

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THE PIONEERS 1974/1975 HEADS OF DEPARTMENTS



Seated : (L.-R.) Prof. K. Indrapala (Dean of Humanities and Head of the Department of History), Prof. K. Kailasanathakurukkal (Head of the Department of Hindu Civilization), Mr. L. H. Sumanadasa (Vice-Chancellor), Prof. K. Kailasapathy (President and Head of the Department of Tamil), Prof. P. Kanagasabapathy (Dean of Science and Head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics), Mr. K. P. G. Wijayasurendra (Deputy Registrar).
Standing : (L.-R.) Dr. S. Mageswaran (Head of the Department of Chemistry), Prof. V. K. Ganesalingam (Head of the Department of Zoology), Mr. K. Ratnatilake (Assistant Treasurer), Mr. R. S. Thambiah (Librarian - in - Charge), Prof. K. Kunaratnam (Head of the Department of Physics).
Absent : Prof. S. Gamlath (Head of the Department of Sinhala)

CHAPTER 1

HISTORY OF THE UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA JAFFNA CAMPUS -BEGINNINGS

The setting up of a University Campus in Jaffna has been a long standing aspiration of the people of Jaffna. Accordingly the declaration was made on 15th July 1974 by Dr. Al. Haj. Badi-Ud-Din Mahmud, Minister of Education and Pro-Chancellor of the University of Sri Lanka with the Parameshwara College premises, Thirunelvely as the nucleus. Mr. Pieter Keuneman then Minister of Housing and Construction, Senior Education Ministry Officials, Vice-Chancellor University of Sri Lanka with Senior University Officials and Officials of the Department of Buildings visited Jaffna on 19th July 1974 to examine the sites and the buildings to start the new Campus. The Parameshwara College founded in August 1921, by Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan together with the undergraduates' Department premises of Jaffna College at Vaddukkoddai started in 1823 by the American Missionaries, fulfilling the noble aspirations of the respective founders were on their way to become the home of the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka.

Renovation

The College premises were completely vacated for the University authorities to commence renovation activities from 15 July 1974. A renovation team commenced work on repairing and renovating the dilapidated buildings of Parameshwara College from 19th July 1974.

Establishment of Jaffna Campus

On 19 July 1974, the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Sri Lanka Mr. L.H. Sumanadasa announced the appointment of Dr. K. Kailasapathy, Head of the Dept. of Tamil and Hindu Studies, of Vidyalandara Campus, as the first President of Jaffna Campus. The Jaffna Campus of this University of Sri Lanka with the proposed Faculties of Science, Law, Humanities and Dept. of Physical Education was established with effect from the 1st of August 1974, by notice published in the Gazette Extra-ordinary No 121/15 of 25 July 1974 issued by the Vice-Chancellor in consultation with the Hon. Minister of Education, by virtue of powers vested in him by section 18, read with section 85 of the University of Ceylon Act No 1 of 1972.

First President

Dr. K. Kailasapathy assumed duties on 01 August 1974 as First President. On 09 August 1974, Mr. K. P. G. Wijayasurendra, Deputy Registrar of the Vidyalandkara Campus, assumed duties as the first Deputy Registrar of the Jaffna Campus.

Jaffna College was taken over by the Ministry of Education on 13 August 1974 and the Undergraduate premises were turned over to the University to start the Science Faculty of the Jaffna Campus. High Officials from various sectors and other well wishers from far and near, too numerous to be mentioned by name played an important role in the swift and smooth integration of the Parameshwara College and Jaffna College into the Jaffna Campus in the feverish haste to meet the scheduled target for the opening of the Campus during the first week of October 1974.

First Appointment of Deans - Staff - Jaffna Campus

Some of the teachers previously employed at the Under Graduates' Department of Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai received appointments at the Jaffna College on 01 Sept. 1974 to become the first members of the Academic staff of the Jaffna Campus. On 01 October 1974, Prof. P. Kanagasabapathy, Head of the Dept. of Mathematics at the Peradeniya Campus, and Dr. K. Indrapala, Senior Lecturer in History at the Peradeniya Campus were appointed as first Deans of the Faculties of Science and Humanities respectively.

For the smooth running of the administration of the Campus, the following staff officers assumed duties. Mr. J. H. Ariyaratnam, former Registrar of Jaffna College, started work in the Jaffna Campus as one of the Asst. Registrars with effect from 13th August 1974. Mr. R. S. Thambiah, former Librarian of Jaffna College, commenced work as Senior Asst. Librarian in charge of the Jaffna Campus Library w.e.f. 13 August 1974. Mr. P. Selvanayagam Asst. Registrar, formerly Administrative Asst. Peradeniya Campus, assumed duties w.e.f. 19 August 1974 and Mr. K. Ratnatilaka, formerly Asst. Treasurer of Senate House, assumed duties as Asst. Treasurer w.e.f. 22 August 1974. Mr. S. A. Sivapadam, formerly of the Port Commission, assumed duties w.e.f. 16 Sept. 1974 and was appointed as Administrative Asst. w.e.f. 01 Jan. 1975.

Nachimar Kovil Road, the Southern boundary of Parameshwara College, now the Jaffna Campus, was renamed Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan Road by the Jaffna Municipal Council a few days before the opening of the Campus.

Inauguration of the Campus

On 06 October 1974, the Jaffna Campus the Sixth Campus of the University of Sri Lanka was ceremonially inaugurated by the Hon. Prime Minister of the Republic of Sri Lanka, Mrs Sirimavo Ratwatte Dias Bandaranaike in the presence of a large audience at Parameshwara premises at 2.25 p.m. by unveiling the commemoration plaque on the invitation of the Pro-Chancellor, Dr. Al-Haj Badi-Ud-Din Mahmud, the Minister of Education. The unveiling of the plaque was

preceded by the Prime Minister and the distinguished guests being conducted in ceremonial academic procession to pay homage at the Parameshwara Temple in the Campus premises and followed by the lighting of the traditional lamp by the Prime Minister in the Ramanathan Administrative Building, later followed by addresses by the Vice-Chancellor, Pro-Chancellor, Prime Minister, the Member of the National State Assembly for Nallur and the President of the Campus. The first fourteen students admitted to the Jaffna Campus received their students' Record Books from the Prime Minister and the Prime Minister signed the Inauguration Record in the Visitors Book of the Campus, followed by the other distinguished visitors at a tea party held in the Ramanathan Hall in honour of the Prime Minister, Minister of Education, and other distinguished guests who graced the occasion. A record gathering of several thousands of people from different walks of life and well wishers attended this meeting on that bright afternoon. The same evening the Secretary of the Ministry of Education and Vice-Chancellor with others visited the Science Faculty at Vaddukkoddai for a brief ceremony. Thus the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka was inaugurated and dedicated to the nation in order to promote education and culture in the region of the Tamil speaking community.

Highlights of the Messages

It is appropriate to highlight the thoughts expressed by the distinguished guests on the eve of the inauguration of the Campus on 06 Oct. 1974. *"Now we witness the birth of the sixth Campus in Jaffna. This event marks the beginning of a new chapter in the history of the growth of higher education in this Country"*, thus emphasizes the Former President of the Republic of Sri Lanka and Chancellor of the University of Sri Lanka Mr. William Gopallawa. Hon. Prime Minister of the Republic of Sri Lanka, Mrs. Sirimavo R.D. Bandaranaike, has expressed the need of this Campus in the following words. *"The setting up of a University Campus in Jaffna had been a long-standing request of the people of Jaffna Nevertheless it was always my firm intention to provide a Campus for Jaffna as soon as we possibly could and I have been able to redeem this promise. I hope that the establishment of this educational activities of the area which has become well known for the existence of a people whose love for education and learning is very great."*

The Pro-Chancellor of the University of Sri Lanka and the Minister of Education in his message has correctly expressed the need for a Campus in the north and has paid tributes to the forerunners. *"The establishment of a University Campus in Jaffna ushers in the beginning of a new era in the field of education in this country. There is no doubt that posterity will record this event as a major milestone and a significant turning point in the educational history of the north. It is very necessary in this connection to refer to the one-time Senator and Custodian of Parameshwara College, the late Dr. S. Natesan. During my previous tenure in office as Minister of Education, former Senator Dr. Natesan had often urged on me the need for a University in the north. Conscious as I was of the need myself, I took the decision to set up a University in Jaffna. At this point of history when we are about to fulfill the cherished desire of the late Dr. S. Natesan but also his ardour and his active involvement in the cause of higher education. I would be failing in my duty at this stage if I do not recall to memory the great scholar - statesman and philanthropist - Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan - whose creation, Parameshwara College, today serves as the nucleus of this University Campus. Ramanathan College, which was*

his legacy. to the girls, has already become the seat of Fine Arts. Parameshwara College which was his gift to the boys now assumes even broader spectrum as a seat of the Campus itself, embracing the former as its own limb and supports. What better way is there of making the Ramanathan dream come true and the Ramanathan ideals bear fruit? The seats of learning he set up have now become higher seats of learning; his philanthropy and his foresight stand vindicated. We salute him.....Although this Campus would have a similar academic and administrative outlook as all other Campuses, in keeping with a unified University structure, there is no doubt that there would be special emphasis here for the promotion of the culture of the region, the development of Tamil language, Tamil Music etc. and the encouragement of sound research in these subjects”.

The views expressed by the then Vice-Chancellor of University of Sri Lanka Mr. L.H. Sumanadasa in his message on the eve of the inauguration of the Jaffna Campus befits today's ideals of University education. “ *The University has to be the guardian of the cherished ideals of higher learning in any country. The intellectual traditions set by the University of Sri Lanka have to be further developed taking into consideration the changing needs of our society. From the late Fifties, as a result of the expansion of University education greater opportunities for higher education have been provided to the youth of this country. Since we are going through a period of reforms in University education designed to meet the requirements of building a stronger nation, these opportunities will have to be further enhanced. A Campus in the north will no doubt contribute its share towards the achievements of these objectives of University education in Sri Lanka.*”

The Jaffna Campus gradually developed fulfilling the above ideals to the maximum. Soon after the ceremonial inauguration the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Science were opened to the students and the Academic year 1974/75 was in its first steps. The increasing demand for additional space required prompt attention and action. Therefore the Campus Planning Committee inaugurated the new buildings programme by laying of foundation for the Natural Science Block of the Science Faculty at Thirunelvely, foundation for a five - storied Hall of residence to accommodate 125 women students at Thirunelvely premises, and the foundation for the Water Tower at Vaddukkodai. This Building programme further extended by laying foundations for the Faculty of Humanities Building, the Water supply schemes and the Health Center in Thirunelvely premises. In order to ensure a planned development over the future years action was initiated to acquire new lands.

University of Jaffna as an autonomous seat of Higher Studies

With the implementation of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, and by Gazette dated December 22, 1978, the Jaffna Campus became an independent and autonomous University as the University of Jaffna with effect from January 1, 1979. When this Institution was first established in terms of the University of Ceylon Act No. 1 of 1972, the President of Sri Lanka was the Chancellor and the Hon. Minister of Education was the Pro - Chancellor.

Chancellor

Mr. V. Manicavasagar, retired Judge of the Supreme Court was the first Chancellor of the University of Jaffna. He was appointed as the first Chancellor by His Excellency the President of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka with effect from 1st January 1979. During his office as Chancellor, Mr.V.Manicavasagar presided over the first Convocation of the University of Jaffna, held at the Veerasingam Hall on 13th September 1980. He also delivered the Convocation address at the first Convocation. The University of Jaffna records with gratitude the esteemed guidance of the first Chancellor during early stages of this University. Professor T. Nadarajah succeeded Mr.V.Manicavasagar as Chancellor in 1984 and continues till to-day. Prof. Nadarajah is an outstanding scholar in many aspects. The University of Jaffna honoured his eminence by conferring the Honorary Degree D. Litt. in 1984. It is an honour to the University community to have Prof.(Emeritus) T. Nadarajah in the chair of Chancellor since he belongs to the Ramanathan family.

First Vice-Chancellor

Prof. S. Vithiananthan has been the Head of the University of Jaffna continuously, for three terms first he succeeded the first President of the Jaffna Campus in August 1977, Prof. K. Kailasapathy who was appointed as the first President of the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka on 1st August 1974, and he served in that capacity till he went on sabbatical leave in August 1977.

Prof. S. Vithiananthan was appointed as first Vice-Chancellor by His Excellency the President in terms of section 143(6) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 under which the Jaffna Campus became the University of Jaffna. He was elected as Vice-Chancellor under section 34(1) of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 when the election of a Vice-Chancellor by the University Court took place in December 1981, for another of three years commencing from 1st January 1982. In 1985 Prof. S. Vithiananthan was appointed as the Vice-Chancellor under Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 as amended by Section 7 of 1985 for another term with effect from 25th April 1985 till 1988.

Late Prof. S.Vithiananthan as the Vice-Chancellor and Professor of Tamil held the highest position in this University, both as President and Vice-Chancellor for nearly a decade. He made a lasting contribution to the development of this University and towards the enrichment of Tamil scholarship and Drama (Nattu Kuttu). In recognition of his valuable services to the University and Tamil learning, Prof. S.Vithiananthan was conferred posthumously the degree of Doctor of letters, *honoris causa* by the University of Jaffna at its annual Convocation held in 1989. The Library too was named after him, for recognizing his contribution to the development of this University during its early period. It is appropriate to remember him during this Silver Jubilee Year.

The activities of both the General Administration and Academic Departments in the University were totally disrupted by military operations during October - November 1987. The University buildings suffered extensive damage due to these operations. Further military operations caused

considerable damage or loss to the laboratory equipment, office equipment, furniture etc. The conflict proved to be a disaster to the University of Jaffna due to the mid October - November 1987 fights in and around the University Campus. Class rooms, infrastructure facilities such as the water tower, electricity installations and canteen were badly damaged.

Above all during these war situation some of the Academic members, Non academic staff, and the University students lost their valuable life. On the eve of Silver Jubilee Year it is with deep regret the University records the passing away of some of the members of the University Community who lost their lives during the period of war in this region.

It is worthy to mention here amidst this unsettled conditions in the region, the University administration took all possible efforts for the functioning of the University. Situations gradually improved and by mid - January 1988, and thereafter the University was able to function in a more satisfactory manner.

The University of Jaffna Completes a Decade 1974 - 1984

In 1984 the University of Jaffna completed a decade (1974 - 1984). During the ten year period the following three faculties have been developed to the level of conducting the Post-Graduate degrees. They are Faculty of Arts, Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Medicine. The number of students admitted in 1974 was 208. The number on roll in 1985 was 2,650. Several new departments were established. The completion of the Arts Faculty Auditorium with seating accommodation for 567 persons marks the fulfillment of one of the important building projects of the construction programme. Prof. K.Kailasapathy's untimely demise was a great loss to the Campus. As a remembrance to the enormous contributions of Prof. K.Kailasapathy the Auditorium was named after him as he was the first President of the Jaffna Campus- thus "Kailasapathy Auditorium". From the day of its inauguration the Auditorium is the venue of many cultural and academic events. Late Prof. Kailasapathy as a first President steered the Campus to its glory. His contributions are par excellence. He had an International recognition for his scholarly work in the field of Tamilology. The University records with gratitude the mature guidance and leadership of Prof. K.Kailasapathy during the formative years of this institution. The University of Jaffna honoured him by the posthumous conferment of Honorary degree D. Litt in 1986.

As a first Dean/ Humanities Prof. K.Indrapala's contributions in the formative days of the Campus is praiseworthy. He took all appropriate measures to organize the newly set up Faculty of Humanities. As a pioneer Academic and the First Professor of History at the University of Jaffna he steered the Faculty to its glory. It is appropriate to mention here as a historian he has recorded all the important events which took place in the early days of the Campus in the bulletin called " Jaffna Campus News " edited by him. It was a great loss to the University when left in the middle of eighties.

Likewise Prof. P. Kanagasabapathy too as a First Dean of the Science Faculty contributed much during the early days of the Campus for the development of the Faculty of Science. A hall is being named after him in the Faculty as a token of gratitude of his enormous contribution. Late

Prof. P. Kanagasabapathy was honoured by the University of Jaffna by the posthumous conferment of the Honorary Degree D. Sc in 1980. The Ramanathan Block built in 1921 by late Sir Ponnambalam Ramanathan houses the central administration of the University. Two hostels one for the males and other for the females were also constructed. The ground floor of the Library, the Biology block, the Physics block, the Mathematics Buildings and the ground floor of the Medical Faculty Building, the Arts Auditorium, the Arts Faculty Stage I Building are some of the Buildings that enabled the University to function during this period. Effective maintenance, landscaping and tree planting in accordance with the master plan have provided the University Community with an aesthetic and physical environment.

Late Prof. A. Thurairajah assumed office as the Second Vice - Chancellor of the University of Jaffna on the 1st of September 1988, (till 1994) during an unsettled period in the region. The University needed immediate reconstruction and rehabilitation. Rehabilitation of the building damaged in military operations was under taken from funds provided by the Ministry of Rehabilitation and Reconstruction and was completed during the year 1989. According to the Vice - Chancellor's Report the following proposals were submitted to the UGC during the year 1989 for its approval.

1. Commencement of Workers Education Programme
2. Establishment of a Dept. of Computer Science
3. Establishment of a Dept. of Extra Mural Studies
4. Establishment of a Dental School.

The Vice-Chancellor's Welfare Fund established with the objective of helping needy undergraduates. The By-Laws for holding student elections under the University Amendment Act of 1988 to the University Act No. 26, were enacted and Student Union elections were held on December 1988. Action were taken to conduct the sports activities with limited facilities available. The academic staff continued with the research activities in spite of the prevailing situation in the region. The post of Professor of Civil Engineering for the new Faculty of Engineering advertised in 1989.

The University Grants Commission approved the establishment of Faculty of Engineering in October 1989 and Prof. V. Navaratnarajah was appointed as Professor of Engineering in September 1990. He was assigned the task of planning the buildings and other infrastructure facilities of the Faculty. The Faculty of Agriculture at Kilinochchi was ceremonially opened on 3rd of December 1990 with six departments of studies. Professor. S. Kandiah was appointed as first Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture. The construction of buildings for the Faculty of Agriculture was interrupted by the IPKF military operation and the Faculty started to function in some of the buildings shared by the Regional Agricultural Research and Development Center and the In-Service Training Institute of the Dept. of Agriculture. A programme in Workers Education was introduced in 1991. An agreement was signed between University of Uppsala, Sweden and University of Jaffna for the exchange of Senior scholars in the field of Historical, Linguistics and

Social Science between the Department of History of Religion at Uppsala University and the Department of History, Tamil and Hindu Civilization, of the University.

In 1991 the University had to carry on its activities with difficulty amidst the war situation that prevailed in the North, and constraints. An External Examination Unit was established in the University and the External Degree Programme in Arts, Commerce and Business administration was inaugurated on October 22, 1991. A new Department of Computer Science was established in the Faculty of Science. Infra-Structure development in the University was at a stand still due to non-availability of building materials.

In 1992, amidst prevailing difficult conditions, the academic programme of the University continued with out interruption. Eventhough there were many short comings due to conditions beyond the control of the administration the students extended their full co-operation to the administration. The University wishes to place on record the deep appreciation of the commitment of staff and students to prevent any disruption of University education. They worked with high sense of dedication under the prevailing difficult situation even at risk to their lives and health.

The Extra-Mural Studies Unit was established in the Faculty of Arts in October 1992. In 1993 the University had to continue to function under severe constraints and difficulties. Restrictions in the transport of building materials from Colombo affected construction works. Work related to teaching and research in the Faculties of Agriculture, Science and Medicine were affected adversely due to shortage of laboratory equipment, chemicals, and other essential items as a result of the difficulty in transporting these items from Colombo. However the dedicated services of the staff in the academic and administrative branches and the full co-operation extended by the students contributed very much to the successful functioning of the University in 1993. To mention specifically the Health services, Student and Staff welfare services and Library services were carried out without interruptions. The Academic programmes were conducted without undue lowering in standards. Examinations were conducted to schedule and results were released on time. The annual Convocation too held as usual. Sports activities too expanded. One of our athletes represented the Jaffna University in the World University games held in July 1993 at Buffalo in the United States of America. The annual Colours Night Ceremony is one of the notable event in the University of Jaffna. The memorial lectures too held regularly. The position regarding the Faculty of Engineering in 1993 was that it could not start functioning as the UGC did not allocate funds for the preparation of plans for buildings. The University was informed by the UGC that the request for funds will be considered once normalcy is restored.

The year 1994 was a grievous year for the University. Prof. A. Thurairajah who had served as the Vice-Chancellor from 1988 had tendered resignation due to ill health and went back to Open University on 1994.04.01, and passed away on 11th June 1994. He assumed office as the Vice-Chancellor of this University during a critical time. Since he was a humane person who had very good rapport with the people of all walks of life the University Community had a highest regard for him. He was an internationally renowned Engineer. He had an excellent academic career. He lead a very simple and noble life. He sacrificed most of his time for the welfare of this University community and the development of the University. Having adorned many distinguished

academic position in the Faculty of Engineering of the University of Peradeniya he went to Open University in 1984 and he was appointed to the office of Vice-Chancellor in 1988. During his time amidst heavy constraints the University functioned well. The University community expressed its gratitude for his selfless gesture and dedication by honouring him at various functions. His demise was a big blow to the academic Community and especially to the engineering field. The University of Jaffna honoured him by the posthumous conferment of the Honorary Degree D. Sc. in 1994. It is appropriate for us to remember him during this Silver Jubilee Year for his dedicated services.

Prof. K. Kunaratnam, Senior Professor of Physics and a pioneer academic of the University of Jaffna from its inception was appointed to the office of Vice-Chancellor from 01.04.1994. Prof. K. Kunaratnam apart from his outstanding scholarship was an able administrator. As soon as he assumed office he re-organized the administration for the efficient functioning of this University. Since he assumed office during the unsettled condition in this region he toiled hard, faced all the strains and stresses that confronted the University. If not for the mass exodus in 1995 the University would have gained much from Prof. K. Kunaratnam. He steered the University under many constraints and acted with rationality and ability. He won the admiration of the staff as well as the students of the University.

Our present Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Balasundarampillai, Senior Professor of Geography and as Dean Arts for two terms was appointed as Acting Vice-Chancellor from 01.01.1997 to 27.02.1997 and later he assumed as Vice-Chancellor with effect from 28.02.1997. The year 1995 witnessed instability due to the war that had been continued and there was mass exodus of population from 30th October 1995 onwards from Valigamum region to the Vadamarachchi, Thenmarachchi and other areas. Following the exodus the University environs became depopulated and inaccessible.

The main administration section of the University of Jaffna was moved to Kilinochchi and a sub-office was established at Chavakachcheri Hindu College. The Faculty of Agriculture continued to function without interruption even after the exodus in the same place.

In July 1995 due to "Leap Forward" military operation in the Valigamum a large number of people from Valigamum West and Valigamum South moved out as refugees and a good number of them were given accommodation in the University premises until they were allowed to go back to their permanent residences. They occupied the University premises for two weeks and their basic needs were looked after by the University Community.

The University which got disrupted on a wide scale due to the exodus needed complete reconstruction. The whole responsibility fell on Prof. P. Balasundarampillai to rebuild the University after the mass exodus in 1995. As the Vice-Chancellor he met the challenges efficiently to his maximum capacity. Steps were taken to remove the debris and clean the premises. The Vice-Chancellor took all possible steps to make the University to function smoothly. As a result he won the admiration of the University Community.

Prof. P. Balasundarampillai took initiative to develop the Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts, Dept. of Siddha Medicine and the Library. When compared to the previous years of this decade the year 1997 was a year of rapid development in the matter of construction. Almost all construction works which came to a virtual stand still due to restriction placed on the transport of building materials previously recommenced despite constraints for free flow of building materials within the Jaffna Peninsula and from Colombo.

Prof. P. Balasundarampillai took steps to accelerate the construction works in the University under his direct supervision with the help of the Works Engineer. The Library construction works were resumed. The building adjoining the northern side of the Kailasapathy auditorium was completed and handed over to the following Departments. The Dept. of Hindu Civilization occupied the ground floor. The first floor was handed over to the Dept. of Tamil. The second floor was shared by the Dept. of Sanskrit and Dept. of Christian and Islamic Civilization. As a result of this building programme the staff members were given personal rooms which is a boon to them. This re-organization was possible in the Faculty of Arts due to the untiring efforts and initiative taken by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Balasundarampillai.

It was creditable achievement for our University to complete many construction works with 5000 Sq. ft floor area especially the completion of the Library (Vithiananthan Library) balance work Stage I. An auditorium adjoining the Library too organized to promote research seminars in the University. The Librarian Mrs. R. Pararajasingam too took all possible steps and extended fullest cooperation to complete this building project initiated by the Vice-Chancellor after the exodus. This was a great boon to both the students and the staff. Building work continued in the Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts to meet the need of the increasing student population. Rehabilitation works too were carried out on an extensive scale.

The Vavuniya Affiliated University College was elevated to the status of a Campus by a Gazette notification dated 26th March 1997 with two Faculties namely Faculty of Business Studies and Faculty of Applied Science. The University of Jaffna which commenced as a Campus, and developed in all aspects during the last 25 years and during this Silver Jubilee Year it is endowed with a Campus of its own. Prof. N. Balakrishnan was appointed as the Rector of the Campus.

Due to the step taken by the Vice-Chancellor Prof. P. Balasundarampillai, and Prof. A. Sanmugadas Dean/Faculty of Arts the University Grants' Commission has approved the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce. From 1999 this is functioning as a separate Faculty. Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram was elected to be the first Dean of this Faculty. The Faculty of Graduate Studies too organized this year as a result of the steps taken by the Vice-Chancellor. Prof. A. Sanmugadas is appointed as the first Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The University wish to record its gratitude to the University Grants Commission for fulfilling the major requests of the University Council. The University of Jaffna took all possible steps to implement the proposals of the Corporate Plan of the UGC. Further the University expresses its gratitude to the Council members for all the efforts taken by them in developing this University during the last 25 years.

Registrars of this University who were appointed during different times contributed their share to the maximum for the development of this University. The University records its gratitude for the enormous service rendered by Mr. K. P. G. Wijeyasundara, Mr. K. C. Logeswaran, Mr. S. Tharmapalan, Mr. V. N. Sivarajah, Mr. K. Parameswaran. Dr. K. Kunārasa now functions as Registrar during this Silver Jubilee Year.

The University records its gratitude to Mr. S. Murugaverl former Librarian for efficiency in organizing the University Library until his retirement. Also the University expresses its gratitude to the Bursars for their efficient financial management. Mr. S. M. Alalasundaram served the University as Bursar until 16.06.1999 and now Mr. K. Kanagaratnam is appointed as Acting Bursar with effect from 16.06.1999.

On the eve of Silver Jubilee celebration the University records its gratitude for all the Deans of the Faculties, Heads of Departments, Senior Professors, Professors, Academic staff, Staff - Officers Non-academic staff of all categories and students for their untiring contributions for the development of this University during last 25 years.

Further the University remembers with sympathy our academic Colleagues, Non academic Staff, and students who lost their life during their University of career.

In 1974 the Campus started with the Faculties of Humanities and Science. Faculty of Law and Dept. of Physical Education too were proposed. During this Silver Jubilee Year the University is proud to announce that it is endowed with the following Faculties and Departments which bear testimony for its steady development.

1. Faculties :

- a) Faculty of Arts
- b) Faculty of Science
- c) Faculty of Medicine
- d) Faculty of Agriculture
- e) Faculty of Engineering
- f) Faculty of Graduate Studies
- g) Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce
- h) Faculty of Business Studies (Vavuniya Campus)
- i) Faculty of Applied Science (Vavuniya Campus)

2. Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts
3. Department of Siddha Medicine
4. External Examination Unit
5. Dept. of Physical Education
6. Extra Mural Studies Unit
7. Workers Education
8. Centre for Development of Fisheries .

Distinctive Features:

While maintaining uniformity in standards of performance in comparison with other Universities of Sri Lanka and abroad the University of Jaffna has been placed on firm foundations with its own traditions and conventions, chosen fields of excellence endeavouring to fulfil the vision of the fathers of the University movement and the ideals and aspiration of the people as a whole constantly reviewing its growth in relation to its role in society and its contribution to development bearing in mind its motto "*Meipporul Kanpathu Arivu*" "It is wisdom that discern the true things". University of Jaffna as a seat of higher learning is continued to spread the light of learning in the forth coming 21st Century.

CHAPTER 2

PRINCIPAL OFFICERS UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA, SRI LANKA

CHANCELLOR	:	Prof. T. Nadarajah, B.A., M.A. Ph. D. Cantab., Hon. Litt. D. Jaffna, Hon. L. L. D. Colombo, Attorney - at - Law, Bar - at - Law, Lincon's Inn, Emeritus Professor.
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DEAN, FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES	:	Prof. A. Sanmugadas, B. A. Cey., Ph. D. Edin.
DEAN, FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES & COMMERCE	:	Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram, B. A. Cey., M. A. Jaffna.

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LIBRARIAN	:	Mrs. R. Pararajasingam, B. Sc. Madras, MLIS Madras.
BURSAR	:	Mr. S. M. Alalasurendaram, ACMA, AIWM Lond. DRSP, Up to 16. 06. 1999.
ACTG. BURSAR	:	Mr. K. Kanagaratnam B.Com. (Cey.) Dip. in ACCY., M. Phil Jaffna, SAT (S. L.), MILT (U.K.). Since 16.06.1999.

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Vavuniya Campus*



Dr. K. A. Srikrishnaraj
*Dean/ Applied Science
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UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA

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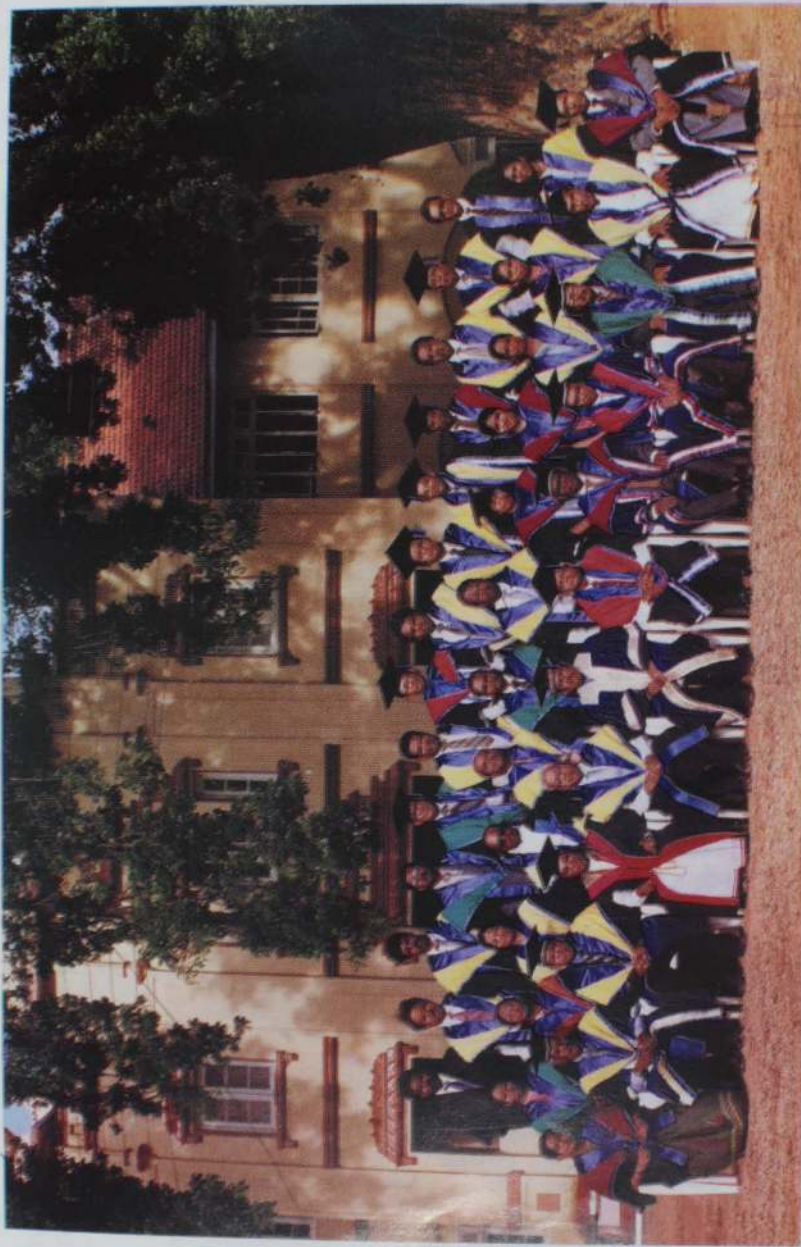
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Head, Economics	:	Mr. V. P. Sivanathan
Head, Political Science & Sociology	:	Dr. N. Shanmugalingam
Head, Tamil	:	Dr. S. Sivalingarajah
Head, Hindu Civilization	:	Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer
Head, Dance	:	Dr. S. Jeyarasah
Head, Music	:	Mr. N. V. M. Navaratnam
Head, Chemistry	:	Prof. Mrs. R. Mageswaran
Head, Botany	:	Mrs. N. Ravimannan
Head, Computer Science	:	Dr. S. Kanaganathan
Head, Physics	:	Prof. R. Kumaravadivel
Head, Mathematics and Statistics	:	Mr. P. Makinan
Head, Zoology	:	Dr. Mrs. P. Krishnarajah
Head, Obstetrics & Gynaecology	:	Prof. M. Sivasuriya
Head, Physiology	:	Dr. D. Gunarajasingam
Head, Forensic Medicine (Actg.)	:	Dr. C. S. Nachchinarkiniyan
Head, Paediatrics (Actg.)	:	Dr. K. Sivanesan
Head, Community Medicine	:	Dr. N. Sivarajah



Seated: Prof. R. Kumaravivel, Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer, Eng. R. Vijayaratham, Dr. R. Rajendraprasad, Prof. V. K. Ganesalingam, Prof. M. Sivasuriya, Prof. P. Balasundarampillai, (Chairman) Prof. V. Arumugam, Prof. A. Sanmugadas, Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram, Prof. S. Balachandiran, Mrs. R. Pararajasingham.

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2nd Row: Dr. C. S. Nachinarkimyan, Dr. S. Sivalingarajah, Mr. V. P. Sivanathan, Dr. S. Mahesan, Dr. Saba Jeyarajah, Prof. N. Gnanakumar, Mr. K. Thevarajah, Dr. D. Gunarajasingham, Prof. S. Sathiseelan, Prof. S. Mohanadas, Mr. G. Mikunthan, Mr. K. Rahunathan, Mr. K. K. Arulvel, Mr. K. Sooriyakumar.

Absentees: Prof. S. Succendrarajah, Prof. Mrs. R. Mageswaran, Mr. P. Makinan, Dr. K. Sivanesan, Dr. N. Sivarajah, Dr. Mrs. J. Ganesamoorthy, Prof. V. Kumanandam, Prof. Miss. V. Arasaratham, Prof. D. J. Somasundaram, Dr. A. Navaratnarajah, Prof. V. Tharmaratnam, Prof. K. Kunaratnam, Mrs. N. Surendran, Mr. S. T. B. Rajeswaran, Dr. L. Jeyanathan, Mr. S. Yogarajah.

VICE - CHANCELLOR AND DEANS



L.-R.: Eng. R. Vijeyaratnam (Dean/Engineering), Dr. R. Rajendra Prasad (Dean/Medicine), Prof. A. Sanmugas,
(Dean/Graduate Studies), Prof P. Balasundarampillai (Vice Chancellor), Prof. V. K. Ganesalingam (Dean/Science) Prof. S.
Balaehandiran (Dean/Arts), Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram (Dean/ Management Studies & Commerce)

Head, Medicine	:	Dr. Mrs. J. Ganeshamoorthy
Head, Surgery	:	Prof. V. Kunanandam
Head, Pathology	:	-----
Head, Biochemistry	:	Prof. Miss. V. Arasaratnam
Head, Psychiatry	:	Prof. D. J. Somasundaram
Head, Agronomy	:	-----
Head, Agricultural Chemistry	:	Prof. S. Mohanadas
Head, Animal Science	:	Dr. A. Navaratnarajah
Head, Agricultural Engineering	:	Mr. P. Alvapillai
Head, Agricultural Biology	:	Mr. G. Mikunthan
Head, Agricultural Economics	:	Mrs. T. Mikunthan
Head, Siddha Medicine	:	Dr. Mrs. G. A. Bhavani
Head, Management Studies	:	Mrs. N. Tharmaseelan
Head, Commerce	:	Mr. K. Thevarajah
Librarian	:	Mrs. R. Pararajasingam

Professors

Professor of Physics	:	Prof. K. Kunaratnam
Professor of Mathematics	:	Prof. V. Tharmaratnam
Professor of History	:	Prof. S. K. Sittampalam (On sabbatical leave)
Professor of Physiology	:	Prof. S. V. Parameswaran (on sabbatical leave)

Elected Members - Representatives

Faculty of Agriculture	:	Mr. K. Sooriyakumar Mrs. S. Surendran
Faculty of Arts	:	Mr. S. T. B. Rajeswaran Miss. S. Arulanantham
Faculty of Management Studies & Commerce	:	Mr. K. Sivarajah Mr. K. Arulvel
Faculty of Medicine	:	Dr. K. Sivanesan Mr. S. Sivananthan
Faculty of Science	:	Dr. L. Jeyanathan Mr. S. Yogaraja

ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS

Name	Designation	Department
Dr. K. Kunarasa	Registrar	Office of the Registrar
Mr. S. M. Alal Sundaram	Bursar	Finance Branch (upto 16-06-1999)
Mr. K. Kanagaratnam	Actg. Bursar	Finance Branch (From 16-06-1999)
Mrs. N. Thankarajah	Actg. Deputy Registrar	Examinations & Admissions
Mr. R. Jegatheesan	Senior Asst. Internal Auditor	Internal Audit Unit
Mr. S. C. Ramakrishnan	Senior Asst. Bursar	Finance Branch
Mr. M. Thiruvathavooran	Senior Asst. Bursar	Finance Branch
Mr. S. Ratnasothy	Actg. Senior Asst. Registrar	Establishment
Mr. P. Kandasamy	Asst. Registrar	Faculty of Medicine
Mr. J. Jeyakumar	Asst. Registrar	Welfare Services
Mrs. A. Sivaneswaran	Asst. Registrar	Academic Branch
Mr. R. Rajeswaran	Asst. Registrar/Library Services	Library
Mr. T. Anpananthan	Asst. Registrar	Establishment Branch
Mr. R. Krishnakumar	Asst. Registrar	Faculty of Science
Mr. K. Gnanabaskaran	Asst. Registrar	Faculty of Arts
Mrs. S. Kumarasamy	Asst. Registrar	Administration Branch
Mr. V. Sritharan	Asst. Registrar	External Examinations Unit
Mr. S. Thayaparan	Works Engineer (Civil) Grade II	Planning Branch
Dr.(Mrs.)J.Sriskandarajah	University Medical Officer	Health Centre
Mr. M. Puthirasigamani	Chief Security Officer	Security Services

OFFICERS & TRAINED OFFICERS

THE REGISTRARS



Mr. K. P. G. Wijesurendra
1st Deputy Registrar
October 1974 to April 1980



Mr. K. C. Logeswaran, SLAS I
Registrar
April 1980 to October, 1981



Mr. S. S. Tharmapalan, SLAS II/I
Registrar
September 1982 to November 1983



Mr. V. N. Sivarajah, SLAS I
Registrar
December 1983 to August 1988



Mr. K. Parameswaran, SLAS I
Registrar
December 1989 to March 1997



Dr. K. Kunarasa, SLAS I
Registrar
March 1997 to date

OFFICERS & ADMINISTRATION OFFICERS



Seated: Mr. S. Ratnasothy, Mr. S. Thayaparan, Mrs. N. Thankarajah, Dr. K. Kunarasa, Prof. P. Balasundarampillai, Mr. S. M. Alalasundaram, Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, Mr. S. Ramakrishnan.

Standing: Mr. T. Anpananthan, Mrs. S. Kumarasamy, Mr. V. Sritharan, Mr. R. Krishnakumar, Mr. R. Rajeswaran, Mr. J. Jeyakumar, Mr. K. Gnanabaskaran, Mrs. A. Sivaneswaran, Mr. V. Kanthamoorthy.

VICE CHANCELLOR'S OFFICE, REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, ESTABLISHMENT BRANCH, ADMINISTRATION BRANCH



Seated: Mr. K. Ratnasabapathy, Mrs. Y. N. Jeyakumaran, Mrs. R. Kalaraj, Mrs. G. N. Balachandran, Mr. T. Anpananthan, Dr. K. Kunarasa, Prof. P. Balasundarampillai, Mr. S. Ratnasothy, Mrs. S. Kumarasamy, Mr. K. Kanagaratnam, Mrs. J. Thayanathan, Mrs. T. Thangavel.

Standing 1st Row: Miss. S. Senathirajah, Mrs. K. Senthinathan, Mr. S. Senthichelvan, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. N. Arumugathas, Mr. S. Pathmanathan, Mr. N. Sahayanathan, Mr. V. Siv: subramaniam, Mr. R. Thurairajasingam, Mr. K. Balasubramaniam, Mr. S. M. Preman, Mr. R. Sivam, Mr. K. Thangarajah, Mr. A. Nagarajah

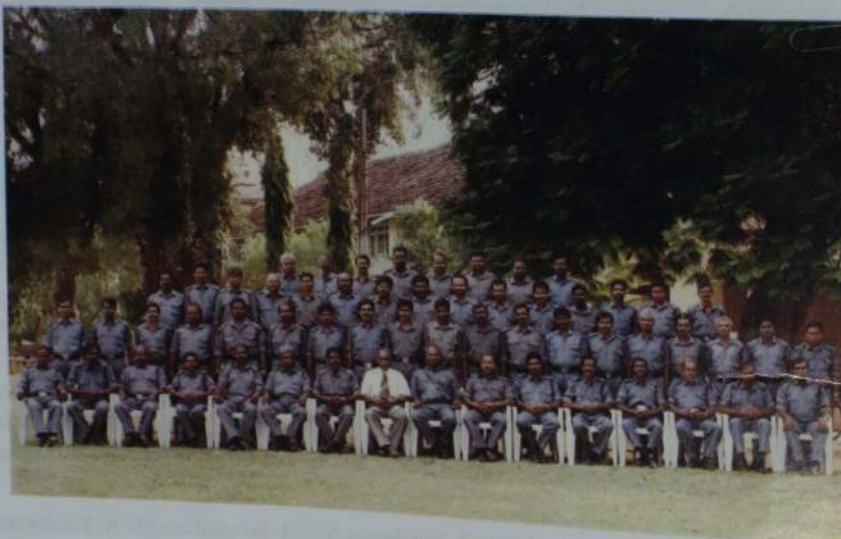
2nd Row: Mr. I. Sureshkumar, Mr. N. Segar, Mr. A. Sundaram, Mr. M. Sivanathan, Mr. K. Santhirasegaram

ACADEMIC BRANCH AND WELFARE BRANCH



Seated: Miss. M. Sundarampillai, Dr. K. Kugabalan, Mr. J. Jeyakumar, Dr. K. Kunarasa, Prof. P. Balasundarampillai, Mrs. A. Sivaneswaran, Mr. M. Premachandran, Miss. L. Murugesu.
Standing: Mr. M. Paramalingam, Mrs. P. Mahendran, Mr. K. Varathaverl, Mr. A. M. Constantine, Mr. K. Sudersanan, Mr. N. Sivasubramaniam, Mr. V. Sundaram

SECURITY STAFF UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA



GENERAL ADMINISTRATION

The General Administration section was established when the Jaffna Campus was inaugurated on 6th October 1974. Mr.K.P.G. Wijesurendra was appointed as the first Deputy Registrar of the Campus. When the Campus was upgraded as an independent University in 1978 by the introduction of the Universities Act.No. 16 of 1978, a Registrar was appointed as the Head of the Administration section. The following Sri Lanka Administrative Service Officers were held the Post of Registrars and furnished a substantial contribution for the development of the University of Jaffna.

Mr.K.C.Logeswaran, SLAS Class I
Mr.S.S.Tharmapalan, SLAS Class III/I
Mr.V.N.Sivarajah, SLAS Class I
Mr.K.Parameswaran, SLAS Class I

Dr.K.Kunarasa, SLAS Class I is presently performing as Registrar of the University from 17th March 1997. It is proud to note that the University of Jaffna is the one and the only University having a Ph.D holder as the Registrar among the Sri Lankan Universities.

FUNCTIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATION SECTION:

The Administration Section consists of eight branches:

- 1.Administration Branch
- 2.Establishments Branch
- 3.Examinations and Admissions Branch
- 4.Welfare Services Branch
- 5.Academic and Publications Branch
6. Finance Branch
- 7.Internal Audit Unit
- 8.Planning and Maintenance Branch
- 9.Security Department
- 10.Health Centre (UMO)

1.Administration Branch

The Administration Branch was established in the year 1974 and it handles the work postal (tappal) and communication service including telephone, facsimile and e-mail, annual reports, vehicles, guest house and issue of Uniforms and official Identity Cards etc, It also keeps the records of the assets of the University of Jaffna including lands and buildings. Master Inventory Registers are maintained by the administration Branch and the annual Board of Survey is carried out by this branch. The University of Jaffna runs a guest house at Manning Town, Colombo 08 for the welfare of our staff.

UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA NUMBER OF GRADUANDS FROM 1980 - 1998

	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1997	1998	Total
DEGREES																		
HONORARY DEGREES																		
(Honoris Causa)																		
Doctor of Science (D. Sc)	7	2					2							1	2		3	17
Doctor of Letters (D. Lit)	5	2	1	2			1										3	15
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D)																	2	2
Nadaka Viththagar	1																	1
Siddhanta Viththagar	1																	1
Illakkana Viththagar	1																	1
Illakiya Viththagar	1																	1
Master of Arts (M.A)																	1	1
Master of Science (M. Sc)									1								1	1
Master of Philosophy	1																	1
POSTGRADUATE DEGREE																		
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D)			1		2	2	1	1	2	1	2	3	2	1		4	4	26
Master of Arts (M.A)	7	5	4	2	8	12	6	19	9	12	17	7	12	5	1	3	1	130
Master of Science (M.Sc)										1	7	1	1	2				13
Master of Philosophy (M. Phil)					2	2	2	3		4	1	1	2	3		6	18	44
POSTGRADUATE DIPLOMA																		
PGD in Hindu Civil	34			3														37
PGD in Mathematics	6																	6
PGD in Education			37	42	41	46	10	12	52	53	66	98	88	102	121	92	55	915
PGD in English Language Teaching														7	4			11
PGD in Pub. Admn															9			9
1st DEGREE																		
Bachelor of Sc(Agri)(B.Sc.Agri)															20	25	28	73
Bachelor of Arts (B.A)	96	63	108	152	195	217	236	207	239	222	179	158	176	167	262	187	187	3091
Bachelor of Business Admn.(BBA)							31	40	70	71	51	35	45	35	65	91	73	607
Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com)			41	78	70	68	67	75	69	88	75	53	62	75	113	146	83	1163
M.B.B.S					52	66	44		67		66	62	68	57	68	116	123	789
Bachelor of Med.Sc.(B.M.Sc)																	1	1
Bachelor of Science (B.Sc)	191	101	104	76	125	134	177	128	177	162	146	141	152	149	167	155	104	2389
DIPLOMA																		
Dip. in Music (Vocal)			148	35	23	22	29	24	17	38	24	21	19	20	23	18	13	474
Dip. in Music (Veena)												3	3	2	3	6	1	18
Dip. in Music (Violin)												7	3	3	7	5	3	28
Dip. in Music (Miri)											1		1	2	1	1	1	7
Dip. in Dance			20	6	5	5	5	4	9	9	8	7	6	9	9	14	6	122
Dip. in Ayurvedic Med							3		8		4	14	14					43
Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery (BSMS)														8	15	15	12	50
EXTERNAL DEGREE																		
Bachelor of Arts (B.A)															178	92	125	395
Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com)																27	33	60
TOTAL	351	173	464	396	523	574	614	513	720	662	647	611	654	648	1068	1043	881	10542

2. Establishments Branch

The Establishments Branch was established in the year 1981 to carry out the work of the personnel of our University. The activities of the Establishments Branch are recruitment of academic and non-academic staff, maintenance of personal files of them, maintaining leave records of our employees including those who are on study leave and scholarships, issue of railway warrants, disciplinary matters and dealing with appeals from employees. Action is being taken to computerise the personal files of our employees in order to optimize the efficiency of the Establishments Branch.

3. Examinations and Admissions Branch:

The Examinations and Admissions Branch was established at the commencement of our University in the year 1974. It handles the work of students registrations, examinations and release of results. Convocation certificates are being prepared by the Examinations branch. It keeps the certificate of academic records and register of Graduates as well. The examination branch issues the transcripts and details of examination results on the request of the students of our University.

4. Welfare Service Branch:

This branch was established in 1975 to look after the Welfare of our University students. It offers the facilities of hostel and residence, Canteen, Student relations, student counselling, sports and recreation, students societies and assemblies, health services, financial assistance such as payment of Mahapola and Bursary and Vice-Chancellor's Welfare fund to the students. It also conducts the disciplinary inquiries of students as well.

5. Academic and Publication Branch:

The academic branch was established in the year 1974 and it engages itself with the work relating to the Senate, research and higher degrees, research grants, publications, convocations and endowments, scholarships and prizes. Academic Branch also handles the work relates to the Postgraduate Studies such as Diplomas, Masters and Doctorate degrees. It also conducts the elections for the Deans of the Faculties and Faculty Board representative to the Senate and the Senate representatives to the Council etc.

The University have taken steps to publish the research Articles / Books written by the academic staff. Nearly 18 research Articles / Books have been published by the University during the period 1991 to 1997.

Number of convocations held during last 25 years - 17

Memorial Lectures held Annually

1. Sir Pon Ramanathan Memorial Lecture
2. Lady Leelawathy Ramanathan Memorial Lecture
3. Prof.S.Vithiananthan Memorial Lecture
4. Dr.Arunachalam Sivapathasundaram Memorial Lecture

6. Finance Branch: Establishment

The Finance Branch was established when the Jaffna Campus was inaugurated on 6th Oct. 74. According to the administrative system followed by the Senate House an Asst. Treasurer was appointed as head of the Finance Branch in 1974 and he worked under the Treasurer of the then Senate House.

When the Campus was converted as an independent University in 1978 by the introduction of Universities Act No. 16, 1978, a Bursar was appointed as head of the Finance Branch. According to the Universities Act the Bursar is the custodian of fund.

Function of the Finance Branch

The functions of the Finance Branch could be divided into two;-

- i. Financial Management
- ii. Supplies Management

i. Financial Management

The Financial Management is carried out subject to the University Act, Finance Act, University Grants Commission Circulars and Treasury circulars. Under the Financial Management the following main functions are carried out.

- i. Obtaining Fund
- ii. Incurring Expenses
- iii. Submission of Accounts

The University is funded by the Treasury through the University Grants Commission. To obtain funds estimate is submitted. According to the University Grants Commission and Treasury guidelines money is allocated for the Recurrent and Capital Expenditure by the University Grants Commission. According to the act the entire grant is transferred to the Treasury Deposit Accounts of the University of Jaffna at the beginning of the financial year. When the University was established as a campus in 1974 the Finance Branch administrated only a sum of Rs. 1.3 million. But now the University handles nearly 300 million per year. In addition to the above functions the following functions are also carried out by the Finance Branch.

1. Administration of Endowment Fund
2. Administration of Vice- Chancellor's Welfare Fund
3. Payment of Bursary and Mahapola to the Students
4. Training scheme for accounts trainees

ii. Supplies Management

The Finance Branch is in charge for the supply of materials to all the Faculties and Departments of this University. The efficiency of the academic programme depends on the effective functions of the Finance Branch.

Management System

In order to have effective financial management the branch has been divided into three units:

- i. Book Keeping and Accounts
- ii. Payments
- iii. Supplies and Stores

The Book Keeping and Accounts is headed with a Snr. Asst. Bursar and the payment unit is also headed with a Snr. Asst. Bursar. The supply unit is headed with an Asst. Bursar. The Bursar is in charge for the over all functions of the Finance Branch.

Financial Management of Vavuniya Campus

The financial management of the Vavuniya Campus is also carried out by the Finance Branch of the University from 01.04.1997. An Asst. Bursar has been appointed at the campus to look after the day to day financial management at the Vavuniya Campus.

Staff of the Finance Branch

The Finance Branch was commenced its activities with 07 staff in 1974. At present 28 employees are working in the Finance Branch.

Notable events

The Finance Branch has computerised the following functions.

1. Payment of Salaries and Overtime
2. Monthly Statement of Accounts
3. Income and Expenditure Statement
4. Bank Reconciliation

Future Plans and Development

Initiated actions to computerise all the activities of the Finance Branch. Action is being taken to organize an effective supply functions.

Name and Designation of the Key Officers of the Finance Branch

<u>Name</u>	<u>Designation</u>	<u>Qualification</u>
Mr.S. M. Alalasunderam *	Bursar	ACMA
Mr. K. Kanagaratnam	Snr. Asst. Bursar (Actg. Bursar since 16.06.1999)	B.Com(Ceyl.), Dip .in Accy. M. Phil (Jaffna) SAT(S.L), MILT(U.K)
Mr. S. C. Ramakrishna	Snr Asst. Bursar	ACMA
Mr.V. Kanthamoorthy	Asst. Bursar	
* On prior to retirement leave since 16.06.1999.		

7. Internal Audit Unit:

This Unit was established in the year 1980 within out University. Although this unit is part of the university it is independent of the line management and function under the direct control of the Vice-Chancellor. The Internal Audit Unit has been assisting the administration of the University in providing financial and other information which are helpful to the management. This unit also preaudits the Provident Fund balance and financial liabilities of the employees who had retired tendered their resignations from the University service for the release of their Provident Fund and gratuity payments. This unit also audits the accounts of the students Societies and associations.

8.Planning and Maintenance Branch:

The Planning and Maintenance Branch was established in the year 1983 within our University and the Works Engineer is the head of the Branch. The main functions of this branch are supervision of buildings projects, preparation of bills of quantities and estimates, technical committee, Project Monitoring Committee, Minor repairs and constructions, Capital estimates, Planning and Development committee, acquisition of lands, maintenance of land and building, water supply and electrical installations, labour supervision and hall arrangements for examinations and meetings etc.

Our University of Jaffna was established in October 1974 as the Jaffna Campus of the (then) University of Sri Lanka. Our Maintenance Branch too was set up at the very commencement of the University . For a short period, the branch functioned under the works Engineer of the Peradeniya Campus of the University of Sri Lanka. He attened to construction works, services and Maintenance section of the present Pla nning and Maintenance Branches existed at that time. The Jaffna Campus functions both at the Thirunelvely premises and Vaddukkoddai premises.

The untiring efforts of our branch had contributed for the speedy completion of the buildings at the Thirunelvely premises and the Faculty of Science which functioned at Vaddukkoddai was shifted to

Thirunelvely in 1978. In the same year the Jaffna Campus became an autonomous University and named as "University of Jaffna".

The Faculty of Medicine which was established in 1978, occupied temporarily the buildings of the Ayurvedic Hospital, Kaithady and moved in to new buildings at Kokuvil in 1982.

For the purpose of accelerated development of our University a Planning Branch was established in 1981 and both branches were headed by an administrative officer until 1983.

The Maintenance Branch had functioned under a works Superintendent. Mr.K.Muthukumarasamy, Inspector of works, attached to the to the Dept. of Buildings was seconded to the University service as Works Superintendent in 1983. Later in 1989, he was permanently released to the University service. Mr.K.Muthukumarasamy, worked for fifteen years in our University as Works Superintendent (sometimes referred as Maintenance officer) under very trying conditions such as war like operations and destruction to University Buildings, displacement, restrictions for the transport of men and construction materials etc.

With the appointment of Eng.M.Nagendra as Works Engineer, planning Branch and Maintenance Branch were brought under the Control of Engineer. Since then rapid development has taken place in Building Construction, expansion of University, service, infrastructure, Capacity Building and Maintenance.

Eng.R.Manivannan, succeeded Eng.M.Nagendra. Eng.M.Manivannan served as Works Engineer for one and a half years. Many incomplete building works were completed due to his endeavour. Since 1986, Eng.S.Thayaparan, Works Engineer has been functioning as Head of Planning and Maintenance Branch. Mr.P.D.Satkunarajah who is the present Works Superintendent was appointed in 1998.

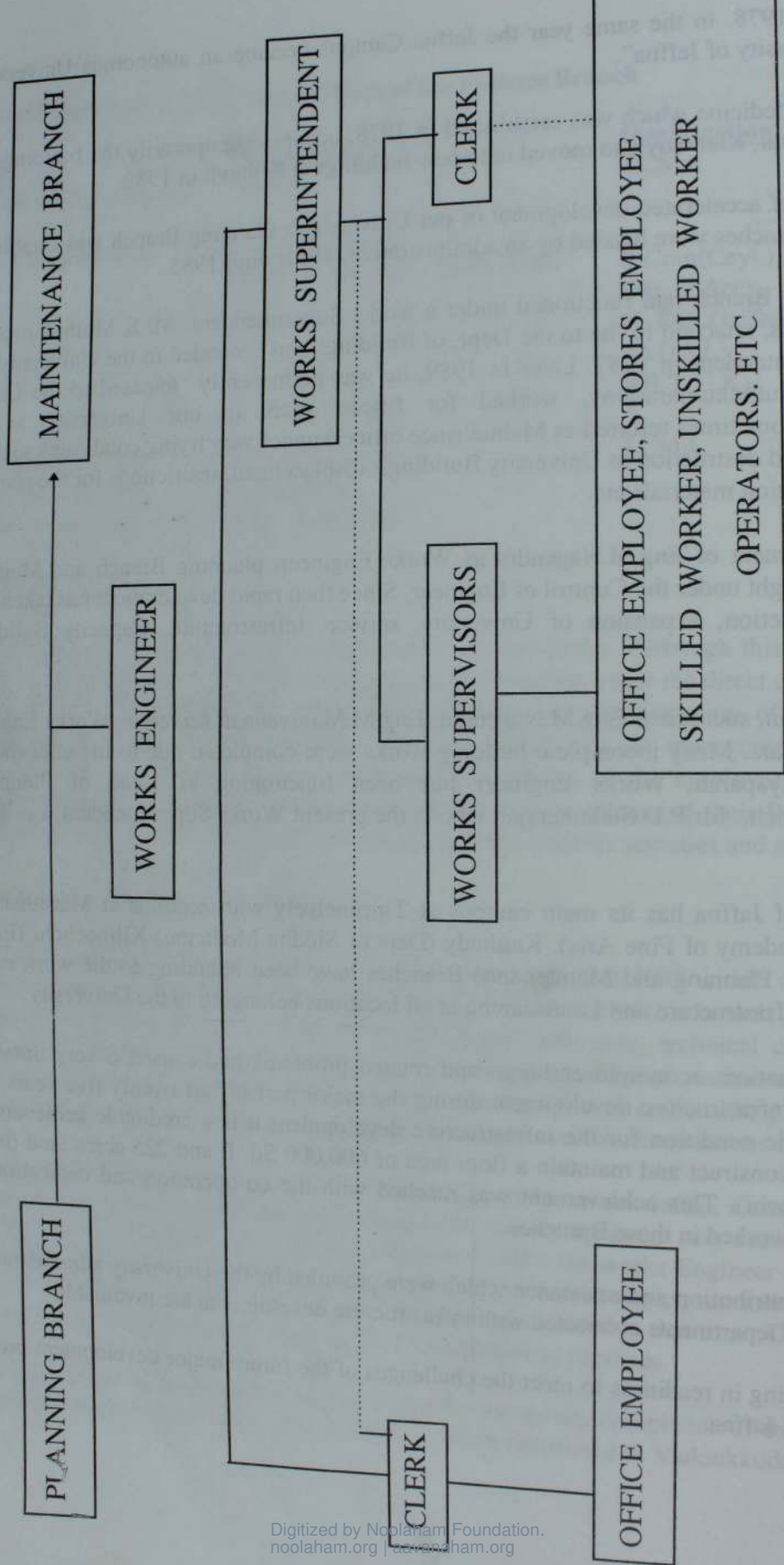
The University of Jaffna has its main campus at Thirunelvely with sections at Maruthanamadam (Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts), Kaithady (Dept.of Siddha Medicine) Kilinochchi (Faculty of Agriculture). The Planning and Maintenance Branches have been attending to the work connected with buildings, infrastructure and Landscaping at all locations belonging to the University.

The war like situation, economic embargo and related problems had caused a very unfavourable condition to the infrastructure development during the major part of last twenty five years. Despite these unfavourable condition for the infrastructure development it is a creditable achievement that we were able to construct and maintain a floor area of 600,000 Sq. ft and 225 acres land (including those at Kilinochchi). This achievement was reached with the co-operation and dedication of the employees who worked in these Branches.

Moreover, the contribution and assistance which were provided by the University administration and the Government Departments connected with infrastructure development are invaluable.

We have everything in readiness to meet the challenges of the future major development projects of our University of Jaffna.

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Works Engineers Served

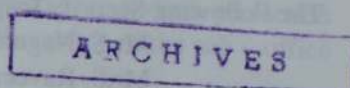
1.Eng.M.Nagendra	-	May 1983 - June 1984
2.Eng.R.Mainvannan	-	Jan 1985 - June 1986
3.Eng.S.Thayaparan	-	Oct 1986 - to date

Works Superintendents Served

1.Mr.K.Kanesarajah	-	till July 1980
2.Mr.A.R. Sathiamoorthy	-	August 1980 - Sept 1980
3.Mr.S.Sivarasa	-	April 1982 - Feb 1983
4.Mr.K.Muthukumarasamy	-	Dec 1983 - April 1998
5.Mr.P.D.Satkunaraja	-	May 1998 - to date



9.Security Department:



Security Department of the University was established in the year 1975. The Chief Security Officer is the Head of the Security Department. The main functions of the Security Department are preparation of weekly duty rosters, maintenance of key registers, check the guard points and log books, keeps the leave and attendance registers, conduct inquiries and prevent fraud, theft and Burglary.

The Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka was established in the year 1974 on October 6th at Thirunelvely amalgamating Parameawara College and Jaffna College Vaddukkoddai. The Security for these two premises were provided by the then casual watchers attached to the Jaffna Education Office. Mr.S.A. Sivapatham the then Asst. Registrar of the Jaffna Campus was in charge of these security watchers.

In 1974 the Security services of all the Universities were integrated. After integration Mr.H.G.Baudwin, retired Police Commissioner was appointed to make it easy to execute the Security Administration from the Senate House. Officers in charge of Security from all the Universities were appointed to look after the security arrangements of those respective Universities.

It was on the 1st of Nov. 1975 Mr.Mylvaganam Puthirasigamani was appointed as Officers in charge of the Jaffna Campus. Still we remember with gratitude the Late Professor K. Kailasapathy President of the Jaffna Campus- the Late Mr.K.P.G Wijeyasurendra the then Deputy Registrar of the Jaffna Campus Mr.K.Ratnathilaka the then Asst. Treasurer of the Jaffna Campus and presently as the Registrar at the Ruhunu University, were all responsible for building up this Security Department. To help in the satisfactory execution of the 24 hours duty in giving protection to the University, three Sinhala Security inspectors, three Tamil security guards Messrs.M. Subramaniam N.Ravindra and R.M. Krishnasamy, three Muslim security guards in Mr.H.M.Hanifa, Mr.M.Mubarak, Mr.C.Kaleel and twelve security guards were appointed by the Senate House of the University and they assumed their duties here. At the same time Messrs.K.Arulanandam, S.Kandasamy, S.Kanapathippillai,

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S.Sithampara Nadarajah, S.Shanmugalingam and K.Mahendrarajah who were serving in the capacity of casual watchers were made permanent watchers.

With high sense of gratitude we like to mention the great role played by the Late Professor S.Vithianathan who served here for eleven years as President of the Campus and Vice-Chancellor of this University in remedying the shortages of personnels of this Department. It disserves to mention here that it was he who was the chief cause for making our Department the largest in the University. Today this Department has 57 permanent staff and 4 casual guards, and we provide twenty four hours security service not only for the main Campus, Sidda Medicine Department at Kaithady, Medical Faculty, the Fine Arts section at Maruthanamadam and Agricultural Faculty, but also for both Boys and Girls' Hostels and to those units affiliated to these fields. From 1975 up to date this Department has seen and undergone so many trials and tribulations. Yet, with plenty of guts-courage- fortitude and intrepid determination we carried them off well, and was successful in helping to continue the administrative and Educational activities of the Campus.

The Following Security Inspectors were also appointed to the Department on 20.08.1980.

Mr.S. Naguleswaran

Mr.S. Raveenthranathan

Mr.M. Vivekanathan

From the 1st of January 1979 Jaffna Campus became the Jaffna University and the then President of the Jaffna Campus the late Professor S. Vithianathan became the First Vice -Chancellor of the Jaffna University.

The 1st Convocation Ceremony of the Jaffna University took place at Veerasingam Hall in 1980. It was no doubt a grand and over-powering sight. No one will deny our Department's greatest service on that day. Our University and we always remember with gratitude Mr.J.H.Ariaratnam the then Actg. Registrar of the Jaffna University who visited all the other Universities to gather advice to make this convocation function a great success.

In the year 1987 as a result of the Ceylon - Indian Peace pact the Indian Peace Keeping Force fixed its foot on this soil. But when time moved on, the situation changed and war broke out. As a result, the Jaffna University was badly affected. A good number of academic staff, non-academic staff and students were victims of this war. Building too were damaged.

We still remember the great responsibility with which our Department served to bring everything to normal at the University. Thus we started renovating the damages. During many critical situations the Security Guards risking their lives have done their duty with selfless dedication.

The year 1989 was an year of trials and tribulations again for our Department. It was a period of disaster for some of the Security Guards. We sympathetically remember the Security Guards messers S.Tharmalingam, Felix, Thevathas and Mr.K.Sivasamy.

From March 1990 to the end of October 1995 war clouds were drifting, moving and spreading all over the region. As this war cloud encircled the people of Jaffna, there was commotion everywhere.

In the midst of all these excitement and disturbance our Department was in full form in helping the Jaffna University to conduct its academic and administrative functions well. During this period, a number of army operations were carried out, and as a result, the people in the Jaffna Peninsula were displaced and took shelter in the refugee camps. During the Army operation code named 'Leap Forward' people from North, South and west of Valigamam were forced to seek refuge at the Jaffna University. In this circumstance our Department played a big role in maintaining these people and providing them their basic needs.

It was in October 1995, Jaffna people were displaced and trekked their way to Vadamaradchi and Thenmaradchi and sought refuge there. Some of them from there, travelled up to the vast area of Vanni. A sub-office of the Jaffna University was functioning at Chavakachcheri Hindu College. During this period of crisis we were caring for the needs and benefits of the University Community, who were spread in various places especially at Vadamaradchi and Thenmaradchi and at the Agricultural Faculty in Kilinochchi. The final examinations of the Arts - Science and Medical Faculties were conducted without any barrier or hindrance, even at that crucial and tense situation. We will never forget our security guards who on their own came forward to give enough protection and security to conduct these examinations successfully and to maintain the safety of the sub - office functioning at Chavakachcheri Hindu College.

In the year 1996, to comply with the request of the Government, the displaced people left Vadamaradchi and Thenmaradchi and went back to their homes in Valigamam and resettled there.

The rehabilitation work at the University too, was started for a good number of damages were done here during the war crisis. From that time onwards, our Department has owed and still owing its unstinted help to bring back the university to its former position amidst heavy risks.

The University and our Department, we firmly believe are bound by moral obligation to remember the great personalities who offered our Department that is functioning for the past 25 years, their good wishes, sound advice at the right time of our dire need and their participation whenever and wherever necessary for us. Therefore we must thank them whole- heartedly. Firstly let us thank the Late Professors K.Kailasapathy, S.Vithianathan. A.Thurairajah. We extend our gratitude to Professor K.Kunaratnam and the present Vice- Chancellor Professor P.Balasundarampillai. We also owe our thanks to Professors K.Indrapala, Gamlath K.Kailasanatha Kurukkal, S.Rajaratnam, N.Balakrishnan of the Arts Faculty, Professors P.Kanagasabapathy, K.Kunaratnam, S.Tharmaratnam, V.K.Ganeshalingam, the Late Professor S.Mageswaran of the Science Faculty Professors A.A.Hoover, R.Kanagasundaram, C.Sivagnansundaram, K.Balasubramaniam, S.V.Parameswaran, Dr.R.Rajendraprasad of the Medical Faculty, Registrars Messrs, K.P.G.Wijayasurendra, S.R.Fernando, J.H.Ariaratnam, K.C.Logeswaran, S.Tharmapalan, V.N.Sivarasa, K.Parameswaran, and Dr.K.Kunarasa. Their help to our Department is commendable.

In addition to above, we will be failing in our duty if we do not mention on the following past and present officers who helped and guided this Department when necessity arose during last 25 years.

Librarians, Deputy Registrars, Senior Asst. Registrars. Senior Asst. Bursar, Senior Internal Auditors, Works Engineers, Asst. Registrars Asst. Bursar, University Medical Officers and Senior Student Councillors.

For the past twenty five (25) years, we have involved ourselves in the sports field too, and still involving with real enthusiasm and strong feelings. We are in the fore-front setting high standards. In the hurdles and track events conducted by the University Employees Union, we have registered many records and won trophies cups and certificates, in 1996-1997 and 1998. Specially in soft ball cricket, volley ball and foot ball, our performance was incomparable and we have set many records. These records prove that we are a force to be reckoned with. It's note-worthy and praise-worthy to say that the security officers Mr.A.F.Sebamalaimuthu of our Department is responsible for coaching and directing the various teams. Mr.Sebamalaimuthu has gained the first places in put-shot and the Discus throw competitions organised by the Jaffna Divisional Secretariat at the Divisional level and national level and won the gold and silver medals. He also won the silver medals in the physical display competitions held by the Jaffna Divisional Secretariat, that too, for the past 28 years in succession. The record he has created in Put-shot and Discus throw in the year 1973 still exists. He is also serving as part-time coach for the Jaffna University Volleyball team since 1998 and still continuing to serve. We must also mention that Messrs.A.F.Sebamalaimuthu and J. Augustin are members of the Foot-Ball referees' Association of Sri Lanka. This gives great pleasure and encouragement to our Department.

The Welfare Society of the Security Officers

This society was founded in 1981. From the inception, it acts according to the statutes and abides by the constitutional bindings. It also serves as a sign of unity of the security Department. The schemes of this society are appreciable.

The schemes like 'Death Donation' 'Year 5 Scholarship' Competitions to discover the skills and talents of the security officers and distribute prizes' are really benefitable schemes. We also conduct, the year end party, Thaith Thirunaal - Vaani vila every year. These programmes are conducted in a competitive basis and the deserving winners get their prizes on the day we celebrate the 'oli vila'. The winners are also honoured on that day. We have also organized a scheme called the 'Small loan for officers' which is not organised by the other Departmental officers.

In view of the forth coming 'Silver Jubilee Celebration' of the Jaffna University, this society of ours is organizing competitions in General knowledge, Religious knowledge and so on, in order to award prizes for the winners. We wish this society all the best for backing the idealistic thinking of the University community, to brighten its future.

Most of the security guards who were here from the beginning have gone to other faculties or Departments after gaining promotions and some to other faculties or Departments after gaining promotions and some of them, have left Sri Lanka for good. Here we give below, the present man

power of the security service. There are sixty-one security service men, serving up to date, in the following designations.

Chief Security Officer: Mr.M.Puthrasigamani Mr.S.Naguleswaran and Mr.S Raveenthranathan holding the post of Security Inspector Supra Grade. The other designations are:

Security Inspector Gr.I – 1
Security Inspector Gr.II – 1
Security Guard Supra Gr: 24
Security Guard Higher Gr: 11
Security Guard Lower Gr: 07
Security Guard Stop Gap – 14

In order to identify the security service of any establishment uniforms are given to its security officers. Wearing this uniform or taking it away during non – working hours are completely and strictly banned according to the existing by –laws of the security service. Even though a room is set apart to keep our uniforms safe, that particular room is frequently used for educational purposes and thus we become vagrant tribes or gypsies. There fore we were thinking about the ways and means of remedying this ill- at-ease situation. At this time, Professor P.Balasundarampillai was appointed as Vice –Chancellor of this University. We took this matter up to him and pointed out the disadvantages we have suffered without a permanent dressing room. He understood our plight, gave priority to our request and set apart the old building behind the main canteen, for our use. According to his order, the old building had been well designed and converted into a beautiful security house. He handed over this permanent room to us on 01.01.1998. As long as the Security service Department exists, it will remember our Vice-Chancellor Professor P.Balasundarampillai to the care of its heart.

Our Department is part and parcel of this University and for the past 25 year it has played its role well for the exuberant growth of this University. On 01.11.2000 our Department, we are glad and proud to say, is celebrating its ‘Silver Jubilee’ we have also thought of introducing modern Technical devices in our Department in the year 2000. As time moves on we hope a peace situation will prevail and with this our Department will definitely be modernized with the help of the University administration and our staff.

10.Health Centre

The Health Centres were started in 1975 at Vaddukoddai and Thirunelvely. Voddukoddai H.C was run by the then DMO, Vaddukoddai upto 1979. Thirunelvely H.C was run by Dr.V.Sivagnanaratnam - Visiting Medical Officer. It is appropriate to record the following events on the eve of the Silver Jubilee Celebration.

- 1980 - Dr.W.N.D. Watson
- 1981 - Health Centre moved into a new building.
- 1982 - Psychiatric Clinic started by the Senior Lecturer in Psychiatric, Dr.T.Ganeswaran.
- 1985 - Dr.W.N.D. Watson resigned. Dr.(Mrs)G.Nithiyananthan was appointed.
- 1988 - One technician was appointed and a mini Laboratory started.
- 1991 - Dr (Mrs) G.Nathiyananthan resigned.
- 1992 - Upto 1992 Medical Faculty Medical Staff helped to run H.C
- 1992 - Dr.S.P Seeramaran was appointed on contract basis.
- 1994 - His appointment was made permanent.
- 1995 - Dr(Mrs).J. Sriskandarajah was appointed. Dr.S.P. Seeramaran was given vacation.

Facilities at H.C

- 1.Medical treatment with observation unit.
- 2.Basic Laboratory investigation facilities.
- 3.Health education.

Future Plan

- 1..Expanding the observation unit
- 2.Expanding Laboratory facilities
- 3.Maximum medical facilities within our hope.

CHAPTER 3

THE LIBRARY

An academic Library is an integral part of the University. The mission and vision of the activities of the University are interwoven with the activities of the Library.

Origin:

The origin of the Library could be traced back to the opening of the Jaffna Campus of the University of Jaffna in October 1974 by the take over of Parameshwara College, at Thirunelvely and by the incorporation of the Undergraduate department of Jaffna College at Vaddukoddai. Senator Mr.S.Nadesan and few distinguished educationalists were actively involved in achieving this end. Prof.K.Kailasapathy was the first President of Jaffna Campus.

Initial Stages:

At the initial stages, the Library was housed in a two- storied building which was almost at the verge of collapse, formerly utilized as the science laboratory and the hostel of Parameshwara College. The staff was primarily composed of members absorbed from Jaffna College. Mr.R.S.Thambiah, Librarian Jaffna College took over the Library as Librarian-in-charge, with the fraction of books belonging to Sir Pon.Ramanathan and the resources available from those two institutions. With all the limitations in the building, staff and the resources, Mr.R.S.Thambiah performed his best with the valuable and expertise guidances of Prof.K.Indrapala. Prof.S.Vithianandan, the first Vice Chancellor, toiled hard, faced all the strains and stresses that confronted the University as a pioneer, laid the foundation stone for the present Library. The Science Faculty Library, which started functioning at Jaffna College, prospered well under the Deanship of Prof.P.Kanagasabapathy and Prof.K.Kunaratnam, moved to a building closer to the main Library then, as the Science Faculty moved to its present venu. Mr.R.S.Thambiah left our Library during the latter part of October 1981.

Mr.S.Murugaverl, Deputy Librarian University of Peredeniya, competent and well versed in many languages, assumed as Librarian on 06.01.1982 which demarks the second phase of the development of the University Library, with emphasis on the new Library building, acquisition, organisation of these materi.ils. The devotion and dedication of Mr.S.Murugaverl to the Library was spectacular. In very strenuous situation, the then Vice Chancellors, Prof.A.Thurairajah and Prof.K.Kunaratnam and the Librarian Mr.S.Murugaverl had to function under so many constraints, acted with rational and deft skill, thus proved themselves to be men of many and varied accomplishments. Mr.S.Murugaverl's resignation on 01.05.1994 was a great loss to the emerging Library.

Damages Due to Social Turmoil:

Our society is in a pathetic situation undergoing a great upheaval. Many events of immense significance have taken place since our Library started functioning. The intervention of the IPKF, the ethnic struggles and disturbances, the confrontations between the military and the militants, restrictions imposed on transport, the exodus of the peninsula people in October 1995 etc., had their repercussions. Our Library was no exception. Categorically, maximum damage was caused to our Library by the IPKF invasion in October, 1987 and the exodus of 1995. The Indian High Commission restored a fraction of the lost volumes as a measure of remorse. The exodus in October 1995 left the whole University deserted, the Library staff found refuge in places outside Jaffna according to their convenience. The Library was closed till June, 1996. Though the staff was given a notice to report on 15.06.1996, yet the staff reported in gradual stages only. However, during the intervening period, the Library was temporarily functioning at the Agriculture Faculty, Kilinochchi. Successful efforts were made to cater to the medical students by temporarily opening a Library at Hartley College, Point Pedro. The University Library suffered considerable damage during these periods of turmoil. A number of books were rendered unusable by termites and exposed to the ravages of nature. Another poignant issue which had its impact along with the exodus was caused by the staff either going abroad for good or by their inability to report.

Acquisitions and Donations:

In acquisition of books and periodicals priority is given to the requirements of the students, teaching staff and research scholars. But the requests are made through the heads of various disciplines, within the funds allocated annually. The choice of general reading materials is made by the Librarian on principles that every book has its reader, taking into consideration the current demands. Our stock position is a little above one hundred thousand. A considerable amount of our allocation is utilized in the purchase of periodicals both foreign and local, totalling four hundred and forty two periodicals annually. Due to the disruption in the mail services, in addition the restrictions in transport during turmoil situations, we have been facing some gaps in periodicals, but we are striving hard to restore the position. We have about six thousand bound periodicals. The library owes its gratitude to individual donations of books and periodicals from eminent and distinguished scholars, foreign governments agencies, associations, societies and our own Professors and Lecturers which adorn our collections.

Services Provided:

We are trying our best to render beneficial services to our readers. Beside the routinal circulation of books and periodicals to the readers, we provide inter-library loan services and photocopying services. The reservation slip system enables the reader to reach the books that are in demand and the suggestion register gives us a feedback. The working hours vary from time to time, depending on the environment. At present, a curfew being enforced, the working hours are from 9.00a a.m. to 5.15 p.m. on week days. The Library is open on Saturdays also. During examination time the working hours are extended. The Library Committee meet often to analyse ways and means to contribute effective services.

Sections of the Library:

To provide satisfactory services, the Library is divided into sections. Each section has interrelated functions to perform, aiming at the common goal. The acquisition section is responsible for acquiring the right book, the processing section, organising the material to save the time of the reader, the readers service section projects the image of the library, by undertaking registration of readers and circulation of reading materials. The research area is a unique section worthy of special mention, it comprises archives where old rare and valuable materials. Ola manuscripts, government documents dissertations and theses are organised. The Library has its own bindery.

Branches:

Apart from the main library which serve the Arts and Science Faculties, we have a well established Medical Faculty library and a fairly equipped Siddha Medicine library and an emerging Agriculture Faculty library and Ramanathan Fine Arts library.

Present Developments:

Structural additions have been made to our library buildings, thereby inconveniences with regard to space have been minimized to a considerable extent by the completion of the first phase of the building, covering the central portion of the library. This was ceremoniously opening on 20.01.1999. The Library Auditorium which had the formal opening on 03.03.1999 extends our

services further by accommodating academic programmes. A substantial number of valuable and rare volumes have been added to our stock. Four promising professional staff have been recruited. A senior member of our staff and two junior staff are on study leave, another two more staff are about to go on study leave. The ardent and untiring efforts of the present Vice Chancellor Prof.P.Balasundarampillai has been instrumental in achieving this.

Plans for the Future:

Momentous efforts have been initiated and extended to accomplish the completion of the Library building, by the Vice Chancellor. Our task is the concern regarding the futuristic requirements in the development of technology to meet the challenges of the 21st century. Due to the rapid growth and proliferation of the inter disciplinary subjects and information explosion, only modern state-of-the art technology could match the services required. The computerization of the Library with the Internet facilities to cope up with the requirements of the research Scholars, teaching staff and the students, is the crying need of the hour. We are confident of meeting these challenges in the appropriate way. A comprehensive collection of reading materials in the new disciplines and a collection of reading materials pertaining to our region is expected to be added to our collection. Expansion of our Bindery with printing facilities will enhance our collection. Financial and technical assistance count as notable issues. We trust that the Vice Chancellor and the University community will give us the required assistance.

On the happy occasion of our Silver Jubilee, we are very proud to say that we were able to maintain a high standard in all activities. Our staff have demonstrated a remarkable aptitude in achieving this. We sincerely believe and pray that the Almighty bestow on us the strength to surmount any obstacle that may come our way and to maintain our Library with stability, amity, security and progress.

**VICE-CHANCELLOR, LIBRARIAN AND THE STAFF
LIBRARY - UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA**



**STAFF OF THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE
UNIVERSITY OF JAFENA**



CHAPTER 4

HISTORY OF FACULTIES DEPARTMENTS AND UNITS

THE FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

History of the Faculty

The University of Jaffna was established in the year 1974 to promote higher education of the students from Tamil community in northern region of Sri Lanka. It was felt at that time, without a discipline in agriculture the University Education in the north will not fulfill the needs and aspiration of the community of this region. The establishment of the Faculty of Agriculture in the University of Jaffna was a long felt demand not only by the academic sphere but also by the farming community of this area.

Several request were made to the higher educational authorities of the Ministry of Higher education regarding the urgency of the Faculty of Agriculture in the University of Jaffna by the former Vice- Chancellor Late Prof. S. Vithiananthan. Subsequently Late Prof. A. Thurairajah, the former Vice- Chancellor of the University of Jaffna, took tremendous effort of this matter and finally the University Grants Commission approved to establish the Faculty of Agriculture at the University of Jaffna. Prof. P. Balasundarampillai, the present Vice- Chancellor of the University of Jaffna was appointed as Coordinator and Chairman of the Senate Sub Committee and he rendered his untiring service for the establishment of the Faculty of Agriculture.

The opinion of the public was considered in selecting the location of the Faculty and the Council of the University of Jaffna decided unanimously to establish the Faculty of Agriculture at Kilinochchi. In consequence, an extent of 35 acres land was selected at Iranaimaddu along the Kandy road for the construction of the building for the Faculty of Agriculture. Construction works were commenced immediately with the expectation of the people and unfortunately all the construction were interrupted due to the civil war in 1987. Hence, some of the building were obtained temporarily from the Regional Agriculture Research and Development Centre (RARDC) and In-Service Training Centre with the help of Late, Dr.N. Vignarajah, the former Deputy Director of Agriculture for North-east Province.

In the midst of difficult transportation and worse situation of on going civil war, the Faculty of Agriculture was ceremonially inaugurated by Late. Prof. A. Thurairajah, the former Vice-Chancellor of the University of Jaffna on December 3, 1990. The Welfare society of the Faculty of Agriculture consisting prominent personnels of the Kilinochchi District helped in various ways to the success of the ceremony. The opening ceremony was presided by Late Prof. S. Kandiah, the First Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture.

The Faculty of Agriculture consists of six Departments such as: Agronomy, Animal Science, Agricultural Biology, Agricultural Chemistry, Agricultural Engineering and Agricultural Economics. The first team consisting Prof. S. Kandiah, Dean and Head/ Agronomy, Prof. V. Nithiyandam, Head/Agric. Economics, Dr. S. Mohanadas, Head/ Agric. Chemistry, Dr.B. Sivakadacham, Head/Agric. Biology and Dr.A Navaratnarajah, Head/Animal Science developed the curricula and syllabi of their respective Departments. Eng. R. Vijataratnam was appointed as Head/Agricultural Engineering from 01.08.1991 and after the sudden demise of Prof. S. Kandiah, Mr.S. Rajadurai was appointed as Head/Agronomy from 01.01.1992.

The RARDC was kind enough to allow our students to do their practicals in their laboratory. The curricula and syllabi were prepared according to the semester system and credit hours were distributed to each Department based on their importance and applicability. With the help of Librarian of the University of Jaffna, a branch library was established for the Faculty of Agriculture at Kilinochchi. The first batch of twenty students (1989/90) were admitted to the Faculty of Agriculture in 1990. With the intake of second batch of students a portion of the buildings of National Youth Service Centre was taken-over by the Faculty to provide hostel facilities to male students.

The Faculty of Agriculture was able to obtain 25 acres and 5 acres of lands at Kilinochchi and Irranaïmadu respectively to widespread its activities. Semi-permanent buildings were constructed at the 35 acres land to temporarily accommodate lecture halls and two Departments namely, Agronomy and Animal Science. In addition, 40 acres of paddy land belonging to Ramanathan Trust was utilized by the Faculty to cultivate promising paddy varieties and seed paddy was distributed to the farmers of Wannï and Jaffna areas. Dairy, Piggery, poultry and goat units also established in the Department of Animal Science. The Department of Agronomy used a portion of the 35 acre land to cultivate crops to conduct practical classes and to carry out research on these crops.

The Faculty of Agriculture provided hostel facilities for male and female students. A play-ground was established to motivate sports activities among the students. The Faculty of Agriculture conducted training classes to farmer and assisted them to solve their problems in cultivation. Research activities also carried out individually as well as jointly with the RARDC to those identified problems existing in the dry zone farming.

When the University of Jaffna was displaced to Wannï due to the military operation in Jaffna, the main administration functioned at the Faculty of Agriculture, Kilinochchi during the year 1995. The offices of the Vice- Chancellor, Registrar, Librarian and Senior Asst. Bursar were temporarily accommodated in the Faculty buildings and quarters also provided to them and to their families.

Then the Faculty of Agriculture was unexpectedly displaced to Karpaddamurrippu during the year 1996 due to the 'Sathjeya' Military operation. under the pressure of heavy Shelling the

properties of the Faculty of Agriculture, including Library books, laboratory equipments and the furnitures, were removed from Kilinochchi and were kept at various places in Mallavi and Karipaddamurrippu. The Library books were kept at Oddusuddan Maha Vidyalayam. After displacement, the office of the Faculty of Agriculture functioned at Karipaddamurrippu. Some students and staff also took shelter at the same school.

After the "Jayasikuru" operation Library books, laboratory equipments and furnitures were again transferred to Mallavi Maha Vidyalayam and Pandiyankukum A.G.A office. The Office of the Dean of the Faculty of Agriculture was functioned at a rented house at Mallavi.

In July 1997, the Council of the University of Jaffna had decided to shift the Faculty of Agriculture of Jaffna. The Dean of the Faculty of Medicine had come forward and provided a section of the building of Psychiatry wing to accommodate the Faculty of Agriculture. The Faculty recommenced its academic program in Jaffna on September 22, 1997.

Then the Faculty housed the Departments such as Agronomy, Agricultural Biology, Agricultural Chemistry, Agricultural Economics in rented-out houses nearer to the Office of the Dean. The Office of the Dean is housed at the former Guest house of the University of Jaffna adjoining to the Faculty of Medicine. The Department of Animal Science and Agricultural Engineering and Faculty Library are still housed at the Medical Faculty Building. Two lecture halls were constructed behind the Dean's Office. Two more lecture halls are under construction. On 22nd March 9 Faculty admitted its 10th batch of students (98/99 academic year).

The Faculty is in need of infrastructure facilities specially well equipped laboratories to carryout practicals to widen its research activities to help the farmer of this region. Several farmer participatory seminars and programmes are planned to mingle with the farming community to educate the students with the field knowledge and experience. Following the instruction of the University Grants Commission the curricula and syllabi of the Faculty of Agriculture is revised this year to meet the requirements of the existing need and to satisfy the various organizations giving employment to the graduates.

A total of 73 graduates from three batches had obtained their degrees and are employed in various sectors for instance in Hatton National Bank. UNICEF, UNDP, CARE International and as graduate teachers. The academic and non academics of the Faculty have taken the challenge in their hands to achieve the mission, to endeavour for producing youths with professionally standard and excellent experience to contribute towards nation needs and to disseminate their skill, knowledge and technology in Sri Lanka, in near future.

Deans of the Faculty of Agriculture and their period of service

Professor S. Kandiah	October 1990- March 1991
Dr.A. Navaratnarajah	April 1991- October 1992

Dr.S. Mohanadas
Dr.A. Navaratnarajah
Eng.R. Vijayaratnam

October 1992- March 1994
March 1994- March 1997
May 1997 to date.

Department of Agronomy

The Department has been offering courses related to the Science of growing crops. This include Agronomy of field crops mainly cereals, horticultural crops, Plantation and export crops. Courses in statistics for instance Biometry and Experimental design also offered by this Department. Professor S. Kandiah was appointed as the first Head of the Department and after his sudden demise Mr.S. Rajadurai has been appointed as the Head.

The Department had both paddy land and high land to conduct practicals at Kilinochchi. Paddy and other crops were continuously raised in this field and adequate skill and experience were given to students. The Department produced different improved varieties of seed paddy in an extent of 40 acres paddy farm donated to the Faculty of Agriculture by the Ramanathan Trust and seed paddy was distributed to farmers in Kilinochchi and Jaffna. Field days and training programme also conducted to farmers. Students and staff of this Department interacted with the farmers and both parties were benefited in learning and solving problems existing in the dry zone agriculture. Selected problems were given priority to carry out research by specializing students of this Department and the findings were disseminated to farmers by organizing field days and research seminars.

The Department faced a setback during the period of 1995-97 due to shifting the Department to Karippaddamurippu and then finally moved to Jaffna. After joining with the main campus the Department housed initially in the building of Faculty of Medicine and later shifted to a private house with an irritable land of 0.5 acre for cultivation.

Mrs. Sivamathy Sivachandran, Lecturer (Prob.) and Miss. Loha Tharmalingam, Lecturer (Prob.) are the other permanent resource persons of this Department.

Department of Animal Science

The Department of Animal Science has been offering courses in the production and management of farm animals and poultry as major disciplines. Dr.A.Navaratnarajah has been appointed as Head of the Department and had developed the curricula and syllabi of the Department. The Department established poultry, piggery and dairy units and a well established milk processing unit with the financial assistance of decentralized budget from Kilinochchi Secretariat. Grass lands of various fodder species were established in an extent of 35 acres to feed the animals.

Seedlings and planting materials of fodder species and seedlings of coconut were raised in the Department and issued to the farmers. Two bio gas units also constructed to utilize the waste from farm animal units for energy production. All these facilities were extensively utilized by the students and academic staff to conduct research in the field of animal husbandry.

Majority of the practical classes were conducted in the established farm sheds and the students were trained with adequate knowledge and experience to operate a farm individually. Different kinds of milk products for instance skimmed milk, ghee, and yogurt were produced by this Department and were very popular among the people of Kilinochchi and Jaffna.

Problems encountered by the farmers in the establishment and maintenance of animal farms were studied and suggestions for the solutions were given by the expertise from the Department. The service rendered by the Department was creditable to increase the number of farm animals and poultry in the northern region and a substantial increase of fodder land under cultivation. Students specialized in this Department studied the problems of the farmers and were able to solve their problems by carrying out research in their specialization course. The Department played a significant role to improve the animal husbandry sector in Wannai and Jaffna districts. As the Faculty was shifted to Jaffna from Wannai the Department is housed in the building of the Faculty of Medicine.

Mr.S Uthayadas, Lecturer (Prob.) and Miss. K. Maniccam Lecturer (Prob.) are the other academic staff of this Department.

The Department of Animal Science will establish a modern farm with all species of livestock to provide adequate training to the students. Establishment of Feed Information Center, Livestock consultancy service, Animal breeding units, Pasture museum are the future plans of this Department to contribute to the development of this industry.

Department of Agricultural Biology

The Department of Agricultural Biology has been offering courses in Cell biology, Crop botany, Plant physiology, Environmental biology, Plant breeding and Plant protection. Majority of the courses are dealing with the problems faced by the farming community specially in the areas of the management of insect pests and diseases. At the beginning the Department was housed at a building of the Regional Agricultural Research and Development Centre (RARDC) at Kilinochchi. Practical classes were conducted during the first five years the laboratory building of the RARDC and the facilities available at this center also shared to the maximum by the Department. In addition, the research field of RARDC also utilized well by the staff and students to learn and experience the techniques adopted by the research staff of this Institute.

During the year 1995, the Department was shifted to Karippaddamurippu and then to Jaffna in 1997 and housed temporarily at a building of the Faculty of Medicine. Later the Department was

shifted to a private house rented out opposite to the Guest house of the Faculty of Medicine presently the Dean's office of the Faculty of Agriculture in May 1998. A practical laboratory is temporarily set up in the Department house itself and practical classes are being conducted for the past two years.

Dr.B. Sivakadacham was appointed as the first Head of the Department and who was in-charge to formulate the curricula and syllabi of the Department. Dr.Sivakadacham left the University service in 1995 and Prof. S. Mohanadas and Eng.R. Vijataratnam, served as acting Heads of the Department till 1st June 1998. Then Mr.G.Mikunthan was appointed as acting Head of the Department for a period of one year and then has been appointed as the Head from 1.7.1999

During the period of Headship Dr. Sivakadacham with the assistance of Mr.G.Mikunthan established a mushroom rearing unit and a medicinal herbal garden at Kilinochchi. The edible mushroom rearing unit was financed by the decentralized budget of the Kilinochchi Secretariat. Training on cultivation and preservation of edible mushroom was given to about 200 trainees from various places of northern region. This project was helpful to establish the laboratory to conduct practical classes and to the diagnosis of diseases in plants brought by the farmers. A medicinal herbal garden of about 100 herbs was established at a land opposite to the main land (35 acres) of the Faculty of Agriculture at Kilinochchi. In addition, multipurpose tree species were established to demonstrate their use in agroforestry. Seeds and planting materials of medicinal plants and multipurpose trees were issued to farmers to increase their utility and to expand the extent of cultivation. Insecticidal and fungicidal properties of the herbs were also tested.

About eleven students have specialized in this Department in plant breeding, entomology and plant pathology. Students carried out their research projects from Green Farms Ltd, Marawilla, Tea Research Institute, Export Agriculture Research Centre and Faculty of Science, University of Jaffna. The Department gives priority to find solutions to the existing threat by crop pests and their management. Preliminary steps are taken to establish an apiary and sericulture units in this Department. Establishment of a Plant protection centre and a biotechnology unit are the future plans of the Department.

Department of Agricultural Chemistry

The Department of Agricultural Chemistry was established at Kilinochchi when the Faculty of Agriculture was newly established on 2nd May 1990. At Kilinochchi, part of office, soil laboratory, and the facilities of field plots belonging to Regional Agricultural Research and Development Center of the Department of Agriculture were used for establishing the Department. The Department was offering courses on basic general chemistry, analytical chemistry, geology, principle of soil science, plant nutrition, basic biochemistry, and food science and technology. In addition research on aspects of food and soil science were carried out.

Due to the military operation at Kilinochchi in 1996, the Faculty and the Department got shifted to Karippaddamurippu (Mullaitivu district) and then to Jaffna in 1997. The Department is now temporarily accommodated at a rented private house near the Dean's office. The laboratory is being established at a building in the Medical Faculty.

Dr.S Mohanadas was appointed as the Head of the Department since 1990. He was promoted to the post of Associate Professor in Agricultural Chemistry in December 1995. Mrs. N. Ganavelrajah, Lecturer (Prob.) and Mr. S. Vasantharuba, Lecturer (Prob.) are the other permanent resource persons of the Department.

The Department offers specialization courses in two disciplines, Soil Science and Food Science. Students had specialized (12 in Food Science and 6 in soil Science) in this Department and got through the degree.

At present the Department is concentrating on establishing good laboratory facilities not only to teach the undergraduate students but also to perform research and extension activities. Currently the Department is closely working with coconut cultivation and palmyrah development activities such as Integrated plant nutrition systems, plant and soil interaction, food dehydration, palm sap fermentation and new end products.

The Department also intends to do soil testing and recommendation of fertilizers to farmers. Prof. Mohanadas is a member of the UNDP/JRRP/UJ-Technical assistant support group (TASG) and provide consultation to coconut, palmyrah and animal feed projects.

Department of Agricultural Engineering

At the time of inauguration of the Faculty of Agriculture of University of Jaffna there was no cadre provided to the Department of Agricultural Engineering. Then Eng.R. Vijayaratnam was appointed as Senior Lecturer Grade II after obtaining a cadre from the UGC and was appointed as the first Head of the Department of Agriculture Engineering. Eng.Vijayaratnam had prepared the curricula and syllabi of the Department and the academic program was commenced in 1992.

Mrs. Thushyanthy Mikunthan was appointed as Lecturer (Prob.) in 1992 and Mr.P.Alvappillai joined this Department in 1993 as Senior Lecturer Grade II. Eng. R. Vijayaratnam functioned as Head of the Department from July 1991 to April 1997. He has been elected as Dean of the Faculty in May 1997 and therefore, Mr. P. Alvappillai was appointed as Acting Head of the Department for a period of one year and then as Head of the Department. Mrs. T. Mikunthan was promoted as Senior Lecturer Grade II after obtaining M. Phil from Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeiya and has been appointed as Acting Head of the Department of Agricultural Economics from 1997. Thirteen students were specialized in Agricultural Engineering for the past nine years.

The Department has been offering courses in Farm machinery, Soil and water engineering, Hydrology, Irrigation and drainage, post harvest technology, Energy, environment and waste management, Surveying and levelling. Practical classes were conducted in Farm machinery and operation of engines at Kilinochchi. Irrigation and water management studies were conducted at Kariyalai Nagapaduvan Kulum and Akkarayan Kulum. Surveying and levelling also conducted to the students. In addition, the Department offered Mathematics as a course to the undergraduate students. The Department is taking initiatives to establish a workshop and meteorological unit in future.

Department of Agricultural Economics

The Department of Agricultural Economics is one among the six Departments of the Faculty of Agriculture established in 1990. Professor V.Nithianandan was appointed as the first Head of the Department and served in this post for 1990-1994. After his resignation the Department was looked after by Dr.A. Navaratnarajah, Prof.S. Mohanadas and Mr.S. Rajadurai until June 1998. Later Mrs. T. Mikunthan has been appointed as acting Head of the Department from 1.7.1998.

The Department was suffering due to the shortage of permanent academic staff from its inception. The academic programs were carried out with the help of visiting lecturers from other institutions. Mr. K. Mahendran and Mr. K. Sooriyakumar have been appointed as Lecturers (Prob.) to this Department in 1993 and 1998 respectively. Both of them are on study leave to pursue their postgraduate studies abroad.

The Department has been offering courses for all eight Semesters and the majority of the courses include Macro and Micro economics, Agricultural Extension, Agricultural development and Farm management. Field visits were arranged to students to interact and familiar with the existing socio-economic constraints of the dry zone farming community.

Eleven students have carried out research projects in this Department in both economics and extension. The Department has taken initiatives to establish a well equipped audio-visual centre to facilitate the staff and students in disseminating information to the grass root level of the farming community of this region and to assist them towards sustainable Agriculture.



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FACULTY OF ARTS

History of the Faculty

It gives pleasure to record the brief history and achievements of the Faculty of Arts during the last 25 years (1974-1999) on the eve of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of this University. The Faculty wishes to record its appreciation and gratitude for the valuable contributions and co-operation rendered by the Vice-Chancellors, Deans, Administrative staff, Academics, employees and the students for the development of the Faculty during this period.

When the Jaffna, Campus of the University of Sri Lanka was inaugurated on 6th October 1974, Prof. K. Indrapala was appointed the first Dean of the Faculty of Humanities. This Faculty was first known as the Faculty of Humanities. It had only four departments of study namely- Tamil, Sinhala, Hindu Civilization and History. Later, the Faculty of Arts was established with six new departments of study namely- Economics, Geography, Islamic Civilization Sanskrit Philosophy and Language and Cultural studies. An English Unit for teaching Basic English was also established. The Faculty of Arts accommodates the majority of students who enter the University of Jaffna each year. The Faculty has developed into the largest Faculty of this University and provides courses to a large number of students in a variety of disciplines in the Social science and Humanities. At present the Faculty has within its fold 17 academic departments. In addition to the General Degree courses Special Degree courses are offered to the students by these departments. Most of the departments are engaged in providing facilities for post graduate research - M. Phil and Ph.D. Till 1999 the departments which were functioning under the Faculty of Arts are as follows:

- Dept. of Christian and Islamic Civilization
- Dept. of Dance
- Dept. of Economics
- Dept. of Education
- Dept. of Fine Arts
- Dept. of Geography
- Dept. of Hindu Civilization
- Dept. of History
- Dept. of Linguistics and English
- Dept. of Music
- Dept. of Philosophy
- Dept. of Political Science and Sociology
- Dept. of Sanskrit
- Dept. of Tamil
- English Language Teaching Centre.
- Dept. of Siddha Medicine (for some years)
- Dept. of Commerce (upto July 1999)
- Dept. of Management Studies (upto July 1999)

In July 1999, the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce was established and the Department of Commerce have gone to this Faculty.

In 1980, the Department of Education was established with facilities for Post Graduate Studies, namely, Post Graduate Diploma, Masters and Doctorate. In 1984, the Department of Siddha Medicine was established in the Faculty of Arts. The Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts which came under University administration on 1st January 1975 functions at present with department of Music and department of Dance producing performing artistices in the field of Carnatic music and Dance. The Academy provides courses in Diploma and Degree. From 1999 a new discipline called Art and Design has been introduced which comes under RAFA. From 1998 Hindu Philosophy as a new discipline is being introduced and the Department of Hindu Civilization manages this course. Psychology too has been introduced from last year as a new discipline which comes under the Department of Philosophy. A Separate Department of Political Science and Sociology was established from July 1998. These two disciplines were managed by the Dept. of Economics until the separation. The unit of Cultural Studies now functions as Dept. of Christian Civilization and Islamic Civilization.

Our University will be completing its 25 years of existence on October 6th, 1999. This period was a very crucial period. Due to the unsettled condition prevailing in the region the Faculty was dedicated to meet various challenges from time to time. At the loss of many lives and valuable belongings the Faculty endeavored to promote learning, teaching and research. The Faculty witnessed stability during this period despite prevailing difficulties in the region. The Faculty posed unprecedented crisis during 1987-IPKF operations and in 1995 during mass exodus. However with the help of the University Community the Faculty managed to its maximum to restore normalcy in teaching and research.

The Faculty is proud and it appreciates the esteemed services and contributions rendered by the former Deans of this Faculty under whose leader ship the Faculty developed well in various aspects.

1. Prof. K. Indrapala. From October 1974 to May 1976.
2. Prof. K. Kailasanatha Kurukkal & Prof. S. Gamlath Co- Deans - From June 1976 to December 1978.
3. Prof. W.L. Jeyasingam. From December 1978 to January 1981.
4. Prof. K. Kailasapathy. From January 1981 to December 1982.
5. Prof. K. Indrapala. From December 1982 to July 1984.
6. Prof. N. Balakrishnan. From July 1984 to March 1991.
7. Prof. P. Balasundarampillai. From March 1991 to March 1997.
8. Prof. A. Sanmugas. From March 1997 to June 1999.
9. Prof. S. Balachandiran. From June 1999.

From June 1999 Prof. S. Balachandiran is elected unanimously as the Dean of the Faculty by the Faculty Board of the Faculty Arts.

The Faculty has started a link programme with the University of Uppsala, Sweden. A few staff has utilized and benefited by this programme. There is an Academic forum and South Asian Study Centre in the Faculty which are engaged in conducting seminars and publishing South Asian papers. Further the Faculty publishes South Asian Journal of Sri Lanka in English, "Cinthanai" (சிந்தனை) in Tamil to encourage research and publication of the staff.

Prof. S. Balachandiran and Prof. R. Sivachandran are the editors for the respective journals from 1997.

To day we have a good number of academic staff working in the departments which provide courses to enhance knowledge in various disciplines. As many Senior Professors are on the eve of retirement, our academic resources are no doubt limited but we have a young and enthusiastic staff whose zeal is certainly a happy augury for the future specially for the for the coming 21st century.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN AND ISLAMIC CIVILIZATION

The teaching of the subject of Christian Civilization was started as a Unit under the Dean of the Faculty of Arts 1979. Mr.S. Jebanesan (now Rt.Rev. Dr. S. Jebanesan) prepared the syllabus and he was appointed as a Visiting Lecturer. When the Department of Language and Cultural Studies was started in 1981, this Unit along with Arabic and Islamic Civilization, became part of it. In 1989 the Department of Languages and Cultural Studies was divided into the Department of Linguistics and English and the Department of Christian and Islamic Civilizations. Then the students had the opportunity to offer Christian Civilization for General and Special Degree of Bachelor of Arts. Two batches of students did the Special Degree and then this facility to do the Special Degree was interrupted owing to the lack of necessary permanent staff (cadres) for this subjects.

Rev. Dr. A.J.V. Chandrakanthan was the first Head of this Department. Owing to the ethnic war and displacement, the Department had to look into the needs of Islamic Civilization course too, though all the students of Islamic Civilization continued to follow their lectures at the University of Peradeniya.

When the Department of Christian and Islamic Civilization was created, more students opted to follow the course in Christian Civilization. The University Grants' Commission too admitted students to this Department on the 'special intake' quota and thus the number steadily grew.

During and after the exodus of 1995, Dr.S. Sivalingarajah, Senior Lecturer in Tamil, was appointed as the Acting Head of the Department. Until Rev. Dr. Anton Matthias, a Senior Lecturer of the Department, was appointed as the Head of the Department on 1 October 1997.

The University of Jaffna is the only University in Sri Lanka that conducts a Special Degree course in Christian Civilization and where candidates can read for the General and Special

degree either as internal or external students. On the merit of results of the First Examination in Arts, the students are chosen, to follow the Special Degree.

The qualified priests and pastors ministering in the peninsula have always given a helping hand for the lectures in our Department. Also lecturers of St. Francis Xavier's Major Seminary in Jaffna, affiliated to the Pontifical Urban University in Rome, and of the Christian Theological College at Chunnakam, affiliated to the Serampore University in India, are willingly assisting the Department as Visiting Lecturers and Department is indebted to them.

Our Department offers the opportunity for post-graduate researches leading to M. Phil and Ph.D. in Christian Civilization. Many, who have done their degrees in the various universities in the world, have registered themselves for their further researches. Already one has been awarded Ph.D. and three have completed their M. Phil. Many others are pursuing their researches in our Department.

The various endeavours of this Department have been facilitated and enhanced by the two Centres in the University opened in 1986: St. Thomas' Centre of the Christians and the Good Shepherd Catholics, opened in 1986. These Centres with residential chaplains, regularly organise various activities, seminars, retreats, religious services, etc. Also the facilities of these Centres are regularly used by the Department for its various functions and activities.

DEPARTMENT OF DANCE (Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts)

Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts was inaugurated by late Mr. S. Nadesan in memory of his father-in-law Sir Pon Ramanathan to promote the education of Tamil Classical music and Bharatha Natyam. Leading scholars and artists from Tamil Nadu were invited to serve as directors and lecturers in this institution. After the demise of Mr. S. Nadesan the academy was taken over by the then Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka. Late Prof. K. Kailasapathy, the first President of the Jaffna campus has designed the curriculum for the Diploma in Carnatic music and Bharatha Natyam courses on par with leading Indian Fine Arts Institutions.

Prof. P. Balasundarampillai and late Prof. A. Thurairajah former Vice Chancellor have taken immense academic interest to develop the course content and infra-structural facilities of this institution. Subsequently Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts was bifurcated into two new departments namely : Department of Dance and Department of Music in the Faculty of Arts. Prof. A. Sanmugas was appointed as Head department of Music and Dr. S. Jeyarasah took over the Head ship of Dance.

The Department of Dance provides courses namely

- a. Bachelor of Dance
- b. Diploma in Dance and
- c. Dance as a subject for the General Arts degree.

The continuity of the above courses have been enriched with both theoretical and practical components. New lotus shaped building have been constructed for performance classes.

Dr.S. Jeyarasah, Head/Dept. of Dance and Prof. V. Sivasamy have written books on dance to guide the students to do further research in Bharatha Natyam. Mrs. Krishanthi Raveendra who is a leading Bharatha Natyam artist is a permanent lecturer in the department of Dance. She has produced several leading Dance Dramas and Bharatha Natyam performances.

In addition, visiting lecturers like Bhrama Sri Veeramani Aiyer, Mrs.Leela Selvarajah, Mrs. Shanthini Sivanesan, Mrs. Pathmini Selvendrakumar, Sangeetha Poosanam Mr.S. Cumarasamy and Dr. Miss. C.V. Selliah are rendering valuable service to our students.

With Dance getting an important place in the curriculum of the G.C.E (O/L) and G.C.E (A/L) the intake of the students in Dance is increasing rapidly in this University.

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

BACKGROUND

The Department of Economics was established in 1976, under the Faculty of Humanities then, and now it is under the Faculty of Arts. At that time there was neither proper Head or person in charge nor a Departmental room.

Dr. K. Indrapala, Dean of Faculty and Professor of History was the acting Head of the Department, until he left on Study Leave to Japan in June, 1976. Prof.K.Kailasanatha Kurukkal, the new Co-Dean and Professor of Hindu Civilization looked after the interests of the Department, until Prof. W.L. Jeyasingam, Head of the Department of Geography was appointed Co-ordinating Head of the Department of Economics.

The Teachers of the Department of Economics and representatives of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics had been functioning as a Departmental Committee. In 1977, title of the Department of Economics had changed, and functioned under the title of Economics and Commerce, until 1983, when the Department of Commerce and Management Studies was separated.

Prof. S. Rajaratnam was appointed as permanent Head of the Department and he had been in the post for two years, until he left on Sabbatical Leave.

Mr.N.Balakrishnan was the Head until he was elected to the post of Dean/Arts in July, 1984. Thereafter Dr. V. Nithiyanthan carried out the duties of the Head, while he was the Head of the newly created Department of Commerce and Management Studies. He resigned the post of

Head/Commerce and Management Studies to accept the appointment of Head/Department of Economics.

Mr.N. Balakrishnan was consecutively elected as Dean/Arts twice. Dr.V. Nithiyananthan was the Head/ Economics for two terms, until such time he was appointed to the post of Professor of Agricultural Economics and left the Department on transfer on 02.05.1990 to Faculty of Agriculture of this University to accept the appointment.

Thereafter Dr.S.K.S. Nathan was appointed as the Head/Economics and he had continued for 3 years. In May, 1993, Prof. N. Balakrishnan was appointed as the Head, until such time he was appointed as Rector of the Vavuniya Campus on 12.01.1997. Thereafter Mr.V.P.Sivanathan was appointed as Head/Economics, and continues till today.

The Department offers a Four Year Special and Three Year General Degree courses leading to Bachelor of Arts. The Degree of Bachelor of Commerce was awarded from the academic year 1977-1983 by the Department of Economics, until such time the Department of Commerce and Management Studies was created. From 1983 to date the Department has been rendering its services to Department of Commerce and Department of Management Studies in taking lectures and conducting examinations for the students.

The Department awarded special and general degree in three disciplines such as Economics, Sociology and Political Science, until such time the Department of Political Science and Sociology was separated in July, 1998. After the separation of the Department of Political Science and Sociology the Department provides courses only in Economics for the Special Degree and General Degree.

The Department offers courses in Post Graduate Diploma in Public Administration. It provides guidance and Supervision for M.A, M.Phil, Ph.D, to limited number of students. Due to the lack of staff the Post Graduate Dip, in Public Administration course has temporarily been suspended.

At present there are two Senior Lectures (Gr II) (one is on sabbatical leave) and three Lectures (Prob.) in the Department. There is one Technical officer Gr II. Seg 'B' to help the Department.

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

The history of Post-Graduate teacher education in Sri Lanka dates back to the Post-Graduate Training Programme (PGT) conducted by the then Government Teacher Training College at Maharagama. With the shifting of the responsibility for Post-Graduate teacher education to the University of Ceylon in the early 50's, the course was reformulated as Post-Graduate Diploma in Education.

Originally the course was conducted in the English medium. But, with the switch to the Swabasha media at the school level, it was inevitable that the Diploma in Education also should follow suit. When the switch-over began in the seventies the need to increase facilities for it had

to be met. This led to the move to start a Department of Education in the University of Jaffna, which ultimately materialized on the 15th of October, 1980.

Staff - The nucleus of the Department formed in 1980 was the team of Lecturers who came on transfer from the Faculty of Education, Colombo. It consisted of Mr.P Chandrasegaram (Later Professor), Dr. A. Karunanandan, Mr.V. Arumugam, and Mr.K.Sinnathamby. Over the years there were changes due to additions/ departures/ demises. Prof.V. Arumugam is the Senior Professor and Head of the Department. The Department is endowed with one Associate Professor, two Senior Lectures (Gr. I), one Senior Lecturer (Gr. II) and three Lectures (Prob.)

The Department provides the following courses:

1. Post-Graduate Diploma in Education.
2. M. Phil in Education
3. Ph.D. in Education.

The Post-Graduate Diploma in Education consists of seven papers, school practice and a dissertation.

The Masters' programme was originally for the M.A in Education. Later it has been changed into the M.Phil in Education. It is a research degree of two years full time duration or three years part time. The duration for the Ph.D is the same as for the M.Phil.

It gives one pride to state that the Department has made substantial contribution towards Postgraduate Teacher Training in the Tamil medium. It has trained about one thousand one hundred graduate teachers in various subjects since its inception in 1980.

At a time when the government stopped the practice of granting study leave with pay, to teachers to follow the Diploma in Education, during the eighties, the Department came up with the provision of part time course which greatly benefited the teachers. That course, which was initiated in 1985 has since been wound up in 1998 as it is no longer necessary in the light of various opportunities that are currently available for teacher training.

The progress in the Masters and Doctorate programme is also noteworthy. Fifty two students have obtained their Masters degree, while four have completed their Ph.Ds upto the end of 1998.

The Department has put forward a proposal to start the Bachelor of Education (B.Ed) special degree course. The proposal has been accepted by the University Senate and the Council and is now before the UGC for its approval. We hope to start the new course from the next academic year (1999). There are also plans to add the number of elective units in the Diploma in Education programme.

DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS

The Department of Fine Arts was instituted as a distinct academic department in 1982 with Prof. K. Indrapala as Head of the Department. In 1983 Prof. K. Kailasanatha Kurukkal was appointed as the Head. Later Professor Karthigasu Sivathamby took over the Head ship. Then

this department besides managing the Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts, also provided Under Graduate courses in Fine Arts, Music, Drama and Theatre Arts. Fine Arts course was started in 1985, and Drama and Theatre Arts in 1986. The Department ought to provide that it is the pioneer in this field in the whole of Island.

The first batch of Under Graduates following the Fine Arts completed the course in 1987. The Department commended a special degree course in Drama and Theatre Arts in 1988.

In the field of Drama and Theatre we have experts with great interest in experimental theatre. The Department's production Mahakavi's "Puthiyathoru Veedu" was acclaimed as a landmark in recent Theatre history. At that time the role of the Department in the Children's Theatre and in the Educational Theatre in Jaffna was very substantial.

In 1991 Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts which was under the administration of the Dept. was made a separate department of study with a separate Head. In 1994 the service of the Department was sought. The Ministry of Hindu Culture conducted a seminar on Drama where Head of the Department acted as the chief resource person.

From 1995 the Department of Fine Arts has been providing Post Graduate supervision to a limited number of Post Graduate students. Apart, from Prof. K. Sivathamby, Head, Fine Arts, Mrs. A.N. Krishnaveny and Mr. K. Sithamparanathan are the permanent Lecturers in the field of Fine Arts and Drama and Theatre Arts respectively. Department organized a senior painters painting exhibition from the 20th to the 22nd of May 1995 and released a brief publication 'Nettru' (நெற்று) on that occasion.

Mrs. N. Selvanayagam, Prof. N. Gnanakumaran, Mr. S. Krishnarajah and Mrs. R. Kailainathan took over the Head ship. In 1999 Mrs. N Selvananyagam Senior Lecturer in Hindu Civilization was appointed as the Head of the Department.

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

The Department of Geography was established at the very commencement of the University of Jaffna.

Dr. W. L. Jeyasingam, the then President of the Jaffna College, Vaddukkoddai was promoted to the position of an Associate Professor and appointed as first Head of the Department of Geography.

Three students from the undergraduate section of the Jaffna College, Vaddukkoddai formed the first batch of students in Geography in the academic year 1975.

In 1977 Dr. S. Selvanayagam was appointed the first Professor in Geography in the department. Prof. W. L. Jeyasingam succeeded him following his untimely demise. In memory of Prof. S.

Selvanayagam, the Arts block was named after him. Prof. P. Balasundarampillai was appointed as Professor Head / Geography in 1980 and held the office until 1985. When he had gone in sabbatical level to U.K Mr. S. Balachandiran was appointed as Head in 1985/86. Prof. P. Balasundarampillai was the Head up to 1991. Then in 1991 to 1997 Prof. S. B. Balachandiran appointed as the Head of the Dept. of Geography. Prof. S. Balachandiran held the office until 1997 and Prof. K. Kugabalan was the Head of the Department between 1997 and 1999. Since then Prof. R. Sivachandran was appointed as the Head/ Geography.

On an average of 80 students are admitted to the Department annually.

The Department provides courses leading to General and Special degrees. The Department was able to produce 20 batches of students during its twenty five years of existence. 445 students specialized in Geography and 408 students offered Geography as a subject for their general degree. The Department in its Post Graduate programmes has provided guidance and supervision for its candidates. Ph.D., M. Phil and M. A. degrees were awarded to three, two candidates and seventeen candidates respectively.

The Department has organized a number of seminars yearly for the benefit of teachers of Geography in the schools and the public.

The Department has also been providing its services to the Extra Mural Studies Unit of the University and the Jaffna Science Association for outreaching knowledge to the society.

Most of the areas of research carried out by the Department are confined to problems of the North and East of Sri Lanka especially the Jaffna Peninsula. The dissertations which had been written by the final year students are based on data collected on field trips and studies conducted at divisional level.

Since 1980 the Department has been bringing out a magazine entitled "Yalpana Puviyiyalalan" as an exclusive venture of the students under the patronage of the Geographical Society and guidance of academic staff. The Department has been conducting Memorial Lecturers annually in memory of late Professor . S.Selvanangam.

The Department has a valuable collection of books mainly donated by Mrs. S.Selvanayagam in memory of the late Prof. S. Selvanayagam. The Department also has a Laboratory with necessary equipment for Geographical study.

Looking back its twenty five years of its fruitful existence, the Department rightly feels that it has fulfilled its mission of teaching, research and the spread of knowledge. May it be ordained that in the next millennium into which it is entering, the Department will work with greater zeal and enthusiasm and serve the community even better than before to meet the challenge of the future.

DEPARTMENT OF HINDU CIVILIZATION

The Department of Hindu Civilization was organized for the first time as the centre of excellence in the Faculty of Humanities from the inception of the Jaffna Campus in 1974. Professor (Emeritus) K.Kailasanantha Kurukkal was appointed as the first Professor of Hindu Civilization and Head of the Department . He retired from service in 1986. Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer is serving as Head of the Department since 1983.

The Department teaches Hindu Civilization for the General and Special Degree courses. The Department also teaches Hindu Culture as a subject for the Final year students following Diploma and Degree Courses in Music and Dance at the Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts. Taking into consideration of the regional need Hindu Civilization is being taught at the Saiva Siddhanta background from the inception. The Department of Sanskrit helps the Department in the teaching of Sanskrit as a subject for the Special students in Hindu Civilization .

The Department provides guidance and supervision for the Post-Graduate research students reading for the M.Phil and Ph.D. Degrees. It is appropriate to mention here that the first Ph.D. Degree holder of the University of Jaffna passed out in 1982 from the Dept. of Hindu Civilization. P.Gopalakrishna Iyer undertook his research for Ph.D.Degree under the supervision and guidance of Prof. K.Kailasanatha Kurukal. Researches are guided on various aspects of Hindu Civilization, viz. Hindu Religion, Art, Hindu Philosophy and Saiva Siddhanta. The Department provided the Post-Graduate Diploma Course in Hindu Civilization up to 1983. Mrs.C. Vamadeva, Mrs.K.Ramanathan and Mr.S.Selvanayagam obtained their Masters Degree from Dept. of Hindu Civilization under the supervision of Prof.K.K. Kurukkal. The Department has produced two Ph.D. and about 10 Masters/ M. Phil Degree.

Since 1998 Academic year, the Department of Hindu Civilization is entrusted with the teaching of Hindu Philosophy (Saiva Siddhanta) as a subject both at the General and Special levels. Hindu Philosophy as a new discipline is introduced for the students who are admitted under the Special intake scheme of the UGC. Selection for this course is being made among the students who have offered Hinduism as a subject at the GCE(A/L) Examination. The syllabus for Hindu Philosophy was drafted jointly by Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer Head/Hindu Civilization and Prof. N. Gnanakumaran, Head/ Philosophy. The staff of the Dept. of Philosophy also extending their assistance for teaching.

Under the Academic Link Programme between our University and the Uppsala University, Sweden, Mrs. C. Vamadeva, Senior Lecturer in Hindu Civilization got her scholarship to pursue her Ph. D. Research in 1990. Later she resigned from her post in 1997. Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer got a Fellowship under this Link Programme and visited Uppsala University during his Sabbatical leave in 1991/92, where he engaged in research and teaching. Mrs. N. Selvanayagam served as the Head of the Department in 1991/92. Mrs. K. Ramanathan, Senior Lecturer in Hindu Civilization went on Study leave to Madurai Kamaraj University in 1988 to pursue her Ph.D. Research. Mr. M. Vedanathan, Senior Lecturer in Hindu Civilization has proceeded to Tamil

University, Thanjavur, on study leave from 1998 to pursue his Ph.D. Research. Mrs.S.Srimuralitharan and Miss.V.Sivasambu who are serving as Lecturers (Prob.) are actively engaged in M.Phil Research, and Mr. P. Kaneshalingam has already submitted his thesis in 1998 for his M.Phil Degree. The Department met major constraints in teaching and research in October 1995 due to the mass exodus.

The Department conducted seminars on various aspects of Hindu Civilization for the benefit of the students and also for the teachers who teach this subject. Miss. V. Sivasambu, Lecturer (Prob.) in Hindu Civilization was selected to represent University of Jaffna in the South Asian Youth Invitation Programme 1998, and she left to Japan to participate in this two weeks duration Programme in November 1998. Prof. Emeritus K. Kailasanatha Kurukkal was awarded Honorary Degree D.Litt during the convocation held on 1998. The department has a plan to organize a full fledged Hindu Arts Gallery to enhance the knowledge in the field of Hindu Civilization.

As a Department which exists from the inception of this University, it has contributed to its maximum in teaching, research and dissemination of knowledge. The Department is equipped with 25 years of experience which will definitely help to work with grater vigour in the forth coming 21st century and serve the community. The department wishes to record with gratitude the excellent contributions of Prof. (Emeritus) K. Kailasanatha Kurukkal during the formative days of the Department.

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

The Department of History was established when the Faculty of Humanities started functioning on December 2, 1974. On March 3rd 1975 Dr. K. Indrapala, the Dean of the Faculty was appointed the first Professor of History. Mr. V. Sivasamy was a Lecturer in History in the Under graduate Department of Jaffna College and who was absorbed into the staff of the new campus was the only member of the Department at the inception. On 20th January, 1975 Mr. S. K. Sitrampalam and Mr. S. Sathiaseelan were appointed as temporary Assistant Lecturers in the Department. On April 21st both were appointed as Probationary Lecturers.

Prof. S. Pathmanathan, Associate Professor, University of Peredeniya was appointed to the Chair of History in the University of Jaffna in 1986, following the resignation of Prof. K. Indrapala in 1985. In 1994 Prof. S. Pathmanathan was appointed Vice-Chairman of the University Grants Commission. Dr. S. K. Sitrampalam was appointed Professor of History in Sept, 1996.

Prof. K. Indrapala was the first Head of the Department. Mr. Seelan Kadirgamar followed him as Head. From June 1983 to July 1996, Dr.S. K. Sitrampalam functioned as the Head. Prof. S. Sathiaseelan was appointed Head in July 1996 and he is functioning as the Head to date.

The Department provides courses in History for both General and Special students. Archaeology is also taught to General students. History is offered as a subject by the external students too for their General degree courses. The Department of Sanskrit help the Department by teaching Sanskrit to Special students. The Department of Hindu Civilization also help the Department by

Sanskrit to Special students. The Department of Hindu Civilization also help the Department by conducting courses in Iconography for Special degree students. The Department has resumed the teaching of Sinhala to special degree students from this year. Archaeology and Ancient History, Medieval History and Modern History-both East and west-form the core of our curriculum.

The Department provides guidance and supervision for Post Graduate research students reading for the M. Phil and Ph.D. degrees. The Department has so far awarded Ph.D. to two students and Masters degree to four students. At present there are five students working for their a Masters degree. Almost all the permanent staff members have published their research in book form.

It should be mentioned that the Department of History was instrumental in carrying out archaeological excavations at Anaicoddai in 1980. This helped to unearth new information about early settlement in the Jaffna region.

The museum organized by the Department suffered severe damage during both the I. P. K.F. operation and the exodus of 1995.

The Historical society which was established in 1976, has published a magazine "KALASURABI" this year. In 1998 this society staged a drama to collect funds for the publication of the magazine.

Prof. S. K. Sitrampalam has left for India on two years Sabbatical leave. Mr. P. Pushparatnam went on Study Leave in July 1997 to do his Ph.D. at the Tamil University, Tanjore. Mr. S. Krishnarajah is on two years Sabbatical Leave. Mr. S. Sathiaseelan was appointed Associate Professor with effect from August 1997. Among the staff there is one Professor, one Associate Professor three Senior Lecturers (Gr I) and two Lecturers (Prob.)

THE DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS AND ENGLISH

The Department of the Languages and Cultural Studies was started in 1981. In 1989 the Cultural Studies separated from the department and a new Department was created under the title of Department of Linguistics and English. Prof. S. Suceendirarajah Senior Professor of Linguistics has been Head of the department from 1981 and from 1989 for these Departments. The Department provides courses for general and special degrees. Linguistics for the General and Special Degree. English only for the General Degree and French for Students doing English. Average number of Students is thirty.

Among the Resource persons there is one Senior Professor of Linguistics one Senior Lecturer (Gr.I) for Linguistics. Among the three Senior Lecturers (Gr.II) two for Linguistics and one for English. Further the temporary Lecturers and Visiting Lecturers assist the Department, in Linguistics, English and French. There were five postgraduate degrees awarded during this decade.

The following are the future plans for the department.

1. To keep on reminding the administration to take positive steps to get students admitted to offer Linguistics as a subject under the special intake scheme.
2. To strengthen the link of the staff in the Department with the Department of Linguistics, University of Kelaniya with regard to research projects on Tamil-Sinhala Studies.
3. To get the vacancies in the Department filled by appointing highly qualified teachers to teach Linguistics, English and Sinhala.
4. To get a permanent building with all facilities such as-rooms for teachers, departmental library, toilet etc. Also to get a Computer for the Department.

DEPARTMENT OF MUSIC

The Departments of Music and Dance belong to same history in the Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts. This Institution was inaugurated by Late Mr.S.Nadesan in memory of his Father-in-Law Sir Pon.Ramanathan. After the demise of Mr.S.Nadesan the Academy was taken over by the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka on the 1st of December 1975. Prof. K.Kailasanathakurukkal was appointed as Head (1975-77) and Prof. K. Indrapala was the Head from 1977 to 1982 for Fine Arts. During these years the Institution was under the Department of Fine Arts. In 1984 Prof.K.Sivathamby was appointed as the Head of the Fine Arts and RAFA.

The present Vice- Chancellor and the former Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof.P.Balasundarampillai took immense academic interest to develop this Institution.

In 1992, when Late Prof. A. Thurairajah was Vice Chancellor, Ramanathan Academy was upgraded with other Departments. Dr.Saba Jeyarasah was appointed as the Head of the Department.

1. The teachers of R.A.F.A were absorbed as Lecturers with effect from 22.08.1992.
2. Mr.N.V.M. Navaratnam, and Mr.A.N. Somaskanthasarma, obtained their Post Graduate Degree M.Phil. in 1997 and 1999, respectively Mr.S. Pathmalingam, Miss P. Nadarajah and Miss S. Subramaniam are still pursuing their research work.
3. Four hundred students are following the Diploma and Degree Courses.

In 1996 Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts was bi-furgated into two departments Prof.A. Sanmugadas was appointed as the Head of the Department of Music and Dr.S. Jeyarasah was the Head of the Department of Dance. Mr.S. Pathmalingam was appointed as Head from 1996. Mr.N.V.M. Navaratnam, Senior lecturer has now been appointed as the Head of the Department with effect from July 1999.

The department has provided the courses for
Bachelor of Music

Diploma in Music and

Music as a subject for the General Degree.

The Department of Music has so far produced hundreds of Diplomats in Music. During this Silver Jubilee year, we are happy and proud to state here that the first batch of Degree students will be passing out.

Among the staff there are two Senior Lecturers (Gr.II) and three Lecturers.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

History of the Department

The Department of Philosophy, University of Jaffna started functioning in August 1975 with two temporary Asst. Lecturers, namely Mr. V. Kulasene and Mr. S. Krishnarajah. Dr. A. D. Kalansuriya, Dr. V. Ramakrishnan and Mr. S. V. Kasynathan helped the Department of Philosophy as visiting Lecturers. In early period, the Department offered to read Philosophy as a subject for the General Degree. The Dept. continued to provide courses for General Degree and the Foundation Lectures in Logic and Scientific Method for first year students.

The Special Degree course in Philosophy started in October 1980. Then Dr. V. Ramakrishnan was the Head of the Department of Philosophy. While teaching other areas of Philosophy, the Dept. attempted to establish itself as a centre for the study of Indian Thought in General and Saiva Siddhanta in particular. Dr. V. Ramakrishnan went on sabbatical leave to India in 1983 and subsequently he resigned from his post in 1984. During the latter part of 1983, Dr. S. Krishnarajah took over the Head ship after completing his Ph.D Degree in Moscow. "Karl Popper's Methodology of Social Knowledge -A critical analysis" was his Ph.D thesis. Mr. M. S. Annes and Mr. N. Gnanakumaran completed their Master of Arts Degrees in 1983. Their Titles of dissertation were "Island and Marxist Ethics" and "Concept of Maya and theory of Perception in Vedanta" respectively. Mr. M. S. Annes, Lecturer, resigned his post in 1986. Dr.N. Gnanakumaran resumed duties in 1987 after successfully completed his Ph.D Degree on "Maya: fact or fiction" The programme of study for the Special and General Degree was revised by Dr.S. Krishnarajah and Dr.N. Gnanakumaran in 1990. Following this the Department provided facilities to the students reading Philosophy specializing either in Saiva Siddhanta or in General Philosophy. Establishment of the Philosophical Society was also a notable one in that year. Dr. N.Gnanakumaran went to Uppsala University, Sweden on Fellowship for six months on Sabbatical Leave in December 1993.

However all the activities including teaching came to a halt in October 1995 due to mass exodus. The assets of the Department and some valuable research materials of staff members notes and books were missing and hence teaching and research were greatly affected. Dr.S. Krishnarajah got his Associate Professorship in 1995. Dr. N.Gnanakumaran also got the Associate Professorship in 1996 and assumed the Head ship of the Department of Philosophy and resigned from the Head ship of the Department of Fine Arts in October 1997. The Department of

Philosophy conducted the Undergraduate course leading to General and Special Arts Degree and provided guidance and supervision for the Post Graduate Studies in M.A and M. Phil Degree.

Department of Philosophy also introduces General Psychology as a subject for first year students from 1998 and twenty eight students are following this course at present.

The U.G.C has decided to admit students to follow Hindu Philosophy as a new discipline for General and Special Degrees. In view of this existing "B" Syllabus of the Department of Philosophy was withdrawn with a view to remodel it to suit the Course in Hindu Philosophy. The said Syllabus for General and Special Degrees was drafted by Prof. N. Gnanakumaran and Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer. Resource persons for teaching Courses in Hindu Philosophy will be drawn from Philosophy Department and Hindu Civilization Department.

The first year syllabus for General Psychology named PSY.1.1, Introduction to Psychology and PSY1.2, Schools of Psychology, also drafted by Prof.N.Gnanakumaran. The present set of syllabus in Philosophy have been followed for almost ten years. The Dept. of Philosophy has revised the first year syllabus in the first stage and hope to revise the rest in due course.

Prof.S.Krishnarajah was on sabbatical leave from 1997 and got the extension up to 30th September 1999.

As it is there are two Associate Professors and one Senior Lecturer (Gr.I) and a Lecturer (Prob.) in the Department Staff.

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE & SOCIOLOGY

Happy to record the dawning of the Department of Political Science and Sociology on 15th July 1998. The disciplines Political Science and Sociology have been in existence from the early years of the foundation of the University of Jaffna and functioning as units of the Dept. of Economics.

As a result of devoted nurturing and steady growth of these disciplines, the long-felt need for establishing fulfilled Departments has become a reality towards the Silver Jubilee year of our University.

We owe adebt of gratitude to all those who have contributed towards the formation of the new Department, especially our present Vice- Chancellor and Dean/Arts.

We also wish to express our sincere thanks to the Dept. of Economics for the cooperation and good will extended to us in our endeavours.

The Department has two Ph.D holders and three Master Degree holders as Senior Lecturers/Probationary Lecturers along with temporary Lecturers.

The Dept. of Political Science and Sociology caters to many undergrads, eager to follow the Special and General Degree courses in the disciplines of Political Science and Sociology.

In addition to the General and Special Degree programs, provision has also been made for Post-Graduate Degree programs in these disciplines. The Department conducts a Post Graduate Diploma Course in Public Administration. This program is organized by one of our Senior staff Dr. S. K. S. Nathan. The Department has an expanding research culture, which embraces studies concerned with contemporary social issues and aims to develop research to benefit present-day needs of the community.

In addition to teaching, Post Graduate Degree supervision and research, our Senior Staff members have also been functioning as consultants for UNESCO, Regional Department Agencies and active participants of South Asian Research Organization.

The Senior Staff of the Department attend Research Conference-Seminars at the National and International levels and their research papers are published in the National and International Journals. To their credit, they have also edited and published research works, Text books and creative writings towards Academic and Social Development in their fields of interest.

The students of our Department organize field surveys, seminars and social welfare activities and the Sociological Society publishes a Journal annually.

DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

The Faculty of Humanities at the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka (the precursor to the University of Jaffna) was formally inaugurated on the 6th of October 1974. From 1975 onwards, Sanskrit is taught as one of the subjects and the Department is functioning as a separate unit.

Mr. V. Sivasamy, B. A. Hons (Lond.), M.A.(Cey.) who was absorbed into the then Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka from the undergraduate Department Jaffna College Vaddukoddai as a Lecturer Grade II in History on 01.09.1974 taught this subject also. Later he joined the Department of Sanskrit in the same grade on 01.09.1975. He was appointed Lecturer in charge of the Department on February 1976 and later Head of the Department on January 1979 when the Jaffna Campus became the University of Jaffna, He continued as Head of the Department from this date till his retirement on 30.09.1998. Emeritus Professor K.Kailasanatha Kurukkal then Head of the Dept. of Hindu Civilization and Prof.P.Gopalakrishna Iyer Head Dept. of Hindu Civilization helped the Department in the teaching of Sanskrit.

There after he was succeeded by Mrs. K.Ramanathan as the Head of the Department.

Mrs.V.Sivasanthiran is making use of her study leave to do her Ph.D. degree at the University of Sri Jayawardhanapura. Mrs. S.Jeganathan will be completing M. Phil dissertation soon.

Mr.V.Sivasamy was promoted to the grade of Professor on merit on 20th May 1996.

As the Senior member and pioneer academic staff of the Department Prof.V.Sivasamy formulated the Degree syllabus (both General and Special) first in 1975 in consultation with Prof.K.Kailasanatha Kurukkal. This was later revised in 1979 and 1992. He also formulated the Sanskrit syllabus for the feeder courses. He had to shoulder heavy responsibility in the teaching of Sanskrit for the General and Special Degree courses besides a number of feeder courses.

Besides the other members of the staff who were appointed at different periods Prof.K.Kailasanatha Kurukkal and Prof. P.Gopalakrishna Iyer who are Sanskrit scholars from the sister Department of Hindu Civilization helped the Department in certain areas of Sanskrit studies like the Saivagamas at the Special and Post Graduate Degree levels.

The Dept. of Sanskrit provides supervision and guidance to Post Graduate students too. Prof. V.Sivasamy has supervised some Post Graduate students in Sanskrit, History and Fine Arts.

Post Graduate Courses: M.Phil. Degree is allowed at present, some topics on Epics and Classical Sanskrit Literature are allowed depending on the availability of supervision and other resources.

Sanskrit is provided for the General Degree Course and Special Degree course.

Further it is a subject for Special Degree courses in Hindu Civilization, History, Hindu Philosophy - Saiva Siddhanta and Tamil.

It is a subject for the Diploma Courses and Degree courses in Music and Dance. In these it is taught with relevance to the main subject.

It was a subject for the Post Graduate Diploma Courses in Hindu Civilization till 1981.

Mrs.K.Ramanathan Senior Lecturer, Hindu Civilization has been appointed as the Head /Sanskrit with effect from 10th October 1998.

After the retirement of Prof. V. Sivasamy the Department is left with one Senior Lecturer (Gr. II) and two Lecturers (Prob.).

DEPARTMENT OF TAMIL

When the Jaffna Campus of University of Sri Lanka started in 1974, it was announced that this higher learning Institution would be the centre of excellence for Tamil and Hindu studies. Thus the inception of the Jaffna Campus, Tamil was one of the subjects taught in the then Faculty of Humanities. The President of the Campus, Dr.K.Kailasapathy was appointed as the First Professor of Tamil. He was looking after the Department of Tamil too. Mrs.Y.Ganeshaligam, a Lecturer at Jaffna College was absorbed into our Department. Mrs.S.Maunaguru was appointed

as an Assistant Lecturer. In 1975 August, Dr.A.Sanmugadas was transferred from Peradeniya Campus as Lecturer Grade II. In 1976 February, he was appointed as Lecturer in Charge of the Department of Tamil.

When University of Jaffna was established, Associate Professor K.Sivathamby became the Head of the Department of Tamil. It was sad that our first Professor of Tamil, Dr.K.Kailasapathy passed away untimely. Dr.A.Velupillai was appointed as Professor of Tamil from 1984, January 2nd. On the same day Dr.A.Sanmugadas was appointed as an Associate Professor of Tamil on merit. In University of Jaffna, Dr.A.Sanmugadas was the first to gain Associate Professorship on merit. Dr.E.Balasundaram functioned as the Head of the Department from 1990 to 1992 March. Prof.A.Sanmugadas succeeded him and he also became the first Head of the newly established Department of Music in 1995. When Prof.A.Sanmugadas was elected as Dean of the Faculty of Arts Associate Professor N.Subramaniam was appointed as the Head of the Department. Dr. S. Sivalingarajah is at the moment functioning as the Head of the Department.

Late Prof K.Kailasapathy took immense academic interest to develop the curriculum of the Department. From the inception, he was keen that the Department of Tamil in University of Jaffna should take keen interest in Sri Lankan Tamil Studies. The Undergraduate and Postgraduate courses were devised to achieve this goal.

The Department teaches Tamil for the General and Special Degree Courses. It also teaches Tamil as a subject for the First Year and Third Year students in the Departments of Music and Dance (Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts), Statistically, this Department has produced the largest number of graduates who had offered Tamil as a subject.

From the inception, Department was equipped with at least two members of the staff who were qualified to supervise and guide postgraduate research. Professor Kailasapathy and Dr. Sanmugadas shared the postgraduate work till Professor Sivathamby join our staff. The Department was fortunate to have Professor S.Vithianathan, then Vice Chancellor of University of Jaffna to help in our undergraduate teaching and Postgraduate supervision. The Department has produced eight Ph.D. which is the maximum number that has produced by any Department in the University.

Eighteen Masters Degree have been produced by the Department. Department is now fully equipped with the necessary resource persons to undertake research in any areas in Tamilology.

Postgraduate research has been mainly directed towards rediscovery and evaluation of the Sri Lankan Tamil Literary heritage.

The Department has a small Library with books from late Professor S.Vithianathan and Prof.A.Velupillai. Students use this for their quick reference.

Department organized a series of Seminars on "Creative Literature and Science". The paper read at these seminars were published by the Department in 1977. The collection entitled "ஆக்க இலக்கியமும் அறிவியலும்" (Creative Literature and Science), edited by Dr.A.Sanmugadas the first publication of the Department. A two days Seminar (13th,14th June 1980) on Sri Lanka Tamil Folklore was organised by the Department in memory of late Professor K.Kanapathipillai. A monograph containing the various papers read at the Seminar was published by the Department.

Time to time the Department has been requested by the Department of Education to organize Seminars for G.C.E(A/L) teachers. Department has been conducting Seminars in memory of late Professor K.Kailasapathy. Papers on Sri Lankan Tamil Literature read at one of those Seminars are now being published by the Ministry of Education Cultural Affairs and Sports of the North Eastern Provincial Council.

All members of the Department are involved on a research project on Cankam Literature. Late Professor K.Kailasapathy Professor K.Sivathamby, Professor A.Veluppillai, Professor A.Sanmugadas and Professor N.Subramaniam have been serving as assessors for Postgraduate research theses from foreign Universities.

ENGLISH LANGUAGE TEACHING CENTRE

Department of English was one of the pioneer Departments to be constituted, where English Literature and Basic English courses were conducted. Subsequently the ELTC was set up to conduct the ESL programme covering all the Faculties. As we look back into the history of the Department it is only appropriate that we remember with a deep sense of gratitude valuable service rendered by the Late Prof. A. J. Gunawardene, in setting up the Department, even before various other academic Departments were organized.

At the inception, the Dean of the Faculty of Arts, headed the Department with the assistance of a member of the staff as Co-ordinator. It is remarkable that the first 3 staff members hailed from the three nationalities in Sri Lanka providing equal representation. Mr.S.G.Sivagurunathan was appointed the first Co-ordinator who later served as Head/ELTC for the major part of the 25years of the ELTC, with Miss . Wanigatunge, Miss. Mahesan and Mrs. Fowzie Cader as the pioneer members. We could also take pride in the fact that we under took cross media teaching for the two distinctive Linguistic groups enabling a flow and exchange of ideas and experiences.

Since 1980 the designation of the Co-ordinator has been elevated to the status of a Head and he represents the University in the Inter University Committee of the Heads of ELTC, a committee that was set up to improve the standard of the English teaching programme at the Universities. Later in 1984, a cadre for an Assistant Lecturer was created in the ELTC in accordance with U.G.C regulations and the Assistant Lecturer served as Head of the Centre.

Though housed at the Faculty of Arts the ELTC has been serving all the Faculties in teaching English as a Second Language even at the time when the Instructors had to shuttle between Vaddukoddai, Kaithady and Thirunelvely. It has continued its services throughout the quarter century extending to its maximum capacity. A recent revision of the teaching programme resulted in ESL being made a compulsory component for all the students in the Faculties of Arts and Management studies and Commerce and it has been made a prerequisite for the award of a degree. ESL is taught at 3 Levels during the first second and third years of the students in the Faculties of Arts, Management studies and Commerce and the Departments of Fine Arts of the Ramanathan Academy and the Siddha Medicine. While the marks scored in ESL is not computed in the examination system, the degree is not awarded to a student until he completes the ESL requirements. This compulsion has provided the students with a motivational drive. The Faculties of Science and Agriculture have made ESL Level I Compulsory Component.

A teaching programme of two professional, year-long, full-time diplomas in English Language Teaching - a diploma course for non-graduate English teachers and a Post-Graduate Diploma was inaugurated in 1993. Instructors from the ELTC as well teachers from the schools in Jaffna Peninsula benefited from this course and it is appropriate to mention here that due to the efforts of the present Vice-Chancellor this has paved way for the Diploma holders to complete a General Degree programme in two years time being exempted from GAQ examination. A course in ESL for the Post-Graduate Diploma in Public Administration was also conducted. In addition the centre has extended its services to the External Unit and the Extra Mural Studies Unit ever since their formation.

The centre, during its 25 years of existence has conducted various seminars, Lectures and cultural performances under the auspices of the English Forum and in collaboration with the U.G.C, the Asia Foundation and the British Council. It has had consultant services here from international organizations, and the staff has enjoyed the privilege of attending seminars in Colombo annually for a number of years. The ELTC has set up a mini Language Lab with audio-video facilities. Though the equipment were lost in 1995, at present the centre is in a position to re-equip it. Throughout the years of its existence the ELTC has managed to maintain a Library of its own for which it extends its gratitude to the first Head - Mr.S.G.Sivagurunathan whose untiring efforts made possible donations from Asia Foundation the British Council and the American Centre.

The Centre has also actively taken part in the organization of the GELT programme in the Northern Region.

The present numerical strength of the staff though inadequate can boast of members with Post graduate training and research work. The Centre is hopeful of a bright future with the ever-growing need and fervent cry for more English at the national level.

FACULTY OF GRADUATE STUDIES

"The Faculty of Graduate Studies is devoted to pursue and to encourage a higher level of research, teaching and scholarship in various fields of studies to be of greater use to the society at large".

The University Grants Commission by its letter dated 25th May 1999 informed that it had approved the establishment of Faculty of Graduate Studies at the University of Jaffna.

On the recommendation of the Vice-Chancellor, Professor P. Balasundarampillai, the University Grants Commission appointed Professor A. Sanmugadas as the First-Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies from 15th June 1999. Prof. Sanmugadas assumed duty as the First Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies from 16th June 1999. Faculty started operating from a room in the Ramanathan Block. On 14th July 1999, the Faculty moved into a new premises along Kumarasamy Road just in front of the University entrance. On the same day the first-meeting of the Faculty Board of the Faculty of Graduate Studies was held.

The following Boards of studies proposed by the Faculty Board were approved by the Senate.

BOARD OF STUDIES

I. EARTH SCIENCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES:

1. Prof. V.K. Ganesalingam (Chairman)
2. Prof. P. Balasundarampillai
3. Prof. K. Kunaramam
4. Prof. (Mrs). R. Mageswaran
5. Prof. S. Balachandiran
6. Prof. R. Sivachandran
7. Prof. S. Mohanadas
8. Prof. K. Kugabalan
9. Dr. (Mrs). P. Krishnarajah
10. Eng. R. Vijayaratnam
11. Mrs. N. Ravimannan
12. Mr. G. Mikunthan

II. HISTORICAL AND SOCIAL STUDIES:

1. Prof. S. K. Sittampalam (On Sabbatical leave)
2. Prof. S. Sathiaseelan (Acting Chairman)
3. Prof. P. Balasundarampillai
4. Prof. V. Arumugam
5. Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer
6. Prof. A. Balachandiran
7. Prof. N. Subramaniam
8. Dr. N. Shanmugalingam
9. Dr. A. V. Manivasagar
10. Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram
11. Mr. V. P. Sivanathan

III. LANGUAGES AND CULTURAL STUDIES:

1. Prof. S. Suceendirarajah (Chairman)
2. Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer
3. Prof. N. Subramaniam
4. Dr. Saba Jeyarasah
5. Dr. N. Shanmugalingam
6. Dr. S. Sivalingarajah
7. Rev. Dr. R. A. J. Matthias
8. Mrs. R. Kailainathan
9. Mrs. K. Ramanathan
10. Mrs. N. Selvanayagam
11. Mrs. S. Pathmalingam

IV. RELIGIOUS AND PHILOSOPHICAL STUDIES:

1. Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer (Chairman)
2. Prof. S. Krishnarajah (On Sabbatical leave)
3. Prof. N. Gnanakumaran
4. Dr. N. Shanmugalingam
5. Rev. Dr. R. A. J. Matthias
6. Mrs. K. Ramanathan
7. Mrs. N. Selvanayagam

V. DEVELOPMENT STUDIES:

1. Prof. P. Balasundarampillai (Chairman)
2. Prof. N. Balakrishnan
3. Prof. S. Balachandiran
4. Prof. R. Sivachandran
5. Dr. (Mrs). P. Krishnarajah
6. Dr. N. Shanmugalingam
7. Dr. A. V. Manivasagar
8. Dr. A. Navaratnarajah
9. Eng. R. Vijayaratham
10. Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram
11. Mr. V.P. Sivanathan
12. Mr. K. Thevarajah
13. Mr. K. K. Arulvel
14. Mrs. N. Tharmaseelan
15. Mrs. N. Ravimannan

VI. LIFE SCIENCE:

1. Prof. V. K. Ganesalingam
2. Prof. (Mrs). R. Mageswaran
3. Prof. (Miss). V. Arasaratham
4. Prof. S. Mohanadas
5. Dr. (Mrs). P. Krishnarajah

6. Dr.A. Navaratnarajah
7. Dr.S. Sri Krishnaraj
8. Mr. S. Rajadurai
9. Mrs. N. Ravimannan

VII. PHYSICAL SCIENCE:

1. Prof. K. Kunaratnam (Chairman)
2. Prof. V. Tharmaratnam
3. Prof. R. Kumaravadivel
4. Prof. (Mrs). R. Mageswaran
5. Prof. (Miss).V. Arasaratnam
6. Prof. K. Kandasamy
7. Dr. S .Kanaganathan
8. Dr. S. Mahesan
9. Mr. P.Makinan

VIII. MANAGEMENT AND COMMERCE:

1. Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram (Chairman)
2. Prof. N. Balakrishnan
3. Mr. K.Thevarajah
4. Mr. K. K. Arulvel
5. Mrs. N. Tharmaseelan
6. Mr.V.P.Sivanathan
7. Mr. R. Nanthakumaran

IX. MEDICAL SCIENCE (NON-CLINICAL)

1. Prof. S. V. Parameswaran (On Sabbatical leave)
2. Prof. M. Sivasuriya(Acting Chairman)
3. Prof. D. J. Somasundaram
4. Prof. (Miss). V. Arasaratnam
5. Visitng Prof. V. Kunanandan
6. Prof. S. Bhavani
7. Dr. (Mrs). J. Ganeshamoorthy
8. Dr. N. Sivarajah
9. Dr. C.S.Nachchinarkiniyan
10. Dr. R. Rajendra Prasad
11. Dr. D. Gunarajasingam
12. Dr. (Mrs).G. A. Bhavani

X. AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES:

1. Prof. S. Mohandas (Chairman)
2. Prof. V.K.Ganesalingam
3. Prof. (Mrs). R. Mageswaran
4. Prof. S. Balachandiran

5. Dr. A.Navaratnarajah
6. Dr. (Mrs). P. Krishnarajah
7. Eng. R. Vijayaratnam
8. Mr. S. Rajadurai
9. Mr. V.P. Sivanathan
10. Mrs. N. Ravimannan
11. Mr. G. Mikunthan

XI. EDUCATION:

1. Prof. V. Arumugam (Chairman)
2. Prof. V.K. Ganesalingam
3. Prof. K. Sinnathamby
4. Dr. (Mrs). P. Krishnarajah
5. Dr. Saba Jeyarasah
6. Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram
7. Miss. S. Arulanandam
8. Mrs. N. Tharmaseelan
9. Miss. T. Krishnan

XII. ACADEMIC CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEE:

1. Prof. A. Sanmugadas (Chairman)
2. Prof.. K. Kunaratnam
3. Prof. P. Balasundarampillai
4. Prof. V. K. Ganasalingam
5. Prof. S. Suceendirarajah
6. Prof. V. Arumugam
7. Prof. M. Sivasuriya
8. Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer
9. Prof. S. Mohandas
10. Prof. S. Sathiaselvan
11. Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram

The Faculty has already made arrangements to run a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration. The Faculty is awaiting proposals from various Boards of Studies to commence new courses. University of Jaffna is producing many graduates. They will definitely be attracted by new postgraduate courses that are to be begun in this Faculty.

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES AND COMMERCE



Seated L.-R.: Mr. K. Balasubramaniam, Mr. K. K. Arulvel, Mr. K. Thevarajah, Mr. M. Nadarajasundram (Dean), Mrs. N. Tharmaseelan, Mr. S. Sivarajah, Mr. P. Kamalanathan.
Standing : Mrs. T. Raveendran, Mr. T. Velhamby, Mr. V. Easwaran, Mr. E. Ratnam, Mr. A. Subramaniam, Mrs. R. Yogendrarajah.

FACULTY OF MANAGEMENT STUDIES AND COMMERCE

The Bachelor of Commerce Degree started in 1977 was conducted under the Dept. of Economics in the Faculty of Arts until 1983. The Dept. of Commerce was approved by the University Grants Commission on 31st of July, 1982 and it began functioning on 18th of December 1983. Dr. Nithianathan was appointed as the Head of the Department.

The Department of Commerce and Management studies was established on 1st of January 1986 and Prof. S. Rajaratnam was appointed the Head of this Department, and he relinquished his duties on 11th November, 1990. Subsequently Mr. V.P. Sivanathan held the office as Head for a short period. Prof. N. Balakrishnan assumed the office as the Head from 14th of March, 1991 to 4th of May 1993. From 4th May, 1993 Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram succeeded as the Head of this Department.

The Department of Commerce and Management Studies was segregated into two separate Departments viz: the Department of Management Studies and the Department of Commerce on 1st of September, 1994. Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram and Mr. K. Thevarajah were the Heads of the Department of Management Studies and the Department of Commerce respectively.

The Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce was established on 29th May, 1999 and Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram was elected as the First Dean of the Faculty on 29th of May, 1999.

Bachelor of Business Administration – (Special Degree Programme)

The Undergraduate programme, a four-year course in Business Administration leads to Bachelor of Business Administration (BBA) Degree. Presently we offer two specialized branches within the Degree programme. From the third year onwards, students can offer Human Resource Management or Financial Management specialization; this selection of the specialization is entirely on individual preferences. The specialised programme is an academic-based professional course for undergraduates who seek to prepare themselves for careers in Business Management and Administration in Private and Public Sectors. The course of study is designed to develop the skills, the attitudes and the understanding essential for the Management Business and administrative affairs in the present complex business environment.

The curriculum of the programme provides theoretical and practical knowledge in major functional areas such as Finance and Human Resource Management. While concentrating on functional areas of Management, courses in Mathematics, Statistics, Management Science and Accounting are designed to improve the quantitative skill of the participant in Managerial decision-making.

Post- Graduate Studies

The Department offers Post-Graduate Studies to a limited number of students. A few students are doing M.Phil, in Business Administration, in the areas of Leadership and Finance. The minimum period to submit the M.Phil, Dissertation is 2 years. It is a complete research Degree.

Bachelor of Commerce – (Special Degree) Programme

The Under graduate programme a four years course in Commerce, leading to Bachelor of Commerce and awarding B.Com degree. Presently the Department offer two specialized branches as Accounting and Marketing within the degree programme. During the third year onwards students can offer specialization. The selection for specialization is entirely on the individual preference. The specialized programme is an academic and Professional course for Under-graduate who seek to prepare themselves for career in Accounting and Marketing Management in government and private sector.

Post graduate programme

The Department provides Post-Graduate Degree to limited number of students. Nearly twenty students are doing M.Phil in Commerce in the area of Commerce and Management. The minimum period to submit the M.Phil Dissertation is two years. It is a complete research Degree. The Department awarded first M.Phil Degree in Commerce last year.

Future Plans

English will be introduced as the medium of instruction for the Undergraduates of the Faculty. Bilingual teaching will be carried out in the first year and the medium will be entirely English from the Ssecond year onwards.

In order to get the students acquainted with professional skills and experience, professional training in the field of accounting, auditing, banking and small scale investment will be provided. The Development of Commerce/Management education has received, quite rightly, a great deal of emphasis in recent times in this country, and this should form a very vital component in the further development of academic programme in the Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce in our University. Management education today is a fast developing field in other Universities and Professional Institutions, having closer links with Industry and Business. Another related dimension is the strong professional orientation given to Management Studies. We too should keep pace with some of these developments not only to enrich Commerce/Management curriculum but also to give it an adequate professional orientation which can enhance the employable potential of our graduates. The Faculty should be able to achieve these objectives.

The Faculty with an adequately trained staff can enable the development of a more diversified course structure in Commerce and Management, and greater degree of specialization in these fields than what is possible within a Departmental framework. This will also require both revamping of existing course and introduction of new course, such as, Industrial Psychology, Human Resource Management, Small business Enterprises and Co-operatives, Banking and Insurance, International Finance and Marketing, Management Information Systems Computer Applications in Business, Industrial Relations and Labour Economics and Public Sector Management.

The Faculty will also contribute to the development of Postgraduate study and research in disciplines coming within its purview. Up to now the Department has not been able to develop its postgraduate programme even though the demand for Post Graduate degree from our own graduate has increased. The new Faculty in its undergraduate and Postgraduate programme will cater largely, but not exclusively, to the needs of the Tamil speaking students with the medium of instruction in both Tamil and English. In its Postgraduate programmes, it is preferable to have as much English as possible.

FACULTY OF MEDICINE

The Faculty of Medicine of the University of Jaffna was established on 7th of August 1978 in the building of the Siddha Ayurvedic College at Kaithady. Initially the preclinical course was started with the admission of 70 students. This Faculty was ceremonially opened on 8th October 1978 by late Honourable Minister of Higher Education Mr.Nissanka Wijeratne. The foundation stone for the permanent building for the Faculty was laid by late Vice-Chancellor Prof.S.Vithiananthan. The construction of the building was completed in 1988.

The **First Dean** - Prof.A.A.Hoover - May 1978 - June 1981.

The First Professors of the Departments

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| 1. Anatomy | - Prof.R.Kanagasunderam |
| 2. Biochemistry | - Prof.A.A.Hoover |
| 3. Physiology | - Prof.S.V.Parameswaran |
| 4. Community Medicine | - Prof.C.Sivagnanasundram |
| 5. Forensic Medicine | - Prof.N.Saravanapavananthan |
| 6. Pharmacology | - Prof.(Mrs)T.Saravanapavananthan |
| 7. Pathology | - Prof.C.C.Balasubramaniam |
| 8. Medicine | - Prof.N.Sriharan |
| 9. Paediatrics | - Prof.D.Ramadas |
| 10. Psychiatry | - Prof.T.Ganeshwaran |

DEANS

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| 1. Professor A.A.Hoover | May 1978 - June 1981 |
| 2. Prof.R.Kanagasunderam | July 1981 - December 1983 |
| 3. Prof.C.Sivagnanasundram | January 1984 - August 1988 |
| 4. Prof.K.Balasubramaniam | August 1988 - July 1994 |
| 5. Prof.S.V.Parameswaran | August 1994 - July 1997 |
| 6. Dr.R.Rajendraprasad | August 1997 - To date |

The first batch of 70 students was admitted on 7th August 1978. These students passed the Final MBBS examination in July 1983. During its 21 year period 21 batches of students have been admitted for MBBS Course. Of these 13 batches of students have got their MBBS Degree from University of Jaffna. 8 Batches of students are still studying in this Faculty and the total number is 518. This number includes the students from the North Lanka Medical College. The Faculty has proudly contributed 825 doctors to the health service of Sri Lanka.

The primary objective of this centre is for undergraduate training in learning, research and health service. The departments are also actively involved in training postgraduate students and publishing research articles in the local and international Journals.

**MEMBERS OF THE FACULTY BOARD OF THE FACULTY OF MEDICINE
AND CLINICAL TEACHING STAFF**



Seated L.-R. : Prof. D. J. Somasundaram, Dr. N. Sivarajah, Dr. (Ms) Amanda Rouse, Dr. (Mrs) J. Ganeshamoorthy, Prof. M. Sivasuriya, Dr. R. Rajendra Prasad, Prof. C. Sivagnanasundaram (Emeritus), Dr. (Ms) N. Kanagaratnam, Dr. Mrs. S. Nagendra and Dr. D. Gunarajasingam
Standing L.-R. : Mrs. K. Chandrasegaram, Miss. A. Ambikaibakan, Dr. Mrs. K. Kugathan, Dr. Miss. P. Sinnappa, Dr. R. Rajajane, Dr. S. Rammanohar, Dr. K. Sivanesan, Mr. T. Gobi Shankar, Mr. T. Geogre, Dr. N. Yoganayagam, Mr. S. Sivanathan and Rev. S. Damian.
Absentees : Prof. K. Balasubramaniam (Emeritus), Prof. S. V. Parameswaran, Prof. Miss. V. Arasaratnam, Prof. V. Kunanandam, Dr. D. C. Ambalavanar, Dr. K. T. Sivapatham, Dr. C. S. Nacharkiniyan, Mr. A. Senthuran, Dr. Mrs. M. Jaganathan, Dr. R. Rajeswaran, Dr. S. Karunanatham, Dr. Miss. A. Arampamoorthy, Dr. Miss. K. Kulasingam.

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DEPARTMENT OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY
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1980 - 1981



Seated L.-R.: Dr. M. Jegasothy (Lecturer) Prof. M. Sivasuriya (Professor & Head) Dr. P. Thayalasekaran (Registrar)

Standing L.-R.: Dr. S. Murugiah, Dr. Miss. S. Puthrasingam, Miss. K. Nirmalarance, Miss. N. Sinnadurai,
Mr. M. K. Kumarasingam.

The activities of the Departments

Anatomy

Anatomy was organised by renowned Professor R.Kanagasunderam. Technical Officers have been trained in museum mounting, slides and bone preparations under the sponsorship of W.H.O. This training was of immense help to special students in Zoology and postgraduate M.Phil students in Anatomy in their research work. Would start integrated B.Sc and M.Sc course soon and strengthen its link programme with Christian Medical College Vellore in M.Phil Anatomy programme.

Heads

The department was manned by the following Heads.

1. Dr.P.Ambihapathy, MBBS. - 1978 - 1980
2. Prof.R.Kanagasunderam, MBBS, PhD, D.Sc - 1981 - 1982
3. Dr(Mrs)R.Thiranagama, MBBS, PhD, - 1982 - 1989
4. Dr.R.Rajendraprasad, MBBS, M.Phil. - 1995 - 1997

Physiology

When the Faculty was ceremoniously opened on October 1978, Professor S.V.Parameswaran was appointed as Head of the Department. The Department got its form on the direction and guidance of Prof.Parameswaran who with his responsibilities for teaching and several other commitments to the University contributed a lot for the growth and progress of the Department. Since its establishment in its permanent place in September 1986 its facilities paved way for increasing the number of students and other activities. The targets could not be reached due to the existing problems in Jaffna since 1983.

Professor Parameswaran has made few changes in the curriculum with the view to integrate pre-clinical and para-clinical teachings since 1986.

The department also conducted Physiology lectures for Asst. Medical Practitioner course from 1979 to 1986. It also helps the Siddha Medicine Students in the subject of Physiology.

Heads

The department was manned by the following Heads.

1. Prof.S.V.Parameswaran, B.Sc, M.Sc, Ph.D - 1978 - 1994
2. Dr.K.Sivapalan, MBBS, Ph.D. - 1994 - 1995
3. Mr.D.Gunarajasingam, B.V.Sc., M.Phil., Ph.D. - 1996 - to date.

It is also planned, in future, to accommodate Post-Graduate students in advanced learning courses in research leading to M.Sc, M.Phil as well as Ph.D.

Retirement

Mr.T.Jeyachandran, Senior Technical Officer has retired in 1997. He has assisted not only in the departmental activities but also in matters related to community by the department as well.

Biochemistry

The activities of the department commenced in 1978 under the leadership of Professor A.A.Hoover.

Heads

The department was manned by the following Heads:

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|----------------------------------|----------------|
| 1. Prof.A.A.Hoover. B.Sc., Ph.D. | 1978 - 1981 |
| 2. Prof.R.Ramasamy | 1982 - 1983 |
| 3. Prof.K.Balasubramaniam | 1984 - 1985 |
| 4. Dr.T.Vinayagamoorthy | 1985 - 1986 |
| 5. Prof.K.Balasubramaniam | 1986 - 1990 |
| 6. Prof(Miss).V.Arasaratnam | 1990 - 1996 |
| 7. Prof.K.Balasubramaniam | 1996 - 1997 |
| 8. Prof(Miss).V.Arasaratnam | 1997 - to date |

Prof.K.Balasubramaniam a renowned Scientist has brought a revolution in the curriculum of Biochemistry by introducing student research. He also introduced M.Sc Biotechnology course for Postgraduate students which led to the establishment of first link programme of the Jaffna University with Uppsala University, Sweden. This has given rise to sandwiched Ph.D. programme involving local and international Universities. He was also responsible for the establishment of an independent Centre for Biotechnology.

Activities

When the A.M.P. course was conducted in Jaffna this department took active part in the training programme. The department has been involved in teaching Botany(Special) students and Agriculture Chemistry(Special) students.

The department has produced 4 batches of M.Sc Biotechnology students since November 1986. The first Ph.D. degree in Biochemistry was awarded in 1989.

The department has served the university community and the patients of the teaching hospital, Jaffna by carrying out Biochemical investigations.

The department is actively involved in undergraduate and postgraduate research and standard articles are published in local and international journals.

Community Medicine

Prof.C.Sivagnanasundram was the founder Professor of the Department of Community Medicine and he was responsible for the development of the Department.

Heads

The department was manned by the following Heads:

1. Prof.C.Sivagnanasundram, MBBS., DPH., PhD. 1979 - 1983
2. Dr.N.Sivarajah, MBBS., DTPH., M.D. 1984 - to date

Prof.C.Sivagnanasundram is responsible for the present curriculum of the medical graduates, for the establishment of the Kokuvil Kondavil Community Health Project area for the training of Undergraduates and also for the establishment of the AMP training course in Jaffna in 1980.

Activities

The department is actively involved in undergraduate course and supervision of post- graduate research, Training programmes, Community Health Activities, publication of documents and journals on health related matters. The department has also assisted the national and international NGOs in several of their projects.

Future plan & Development

- Establishment of
- 1) Paramedical Training Unit
 - 2) Postgraduate Training Centre
 - 3) Health Resource centre
 - 4) Health Museum

Forensic Medicine

Late Prof.N.Saravanapavanathan, MBBS, D.M.J., FRCP., appointed in 1990 shouldered the responsibilities of the Academic activities of the Department. He also handled the entire Medico-Legal work in the Teaching Hospital Jaffna from 1986 to 1992. He authored a book titled "Medico Legal Aspects of Injuries". He received an award of merit at the first world meeting of the Police Surgeons and Medical Officers held in USA in recognition of his contribution to the Forensic Sciences in Sri Lanka and throughout the world. He died in 1992 and since then there had been no permanent academic appointment. Undergraduate teaching is helped by visiting staff from the Teaching Hospital, Jaffna.

Pathology

This includes the divisions of Microbiology and Parasitology.

Heads

Dr(Mrs)V.Sriskandavarman MBBS, MRCP (Path)	1980 - 1986
Dr(Mrs)G.Ramadas MBBS.M.Sc.	1987 - 1990

Activities

The department is actively involved in teaching and service function to the Clinical Units of the Teaching Hospital, Jaffna. Despite various constraints the department continues to function serving the needs of students and patients. Dr.V.S.Pathmanathan, former Consultant Pathologist, Teaching Hospital Jaffna and late Dr.K.Vellauthapillai, Consultant Microbiologist, M.R.I helped the department till 1995. The department of Surgery and department of Community Medicine takes special interest in the academic programme of Microbiology and Parasitology.

Pharmacology

Prof(Mrs)T.Saravanapavanathan MBBS., D.A., FFARCS(Lond), FFARCS(Ireland) was appointed as the Head since 1980 to 1992. In addition to teaching and service function to the Hospitals she has done research regarding Urinary calculi, poisoning and anaesthesia in collaboration with the Department of Medicine. The Department of Medicine still continues to have special interest in the academic activities of the department of Pharmacology.

Medicine

The University Medical Unit commenced functioning at the General Hospital, Jaffna(Teaching) on 1st October 1980 under Prof.N.Sriharan. MBBS., M.D., MRCP., Ph.D. Unfortunately he resigned the post in 1984, due to the situation prevailed in the North. Dr.A.Nageswaran., MBBS., MRCP., was appointed as Head of the Department of Medicine from 1985 to 1990. Dr(Mrs)J.Ganeshamoorthy was appointed as Head, department of Medicine from 1991 to date.

Activities

The first batch of students started their Professorial appointments in July 1982 and sat their Final MBBS Examination in 1983. It is creditable that several of the Junior Doctors have specialized in Medicine.

During Prof.Sreeharan's period the department engaged in research projects and produced several publications in both local and international Medical Journals. Research activities were curtailed due to shortage of staff after the outbreak of the civil war since late eighties.

In spite of constraints prevailing the department continues to do the teaching to undergraduate students and health service to the community.

Surgery

The department of Surgery is housed in General Hospital, Jaffna (Teaching). The father of the department late Prof.V.Karunainathan, MBBS., FRCS(Edin) has carefully built it with the assistance of his two Senior Lecturers Dr.M.Vetpillai and Dr.N.Sriskandarman. The curriculum of surgical teaching was laid, clinical research was introduced and the tools of investigation of surgical patients were established. After the demise of Prof.Karunainathan in 1993 the Hospital Consultant Surgeons late Dr.S.Ponnampalam, late Dr.V.Krishnarajah and Dr.M.Genesharatnam bore the brunt of teaching till 1995. After the exodus in 1995 there were no Consultant Surgeons in the hospital for some time. The professorial teaching of surgery was delegated to peripheral hospital in Trincomalee and Batticaloa. The department was re-built after the appointment of Dr.V.Kunanandam and Dr.D.C.Ambalavanar. Recently a cystoscope/resectoscope was purchased from the Canadian government donation through the effort of Dr.Ambalavanar.

The department has plans to rebuild the radiology unit, install a computerised tomogram scanner, equip the Intensive Care Unit and the Operating Theatre.

Obstetrics and Gynaecology

The University Obstetric & Gynaecological Unit commenced functioning at the General Hospital Jaffna (Teaching) on 9th October 1980. Professor M.Sivasuriya, MBBS., FRCS(Eng), FRCS(Edin), FRCS(Glas), FRCOG., F.S.L.C.O.G assumed duties earlier as the founder Professor of Obstetrics and Gynaecology, University of Jaffna on 20th April 1979. The first batch of students started their Professorial appointments in July 1982 and sat the Final MBBS in July 1983. While focusing on its primary objective of being a centre for undergraduate and post-graduate training in Obstetrics and Gynaecology the Department actively engaged in many research projects in its formative years coming out with several publications in both local and international medical journals. Notable amongst them was "A new technique for closure of the uterus at Caesarean section" that appeared in the Australian and New-Zealand journal of Obstetrics & Gynaecology (May 1988) which was well received by the Obstetrics fraternity. The outbreak of the civil war greatly curtailed all facets of academic and research activities due to an acute shortage of academic and supporting clinical staff. Despite the serious constraints still prevailing the Department continues to function to the best of its ability serving the needs of the students of the Faculty and the people of Jaffna.

Paediatrics

The Department of Paediatrics was established in 1980 under the leadership of Prof.D.Ramadas MBBS., FRCP., DCH(Lond), DCH(Cey). in the General Hospital Jaffna. Until he left the Island in 1990 the department actively carried out teaching, research and service function with the support of late Dr.S.Vamadevan and late Dr.Sivapathasuntheram, Consultant Paediatrician,

General Hospital Jaffna. Dr(Mrs)V.M.Karunakaran was appointed Head, department of Paediatrics from November 1990. She also resigned from service in 1998. Since then the teaching programme is done with the help of the Hospital Consultants, M.S.F. Paediatrician and Prof.Harendra de Silva from University of Ruhuna. Now Dr.Sivanesan Dept. of Medicine is appointed as acting Head to the Department of Paediatrics.

Psychiatry

The Department of Psychiatry initially began as part of the Department 1979 under Prof.T.Ganeswaran. MBBS., MRCP(Psy.) D.P.M.R.C.P., R.C.S. The department has grown to become independent in 1988. At present Prof.D.J.Somasunderam. MBBS, B.A., M.D. is the Head of the Department.

Activities

The psychiatric wards are accommodated in the District Hospital, Tellipalai. Clinics are conducted in District Hospital, Tellipalai and Teaching Hospital, Jaffna. The department involves in teaching, research and service to patients. It also involves in integrated teaching of medical students from 2nd MBBS to Final MBBS level. It has expanded its teaching and education programmes to the other faculties, postgraduates students, schools, organisations and community. Teaching of various levels of health staff such as nursing students and family health workers in psychiatry had been done for the Ministry of Health. The department has done considerable research and published papers articles and books on a variety of topics locally and internationally both in English and Tamil. It is foreseen that all these activities will continue and be expanded in future.

Teaching Hospital

The Faculty of Medicine uses the General Hospital, Jaffna for teaching medical students.

This hospital is situated about 4 kilometers from the Faculty and has 1100 beds. The Hospital Consultants and Senior Medical Officers help the faculty in teaching in pre, para and clinical subjects. The hospital really functions as an extended faculty to teach and maintain the standards of the medical students. The service minded doctors and the co-operative students keeps the faculty functioning fully.

Medical Library

The medical library has book collection of more than 10,000 volumes, a good collection of periodicals and a large collection of bound and unbound journals. This has escaped damage during the 1995 exodus and now it forms a sound base for undergraduate and postgraduate training. Our future plan is to modernise this library for reference and contacts.

Medical Education Unit

The Faculty has a Medical Education Unit which functions with the objectives of training teachers in teaching methodology and curriculum development, and introducing new concepts in Medical Education Unit.

Scholarships, Prizes and other Awards

Awards to students:

on admission	- 06
on the performance at the 2 nd MBBS Examination	- 06
on the performance at the 3 rd MBBS Examination	- 08
on the performance at the Final MBBS Examination	- 08
other awards	- 05
Research awards	- 02

Present Situation of the Faculty

Most of the equipments in the departments were damaged or lost during the 1995 exodus. This has affected the academic and research activities of the faculty. Some of these equipments were replaced and many have to be obtained. The acute shortage of staff is a serious constraint still prevails in the faculty. In spite of this the faculty is functioning to the best of its ability serving the students and community.

We look forward to better times and a brighter future with the birth of the new millennium. We hope the parents and community should give a good encouragement and advise the old students to join the faculty to iron out the acute shortage of staff for the betterment of the students and the people of Jaffna.

FACULTY OF SCIENCE

1. History of the Faculty

The Faculty of Science was initially established at Vaddukoddai premises taken over from the undergraduate section of the Jaffna College, as one of the Faculties of the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka which was ceremoniously inaugurated on 6th October, 1974.

The first batch of students numbering 102 was admitted to the Faculty of Science on 25th October 1974 and courses in pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Statistics were provided to them initially.

The first Dean, Faculty of Science was late Professor P.Kanagasabapathy and after the appointment of the Heads of the Departments the Faculty commenced to function with Assistant Lecturers, Academic support staff and Laboratory staff. Courses in Physical Science and Biological Science commenced in the academic year 1975/76. Thirty five students were admitted to these courses for the first time.

The first Heads of the Departments were as follows when commenced the courses in 1975/76:

Department of Botany:	-----
Department of Chemistry:	Dr. S. Mageswaran
Department of Mathematics and Statistics:	Prof. P. Kanagasabapathy
Department of Physics:	Prof. K.Kunaratnam
Department of Zoology:	Prof. V.K. Ganesalingam

Due to accute shortage of space and fresh water in the Science Faculty of Vaddukoddai premises, the administration decided to put up a new building at Thirunelvely premises where the Faculty of Humanities and the administration were housed. As the Natural Science Block - I was completed in 1978 the Faculty of Science was shifted to the Thirunelvely premises. Botany and Zoology Departments occupied the First floor and the Second floor of the western part of the Natural Science Block-I, where as the western part was occupied by the Chemistry Department. The Physics Department occupied a new building in the Arts Faculty (presently used by SCR and Dean's office, Faculty of Arts) and the Mathematics and Statistics occupied the building presently occupied by the Health Centre. Subsequently Physics Block was completed in 1980 and two buildings, one for Chemistry and other for Mathematics and Statistics were completed in 1985 and 1988 respectively in the Faculty of Science premises. The Chemistry Block was named after the late Prof. Mageswaran, as "Mageswaran Block" in 1998.

At present the Departments of Botany and Zoology occupy the Eastern and Western part of Natural Science Block-I respectively. Chemistry Department and Physics Department have their own buildings.

Department of Mathematics and Statistics, Computer Science and Computer Unit occupy the same building, the former in the First and Second floors and the latter in the Ground floor. The large lecture hall was named after the late Prof. P. Kanagasabapathy as "Kanagasabapathy Hall".

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Standing L.-R. : Mr. I. Sivanantham, Mrs. J. Nandakumar, Mrs. S. Kuganathan, Mr. K. Sutharshan Mr. K. Thaboathan, Mr. J. P. Jeyadevan, Mr. K. Kesavan, Mr. P. Ravirajan, Mr. S. Kannan, Mr. K. Pathmanathan, Mr. R. Krishnakumar, Miss. N. Ratnasabapathy, Miss. N. Krishnapillai, Miss. K. Niranjan.
Absentees : Prof. R. Kumaravadivel, Prof. K. Kunaratnam, Prof. V. Tharmaratnam, Dr. L. Jeyanathan, Dr. (Miss.) S. Saminathan, Dr. M. Skanthurajah, Mr. M. J. Tagore, Mr. P. Ainkaran, Mr. P. Makinan, Mr. S. Yogarajah, Mr. W. Venkatesh, Mr. K. Shammuganathapillai, Mr. R. Prabaharan, Mr. K. Ahilan, Mr. M. Muralietharan, Mr. S. N. Surendran, Mr. K. Parameswaran, Mr. R. Sekaran, Miss S. Satchithanathan, Miss C. Rajendram, Mr. A. C. Thavaranjitt, Miss S. Somasundaram, Mr. T. S. Sothyruban, Mr. R. Sriharan, Mr. S. Sivaraja, Mrs M. Senthilnathanan, Mr. K. Thirulogasanthar, Mr. S. Anton Raviraj, Rev. Prof. G. F. Rajendram.

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Members of the Faculty

The Faculty of Science was initially established in 1956 and comprises members taken over from the Faculty of Arts and the Faculty of Education of the University of Madras.

No.	Name	Designation
1	Dr. V. Srinivasan	Professor
2	Dr. K. Srinivasan	Professor
3	Dr. R. Srinivasan	Professor
4	Dr. M. Srinivasan	Professor
5	Dr. N. Srinivasan	Professor
6	Dr. P. Srinivasan	Professor
7	Dr. Q. Srinivasan	Professor
8	Dr. R. Srinivasan	Professor
9	Dr. S. Srinivasan	Professor
10	Dr. T. Srinivasan	Professor
11	Dr. U. Srinivasan	Professor
12	Dr. V. Srinivasan	Professor
13	Dr. W. Srinivasan	Professor
14	Dr. X. Srinivasan	Professor
15	Dr. Y. Srinivasan	Professor
16	Dr. Z. Srinivasan	Professor
17	Dr. AA. Srinivasan	Professor
18	Dr. AB. Srinivasan	Professor
19	Dr. AC. Srinivasan	Professor
20	Dr. AD. Srinivasan	Professor
21	Dr. AE. Srinivasan	Professor
22	Dr. AF. Srinivasan	Professor
23	Dr. AG. Srinivasan	Professor
24	Dr. AH. Srinivasan	Professor
25	Dr. AI. Srinivasan	Professor
26	Dr. AJ. Srinivasan	Professor
27	Dr. AK. Srinivasan	Professor
28	Dr. AL. Srinivasan	Professor
29	Dr. AM. Srinivasan	Professor
30	Dr. AN. Srinivasan	Professor
31	Dr. AO. Srinivasan	Professor
32	Dr. AP. Srinivasan	Professor
33	Dr. AQ. Srinivasan	Professor
34	Dr. AR. Srinivasan	Professor
35	Dr. AS. Srinivasan	Professor
36	Dr. AT. Srinivasan	Professor
37	Dr. AU. Srinivasan	Professor
38	Dr. AV. Srinivasan	Professor
39	Dr. AW. Srinivasan	Professor
40	Dr. AX. Srinivasan	Professor
41	Dr. AY. Srinivasan	Professor
42	Dr. AZ. Srinivasan	Professor
43	Dr. BA. Srinivasan	Professor
44	Dr. BB. Srinivasan	Professor
45	Dr. BC. Srinivasan	Professor
46	Dr. BD. Srinivasan	Professor
47	Dr. BE. Srinivasan	Professor
48	Dr. BF. Srinivasan	Professor
49	Dr. BG. Srinivasan	Professor
50	Dr. BH. Srinivasan	Professor
51	Dr. BI. Srinivasan	Professor
52	Dr. BJ. Srinivasan	Professor
53	Dr. BK. Srinivasan	Professor
54	Dr. BL. Srinivasan	Professor
55	Dr. BM. Srinivasan	Professor
56	Dr. BN. Srinivasan	Professor
57	Dr. BO. Srinivasan	Professor
58	Dr. BP. Srinivasan	Professor
59	Dr. BQ. Srinivasan	Professor
60	Dr. BR. Srinivasan	Professor
61	Dr. BS. Srinivasan	Professor
62	Dr. BT. Srinivasan	Professor
63	Dr. BU. Srinivasan	Professor
64	Dr. BV. Srinivasan	Professor
65	Dr. BW. Srinivasan	Professor
66	Dr. BX. Srinivasan	Professor
67	Dr. BY. Srinivasan	Professor
68	Dr. BZ. Srinivasan	Professor
69	Dr. CA. Srinivasan	Professor
70	Dr. CB. Srinivasan	Professor
71	Dr. CC. Srinivasan	Professor
72	Dr. CD. Srinivasan	Professor
73	Dr. CE. Srinivasan	Professor
74	Dr. CF. Srinivasan	Professor
75	Dr. CG. Srinivasan	Professor
76	Dr. CH. Srinivasan	Professor
77	Dr. CI. Srinivasan	Professor
78	Dr. CJ. Srinivasan	Professor
79	Dr. CK. Srinivasan	Professor
80	Dr. CL. Srinivasan	Professor
81	Dr. CM. Srinivasan	Professor
82	Dr. CN. Srinivasan	Professor
83	Dr. CO. Srinivasan	Professor
84	Dr. CP. Srinivasan	Professor
85	Dr. CQ. Srinivasan	Professor
86	Dr. CR. Srinivasan	Professor
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89	Dr. CU. Srinivasan	Professor
90	Dr. CV. Srinivasan	Professor
91	Dr. CW. Srinivasan	Professor
92	Dr. CX. Srinivasan	Professor
93	Dr. CY. Srinivasan	Professor
94	Dr. CZ. Srinivasan	Professor
95	Dr. DA. Srinivasan	Professor
96	Dr. DB. Srinivasan	Professor
97	Dr. DC. Srinivasan	Professor
98	Dr. DD. Srinivasan	Professor
99	Dr. DE. Srinivasan	Professor
100	Dr. DF. Srinivasan	Professor

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Department of Physics, Chemistry, Botany, Zoology, Mathematics and Computer that occupy the first floor and the latter in the Ground floor. The Department of Botany is known as "Kanyasulkaly Hall".

The office of the Dean/Science initially occupied at the main office of the undergraduate section of the Jaffna College at the Vaddukoddai premises. When the Faculty of Science shifted to the Thirunelvely premises, the Dean/ Science office occupied a part of Health Centre and then in the First floor of the Maths. Block.

Now the office of the Dean, Faculty of Science occupies in the ground floor of the "Mageswaran Block".

Science Senior Common Room and Science Students Union occupy a small building behind "Mageswaran Block".

Botanical garden and Green house occupy the Eastern part of the Natural Science Block- I. The newly built semi-permanent building is partly occupied by the Centre for the Development of Fisheries and other part is used as lecture/tutorial class room.

2. Deans of the Faculty of Science, University of Jaffna

Prof. P. Kanagasabapathy	Oct. 1974- Jan. 1977
Prof. K. Kunaratnam	Jan.1977- May 1978
Prof. V. Tharmaratnam	June 1978- Dec.1983
Prof. K. Kunaratnam	Jan. 1984- Nov.1988
Prof. V.K. Ganesalingam	April 1988-Feb.1991
Prof. S. Mageswaran	March1991-Oct.1996
Prof..V.K.Ganesalingam	Nov. 1996 - -----

3. Future Plan and Development

Natural Science Block - II will be constructed on the land between the Natural Science Block-I and "Mageswaran Block". Arrangements are made for the commencement of this building in 2000. The foundation stone is expected to be laid in 1999.

Computer Science and Computer Unit will be constructed on the land east to Physics and Maths buildings. Plans are under consideration to commence this building in near future.

Dean/Science Complex has been planned and a small land is ear marked in the Faculty of Science for this complex.

Curriculum is under review to accommodate courses from all the other Faculties so that the students can select their courses with more flexibility.

Chairs in Botany, Physical Chemistry, Organic Chemistry and Statistics are still vacant. They are being advertised periodically, however they are not yet filled.

Department of Fisheries: The proposal for establishment of Department of Fisheries is under consideration.

Students Intake: 100 students for Bio Science and 250 students for Physical Science have been planned. But this number can be increased if the building facilities and number of staff improve.

Postgraduate studies leading to M.Phil. and Ph.D are available in most of the disciplines.

M.Sc. course in Plant Physiology and Horticulture and Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Microbiology have been conducted earlier and they are not in operation now due to lack of staff. Postgraduate courses, M.Sc. in Industrial Chemistry, M.Sc. in Mathematics and M.Sc. in Solid State and Electronics are approved by UGC. But they are delayed due to shortage of staff and equipment. Proposal for commencing M.Sc. Course in Marine Biology has been forwarded to UGC for approval.

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

History

The undergraduate section of the Jaffna College was absorbed by the Jaffna Campus in 1974. Mr.T.Kathirkamarajah and Mr.S. Markandu were absorbed for the Department of Botany and they were the first members of the staff to our Department. Then, Mr.A.Sivapalan, an Assistant Lecturer was appointed and he was the first Head of the Department of Botany. Later another Assistant Lecturer Mr.K.Arumuganathan was appointed and they were the first permanent Academic Staff in our Department. the Botany course was conducted with the help of Temporary Assistant Lecturer and Demonstrators.

The year 1978 was a memorable year that Prof.K. Theivendirarajah was appointed as Professor of Botany of the Jaffna Campus from 7th of April 1978. He became the Head of the department as well. One Technician Mr.S. Ratnasothy was transferred to our Department from University of Peradeniya. Mr.A.Sivapalan involved in many algal research work with the help of our Departmental staff.

The Department of Botany shifted from Jaffna College to Parameswara College (Jaffna Campus) and functioned in the Biological Block. In later part of this year Prof. K.Theivendirarajah went to U.K. on sabbatical leave and Mr. A.Sivabalan went on study leave to do his postgraduate degree in U.K. Then, Mr.K.Arumuganathan was appointed as Acting Head of our Department. During this time our Departmental staff engaged in many research works in Algae and collection and preservation of Herbaria for teaching.

In 1979 Dr.S. Kandiah, a Plant Physiologist and a Senior Research Officer from Tea Research Institute, Talawakala was appointed as Senior Lecturer in the Department of Botany and he was appointed as Head of our Department as well. The Special Degree in Botany was started first

time in our Department and Prof. K. Theivendirarajah returned from U.K. after completing a Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship at University of Cambridge. The students intake for the Bio Science was increased.

In 1980, the first Ph.D programme in the Science Faculty was started. A collaborative research work was sponsored by SAREC with University of Uppsala, Sweden and our Department under the supervision of Prof.K.Theivendirarajah and Prof. Ola Skold, University of Uppsala, Sweden. Dr.A.Sivapalan returned from U.K. after completing his Ph.D degree in Plant Pathology from University of London. Mr.K.Arumuganathan went to U.K. to do his postgraduate degree under Colombo Plan Scholarship. Dr.S.Kandiah went on a study tour to India under the academic exchange fellowship programme in 1980. Dr.K.Jeyaseelan, Ph.D. (Sheffield) specialized in Biochemical Genetics and Biochemistry, joined as a Lecturer in this Department in 1981. The Department was able to achieve quick development within a short period in teaching and research. Mr.R.V.S. Suntharesan M.Sc. (Dalhousie), former Lecturer Department of Botany, University of Peradeniya got a transfer to our Department. During this time researches were done on in the following field- Microbiology, Genetics and Plant Breeding, Plant Pathology, Applied Botany and Plant Physiology and Horticulture. Most of the research works were funded by NARESA, IFS and IAEA grants. Mr.A.M.T. Savarimuthu received a British scholarship to do his Ph.D. degree in University of Cambridge. Dr.A.Sivapalan went on a study tour to India under the academic exchange fellowship sponsored by the Association of Commonwealth Universities in 1982. Under the IAEA/FAO project Prof. Theivendirarajah participated in workshop trainings in Tokyo, India, Thailand, Bangladesh and Norway.

Our Department received equipment under the IFS grant given to Prof.K.Theivendirarajah. In addition, a mist propagation system was set up by Prof.S.Kandiah with the aid of NARESA grant in our Botanical Glass House.

In 1984 the award of the Ph.D degree to our first postgraduate student Mr.T. Vinayagamoorthy was an outstanding achievement for the Department.

In 1986 the students working for postgraduate degree reached an all time record number of 12. There was a new full time postgraduate course-M.Sc in Plant Physiology and Horticulture started with six students specializing in this field. Three students did their postgraduate research work in Microbiology and another three in Plant Pathology and Virology. Eleven Students were selected for special degree this time. Prof.K.Theivendirarajah went on sabbatical leave to University of Malaysia. Dr.S. Kandiah appointed as Head of the Department. Dr.A.M.T. Savarimuthu returned after his Ph.D degree at University of Cambridge, U.K. in 1987. In mid of this year IPKF operation was started. The Department building, laboratories and classrooms were damaged during October to December. This incident caused lot of problems in reopening and re-organizing our Department to its normality. All research work in the Department faced significant set back following the disturbance. Miss. A. Yoganathan was awarded a scholarship to U.S.A. to do her postgraduate studies.

In 1989, the year was another memorable year in its history. It produced the first M.Sc. students in Plant Physiology and horticulture. Two M.Phil. degrees were awarded. With these, within a

short period we were able to award one Ph.D., six M.Phil. and one M.Sc. degree. Mrs.N.Savarimuthu a Senior Lecturer Gr.II attended a training course in identification of Plant Pathogens in U.K. in 1989.

The Department of Botany was making very significant contribution to postgraduate studies in the Science Faculty. Another postgraduate course- Diploma in Applied Microbiology (a self finance course) was initiated in our Department in 1990. Due to the situation in this part of the country, most of our senior staff left this region and was faced an acute shortage of senior staff. During that time Mrs. A.P Arudchandran was appointed as the Head of the Department. The Department lost the immense service of Prof. S. Kandiah who was appointed as the Professor of Agronomy and Dean, Faculty of Agriculture. The Department faced lot of problems for their routine teaching programme. Mr.V. Thivianathan Lecturer (Prob.) went to U.S.A. for his postgraduate studies.

A link programme with Wye College, University of London was started in 1990 and one Technician was sent to Wye College, UK under this programme. Mr.S. Markandu, Senior Laboratory Attendant and a founder member of our Department expired on 23.02.1990. The Department of Botany wished to record its deep appreciation of the services rendered by Mr.S. Markandu.

Prof. K.Theivendirarajah and Prof. S. Kandiah were appointed as consultants for a UNDP project in Palmyrah Development Board and went on a study tour to India, Thailand and Indonesia under UNDP GOSI project for one month in 1990. The special degree in Botany course was suspended due to the acute shortage of Senior Academic Staff in 1991. Mrs. A.P. Arudchadran was awarded a fellowship to participate an advance course in Food Microbiology in UK in 1991.

Prof. K. Theivendirarajah, the Senior Professor of Botany resigned in 1992 and went abroad. This was a great vacuum to the Department of Botany. His valuable service was lost to the entire University community. This was a great loss to our teaching and research programme in our Department.

In 1992, Prof. K. Chitravadivelu was appointed as Head Department of Botany. Our Department conducted a workshop in Microbiology and Tissue Culture for the A/L Science Teachers in 1993. The Department of Botany actively participated in the Science Exhibition organised by Faculty of Science for the G.C.E (A/L) students in 1993. Only the last consignment of ODA grant from British Council was received by University of Jaffna and our Department received only an incubator, a micromill and an IBM computer.

Mr.T. Kathirkamarajah, Staff Technical Officer of our Department passed away on 13.10. 1995 while on duty on the eve of his promotion to Staff Technical Officer. He was a founder member, a U.K. trained Technician and master in Plant Taxonomy. The Department of Botany wished to record its deep appreciation of the services rendered by Mr. T. Kathirkamarajah.

The academic programme came to a halt after 30.10.1995 due to the "Rivirasa II" military operation and functioned temporarily at Chavakachcheri and Kilinochchi. In May 1996 the

Department was opened to staff and later students. During the exodus time the Department lost many valuable equipment and furniture. Then, minimum requirements of chemicals, equipment and glasswares were purchased immediately by a team including Prof. K. Chitravadivelu in Colombo to start the practicals for the students. A moderate activity was going on in our Department due to the loss of equipment and other items.

Prof. K. Chitravadivelu resigned from Head Department of Botany on his retirement and later appointed as Co-ordinator, Centre for the Development of Fisheries. Miss. N. Selvaratnam was appointed as Acting Head, Department of Botany from 27.04.1998. The Department of Botany actively participated in late Emeritus Prof. S. Mageswaran memorial Science Exhibition in December 1998. Mr.K.Pathmanathan participated on a work shop on Acid rain monitoring and atmospheric medelling and a mini symposium on algal toxins under project CREN – Commonwealth Science Council, U.K. held in Kandy, Sri Lanka in 1998. Mr.K. Pathmanathan also participated in a regional workshop on Biotechnology conducted by UNESCO, India, at University of Peradeniya, Sri Lanka in 1999.

The Department has started the Special Degree in Botany in April 1999 and the lectures and practicals are being conducted.

Future Development

Initial steps have been taken to re-organise the tissue culture research work in our Department. Further steps have been taken to build new block for Natural Science Block Stage II for the Department of Botany and Zoology. This will ease our teaching and research programmes

The Botanical Garden glass house will be renovated soon and the staff are planning to start many research works in the Glass House after the repair.

Library Facilities

The Department of Botany has its own library for the departmental staff. The library services have been started since 1988. The books for the library have been donated by Prof. K. Theivendirarajah, Prof.S.Kandiah, Mr.R.V.S. Suntharesan, Dr.A.M.T. Savarimuthu, Mrs.N. Savarimuthu, Mrs.A.P. Arudchandran, Prof. Mrs.N. Selvarajah, Prof. V. Navaratnarajah, Miss M. Ganeshanthiny and Miss.Radha. Nearly 50% of the books have been donated by Dr.A.M.T. Savarimuthu.

Herbarium Facilities

Botany Department staff time to time prepared herbaria of are plants and plants which are not available in this region. We preserve these herbara in our Department and these are is very useful for our teaching programme.

Special Degree Course

The Department of Botany started the Special Degree Course in Botany in 1980. Every time 5-8 students have been selected to follow the Special Degree after their 2nd year. In 1987/88 the number of students doing Special Degree in Botany increased to eleven. After the disturbances the senior staff resigned and went abroad. Therefore, the Special Degree Course in Botany has been stopped since 1991.

At present we have few senior staff in our Department with Postgraduate Degree and we hope the academic staff in study leave will come back with postgraduate degree. We have also decided to arrange some specialized visiting academic staff to conduct lectures to the Special Degree course in Botany and we have restarted the Special Degree in Botany in April 1999.

Glass House Facilities and Botanical Garden

Botany Department has glass house facilities for experimental purposes since 1979. Many research works (Special Degree and Postgraduate research) have been done in the glass house under the supervision of Prof. S.Kandiah and Prof. K.Theivendirarajah. A mist propagation system has been fixed under the NARESA grant by Prof. S.Kandiah and many research works were carried out by him using this system. Nutriat film technique was applied in Special Degree project work under the supervision of Prof. S. Kandiah successfully. An extension of a temporary shed was built in 1986 for further experimental purposes.

In the Botanical Garden many rare plants and plants which are needed for our practical work and research were planted under the direction of Prof. K.Theivendirarajah. He brought some rare tree plantlets from Botanical Garden Peradeniya, Colombo and Malaysia.

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

History

The Department of Chemistry of the University of Jaffna (then the University of Sri Lanka, Jaffna Campus) started functioning at Vaddukoddai in October 1974. Initially there were only two Assistant Lecturers – Mr.K.Kumaraswamy and Mr.S.Kandiah and one Laboratory Attendant – Mr.S.Selverajah in the Department of Chemistry. All three were absorbed from Jaffna College with the take over of Jaffna College Undergraduate section to establish the Faculty of Science.



Prof. S. Mageswaran

Dr.S.Mageswaran who was earlier attached to University of Peradeniya was appointed as the Head of the Department in April 1975. Mr.K.Karunanantharajah who was working as a Technical Officer at the Faculty of Engineering, University of Peradeniya was transferred to the Department of Chemistry of our University in June 1975.

There was an acute shortage of space, equipment and other consumables such as glassware and chemicals and inadequate supply of gas. Therefore the intake of students was limited and only 27 students were allowed to offer Chemistry in the first batch. Dr.(Mrs.).R.Mageswaran joined the Department of Chemistry, University of Jaffna on a transfer from the University of Peradeniya in April 1976. Mr.Jeyaratnam joined the Department of Chemistry as a Laboratory Attendant in July 1976 followed by Mr.S.Pathmanathan and Mr.M.Yohendran. Mr.S.Kandiah was sponsored by the Jaffna College trust to do his postgraduate Degree at University College London. He left for U.K in October 1976. Miss.J.C.Edward joined our Department as a Technical Officer in 1977 and in the same year Mr.M.Arayeratnam, Technical Officer came on transfer from Department of Chemistry, University of Peradeniya. Among the first batch of students five were selected to do special Degree Course in Chemistry which started in 1977.

In 1978 the Department of Chemistry was shifted to Thirunelvely and was temporarily housed in the Natural Science Block. Though shifting to Thirunelvely eased the problem of space to some extent the problem continued to exist. Dr.V.Pasupathy joined our Department as a Lecturer in July 1978. Dr.P.Thurairajan was appointed as Professor of Chemistry in August 1978 and within an year he resigned the post due to his ill health. Dr.S.Mageswaran went to University of Liverpool on his first sabbatical leave in November 1978. He was awarded a Nuffield Foundation fellowship to do Post-doctoral research at the Department of Chemistry, University of Liverpool. Mr.K.Karunanantharajah proceeded to Bristol polytechnic on a Colombo plan Scholarship to follow a course in instrumentation this year. Mr.S.Kandiah came back from U.K in September 1979 followed by Dr.S.Mageswaran. Dr.S.Mageswaran was appointed as Professor of Chemistry in December 1979.

Mr.M.Ariyaratnam, Technical Officer went to U.K on a Colombo plan Scholarship to follow a course in Instrumentation in 1980. Mr.N.Sivapalan joined the Department of Chemistry as an Assistant Lecturer in November 1980 followed by Dr.M.Jesuthasan and Dr.V.K.Arkley as Lecturers in 1981. Dr.V.K.Arkely left Sri Lanka within two years. In 1981, the Physical Chemistry section moved to a Laboratory in the Physics Block, which was completed in 1980.

Mr.N.Sivapalan left for U.K to do his postgraduate studies in September 1982. He was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to do Ph.D. at the University of Cambridge, England. Miss.K.Somasundaram joined the Department of Chemistry as an Assistant Lecturer in November 1982. She left for U.K in October 1983. Miss.K.Somasundaram was awarded a bursary under ORS scheme and a bursary by Cambridge Commonwealth Trust to pursue postgraduate studies at University of Cambridge. The ground floor of the Chemistry Block was handed over to the University in later part of 1983 and the Department of Chemistry started functioning in the ground floor of the Chemistry Block in 1983. Dr.V.Pasupathy went to U.K on his first sabbatical leave in 1985. He was awarded a Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship.

Miss S.Sivapalan joined the Department of Chemistry as an Assistant Lecturer in September 1985.

Dr.S.Mohanadas joined the Department of Chemistry as Senior Lecturer (Grade 1) in June 1986. Dr.(Miss).M.V.Jesudasan went to University of Leeds in 1986 on her sabbatical leave and tendered her resignation from there. Miss.S.Sivapalan left for USA in September 1986 to pursue her postgraduate studies at North Dakota State University. Dr.Pasupathy came back in 1986 after doing post-doctoral research work for one year in U.K. Dr. (Miss) K.Somasundaram returned in February 1987. She was awarded a Ph.D. Degree by University of Cambridge for her research work on Theoretical Chemistry.

The Department of Chemistry lost Mr.M.Ariyaratnam, a very good Technical Officer in 1987 due to his tragic death during IPKF operation. The Chemistry Block was almost completed in 1987 just before the IPKF operation. But it was severely damaged during IPKF operation. Professor S.Mageswaran went to University of Liverpool in December 1987 on his second sabbatical leave. He was awarded a Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship to do research work on macrocyclic receptors. The Chemistry Department lost most of its equipment and glassware during IPKF operation but slowly started refunctioning in 1988. The Chemistry Block was handed over to Department of Chemistry in 1988. Dr.N.Sivapalan returned in January 1988. He was awarded a Ph.D. Degree by University of Cambridge for his research work on Electro Chemistry.

Dr.V.Pasupathy left the Department of Chemistry in April 1989. Miss.S.Saminathan joined the Department of Chemistry as an Assistant Lecturer in April 1989 and she left in May 1990 to pursue postgraduate studies in University of Peradeniya. She spent one year in Sweden to do part of her Postgraduate research. Dr.S.Mohanadas left the Department of Chemistry and joined the Faculty of Agriculture in May 1990. Dr (Mrs).S.Sathiyabalan (Nee Miss.S. Sivapalan) returned in January 1992. She was awarded a Ph.D. Degree by North Dakota State University , USA for her research work in "Transition Metal Photo Chemistry".

Mr.T.Sothyuban joined the Department of Chemistry as an Assistant Lecturer in November 1993. Mrs.Senthilnathanan and Miss.S.Sangaralingam joined the Department of Chemistry as Assistant Lecturers in October 1994.

Dr. (Miss). S.Saminathan came back from University of Peradeniya in March 1995. She was awarded a Ph.D. Degree by University of Peradeniya for her research work on Natural Products Chemistry. Mr.T.Sothyuban left for U.K in July 1995 to pursue postgraduate studies at University of Leeds. Dr. (Miss) K.Somasundaram went to United Kingdom on her first sabbatical leave in October 1995. She was awarded a Commonwealth Academic Staff Fellowship to pursue Post-doctoral studies at University of Cambridge.

The Chemistry Block was severely damaged during the 1995 exodus. All the doors and gates of the Department were broke open and almost all the Laboratory equipment, glassware, chemicals, books and other laboratory consumables were missing. Several office equipment were also

missing. Properties of University societies and properties of individual staff members used for Departmental work (e.g.-computers, calculators, books etc) were also found missing.

Mrs.M.Senthilnathan and Miss.S.Sangaralingam left for U.K in September 1996 to do their postgraduate studies. They are doing their Ph.D. at University of Leeds and University of Sussex respectively. Dr.(Miss) K.Somasundaram and Dr.(Mrs.) Sathiyapalan resigned from the Department. Mr.R.Srikaran and Mr.Ravi Prabakaran joined the Department of Chemistry as Assistant Lecturers in December 1996.

Due to his health problem Mr.T.Sothyuban could not continue his postgraduate studies at University of Leeds and he resumed duties at University of Jaffna in April 1997. He was awarded a place at the University of Peradeniya to pursue an M.Phil degree in Natural Products Chemistry and he left University of Jaffna in October 1997.

Mr.J.P.Jeyadevan and Miss.S.Somasundaram joined the Department of Chemistry as Lecturers in December 1997. The untimely death of the founder Head / Chemistry Professor. S.Mageswaran in February 1998 is an irreparable loss to the Department of Chemistry and his dedicated service will always be remembered. The Chemistry Block was named as "**MAGESWARAN BLOCK**" on 28.03.1998. Professor S.Mageswaran was also awarded the Doctor of Science (Honoris causa) and Professor Emeritus posthumously. Mr.R.Srikaran left for University of Sheffield, United Kingdom to pursue his postgraduate studies in October 1998. Miss.S.Somasundaram left to University of Peradeniya to pursue her post graduate studies in Physical Chemistry in January 1999. Dr.(Miss)S.Saminathan has been sponsored by UNESCO to participate in a Regional program in Natural Products Chemistry in Nepal during the period 17-28th May 1999.

At present the Department of Chemistry is functioning with one Senior Professor, one Senior Lecturer Grade 1 (namely Dr.N.Sivapalan), and five Lecturers (Probationary) (all are on study leave). There are five Technical Officers (namely Mr.K.Karunanantharajah, Mr.S.Selvarajah, Mr.P.Jeyaratnam, Mr.A.Laskman and Mr.M.Mukunthakumar), nine Laboratory Attendants (namely Mr.S.Chandrasegaram, Mr.I.Navaratnarajah, Mr.N.Vijayaratham, Mr.A.Thaneeswaran, Mr.S.Nanthakumar, and Mr.P.Saravanapavanathan) and two labourers (namely Mr.P.Uthayakumar and Mr.A.Thanikasalam) in the Department .

Mr. and Mrs. Gnanakumaran attached to our Department as Technical Officer and Clerk respectively are now on overseas leave. Mr.K.Kumarathan who served as a Technical officer in our Department was transferred to Vavuniya Campus.

Upto now more than one thousand five hundred students have graduated from this University offering Chemistry as a subject, one hundred and sixty one students were given Special Degree in Chemistry and four were awarded M.Phil Degree in Chemistry. An M.Sc course in Industrial Chemistry has been approved by UGC but delayed due to the shortage of staff, chemicals and equipment.

DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

History:

In the present computer world, computer education becomes essential for almost everyone, and a deeper knowledge in Computer Science would be an inevitable requirement especially for science students, as those with computer knowledge are in great demand in various computer related careers. In view of this, the Department of Computer Science was established in early 1991 in the Faculty of Science introducing Computer Science as a subject to the students in the Faculty of Science, and has been satisfactorily functioning as the youngest Department of the Faculty. The accomplishment of the creation became the reality by the untiring effort of Professor K.Kunaratnam, Senior Professor of Physics with the rational support of Professor S.Mageswaran, Senior Professor of Chemistry, and a few other faculty members. Professor K.Kunaratnam was appointed as the first Head of the Department. Mr.S.Kanaganathan, Senior Lecturer S.Mahesan and M.Umasuthan, Probationary Lecturers, were transferred to the Department from the Department of Mathematics and Statistics with the authentic co-operation of the then Head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics who kindly agreed to transfer these personnels. A portion of the ground floor of the "Mathematics block" was assigned to function the Department. Until end of 1991, the Computer Unit and the Department of Computer Science had the same premises for the micro computer laboratory. Then a laboratory was allocated separately to the Department. In 1995, one of the laboratories of Computer Unit was allocated to the Department. The laboratory had been equipped gradually over the years since 1992. Also a departmental reference section was established by the pioneer Head, Professor K.Kunaratnam with a good number of useful Computer Science text books. Unfortunately, literally all the equipment and all the books were found lost when we returned from the places to where displaced during the mass exodus that occurred in October/November 1995. Equipping the laboratory had to be started from nothing once again since 1996 on return to the main campus after the exodus.

At the beginning, while Mr.S.Mahesan and Mr.M.Umasuthan were abroad on study leave, Mr.S.Kanaganathan, the only senior staff to teach Computer Science and being single handed, took the responsibility of conducting most of lectures to the first batch of undergraduates. Dr.S.Mahesan returned in June 1992 after successful completion of his research degree in Computer Science, and since then shares the workload with Mr.S.Kanaganathan. Mr.M.Umasuthan, due to his overstay abroad without approved leave, was vacated from his post from 10 September 1992. Mr.S.Kannan was appointed as Lecturer (probationary) in October 1992. Mrs.S.Sriranjan was appointed as a Lecturer (probationary) in November 1993. Dr.S.Kanaganathan obtained his Doctoral Degree in 1994 from the University of Jaffna, awarded in 1997.

As with the public in Valigamam area and the University of Jaffna, the Department suffered a lot due to the mass exodus that occurred in October/December 1995. However, we managed to conduct the final year examinations in the interest of many students in places where most of the public displaced. We were able to return to the main campus only in May 1996, and had to work

with a few staff members for a significant period of time. Dr.S.Kanaganathan went on sabbatical leave in February 1997, and returned in mid June 1998. Mr.S.Kannan went on study leave in August 1997 and returned in September 1998 after qualifying in a Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Science and Applications. Mrs.S.Sriranjan was vacated from the post with effect from 04 March 1997 due to her enigmatic absence without leave. Mr.K.Kesavan and Mr.K.Thabotharan have been employed as Lecturers (probationary) since 01 December 1997.

As the availability of persons having formal qualification in Computer Science is very minimal, persons who have some knowledge of computing were also appointed as temporary staff to assist in the academic program. This had been in practice until our own students have completed the General Degree in 1995. Since then our students have been employed as Instructors and Lecturers. Inadequacy of the number of cadres has been somewhat compensated by the kind provision of temporary cadres by the Dean/Science. This has been in practice for many years by now. The Head of Department would gratefully appreciate this practice until the adequate number of cadres are provided to the Department.

From the inception of the Department the following personnels took responsibility as Head for the respective periods up to-date.

Heads of the Department from 1991 - to-date.

Name	From	To
Prof.K.Kunaratnam	01 January 1991	22 November 1993
Dr.S.Kanaganathan	23 November 1993	24 January 1996
Dr.S.Mahesan(as Acting)	25 January 1996	31 March 1997
Dr.S.Mahesan	01 April 1997	to-date

Courses offered by the Department of Computer Science:

The Department of Computer Science offers a three-year General Degree course and a four-year Honours Degree course. The General Degree consists of 12 units as 4 units per year, each of which has about 35 hours of lectures and 25 hours of practical session. The Honours Degree which has about 35 hours of lectures and 25 hours of practical unit in addition to the General units. Each students should offer 11 theory units, and 01 practical unit in addition to the General units. Each Honours Degree theory unit has about 45 hours of lectures. For the practical unit the students have to do a 3-month project. Furthermore, at the beginning of each academic year a Foundation Course in Computer Science is conducted for the new entrants of the Faculty of Science. This course covers Introduction to Computing, Programming Techniques and related matters. It also has practical session giving not less than 40 hours of practical training on personal computers to each student. This course is usually conducted by the Computer Unit of the University with the collaboration of Department of Computer Science by sharing the personnel and laboratory and also on the basis of this course a competitive examination is conducted by the Department of Computer Science to select the students to offer Computer Science as a subject in their course of

study. For the Honours Degree, students are allowed on the basis of their performances in the First two year examinations. The courses are designed by consulting computer personnels in Sri Lanka and abroad. They are on the line parallel to the syllabi of the national and international universities.

The courses are designed to cover subjects from basic principles to current development in the subject. The General Degree syllabus was revised once, and the lectures under the revised syllabus already commenced. Honours Degree syllabus is under review and is going to be revised soon.

Staff Members of the Department:

The academic staff members consist of two Senior Lecturers, three Lecturers (probationary), three Temporary Lecturers, and three Temporary Instructors. Many temporary staff were appointed by the kind provision of cadres, though temporary, by the Dean/Science. Otherwise, the workload would have been higher especially for instruction in the practical classes, as students in each batch are divided into two or more groups so as to cope up with the number of computers available to work with in our laboratory. The staff members of the Department are listed below as permanent academic staff, temporary academic staff and non-academic staff.

Permanent Academic Staff:

Dr.S.Kanaganathan, B.Sc.(Ceylon), M.Sc.(Ceylon) M.Sc.(Liverpool), Ph.D(Jaffna)	Senior Lecturer, Grade 1
Dr.S.Mahesan, B.Sc.(Jaffna), M.Sc.(Cardiff), Ph.D.(Wales)	Senior Lecturer, Grade II
Mr.S.Kannan, B.Sc.(Madras), M.Sc.(Bharathidassan)	Lecturer(Probationary)
Mr.K.Thabotharan, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	Lecturer(Probationary)
Mr.K.Kesavan, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	Lecturer(Probationary)
*Mrs.S.Sriranjan, B.Sc.	Lecturer(Probationary)
*Mr.M.Umasuthan, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	Lecturer(Probationary)

Temporary Academic Staff(Lecturers and Instructors):

Mr.V.Thaneswaran, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	*Mr.R.Prabamugunthan, B.Sc.(Jaffna)
Miss Vasanthini Nagarajah, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	*Mr.V.Sivakumar, B.Sc.(Jaffna)
Miss Nirmalathevy Kanagasabi, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	*Mr.R.Sriharan, B.Sc.(Jaffna)
Mr.T.Thayalan, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	*Mr.R.Ravimohan, B.Sc.(Jaffna)
Mr.M.Gobikirishna, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	*Mr.T.Paheerathan, B.Sc.(Jaffna)
Mr.R.Nagulan, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	*Miss Kalavani Thambia, B.Sc.(Jaffna)
Miss Monica Panchalingam, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	*Miss Annecia Thayani Joshep, B.Sc.(Jaffna)
*Miss Jeyavani Jeevaratnam, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	*Mr.S.Ambikaipakan, B.Sc.
*Miss Jeyanthini Velautham, B.Sc.(Jaffna)	

(*denotes the ex-staff members)

Non Academic Staff:

Mr.R.Rajaratnam, Clerk
Mr.M.Rajendram, Date Entry Operator
Mr.P.Amirtharajah, Labourer

Students:

Students are allowed to follow Computer Science for the General Degree courses on the basis of a competitive examination conducted by the Department soon after the completion of the Foundation Course in Computer Science. The competitive examination would test the general intelligence of the students and their knowledge gained from the Foundation course. For the Honours Degree, students are allowed on the basis of their performances in the first two year examinations. Usually those who are graded essentially more than 55 average marks would be allowed to follow the Honours Degree course from the third year for two years, which in all is a four-year course.

Since the inception of the Department of Computer Science in the General Degree from nine batches of students including the batch admitted in 1999, from the first four batches 23 students were allowed to do the Honours Degree in Computer Science, and more or less 15 students would be allowed from the next two batches. Four batches of the General Degree students and two batches of the Honours Degree students have passed out. A significant number of students were affected by the displacement that occurred in October/November 1995, and thus gave up the course in this university, and also some students have difficulty in completing their degree. In the midst of the difficulty, it is an impressive fact that the students have completed their degree. It is an impressive fact that the students who have successfully passed out are all employed in Sri Lanka and abroad in computer related careers such as Lecturers, Systems Analysts, Project implementers etc.

Other Activities:

In order to promote the phenomenon of learning in mother tongue a glossary for Computer Science technical terms was prepared by the committee consisting of Prof.K.Kunaratnam(Chairman, and the then Head of the Department), Dr.S.Kanaganathan, & Dr.S.Mahesan of Department of Computer Science and Mr.R.Murugian, AR/Academic, University of Jaffna, and the glossary was approved by the University. Staff members are actively involved in other activities in addition to the academic matter. All the permanent academic staff are life members of the Jaffna Science Association. Some other staff are involved in the activities of WUS, USTA and STCR.

Future Plan:

The Department urgently needs a building for its functioning. It also needs more man power to ascend the quality of lectures and practical even more, to conduct postgraduate course and to promote research activities. A proposal for a building complex has been submitted for sketching draft architectural and construction plan. It would consist of the Department of Computer Science and the Computer Unit in about 2,000 square meter floor area to include office rooms, staff rooms, staff common room, lecture halls, tutorial rooms, seminar room, laboratories such as General Degree PC-laboratory, Honours Degree PC Laboratory, Unix-based Laboratory, Parallel computing laboratories, Service laboratory etc., Radio relay station, Console room, workshop & repair room, software record room, stores etc. It is our earnest hope that the computer building complex would be complete by 2005.

More cadre provision to the Department is another exigent requirement. At present only two senior staff are working and thus, they have time only to spend in administrative matters, in giving lectures and supervising practical session and final year projects. They find it rather difficult to spare time to spend in research activities in the field of their interests. If more senior staff are employed to share workload, they would find time to spend on research and other advantageous activities. Also, a professor is rudimentary for a fast developing subject like Computer Science especially in a developing department like the Department of Computer Science in this University. A chair for professorship is an imperative requirement to the Department of Computer Science to keep up the courses synchronised with the current development, to promote research activities, and to guide the academic activities as a whole.

The Computer Science laboratories should be equipped with different types of computers and with accessories such as scanner, graphic-tablet, touch-panel, plotter, CCD camera etc. in order for better understanding of the subject and for doing projects in various disciplines such as image processing, neural network, computer vision, parallel computing etc. on various operating systems such as Unix, SunOS, Macintosh etc. in addition to MS-Windows. A Computer Science Department without a connection to the Internet is a disgrace to the University as a whole. It is an exigent requirement to the Department in order to do practical and project by the Honours Degree students in the subject of Computer Network, and for the use of staff members for purposes such as downloading usual papers and communicating with other computer Science staff all over the world with regard to research and current development. Preliminary steps have been taken to establish an Internet connection to the Department of Computer Science.

By having more qualified senior staff and well equipped laboratories we would be able to admit more students than we could now, can keep track of current development in the subject congruously, can promote research activities and conduct postgraduate courses. We earnestly hope that the Department would reach to that state in a few years to come.

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS AND STATISTICS

The Department started functioning in September 1974 under the Dean, Faculty of Science in the undergraduate section of the Jaffna College which was taken over to form a part of the premises of the Jaffna Campus. In 1978 the Department of Mathematics and Statistics was shifted to Thirunelvely and was temporarily housed in the Health Centre / Physics Block. The foundation work of the Department was completed in 1980. The ground floor of the Maths Block was completed in April 1983 and the Department occupied this section as there was an acute shortage of space in the Faculty. First floor and Second floor of the Maths & Stats Block were completed and handed over for the use of the Department in May 1985.

Mr.V.Varatharajaperumal and Mr.J.Sathiadas who were the members of the undergraduate section of the Jaffna College, were appointed Probationary Assistant Lecturer and Instructor respectively with effect from 1.10.1974. Dr.J.B.Selliah who was formerly the Vice President of the undergraduate Department, Jaffna College, was also appointed as Senior Lecturer in Statistics. On the 1st of October 1974 Prof.P.Kanagasabapathy Head of the Department of Mathematics at the University of Peradeniya was appointed the First Dean of the Faculty of Science as well as the Head of Department.

In 1975 Mr.V.Varatharajaperumal and Mr.K.G.Jinadasa went on study leave to the Indian Statistical Institute. The following appointments were made in 1975. Mr.K.Jinadasa, (Instructor) Mr.A.Easwarathan, (Probationary Assistant Lecturer) Mr. S. Ganesalingam (Probationary Assistant Lecturer) Miss.T.Ponnudurai, (Probationary Assistant Lecturer) and Mr.M.Z.N.Malhardeen (Probationary Assistant Lecturer). In 1976 Mr.S.Jeyarajah was appointed as Probationary Assistant Lecturer. We record the death of Prof. P.Kanagasabapathy, Head of the Dept. of Mathematics & Statistics on the 23rd of January 1977. His dedicated service will always be remembered. We named the Mathematics Lecture hall as "Kanagasabapathy Hall" for honouring his service.

Prof.V.Tharmaratnam joined the Department from the Colombo University in March 1978 and assumed duties as Head of the Department of Mathematics & Statistics. In 1978 the following members of staff were appointed as Probationary Assistant Lecturers Mr.R.Shivajee, Mr.A.Thavaneswaran, Mr.K.Sritharan, and Mr.M.Skantharajah. During this year Mr.K.G.Jindasa an Instructor was also appointed as a Probationary Assistant Lecturer. In 1978 Mr.S.Jeyarajah obtained fellowship at the University of Dundee and Mr.R.Shivaji obtained a fellowship at the Herriot - Watt University. Mr.S.Kanaganathan Lecturer from the Peradeniya Campus joined with us in 1979. In 1980 Mr.A.Easwarathan, Mr.A.Thavaneswaran and Mr. K. Sritharan Probationary Assistant Lecturers went on Probationary study leave to Adelphi University, University of Waterloo and Harriotwatt University respectively. In 1981 Mr.M.Skantharajah and Mrs.S.Selvanathan Probationary Assistant Lecturers went on Probationary study leave to the University of Alberta, Canada and Murdoch University Australia respectively. During this year Dr.S.Ganasalingam, Dr.(Mrs.) T.Nadesalingam (nee Miss.T.Ponnudurai) and Dr.R.Shivaji obtained their doctorates from the University of Queensland, the University of Adelaide and the Herriot-Watt University respectively.. Mr.S.Mahesan and Mr.S.Velumylum were appointed as

Probationary Assistants Lectures in 1983. Prof.J.B.Selliah the Head of the Department went on Sabbatical leave in September 1983 to the Department of Applied Statistics, University of Reading, England and Mr.P.Makinan was appointed as Head of the Department. Dr.M.Z.N.Malhardeen, Lecturer resigned from his post with effect from 1st of August 1983. Mr.S.Ganeshanadan, Probationary Assistant Lecturer left the Department on one year study leave under the Colombo plan scholarship and joined the University of Reading to do M.Sc in Applied Statistics.

In 1984 a Statistical Table composed by Dr.S.Ganesalingam, was printed by the Department. On 7th October he left for the University of Reading where he received a three months training course in Computer software. His training programme was sponsored by the British Council. Mr.S.Kanaganathan and Mr.S.Mahasan attended a six weeks Seminar on Computer residential work shop at ARTI, Colombo 7th in September 1984. Mr.S.Srisatkunarajah and Mr.T.Maheswaran were appointed as Probationary Assistant Lecturers with effect from 01.08.1984. Prof.J.B.Selliah returned from the University of Reading, U.K and he subsequently resigned from his position with effect from 31st December 1984. In 1984 Prof.V.Tharmaratnam attended the International conference in Andra Pradesh, India and presented a paper on Near rings and its applications. In 1985 Dr.M.R.R.Hoole was appointed as Lecturer in the Department. During this year the Department provided a self paid computer extension course. This scheme not only created the computer awareness but also provided financial support to the Department.

In 1986 Miss.K.Thiagarajah Probationary Assistant Lecturer left for Canada for postgraduate studies. Mr.S.Mahesan returned to the Department after qualifying his M.Sc. in Computer Science in U.K, sponsored by the British Council through the University Grants Commission. Miss.Z.T.Hoole, Miss.K.Antonippillai and Mr.M.Umasuthan were appointed as Probationary Assistant Lecturers. Miss.A.K.Antonippillai Probationary Assistant Lecturers went to Marquette University, U.S.A to do M.Sc. in Functional Analysis in 1987 . In 1987 Dr.K.Sritharan Probationary Assistant Lecturer returned from study leave after finishing his Ph.D. in Continuum Mechanics at Herriot - Watt University , U.K and resumed duties as Lecturer on 5th June 1987. During this year Mr.N.Nasir and Mr.N.Ramesh were appointed as Probationary Assistant Lecturers. In 1988 Mr.N.Ramesh got admission to Indian Statistical Institute, Calcutta, and subsequently to Imperial College, U.K to do Ph.D. in Statistics . Mr.M.Velummylum went to the University of South Carolina to do M.Sc. in mathematics. Miss.Z.T.Hoole got an Assistantship in Claremont Graduate School U.S.A to do M.Sc. in Differential Equation. Mr. M. Thulasidas Technical Officer attached to this Department had gone to U.K for computer Technical Training sponsored by the British Council through the University Grant Commission and also, Mr.M.Umasuthan left for U.K to do M.Sc. in Computer Science in U.K sponsored by British Council through the University Grants Commission. In 1987 due to Military operation in Jaffna the Department Building suffered substantial damage. The estimated cost of damaged to the building including electrical fittings amounted to Rs. 6.5 lakhs. In 1988 Mr.M.Thulasidas (Technical Officer) returned from the United Kingdom and resigned from his position. In 1988 Mr.N.Niasir (Probationary Assistant Lecturer) also resigned from his post.

In 1989 Mr.S.Kanaganathan who had registered for a Ph.D. in Mathematics at University of Jaffna had gone on Sabbatical leave to continue his research at Harvey Mudd College, California,

USA. Mr. S. Janarthanan , Miss. P. Paramanathan , and Mr.S.Ambikumar were appointed as Probationary Assistant Lecturers in the Department. Mr.S.Yogarajah was appointed as Senior Lecture Gr. I in Statistics on contract basis.

In 1990 Mr.S.Yogarajah was appointed as Senior Lecturer Gr. I in Statistics. Mr.R.Sekaran and Miss.S.Sevalkodiyaon were appointed as Probationary Assistant Lecturers in the Department . Mr.S.Velummylum returned from U.S.A after completion of his M.Sc. at University of South Crolina and resumed duties in 1990. Dr.S.Srisatkunarajah resumed duties after completion of his Ph.D. in "Differential Equation" at Herriot - Watt University , U.K, and he was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II. During this year the University Grants Commission had approved the establishment of Department of Computer Science in the Faculty of Science. In view of this reason the following staff members attached to the Department were transferred to the newly establishment Department . 1). Mr.S.Kanaganathan (Senior Lecture) 2). Mr.S.Maheson (Senior Lecturer) 3). Mr.M.Umasuthan (Senior Lecturer) in 1991 Dr.M.Kathirkamanayagam and Mrs.R.Muhunthan joined the Dept. as Senior Lecturer Gr. II and Assistant Lecturer respectively. During this year the Department was unfortunate to loose the services of Dr.R.R.Hoole Dr.K.Sritharan and Mrs. Yogendran who had played an active role in the Department.

In 1992 Mr.S.Ambikumar and Mr.S.Janarthanan joined MC Gill University, Concordia University Canada respectively for their postgraduate studies. Mr.J.Sathiadas retired from the University in 30th July 1992 after almost eighteen years of services. During this year Miss.S.Sevalkodiyaon, and Dr.M.Kathirkamanayagam resigned from their post.

In 1992 Mr.R.Sekaran Lecturer (Probationary) went on study leave to the Rhodes University, South Africa to do Master of Science. Mr.S.Anton Raviraja was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) during this year. Mrs.T.Vasakulan (nee Miss.T.Katiravetpillai) was appointed in this year.

In 1995 due to October crisis though the Department building did not suffer any serious damage it lost almost all the equipment both teaching and office, such as computers clculators, printers, typewriters etc., worth of more than a million rupees. This was a great set back to the Department as it was in the process of establishing a fully equipped Statistical Laboratory.

In 1996 Mr.M.J.Tagore was appointed as Lecturer (Probationary) and he recently got admission to do postgraduate studies in University of Watterloo , Canada.

In 1997 Dr.S.Srisatgunarajah went on one year Sabbatical Leave to Herriot -Watt University , U.K as a Commonwealth Fellow in October and resumed duties in December 1998. The Statistical Hand book printed earlier by the Department of Mathematics & Statistics was revised by Mr.S. Yogarajah Senior Lecturer attached to the Department and now being sold as Student guide edition for undergraduate students at a cost of Rs.25/- only. In 1998 Mrs.T.Visakulan (nee Miss.T.Katiravetpillai) has resigned from her position.

At present the Department of Mathematics & Statistics is functioning with one Senior Professor (Prof.V.Tharmaratnam) , four Senior Lecturers namely Mr.P.Makinan, Mr.S.Yogarajah and

Dr.M.Skantharajah and six Probationary Lecturers. Out of the six Lecturers only two lecturers Mr.M.J.Tagore in (Mathematics) ,Mr.P.Ainkaran in (Statistics) are available in the Department as the other four lecturers are on study leave. The Department is managing with the help of the Temporary Staff. Six Temporary Assistant Lecturers (namely Mr.S.Arivalazahan, Miss.V.Pathmanathan Miss.S.Somasundaram, Miss.N.Mahalingam, Miss.S.Nadarajah, Miss.S.Vigneswaran) and four Instructors (namely Mr.S.Pirabaharan , Mr.S.Logeswaran , Mr.T.Ramajayam and Miss.M.Amarasingam) were appointed. There are three non - academic staff in the Department (namely Mr.R.Jeganathan (Technical officer) Mr.K.Kokulapalan (Lab. Attendant) and Mr.N.Tharmakulasingam (Labourer).

The Department provided courses in the disciplines such as Pure Mathematics, Applied Mathematics and Statistics to the Bachelor of Science. This includes General Degree course of three years duration and Special Degree course of four years duration in both Mathematics and Statistics. The Department has also provided certain courses for the Business Administration students of the Faculty Management Studies and Commerce.

In October 1974 one hundred and three students were admitted to the Mathematics and Statistics course. Of this number thirty gained admission through Sinhala medium and the balance of seventy three through the Tamil medium. The first batch of special Degree Students in Mathematics (Four numbers) and Statistics (Ten numbers) completed their courses in the year 1979. Up to now more than one thousand three hundred Students have graduated from this university offering Applied Mathematics / Pure Mathematics / Statistics as one or more of their subjects. One hundred and forty six students were given Special Degree. Of this number 93 were in Mathematics and 53 were in Statistics. Although the University Grants Commission had approved the commencement of the postgraduate course in the Department of Mathematics and Statistics yet in recent years due to non availability of teaching staff this was distributed.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS

History :

The Department of Physics started functioning in April 1975 in the Physics Laboratory of the undergraduate section of Jaffna College, Vaddukoddai which was acquired by the Government for setting up the Faculty of Science of the University. Dr.K.Kunaratnam of the University of Colombo was appointed as the first Professor and Head of the Department. The Professor, two newly recruited Probationary Assistant Lecturers namely, Mr.K.Kandasamy and Miss.W.M.F.Vincent, two Temporary Demonstrators, a Lab Technician transferred from the Colombo Campus and a Lab Attendant absorbed from the academic staff of Jaffna College when the College was taken over by the university formed the core of the academic and non-academic staff of the Department.

The first batch of students numbering about 20 was admitted in September 1975. Classes were conducted at Vaddukoddai up to March 1978. Since future development at Vaddukoddai

was not possible due to various problems including acute shortage of fresh water, a policy decision was taken by the University to put up new Faculty buildings at Thirunelvely where the administrative offices were sited. Although funds were voted for a Physics Block at Thirunelvely at the beginning of 1977, building activities started only during the latter part of that year. The Department moved from Vaddukoddai to Thirunelvely when the Faculty of Science was shifted there in July 1978. At Thirunelvely it occupied a set of temporary class rooms two of which were converted into a make-shift laboratory. Practical classes for students in all three years of study were conducted in this single temporary laboratory.

The Department moved into the new Physics Block when it was completed in September 1980. This building was temporarily shared by the Department of Mathematics and Statistics and by the Department of Chemistry for two years. It has a total floor area of about 2600 square metres comprising one lecture hall, three lecture rooms, a mechanical workshop which became functional in 1982 and eight laboratories including a Research Laboratory and separate laboratories for Optics and Electronics.

The first ten years in the history of the department could be described as the decade of development and progress during which the department successfully surmounted many problems. Additional difficulties started in 1987 with an oil embargo that curtailed transport severely, and a breakdown of communication facilities and other essential services. Frequent interruptions as a results of the declaration of curfews, military operations by the Sri Lankan Army and Air Force were the other major impediments.

The Department suffered extensive damages and destruction during the two and a half months of military operations in the Jaffna peninsula by the Indian Peace keeping Forces (IPKF) from July 1987. All the Laboratories, workshop, staff rooms and store rooms were forcibly opened, teaching and office equipment damaged and academic property such as lecture notes and research materials destroyed during this operation.

After 1989 the political and military situation that prevailed in Jaffna were not conducive for academic Development work and the Department had to be contented with maintaining its undergraduate teaching programmes. Frequent declarations of curfew and military operations including aerial bombing in addition to blockade of all essential goods disturbed the academic activities of the University. These problems also caused many of our Probationary Assistant Lecturers not to return to Jaffna after their postgraduate studies abroad casting additional burden on the few staff who decided to stay back.

The latter part of the year 1995 can only be described as a disaster year for the Department as it lost laboratory and office equipment and furniture worth over thirty five million rupees during displacement. The loss included a large number of electronic equipment and heavy machines such as the lathe and drilling machines in the workshop. The laboratory programmes and research activities of the Department including students projects were severely curtailed as a result. Our attempts to get special funds to replace the machinery in the mechanical workshop and the valuable equipment in the Electronics Workshop lost during the 1995 exodus have not been successful so far.

Staff:

During the twenty four years of its existence the Department recruited twenty eight persons to fill a cadre of thirteen academic staff. The following lists give the present academic staff, the staff who worked in the Department earlier and those who assisted the Department on a visiting basis.

Present permanent academic staff and their qualifications:

1. Prof.K.Kunaratnam, B.Sc.(Ceylon), Ph.D. (London), D.I.C. (London), FRAS (London), F.Inst.P(Lond.), C.Phy.(Lond.) - Senior Professor of Physics
2. Prof.R.Kumaravadeivel, B.Sc.(Ceylon), Ph.D.(Bristol)
- Senior Professor of Theoretical Physics & Head of Department .
3. Prof.K.Kandasamy B.Sc.(Ceylon) , Ph.D.(Keele) - Associate Professor
4. Dr.L.Jeyanathan, B.Sc.(Jaffna), M.Sc.(London), Ph.D.(London),
D.I.C.(London) -Senior Lecturer Gr.II
5. Dr.N.Sivayogan, B.Sc. (Rajasthan), Ph.D.(Rajasthan) - Senior Lecturer Grade II
6. Mr.K.Ahilan, B.Sc. (Jaffna) - Lecturer (Probationary) - on Probationary study leave at the University of Cambridge., United Kingdom .
7. Mr.S.Sivaraya, B.Sc. (Jaffna) - Lecturer (Probationary) - on Probationary study leave at the University of Bath, United Kingdom.
8. Mr.P.Ravirajan, B.Sc. (Jaffna) ,M.Sc.(Peradeniya) - Lecturer (Probationary)
9. Mr.K.Sutharsan, B.Sc. (Jaffna) - Lecturer (Probationary)

Previous academic staff (permanent):

1. Miss.W.M.F.Vincent, B.Sc.(Cey) - (1975 - 1979)
2. Mr.M.Ravichandran, B.Sc.(Cey) - (1976 - 1979)
3. Dr.M.Chelveyogan, B.Sc.(Cey), Ph.D.(Belfast)- (1977 - 1984)
4. Dr.V.Ramachandran, B.Sc.(Cey) , Ph.D.(Essex)- (1978 - 1982)
5. Miss.G.Thambyrasa, B.Sc.(Peradeniya) - (1978 - 1983)
6. Mr.A.Sivanayagam, B.Sc.(Peradeniya) - (1979 - 1982)
7. Mr.P.Maheswaranathan B.Sc.(Peradeniya) - (1979 - 1985)
8. Dr.S.Gnanarajan, B.Sc.(Jaffna) ,M.Sc.(Simon Fraser),Ph.D.(Maine)-(1982-1994)
9. Mr.K.Chandramouli, B.Sc.(Manchester) , M.Sc.(Bradford) - (1983 - 1988)
10. Mr.S.Satkunarajah, B.Sc.(Jaffna) - (1983 - 1984)
11. Mr.S.K.Ravindran, B.Sc.(Jaffna) - (1984 - 1985)
12. Mr.M.Yoganathan, B.Sc.((Jaffna) - (1985 - 1992)
13. Mr.K.Sritharan , M.Sc. (Moscow) - (1985 - 1991)
14. Mr.K.Mahesan , B.Sc.(Peradaniya) - (1985 - 1988)
15. Mr.S.Skanthakumar , B.Sc.(Peradeniya) - (1985 -1992)
16. Mr.B.Srigengan, B.Sc.(Jaffna) - (1986 - 1991)

17. Mr.V.Shuthanandan , B.Sc.(Jaffna) (1986 - 1991)
18. Mr.S.A.Brindhavan, B.Sc.(Jaffna) - (1987 - 1993)
19. Mr.S.Thayaparam , B.Sc.(Jaffna) - (1988 -1995)

✓ Visiting academic staff:

1. Dr.R.Kumaravadivel, B.Sc.(Cey), Ph.D. (Bristol) - (1977- 1979)
2. Mr.S.Kanagasabai, B.Sc.(Cey) ,B.Sc.(Eng.) (Lond), M.Sc.(B'ham),
Mem.IEEE(USA), P.Eng. (Ont,Canada) - (1979 - 1982)
3. Dr.M.K.Singham, B.Sc.(Cey.), Ph.D.(Rochester) - 1982
4. Dr.P.Maheswaranathan, B.Sc.(Peradeniya), Ph.D. (Purdue) -1988

✓ Non - academic staff:

The Laboratory work and research programmes of the Department were ably supported by the non-academic staff which includes five technicians , six laboratory attendants , one clerk and two labourers at present. Their supportive role is greatly appreciated.

✓ Heads of Department (1975 - 1999)

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| 1. From April 1975 to October 1980 | Prof.K.Kunaratnam |
| 2. From October 1980 to October 1981 | Dr..V.Ramachandran. |
| 3. From October 1981 to February 1985 | Prof.K.Kunaratnam |
| 4. From February 1985 to February 1988 | Prof.R.Kumaravadivel |
| 5. From March 1988 to March 1991 | Dr.K.Kandasamy. |
| 6. From March 1991 to June 1991 | Prof.R.Kumaravadivel |
| 7. From June 1991 to March 1994 | Prof.K.Kandasamy |
| 8. From March 1994 to April 1994 | Prof.K.Kunaratnam |
| 9. From April 1994 to date | Prof.R.Kumaravadivel |

✓ Courses of Study:

The Department provides courses leading to a three year General Degree and a four year Special Degree in Physics. The B.Sc. Special Degree courses were started in 1979. Six students formed the first batch of Physics Special students. These students completed their course in December 1980.

A student offering Physics as a main subject for the General Degree will attend 90 hours of lectures and 90 hours of practicals in each year of study. A Special Degree student will, in addition to the General Degree work, attend 450 hours of lectures on advanced topics and 270 hours of Honours level practicals and carry out a research project of one semester duration. Instruction and examination are on a course unit basis. The first year lectures are bilingual (conducted in Tamil and English at the same time). In the Second and Third years, lectures are conducted in English and simultaneously in Tamil (by a different lecturer) whenever necessary .

The Special Degree Course is conducted only in English. The questions for the Special Degree examinations are moderated and a second marking of the answer scripts done by external examiners from the U.K Prof. W.Fuller from the University of Keele served as our External Examiner during the period 1980 - 86. Drs.D.A.Greenwood, M.G.Priestley and J.C.Gill from the University of Bristol, England were our external examiners from 1987 to 1999. Two new examiners from a University in the U.K have agreed to serve as our external examiners in the future.

The General Degree curricula introduced in 1975 was revised in 1979, 1984 and 1992. The Special Degree curricula introduced in 1979 was revised in 1985 and later in 1994.

A proposal to start a postgraduate course leading to a M.Sc. Degree in Solid State Physics and Electronics in the academic year 1987/88 was approved by the University Grants Commission. However because of the acute shortage of staff and other problems the course has not yet been started.

✓ **Teaching and Students:**

The number of students offering Physics as a subject annually increased from about 20 in 1975 to more than 275 in 1985. After 1985, the number of General Degree students who followed courses in physics each year was far less than the number that could be conveniently accommodated in the laboratories and lecture rooms. There has been a decline in the number of students following courses in physics after 1988. This is due to a combination of factors such as the shortfall in admission to the Faculty of Science and the new degree structure introduced in 1991 which permits a wider choice of subject combinations. Our request to admit more physical science students in order to utilise the available resources fully has not received favourable response from the authorities so far.

The Department has produced several hundred B.Sc. General Degree graduates and eighty five B.Sc. Special Degree graduates. Of the eighty five, ten obtained First Class Honours, sixteen Second Class (Upper Division) Honours and twenty five Second Class (Lower Division) Honours. Thanks to the dedication of the staff, we have been able to maintain a standard that is acceptable internationally. With the exception of a few, our Special physics graduates are doing well in Sri Lanka and abroad. About twenty of them have already obtained their Ph.Ds from foreign Universities and most of them are employed in various institutions in the U.K, USA, Canada and Australia. Some of them are in the permanent staff of the University of Jaffna and Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Some are pursuing higher studies in various Universities in the UK, USA, Canada and Australia at present. The good reports we receive from their postgraduate supervisors is a testimony to the sound basic training the Department had imparted to them.

✓ **Research:**

Because of the limited facilities and the heavy teaching duties, most of the research was done by the staff while on overseas leave. All the senior teachers have been actively engaged in research while on leave abroad and they made use of the limited time available to them in Jaffna

to prepare publications. They have all been in touch with researchers in their respective fields of research and produced publications of international standard. This could be seen from the number of papers that have been published in international journals. More than ninety papers have been published by a handful of teachers in the Department during the last twenty four years. Of these over seventy five are in well known international journals. We are proud to put on record that of all the academic departments in the University of Jaffna, the Department of Physics had published the largest number of papers in International refereed journals and now has the largest number of staff with Ph.D. qualifications.

The research abilities of the staff in the Department of physics have been recognised both nationally and internationally. The following facts bear testimony to the international recognition given to our senior staff and their international standing.

- i. The International Centre for Theoretical Physics (ICTP), Italy, a prestigious institution founded by the Nobel Laureate Prof. Abdus Salam, and sponsored by UNESCO and IAEA appointed three teachers from the Department of Physics namely Prof. Kunaratnam, Prof. Kumaravadivel and Prof. Kandasamy as Associates of the Centre at various times. The Associates are scientists living in the Third world and chosen by the Centre on the basis of proven ability. At the expense of the ICTP, the Associates are entitled to visit the Centre thrice, each time for up to three months. It is a rare honour for three dons from the same Institution to be appointed as Associates of this prestigious institution.
- ii. Prof. Kunaratnam was elected as a fellow of the Royal Astronomical Society, London, and a Fellow and Chartered Physicist of the Institute of Physics, London, two prestigious professional bodies devoted to the encouragement and promotion of Astronomy and Geophysics and Physics respectively.
- iii. Prof. Kunaratnam was invited by well known international biographical publishers such as the Marquis Who's Who in the World to include his name as a biographee.
- iv. The Institute of Physics (London) appointed Prof. Kumaravadivel as a referee of research papers submitted to the Journal of physics, U.K.
- v. Prof. Kandasamy served as a referee of research papers submitted to the International Association for Hydrogen Energy, USA for publication in their International Journal of Hydrogen Energy.

The research abilities of our staff in the Department have also been recognised nationally by the appointment of Prof. K. Kunaratnam as a member of the Academic Council of the IFS in 1987 and of Prof. K. Kandasamy as a member of the National Research Council of Sri Lanka by Her Excellency the President of Sri Lanka in 1999.

Although handicapped by shortage of staff, unavailability of equipment and heavy teaching load, the handful of staff in the Department have also engaged themselves in encouraging local research. Prof. Kunaratnam carried out research in alternative energy resources using a financial allocation from the Jaffna Kachcheri under the Decentralised Budget

programme. A biogas plant and a wind mill water pump were built under this programme and the performance of these plants investigated. Prof.Kunaratnam served as a supervisor and examiner of two successful M.Phil candidates, one from the University of Colombo and the other from the University of Science, Malaysia. He also supervised the research of an M.Phil. student of the University of Jaffna on alternative energy sources. However the student went abroad before completing the work. Prof.Kunaratnam also served as the local supervisor for the Ph.D work of a staff member from the Department of Computer Science. Dr.Gnanarajan studied the physical properties of thin films with the financial support of the University. All the senior teachers guided the B.Sc Special Degree students with research projects.

✓ **Dissemination of knowledge and other academic activities:**

The Department assisted the National Institute of Education and the local Department of Education in conducting a successful workshop for GCE (A/L) teachers of Physics in 1993, 1994 and 1995.

Prof.Kunaratnam served as a member of several national committees such as the Committee on the preparation of syllabuses for senior secondary programmes (Department of Education, Government of Sri Lanka - 1974/75), External Degree syllabus committee, University of Sri Lanka (1976/77), National Committee to review university curricula (1977), GCE(A/L) syllabus review committee(1989). Council of the IATR, Sri Lanka National Unit (1979-1981). He also served as a co-examiner in Physics (1983) for the SLAS Entrance Examination and as an External Examiner in Physics for the examinations conducted by the Universities of Colombo and Peradeniya.

Prof.Kumaravadivel and Prof.Kandasamy served as members of a panel to set questions for the A/L examination held in 1980. They also served as External Examiners in Physics for the examinations conducted by the Eastern University of Sri Lanka.

✓ **Contribution of the staff to University Administration:**

Prof.Kunaratnam was an active member of the Campus Board, Council and the Senate for several years from the inception of the University and a member of several standing committees of these bodies. He served as the founder Head of the Department of Computer Science for three years. He was the chairman of a panel which published a Glossary of technical terms in Computing. He was the Dean of the Faculty of Science from January 1977 to June 1978, November 1983 to March 1984 and October 1984 to March 1988 and the Vice-Chancellor of the University from 1st April 1994 to 30th June 1996. He was also a member of the standing committees of the UGC on Physical Science (1983-93) and on University Staff Service Conditions (1985-93).

Prof.Kumaravadivel is serving as a member of the University Council since March 1998.

✓ External Help-Acknowledgments:

The department received a Computer, a laser printer and books worth US\$ 3550 from the alumni and other well wishers and a donation of Canadian dollars two thousand five hundred from the Tamil Association of Nova Scotia, Canada for purchasing a computer. Books have also been donated by Dr.M.Yoganathan, a former student and other well wishers of the department living in the USA. The Tamil Union of Sussex, UK donated electronic equipment worth over four thousand sterling pounds. These gifts are gratefully acknowledged.

✓ Future Plans for development:

The immediate requirement of the Department is a fully equipped Mechanical Workshop and an Electronics Workshop. We are exploring the possibility of obtaining assistance from foreign funding agencies and well wishers of the University. RRAN has agreed to find a donor to re-equip the mechanical workshop.

Since most of our staff have research experience in Condensed Matter Physics, we are planning to set up a Condensed Matter Physics (CMP) Laboratory and train our graduates to do research at M.Sc. and Ph.D. level. The CMP laboratory will have to be equipped. The minimum requirements are a Dispersion and Fourier Transform spectrometer complete with detectors, sources and software control assembly, a closed cycle cooler cryostat, a high temperature furnace with digital programmer and a High Vacuum pump assembly. Rupees ten million will be needed to procure these equipment. For this project, we have approached the National Research Council of Sri Lanka for a grant.

We have also plans to set up a research group in Renewable Energy Sources. For this project we are making a request to expatriates living in the developed countries for assistance in cash and kind.

To implement these programmes, we need trained staff. Even if a small fraction of the Jaffna graduates who have found employment in the developed countries decide to return to Jaffna, the staff problem will be reduced to a great extent. However because of the political situation in Jaffna, even retaining the available staff has become difficult.

✓ Retirement:

Professor Kunaratnam who was the founder Professor and Head of the Department is due to retire by the end of this academic year. We wish to record our appreciation of his pioneering contributions to the development of the Department, the Faculty and the University in various capacities from the inception.

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

In the initial period of the Department of Zoology in 1974, the laboratory and the office space belonging to the undergraduate section of the Jaffna College were used when they were taken over by the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka. Mrs. N. Selvarajah, Lecturer in Zoology and Mr. K. Nallathamby, Laboratory attendant were pioneer staff who were absorbed from the undergraduate section of the Jaffna College.

1975 was an important year because it was in this year that new students were sent by the University Grant Commission as the First batch of students to the Science Faculty to do the Bio Science course including Zoology. Mr. S. Narendran, a Laboratory Technician from the Department of Physics, Peradeniya Campus was transferred to Jaffna Campus in July 1975. Dr. V. K. Ganesalingam, a Lecturer in Zoology in Peradeniya Campus, was appointed as the Professor of Zoology and Head of the Department of Zoology of the University of Jaffna as from 1st August 1975. New academic staff, namely Miss. V. Nadanagurusamy was appointed as Temporary Assistant Lecturer as from 1st August 1975. This was followed by appointment of two Temporary Assistant Demonstrators Miss. S. Sivasubramaniam and Miss. G. Shanmugam as from First August of 1975. Miss. A. S. R. Miranda, who obtained First class in her B.Sc. in Zoology (Special) from Colombo Campus was appointed as Assistant Lecturer (Probationary). Miss. S. Thiyagarajah, and Miss. K. Rajasingam were appointed as Temporary Assistant Demonstrators and Mr. S. R. Krishnarajah was appointed as Research Assistant under National Science Council of Sri Lanka.

Preparation of syllabus and teaching curriculum, ordering for new laboratory equipment and Library books and periodicals were given priority to start the course unit system. The subject combination with Zoology as a subject was Chemistry, Botany, Zoology (Tamil Medium).

In July 1978 the Science Faculty was shifted from the Jaffna College building to the newly built Biology Block in Thirunelvely. Botany and Zoology Departments occupied the First and Second Floor east half and the Chemistry occupied in the west half of the building. The First batch of students completed the B.Sc. degree in General Biology. When Prof. V. K. Ganesalingam went on sabbatical leave, Mrs. N. Selvarajah was appointed as the Head of Department. Mr. K. Satchithanathan, formerly of Fisheries Research Station, Colombo was appointed Lecturer. Miss. V. Santhanam and R. Ratnasabapathy both were from Colombo Campus joined the Department as Probationary Assistant Lecturers. Mr. K. Ratnasingam, formerly in the Department of Agricultural Biology of Peradeniya Campus joined the Department as Chief Technician. Miss. Miranda went to the University of Hawaii on an East-West scholarship to do her postgraduate studies.

In 1979, the Department of Zoology commenced the special degree course. Initially there were two students. Prof. V. K. Ganesalingam returned from U.K after his sabbatical leave. Mr. K. Sachithanathan resigned his lecturership to take up an appointment at the FAO and Rev. (Dr.)G.F.Rajendram, a lecturer was transferred to this Department from the Zoology Department of Peradeniya Campus. Miss. V. Santhanam went to U. K. to do her postgraduate studies. Miss. P. Elamganayagam was appointed Research Assistant in the Department of Zoology.

In 1980 Mrs. N. Selvarajah was promoted to Senior Lecturer grade. Dr.K.Chatravadivelu was appointed as Lecturer. Mr. S. Sriskantha a graduate from Peradeniya Campus was appointed as Probationary Assistant Lecturer. Mr. R. Ratnasabapathy left for USA for higher studies. Dr.R.C.Fisher of University College London (University of London) visited the Department on an invitation by British Council. First batch of Zoology special students completed the course. Miss. P.Elangainayagam and Miss. F. R. Devarajah registered for M. Phil degree. Mrs. M. Sapanathan joined the Department as a Clerk.

In 1981 Rev. (Dr.) G.F.Rajendram was promoted to Senior Lecturer grade. Mr. S. Sriskantha went to USA for higher studies. Miss. Miranda who had gone on study leave to Hawaii, resigned her post. Mr. S. Narendran was awarded a Colombo plan scholarship and proceeded to U. K. to follow a course in instrumentation. Miss. Y.Kumarasamy was promoted to Technical Gr. II. Two additional labourers were appointed. The building of Animal House and Insectory was constructed for rearing animals and insects for practical course and research.

In 1982 Prof. V. K. Ganesalingam was appointed as a member of the academic council of the Institute of the Fundamental Studies. Mr. S. Narendran returned from UK.

In 1983 the tense situation in the country has caused a slow down of the academic progress of the Department. Mr. S.R.Krishnarajah, Miss.P.Elangainayagam, and Miss. F.R.Devarajah submitted their theses for M.Phil degree. Mrs. N. Selvarajah left for U. K. on her sabbatical to do her research on Royal Holloway College (University of London). Rev. (Dr.). G.F.Rajendram returned from U. K. after his sabbatical leave at University of Wales, Cardiff. Mr. K. Nallathamby was promoted to be a Laboratory Technician. Mr. P. Vimalanathan was promoted as Laboratory attendant.

In 1984 Department of Chemistry shifted to new block and the Department of Zoology occupied the entire first and second floor of the western side of the Natural Science Block. Miss. S. D. Chittampalam a Probationary Assistant Lecturer left for U. K. to do her postgraduate Studies at the University of Leeds. Mr. S. Narendran was promoted to Technical Grade I. Mr. K. Sribandakaran joined the Department as a casual labourer.

In 1985, the semester system was introduced and accordingly the curriculum, syllabus and examination regulations were changed. Mrs. P. Krishnarajah, Mr. W. Venkatesh and Mr. P. Vinobaba assumed duties as Probationary Assistant Lecturers. Mr.K. N. Ganeswaran was awarded a scholarship to do his postgraduate studies at University of Sterling, U.K. Mr. R.V.Ferando and Mr. V.Sugumar resigned from their post of Laboratory attendants. Mr. S.D.Sarvey, Mr. E.S.Thayaparan and Mr. N. Bakeerathan were appointed as laboratory attendants.

In 1986 Prof. V.K.Ganesalingam proceeded to U.K. on his sabbatical leave to do research at Imperial College at Silwood Park, U.K. Mrs. N. Selvarajah was appointed as Head of the Department of Zoology, Dr. K. Chitravadivelu was promoted to Senior Lecturer grade.

In 1987 the University buildings, laboratory and class rooms were damaged by the Military operations by the IPKF during October- November. The Department of Zoology was not badly damaged. However this incident created lot of problems in reopening and reorganising the University to its normalcy.

Mr. K. Ratnasingam resigned his post as Chief Technician and Mr. N. Bakeerathan was promoted as Technical Officer. Miss. Y. Kumarasamy went on Colombo plan scholarship to U.K. and Mr. K. Sribandakaran was promoted as Laboratory attendant. Miss R. Rajeswaran and Miss. R.Rajendramani assumed duties as probationary assistant lecturers.

Prof. V.K.Ganesalingam was elected as Dean/Science on 14th March 1989. Dr. K. Chitravadivelu proceeded to University College Bangor (U. K.) on his sabbatical leave to do research.

In 1989 Prof. V.K.Ganesalingam was appointed as acting Vice- Chancellor for three months from March. He was appointed as a member of board of governors of the CISIR by the Hon. Minister of Science and Technology. Rev. (Dr.) G.F. Rajendram was promoted as Associate Professor. Mr. B.Sivaloganathan, Probationary Assistant Lecturer left to U. K. on a Commonwealth scholarship to do his postgraduate studies at University College, Bangor. Mr. N.R.Raymond and Miss. S.Ambikaipakan submitted their theses for their M. Phil degree.

In 1990 Prof. V.K.Ganesalingam proceeded to U. K. to do research in the British Museum (Natural History) in London. Mrs. N. Selvarajah attended an International Advisory Board meeting on Health Education in Malaysia. Rev. (Prof.) G.F.Rajendram presented a paper at the International Entomological conference at Ohio State University USA. Dr.K.Chitravadivelu served as the Head, Department of Zoology from 1990 to July 1993.

Mr.P.Vinobaba was offered a Commonwealth University scholarship to do his Ph.D. at the University of Sterling. Miss.Y.Kumarasamy resigned her post. Mr.K.Nallathamby was promoted as a Technical Officer Gr. II Seg. A.

Dr.C.H.Lyal from the British Museum (National history) London visited the Department of Zoology with a view to develop a link programme. Mrs. N. Selvarajah was on her sabbatical leave. Rev. (Prof.) G. F. Rajendram was appointed as the Chief Editor of "Vingnanam", Journal of Science. He attended the annual conference of Entomology society of America held in Nevada, USA.

In 1993 new syllabus was introduced and teaching and examination were conducted accordingly. Mrs.P.Krishnarajah returned to the department after completing her Ph.D. A workshop seminar on Ecology and Ethology and another seminar on Insect Pest control were conducted for the A/L teachers. Mr.N.Bakeerathan was promoted as a Technical Officer Gr. II Seg. A.

Miss.R.Rajeswaran, Mr.K.Jeyasingham and Miss.C.Rajendram submitted their theses for the M.Phil degree in 1994. Dr.P.Vinobaba assumed duties after his Postgraduate studies and later he was released to Eastern University of Sri Lanka. Mr.K.Nallathamby was promoted as a Technical Officer Gr.I

In 1995 Rev.(Prof.) G.F.Rajendram was appointed as the Vice-Chancellor of the Eastern University of Sri Lanka.

In 1996 Prof. V.K.Ganesalingam was elected as the Dean, Faculty of Science, Dr.(Mrs.) P.Krishnarajah was appointed as the Head, Department of Zoology. In 1997 Prof. (Mrs.) N.Selvarajah retired from her service.

In 1998 Prof.K.Chitravadivelu retired and was appointed as the Coordinator, Centre for Development of Fisheries.

Seven students obtained their M.Phil degrees. Mr.S.R.Krishnarajah, Miss.P.Elanganayagam, Miss.S.Ambikaipakan and Mr.K.Jeyasingham with Prof.V.K.Ganesalingam as supervisor and Miss.F.R.Devarajah and Miss.N.R.Raymond with Prof.G.F.Rajendram as supervisor, and Miss. C. Rajendram with Mrs. N. Selvarajah as supervisor.

At present the Department of Zoology is functioning with Prof.V.K.Ganesalingam B.Sc.; M.Sc.; Ph.D as Senior Professor, Dr.(Mrs.) P.Krishnarajah B.Sc.; M.Phil.; Ph.D. as Head of Department, Mr.W.Venkatesh B.Sc. (Hons.) Mrs. R. Ganeswaran B.Sc.(Hons.) M.Phil. as Senior Lecturer, Mrs. S. Kuhanathan B.Sc., M. Sc. as senior Lecturer Mr.K.Parameshwaran (on study leave) Miss.C.Rajendram (on study leave), Miss.N.Ratnasabapathy, Mr.S.N.Surendran (on study leave) as probationary lecturers; Mr.S.Narendran as Staff Technical Officer, Mr.K.Nallathamby, Mr.N.Bakeerathan as Technical Officer and Mr.K.Sri bandakaran as trainee Technical Officer. Mrs.M.Sapanathan as Clerk Gr.I, Mr.T.Thillainathan and Mr.P.Vimalanathan as Laboratory attendants (Supra grade), Mr.E.S.Thayaparan, Mr.E.Amithalingam, Mr.S.Thankarajah as Laboratory attendants (Higher grade), Mr.S.Kailayankirivasakar as laboratory attendant and Mr.S.Sriskantharasan, Mr.K.Ambikapathy, Mr.S.Tharmasena as labourers.

COMPUTER UNIT

The Computer Unit was established in 1985 as a service unit under the overall supervision of the Dean of the Faculty of Science. It provides a variety of service: conducting awareness course to new entrants, course on computer usage such as word processing and Database applications, and writing of project reports research reports and thesis.

Initially the Computer Unit provided services to students who studied computing under Applied Mathematics, and also provided facilities to staff members who were interested in learning Computer Programming by themselves. Later it has been extended its services to the whole University Community providing a range of services to the students and staff from various disciplines in the University.

The services of the Computer Unit are not confined to the University Community, but it extends its services to the society in addition to the University community. In fact, until the army of

operation by IPKF took place, the Computer Unit conducted a certificate courses and a Diploma Course in Computing. More or less 400 Students have benefited from these courses in 4 years time. It was disrupted due to IPKF operation in the region. The Computer Unit met a severe loss due to destruction by war during that time. As a result, the service of the Unit became standstill.

Then after rebuilding of the laboratory facilities step by step, the Computer Unit resumed its services to University community as usual. It also conducted a staff-training programme to accountants and administrative staff of Jaffna Secretariat and Jaffna Teaching Hospital.

Once again such a provision of services discontinued due to war. All of the equipments were lost during the exodus that took place in October/November 1995 due to the escalation of war. At present the Computer Unit has only 21 Pentium-based personal computers, which is less than one-third of what it had before exodus. Thus, it faces difficulty in fulfilling requests from students and staff. The computers are optimally used in order to provide services with fair opportunity to all sorts of students, and staff. It is planned to resume its services to the public community in near future should the laboratory be equipped with enough computers as anticipated.

Staff Position of Computer Unit

As mentioned earlier, the Computer Unit and the Department of Computer Science are the only places in the University where the staff members with formal qualification in Computing are found. The following table summarises the staff position of the Computer Unit.

Staff-position	Qualification	Number
System Analyst Cum Programmer	M.Sc.	01
Programmer	B.Sc.	01
Instructors(temporary)	B.Sc.	04

In addition to the above staff members, the Computer Unit has a Head, who is looking after administrative matters of the Unit. The Head rarely participates in the formal academic programmes of the Computer Unit. The staff members of the Unit should be appreciated very much for their tireless and dedicated work. Without their dedication it would be impossible to meet the enormous requirement of the staff and students from various departments of the University. The number of instructors should be increased in order to lessen the workload of individuals. This also helps to increase the efficiency and the quality of the performance of the instructors.

Laboratory facilities of the Computer Unit

At the early stage the Computer Unit had a few computers such as Commodore Super Pet. Commodore-64 etc. which were used to run BASIC language. Later it was equipped with different types of computers such as Radio Shak, KayPro, BBC Micros, Micro Wax mini

Computer etc. and peripherals, accessories, repair kits, power conditioners, air conditioners. It was very unfortunate that a severe set back was faced by the Computer Unit because of the loss and damages of laboratory equipment due to IPKF operation. Thereafter another set back resulted in 1995. All of the laboratory equipment were lost during the exodus that took place in October/November 1995 due to the escalation of war. In fact, the lost items included computers, peripherals, and many other valuable accessories such as UPS and power conditioners. The number of lost computers could be listed as follows:

Computers	Numbers
Micros such as	
BBC Micro, KayPro Radio Shak	46
Sun Workstation	01
MicroVAX	01
Personal Computers (286,386,486-based machines)	35

The cost of the lost of computers, computer peripherals, UPS, power conditioners and other accessories has been found to be worth more than four and a half million rupees.

At present, the laboratory of the Computer Unit is equipped with only 21 personal computers, which are totally inadequate to meet the requirements of the students and staff. It is very much essential to equip the laboratory with sufficient number of computers and accessories for a smooth provision of services.

Future Plan of Computer Unit

We live in the era of information technology; the world has shrunk to be a "global village" with respect to communication. This has been made a reality by the establishment of the world biggest wide area network-generally known as Internet. It is essential that we need to be a member of "the village" connecting through Internet. In view of this, the University of Jaffna should be connected to Internet.

The Computer Unit is taking the initial step to establish a connection to Internet. After security forces of Sri Lanka has taken control of Jaffna, and the telephone connections were established and 24-hour power supply is expected to resume soon. Thus, it is anticipated that the Computer Unit would be able to get a dedicated telephone line in near future and to get connection to Internet.

In fact, a request has been made to "Learn" committee for making such a connection to Internet. It is very much anticipated that the University of Jaffna is connected to Internet. As a higher education institution, the University will benefit more than any sectors, especially in Jaffna, by establishing a connection to the other part of the world or even Sri Lanka.

The Computer Unit has a vision that all departments and administrative sections should be connected in a network; and all of which are connected to the Computer Unit. In fact the Computer Unit becomes a Computer Centre which will function as a central point to the whole university community in providing services through network in addition to its usual services.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

The University Grants Commission approved the establishment of a Faculty of Engineering at the University of Jaffna in October 1989, based on the report of a Committee constituted for the purpose and presented to the Commission in November 1988.

The Faculty of Engineering building and residential facilities for the staff and students are to be located at a site 137 areas in extent on the Murukandy - Akkarayan Road in Kilinochchi.

Professor V. Navaratnarajah has been appointed Professor of Civil Engineering and assigned the task of planning the buildings, equipment and facilities for the Faculty together with formulating the curriculum of the Undergraduates course in Engineering. Professor Navaratnarajah assumed duties on 10th September 1990.

In 1991 a proposal detailing the proposed building for the Faculty of Engineering at Kilinochchi including details of the space requirements of various laboratories, residential building for staff and students and the related infrastructure was proposed and submitted to the University Council with a view of obtaining funds for appointment of an architect and engineering consultants to plan and prepare the necessary contract documents for the project. The proposal was sent to UGC for the necessary approval and funding.

Professor V. Navaratnarajah taught a course in surveying for the students in Geography and also participated in Workers Education programme offering a course of lectures in Technology and Engineering. In 1992 the development of the proposed buildings and infrastructure for the Faculty of Engineering at Kilinochchi did not progress due to the necessary funds not being made available. It seems that there is a reluctance to commit funds on the project till normalcy returns to the Northern Province.

Professor V. Navaratnarajah also co-operated with the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka, Northern Province Centre in organizing and participating in lectures on Introduction in Engineering to students entering the Engineering Faculties.

Attempts were made in 1995 to reactivate the development of the proposed building and infrastructure for the Faculty of Engineering with the temporary cessation of hostilities in the Northern Province which continued into early 1995. However with the resumption of hostilities in April 1995 no progress has since been made. - Prof. V. Navaratnarajah, Senior Professor retired from service on October 1997.

**ACADEMIC STAFF OF THE FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE
VAVUNIYA CAMPUS**



Seated L.-R.: Mr. S. Selvarajan, Dr. K. A. Srikrishnaraja (Dean, Faculty of Appl. Scsience),
Mrs. P. Loganathan, Miss. T. Amirthalingam .

Standing L.-R.: Mr. N. Ganashalingam, Mr. B. Yogarajah, Mr. S. Kuhanesan,
Mr. S. Krishnakumar

Absent : Mr. S. Wijeyamohan

**FACULTY OF BUSINESS STUDIES
VAVUNIYA CAMPUS UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA**



Seated L.-R.: Mr. K. Shriganeshan, Mrs. P. Selvarajan, Mr. R. Nanthakumaran
(Dean /Faculty of B/S) Ms.Muthiah, Mr. A. Pushpanathan.
Standing L.-R.: Mr. A. Raveendran, Mr. M. I. Samad, Mrs. V. Vijiyaluxman,
Mr. T. Jeyaseelan, Mrs. J. Thevaruban, Ms. S. Janiththa.

ACADEMIC STATE OF THE FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE
VAVNITA CAMPUS UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA

The University Council of the University of Jaffna, in its meeting held on 14th April 1991, approved the proposal for the purpose and presented for the purpose of the Council.

The Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Vavuniya, is to be located at a site (13/1) near the Vavuniya Bypass.

Professor V. Navaratne, Director of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Vavuniya, is to be in-charge of the planning and execution of the project. The Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Vavuniya, is to be established as a constituent faculty of the University of Jaffna.

In 1991, a proposal was submitted to the Council for the establishment of a constituent faculty of the University of Jaffna, Vavuniya, for the purpose of providing higher education in engineering and technology to the students of the Vavuniya District. The Council, in its meeting held on 14th April 1991, approved the proposal and directed the Council to take the necessary steps for the implementation of the proposal.

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Attempts were made to acquire the site for the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Vavuniya, in April 1991. The Council, in its meeting held on 14th April 1991, approved the proposal and directed the Council to take the necessary steps for the implementation of the proposal.

Dr. J. J. Jayasinghe, Director of the Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Vavuniya, is to be in-charge of the planning and execution of the project. The Faculty of Engineering and Technology, Vavuniya, is to be established as a constituent faculty of the University of Jaffna.

VAVUNIYA CAMPUS

The Vavuniya Campus replaced the Northern Province Affiliated University College. Prof. N. Balakrishnan from the University of Jaffna assumed duties initially as Acting Director of the Northern Province Affiliated University College (NPAUC) in Jan. 1997.

The Gazette notification dated 26th March 1997 announced the establishment of Vavuniya Campus and it was assigned two Faculties: namely, Faculty of Business Studies and Faculty of Applied Science. The Faculty of Applied Science consisted of Departments of Bio-Science and Physical Science. The Faculty of Business Studies consisted of the Department of Economics and Management and Department of Accountancy and Finance.

First Rector

Prof. N. Balakrishnan was appointed as the First Rector of the Vavuniya Campus on 01.07.1997.

Campus Board

The First meeting of the newly constituted Campus Board was held on 7th Oct. 1997 at the Board Room of the Vavuniya Campus. Members of this Campus Board are as Follows

- Prof. N. Balakrishnan (Chairman)
- Mr. R. Nandakumaran, Dean, Business Studies
- Dr. K. A. Srikrishnaraj, Dean, Applied Science
- Mr. M. Nadarajasundram, Representative of the Senate, University of Jaffna
- Mr. S. Yogarajah, Representative of the Senate, University of Jaffna
- Mr. K. Ganesh, GA, Vavuniya
- Mr. M. Sitrampalam, Attorney-at-Law.

Buildings

An extension to the building at Kurumankadu was put up to provide more space to the students. A Lecture hall/Reading room was put up at the Inner Circular road premises. This was financed from and by the Decentralized budget allocated for Vanni District.

Campus has already taken steps to put up new buildings in land available at Park Road. Vavuniya.

Extension Courses

In addition to regular teaching for the Degree programme extension courses were also conducted in the Campus.

Vavuniya Campus

FACULTY OF APPLIED SCIENCE

History

Establishment:

The Northern Province Affiliated University College (NPAUC) was established in 1991 at Vavuniya district, to offer Diploma course in Mathematical Sciences and, Accountancy and Finance. Therefore NPAUC consisted two academic sections namely Mathematical Sciences and, Accountancy and Finance.

Between 1991-1995 period two batches of students were admitted to the Mathematical science section. When the NPAUC was upgraded to Vavuniya Campus in March 1997, with the establishment of Faculty of Applied Science (FASc) as one of the two Faculties, the immediate task of the FASc at that time was to upgrade the students of the NPAUC who had successfully completed their Diploma to three year degree programme.

The Faculty of Applied Science offers a B.Sc., Degree of three years duration with specialization in one subject. The Faculty consists of two Departments namely: Department of Biological Science and Department of Physical Science. The Department of Biological Science offers courses in the fields of Applied Botany, Applied Chemistry and Applied Zoology. The Department of Physical Science offers courses in the fields of Mathematics, Computer science and Statistics, Applied Physics, and Applied Mathematics and Computing.

Developments and future plans:

In recent year where have been significant changes in content and format of syllabuses. A typical modern syllabus is now composed of a core containing the agreed basis of the subject, with options that develop depth and range of experience in more specialist areas.

The present course packages are designed to suit the latest trends in industry, research and development and to contribute to the national development of the country. With the provision of the necessary infrastructure and new teaching cadre position the Faculty intends to conduct additional courses in applied fields of Science.

Dean

Dr.K.A.Srikrishnaraj

BSc (Agr), M.Sc (Ento), Ph.D.(C'bo). -
Senior Lecturer Grade II

Actg. Dean 18.02.98 – 22.06.98

Dean 22.06.98- todate.

Heads of Departments

Department of Biological Science

Mrs.P. Loganathan.

Senior Lecturer (Grade II)

Actg. Head 15.06.1998 – 14.09.1998

Head 15.09.1998 – todate

Department of Physical Science

Head – vacant

Mr.S.Selvarajan -

Co-ordinator

FACULTY OF BUSINESS STUDIES (Vavuniya Campus)

Vavuniya Campus was inaugurated in April 1997 by absorbing the Northern Province Affiliated University College (NPAUC) which was commenced in 1992. Students were enrolled for two years Diploma Courses in Accountancy and Finance, Mathematics and English.

Vavuniya Campus has two Faculties and two Departments in each of these Faculty. Accountancy and Finance, and Economics and Management are the two Departments in the Faculty of Business Studies.

With the inauguration of Vavuniya Campus the students who completed the Diploma in Accountancy and Finance were given an opportunity to follow another one year additional curricula for a Degree in Accountancy and Finance. However, in the case of English Students they were required to follow additional two years curricula for a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

The first and the second batch of Diploma students of former NPAUC completed their Bachelor of Accountancy and Finance Degree course in November 1997. The third and the last batch of Diploma students sat for the Degree Examination in December 1998 and awaiting for the results. All the Diploma students in English are expected to complete their Bachelor of Arts Degree during the course of this year.

In the academic year 97/98 University Grants commission admitted thirty five students for the three year Bachelor of Business Administration course to the Faculty of Business studies in Vavuniya Campus. The lectures commenced in October 1998. This course is a three year course consisting of six semesters. After completion of the first year, students will have an opportunity for specialization either in Management Studies or in Accountancy and Finance.

Faculty of Business studies will have another batch of sixty students in the academic year 98/99 which is scheduled to commence in October 99. As the intake of students increase it is envisaged to widen the scope of specialization taking into account the employment opportunity in the job market.

Further the Faculty is exploring the possibility of incorporating the practical training component in the course structure. Moreover the Faculty has recognised the importance in computer literacy for the students and planning to establish a computer unit for the Faculty.

At present Faculty is located in the Inner Circular Road in close proximity to Vavuniya Town in a state owned building. Land has been identified to locate the entire Campus in Jaffna -Kandy road. By year 2002 it is expected that the entire Campus could be shifted in the new location.

Faculty is planning to put up a permanent building once the location is finalised with all modern facilities to accommodate students and staff in the near future.

Mr.R. Nanthakumaran – B.A (Hons), M.A, MSc -Dean of the Faculty of Business Studies.

Dept of Economics and Management

Mrs . Poongothai Selvarajan
B.B.A (Hons) M.B.A.

Co-ordinator Lecturer (Prob.)

Mr.A. Pushpanathan
B.B.A (Hons) P.G.D Management

Lecturer

Dept of Accountancy and Finance

Mrs. Janaky Thevaruban
B.Com (Hons), PGD Management

Lecturer

Mr.W.J. Soosairatman
B.Com

Lecturer (Prob.)

Miss. Manjula Muthiah
B.A. (Hons; M.A (Ling)

Co-ordinator for the English Unit.

There are two College Lecturers and an Instructor assisting the English unit.

DEPARTMENT OF SIDDHA MEDICINE

HISTORY OF THE DEPARTMENT

The Government College of Indigenous Medicine was established in 1929 by the repeated efforts of Late Sir.K.Balasingham. He was a member of the Legislative Council under the British Administration. The College was located at Borella. The first Principal of the College was Captain A.N.N.Pannikkar. There were three courses of Medical studies namely Ayurveda, Siddha and Unani. The duration of the course was five years followed by one year internship. Those who qualified were conferred the Diploma in Indigenous Medicine and Surgery (D.I.M.S). According to the Ayurveda Act No.31 of 1961 the name of the College was changed to College of Ayurvedic Medicine. The Department of Ayurveda was established which governed the functioning of the college as well as the Ayurvedic Hospital.

In 1977 (02.04.1977) The University of Sri Lanka absorbed the college as the Institute of Indigenous Medicine (I.I.M.). Under the University Act No.16 of 1978 the I.I.M. was affiliated to the University of Colombo.

In September 1982 a curriculum workshop was held to formulate the curriculum for the Degree course.

B.A.M.S. (Bachelor of Ayurvedic Medicine and Surgery).

B.S.M.S. (Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery).

B.U.M.S. (Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery).

The curriculum was approved by the Senate of the University of Colombo on the 20th of January 1983 and was implemented in the same year. Students were recruited for the three degree course which were conducted at the I.I.M.. Following the ethnic disturbance in 1983 the Siddha Section was transferred to the University of Jaffna on the 2nd of July 1984 and was placed as a Department under the Faculty of Arts.

The last batch of D.A.M.S. students and the First batch of B.S.M.S. students recruited by the I.I.M. were transferred from Colombo. Lectures commenced on the 1st of January 1985. The University of Jaffna recruited the first batch of B.S.M.S. students in 1985. The Department of Siddha Medicine was housed at Kaithady in the building belonging to Department of Ayurveda. This building was designed and allocated for the college itself. The Government Hospital of Ayurveda served as the Teaching Hospital for the clinical studies of the B.S.M.S. students.

The furniture and library books used by the Siddha section at the I.I.M. were brought to Jaffna. Further an allocation of Rs. Two lakhs for the Siddha section was transferred from the I.I.M. to the Jaffna University.

When the Department was transferred from Colombo it consisted of five academic staff namely Dr.S.Bhavani who was Head; Dr.S.Arunachalam, Dr.T.Gunaratnam, Dr.S.Thirunavukkarasu and Dr(Mrs).M.Srikanthan. Two more lecturers were recruited namely

DEPARTMENT OF SIDDHA MEDICINE (ACADEMIC)



Dr. (Mrs.) S. Sivapalan, Dr. (Mrs.) S. Pancharajah, Dr. (Mrs.) M. C. Srikanthan,
Prof. P. Balasundarampillai, Dr. (Mrs.) G. A. Bhavani, Dr. P. Ramanathan

DEPARTMENT OF SIDDHA MEDICINE (NON-ACADEMIC)



Seated : Mr. G. Keethapongalan, Mr. S. Jeyakumar, Mrs. K. Uruthirasundaram,
Prof. P. Balasundarampillai, Dr.(Mrs.)G. A. Bhavani, Mr. S. Thayaparan.
Standing : Mr. R.Thevarajah, Mr. R. Sathiendra, Mr. S. Sivarasa, Mr. K.Velananthan,
Mr. K. Balasundaram, Mr. M. Nantheeswaran.

DEPARTMENT OF SIDHA MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF JALPAIGURI

HISTORY

The history of the Department of Siddha Medicine at the University of Jhalpaiguri is closely linked to the development of Siddha medicine in West Bengal. The department was established in 1985, following the merger of the Siddha Medicine Department of the University of Calcutta and the Siddha Medicine Department of the University of Jhalpaiguri. The department is headed by the Professor and Head of the Department, Dr. S. Bhattacharya, who is a highly qualified and experienced Siddha physician. The department has a long and illustrious history, dating back to the early days of Siddha medicine in the region. It has produced many eminent Siddha physicians who have made significant contributions to the field of Siddha medicine. The department is currently offering a B.S.M.S. (Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery) degree to students who are interested in pursuing a career in Siddha medicine. The department is also engaged in research and development work in the field of Siddha medicine, with a view to promoting the use of Siddha medicine in the treatment of various ailments.

The department is currently offering a B.S.M.S. (Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery) degree to students who are interested in pursuing a career in Siddha medicine. The department is also engaged in research and development work in the field of Siddha medicine, with a view to promoting the use of Siddha medicine in the treatment of various ailments.

- Dr. S. Bhattacharya (Professor and Head of the Department)
- Dr. S. Bhattacharya (Assistant Professor)
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When the Department of Siddha Medicine was established in 1985, it was a significant milestone in the history of Siddha medicine in West Bengal. The department has since then grown and developed, and is now one of the leading departments of Siddha medicine in the region. The department is currently offering a B.S.M.S. (Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery) degree to students who are interested in pursuing a career in Siddha medicine. The department is also engaged in research and development work in the field of Siddha medicine, with a view to promoting the use of Siddha medicine in the treatment of various ailments.

Dr(Mrs).J.Kathirvel and Dr(Mrs).S.Sivapalan. Prof.S.Vithianathan, Vice Chancellor, University of Jaffna appointed Dr.S.Bhavani as Head/Department of Siddha Medicine. Prof.K.Indrapala was the Dean/Faculty of Arts under whom the Department of Siddha Medicine commenced its function.

At this juncture the Department of Siddha Medicine expresses its sincere gratitude to the Vice Chancellor Prof.S.Vithianathan Senate and Faculty of Arts for accomodating the Department at this crucial moment. It was a worthy action as Jaffna is the best place for the development of Siddha Medicine and there are several eminent Siddha physicians practising in this soil. The Siddha system is also the cultural heritage of the Tamils in the North. The late Mr.V.N.Sivarajah, Registrar of the University of Jaffna took a keen interest in the administrative side of the development of Siddha Medicine. Prof.N.Balakrishnan who become Dean/Arts did much for the progress and development of Siddha Medicine. Gradually each Department of study was developed.

1. The Anatomy Unit - with models, charts and dissection room for practicals.
2. Physiology Unit - with microscopes, charts and other laboratory equipment for practicals.
3. Funds (Rs.3 lakhs) were obtained from the Decentralized Budget at the Jaffna Secretariat and a herbal garden was established for the Kunapadam Unit. In addition Library books were purchased with these funds.
4. A mini pharmacy was established for the demonstration in the preparation of Siddha Medicines. Students are trained to prepare at around forty compound medicines each year.
5. In 1990 a Maternity ward was opened in the Kaithady Siddha Teaching Hospital with the assistance of the University of Jaffna. Department of Ayurveda, R.D.H.S. and M.O.H. Chavakachcheri. The students obtained a practical training in Antenatal care and conducting deliveries. The ward benefits the people of the area.
6. Students were taken to the Peradeniya Botanical garden. This along with the Herbal garden and potted herbs at Kaithady helped in the identification of medicinal plants.
7. Demonstrations were done at the Fever Hospital, Cancer Hospital, Chest Hospital, Leprosy Hospital and S.T.D. Clinic at Colombo.
8. The Dean Prof.C.Sivagnanasundaram and staff of the Faculty of Medicine assisted in the establishment of Anatomy, Physiology, Community Medicine and Forensic Medicine. They trained the lecturers as well as conducted lectures to the students of Siddha Medicine.
9. The General Hospital assisted in conducting lectures in pathology, Microbiology and Haematology.

10. Mr.Namasivayam Architect from Idaikkadu donated Rs.3 lakhs to do research in Siddha Medicine. This figure has gradually risen up with the years.

The first batch of B.S.M.S. students passed out in 1989. The University of Jaffna takes pride in having the first convocation to BSMS. graduates before their counterparts at the I.I.M..

Prof.P.Balasundarampillai became the Dean/Arts and was instrumental to increase the cadre of the academic staff and also sending the proposal for establishment of the Institute of Indigenous Medicine to the U.G.C..

The Dept. of Siddha Medicine which was a Department under the Faculty of Arts became a separate unit (Department) under the direct administration of the Vice Chancellor from 1st October 1993.

Prof.A.Thurairajah Vice Chancellor contacted the Central Council of Indigenous Medicine and made arrangement for the recognition of the D.A.M.S. and B.S.M.S. degree conferred by the University of Jaffna for Post graduate studies at Indian Government Siddha Medicine College Palayamkottai. One lecturer did her M.D. Siddha Medicine during that period.

Prof.K.Kunaratnam former Vice Chancellor too did much for the development of Siddha Medicine.

Prof.P.Balasundarampillai Dean/Arts commenced the M.Phil programme for those who could not go to India for Post Graduate studies. At present two lecturers are doing the M.Phil degree. During his office as Vice Chancellor three lecturers have gone to India to follow M.D Siddha. He has done much for the development and to raise the academic standards of staff of Siddha Medicine.

Prof.S.Bhavni who was Head/Siddha Medicine strained hard to build up the various units and the Department of Siddha Medicine as a whole.

COURSES OFFERED DURING DIFFERENT PERIOD

1. D.A.M.S. - Diploma in Ayurvedic Medicine and surgery in 1985.
2. B.S.M.S. - Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery from 1985.
3. M.Phil. - Siddha Medicine from 1990 (Post graduate degree)

RESOURCE PERSONS

Heads of Department:

1. Prof.S.Bhavani - from January 1985 to October 1995
2. Dr(Mrs)M.C.Srikanthan - from October 1995 to October 1998.
3. Dr(Mrs).G.A.Bhavani - from October 1998.

Permanent Academic staff of Department.

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| 1. Prof.S.Bhavani.D.A.M.S(Cey.) H.P.A.(Cey) | |
| 2. Dr.Mrs.G.A.Bhavani D.A.M.S.(Cey.) H.P.A.(Cey.) | Associate Professor |
| 3. Dr.Mrs.M.C.Srikanthan D.A.M.S(Cey) M.D.Siddha(S.India) | Senior Lecturer-Gr.I |
| 4. Dr.Mrs.S.Sivapalan D.A.M.S.(Cey.) | Senior Lecturer-Gr.I |
| 5. Dr.Mrs.S.Pancharajah D.A.M.S.(Cey.) | Lecturer |
| 6. Dr.Miss.V.Thevarajah B.S.M.S. (Jaffna) | Lecturer |
| 7. Dr.Mrs.T.Kumutharanjan D.A.M.S.(Jaffna) | Lecturer-(Prob.). |
| 8. Dr.Mrs.V.Sathiaseelan B.S.M.S.(Jaffna) | Lecturer-(Prob.). |
| 9. Dr.P.Ramanathan D.A.M.S.(Cey.) M.D.Siddha (S.India) | Lecturer-(Prob.). |
| 10. Dr.Miss.S.Cumarasamy. B.S.M.S. (Jaffna) | Lecturer-(Prob.). |

The curriculum included lectures, tutorial, practicals, clinicals and field works

UNDER GRADUATES

One batch of D.A.M.S. students and nine batches of B.S.M.S. students have passed out from the Department of Siddha Medicine, University of Jaffna.

D.A.M.S: Ten graduates passed out.

B.S.M.S.: Total number of graduates who passed out - 100

Present: The number of undergraduates following the B.S.M.S. at present - 85.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

1. Department of Siddha Medicine organised a function where Siddha Medicine preparations were introduced (Siddha natural products) at Kaithady.
2. Exhibition at the Department at Kaithady in 1994 February 21st to 26th. It was a great success and earned the commendation of public especially schools (A/L classes). Demonstrations were given by staff and students. It contained exhibits from all units.
3. Lecturers took part in curriculum work shop conducted by the Medical Education unit, Faculty of Medicine.
4. Head of Department of Siddha Medicine was nominated to serve in the Presidential Task Force by Her Excellency President in 1992 to formulate the Health Policy for Sri Lanka.

FUTURE PLANS AND DEVELOPMENT

1. The proposal to establish an Institute of Siddha Medicine had been sent to the U.G.C. These departments namely Pre clinical, Clinical and Para clinical have been suggested in order to categorise the subjects and to developing the system. This would be accepted once the number of students and academic staff with Post Graduate qualification increased.
2. A Unit for Post Graduate studies should be established to upgrade the standards of the staff. This will also assist the medical officers employed in government services as a Post Graduate qualification is necessary for promotion. It will also help those engaged in private practice.
3. Refresher courses should be conducted for physicians dispensers and pharmacist to up date their knowledge.
4. W.H.O. assistance could be obtained in the training programme to the Ayurvedic physicians.
5. Short term fellowships to India should be arranged by containing the SAARC. Organisation in clinical studies and preparation of Medicines.
6. Interchange of staff from Indian Universities could be arranged on contract basis through the SAARC organisation.
7. Community based health projects should be organised with the involvement of the staff and students. N.G.O. assistance could be obtained for this purpose.
8. Sabaragamuwa University has commenced a one year course in Hospital Management for Ayurvedic Medical Officers. Similar courses could be organised by the University of Jaffna with the help of Administrative bodies and University staff.

EXTERNAL EXAMINATIONS UNIT



Seated: Mrs. R. Paramanathar, Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram, Prof. P. Balasundarampillai, Dr. K. Kunarasa, Mr. T. Sritharan

Standing: Mr. T. Ratankulasingan, Mr. K. Seeniyar

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION (ACADEMIC)



THE EXTERNAL REGISTRATION AND EXAMINATIONS UNIT

Establishment of the External Registration and Examinations Unit is one of the remarkable achievements of this University. It was established after the great effort of Professor P. Balasundarampillai, the Vice- Chancellor when he was the Dean of the Faculty of Arts. Late Professor A. Thurairajah, the Vice- Chancellor then, opened this Unit in 1990.

It is very proud to note here that the Professor P. Balasundarampillai, the present Vice - Chancellor was the first Academic Co-ordinator of this Unit and External Unit was headed by him from 1991 to 1996. During this period he developed the External Unit with great difficulties. Also he had to face many obstacles from different corner. However he managed to overcome all these obstacles by his own strategies. This Unit is doing very good service to the society now.

We give below the number of students who registered for degree courses from 1990 which will disclose the growth of this Unit.

YEAR	ARTS	COMMERCE	SPECIAL
1990	1031	316	--
1991	452	191	23
1992	660	159	32
1993	824	162	45
1994	593	108	17
1995	536	56	23
1996	640	75	20
1997	1124	136	43

After Professor P. Balasundarampillai assumed duties as Vice - Chancellor, Mr. M. Nadarajasundaram was in charge of Unit from 1996. On 1997.10.26 first degree awarding ceremony was held at Kailasapathy Auditorium and degrees were awarded to the first batch of graduates who completed their studies. 455 Graduates have obtained degree from External Unit from 1991 to 1999.

Post of Assistant Registrar was remained unfilled from 1996 has been filled and Mr. Vallipuram Sritharan has been appointed to this post from 1999.04.01.

FUTURE PLAN

It has been decided to shift the External Unit to a separate building with adequate facilities. Facilities with Fax and E. mail may also be extended to the Unit. Cadre provisions for Labourer and Clerk may be increased.

EXTRA MURAL STUDIES UNIT

The Extra Mural Studies Unit was established in October 1992. The Unit conducted short term courses for the benefit of the Community especially for person who have no opportunity for University education. The objective of the University is to disseminate the knowledge to the society. The Unit helped to achieve this objective.

Foundation courses provided by the Unit since 1993 to August 1998

- 1.1 Saiva Siddhantam
- 1.2 A Healthy life
- 1.3 Consumers Protection
- 2.1 Training for Grama Sevakas
- 2.2 Photography
- 2.3 Project Planning Process
- 2.4 Counselling
- 2.5 Journalism
- 2.6 Applied Mechanical Engineering
- 2.7 Fisheries
- 2.8 Rural Development
- 2.9 Physical Education-Sports.
- 2.10 Surveying and Mapping
- 2.11 Astronomy and Astrology
- 2.12 Management of Restaurant
- 2.13 Special English Course for Bank Staff
- 2.14 Office Management.
- 2.15 Auto Mobile Engineering
- 2.16 Environmental Conservation.
- 2.17 English for Communication.
- 2.19 General Awareness
- 2.20 Administrative Management.

Nearly 12400 participants were benefited by following the above courses It is worthy to mention here that really 43 batches followed the course in English for communication. During 1998 the duration of each course was reduced from 60 Hours to 48 Hours. Two regional centres were opened during 1998, One in Chavakachchery and the other in Point Pedro. The need for establishing two more Centres at Mannar and at the Islands was considered in 1998. The University of Jaffna was able to achieve a greater contact with the society by providing those Foundation Courses through the Extra Mural Studies Unit. On the other hand the Jaffna Society benefited much by these Courses.

WORKERS' EDUCATION PROGRAMME

The Workers' Education programme of the University of Jaffna was inaugurated on the Workers Day May 1st, in 1991, by the then Vice Chancellor late Prof. A. Thurairajah. Prof.P. Balasundarampillai who was the Dean. Faculty of Arts at that time was mainly responsible for the beginning of this programme. This programme was initiated with the hope that it will fulfill the expectation of the people in the contribution of the University to the development of the society in which the University is situated.

The Workers' Education programme commenced with a one-year Certificate Course. with future plans of developing it further to a course at the middle level possibly termed a Diploma Course and finally leading to a course at the Degree level.

The overall aim of this programme is to provide opportunities to the workers in various sectors, to improve their knowledge and skills, thereby contributing to human resource development. This programme also considers further the objective, of opening the doors for higher education to those capable and able workers who had missed their early education for any reason or other. The programme started functioning with the establishment of a Workers Education Unit in the Department of Education and with the appointment of a Coordinator by the Vice Chancellor. An Academic Syndicate formed with the Head/Education, Deans, Coordinator/ Workers' Education Programme, and Course Coordinators as constituent members directed the academic activities of the unit. The University Senate approved an annual intake of 100 students for the Certificate Course.

With these broad objectives and organisational procedures, the Certificate Course in Workers' Education commenced with 101 students enrolled in 1991 with the approval of the Senate.

The contents of the Certificate Course comprised of eight courses, each of which had 30 hours of works consisting of lectures, discussions and tutorials, and a project work.

A Semester system was followed for the course with four taught courses during Semester I and the balance four taught courses during Semester II and the project work to run through the entire academic year. Examination is held semester wise, and on the successful completion of the course and the examination, a certificate is awarded. A novel aspect of the programme is the implementation of an in course assessment in the evaluation of the course work.

Professors and Lecturers of the University of Jaffna and a few qualified visiting lecturers for certain specific subjects areas constituted the resource personnel for the course.

By may 1993, efforts to begin a course at a higher level for those who were successful at the Certificate level, was started and the report of a Senate Sub-Committee nominated for this specific purpose, submitted its proposals for the beginning of a Diploma Course soon. With the 1995 exodus, the Workers' Education Programme had to be suspended temporarily for some time.

The Certificate Course in Workers' Education was revived in 1998 by the present Vice Chancellor Prof.P. Balasundarampillai and is functioning as a Unit under the Vice Chancellor

with a Coordinator appointed to the Unit. The third batch since then is expected to begin their course of study in September 1999.

Also, there are plans to extend the programme to the Diploma level soon and preliminary works are underway.

To date, over 400 workers had benefited by following the Certificate in Workers' Education Course.

It is hoped that the aims and objectives in conducting this programme will be achieved to the utmost very soon, hopefully during the tenure of the present Vice Chancellor, since he was one of the pioneer members who worked hard to get the Workers' Education Programme started in our University.

CENTRE FOR DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERIES

The Centre for Development of Fisheries was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Professor P.Balasundarampillai on the 15th of May 1998. The Centre is under the direct management of the Vice-Chancellor with Prof.K.Chitravadivelu as its Co-ordinator.

The Centre was established with the following aims and objectives.

1. To conduct basic and applied research to solve current problems in the fishing industry and develop new technology appropriate to local situation;
2. To train professional man power requirement to the fisheries sector and other agencies involved in the utilization of the aquatic resources;
3. To provide advisory and consultancy services to facilitate rapid transfer of new technology to the industry;
4. To exchange knowledge and information with Institutions within the country and abroad and with International Agencies committed to such development activities;
5. To maintain a data bank and documentation on development related research;
6. To engage in extension work in order to bring about changes in the knowledge, attitudes, skills and behaviour of those involved in the industry;
7. To stimulate and lead public discussion for resolving issues related to the development of the industry.

During the last one year the Centre has made links with a large number of Institutions and International Agencies and has received recent publications to its library. The Centre has conducted seminars workshops and field surveys in fulfilling its functions.

The Centre is scheduled to start a one year, full time, Diploma course in fisheries in July 1999, for candidates with University entrance eligibility, to alleviate the shortage of professional man power requirement in the fisheries sector.



**CEREMONIAL OPENING
OF THE CENTRE FOR
DEVELOPMENT OF
FISHERIES
ON 15.05.1998
UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA**

**CEREMONIAL OPENING OF
THE DEPARTMENT
OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION -
ACADEMIC SECTION
BY THE
VICE - CHANCELLOR,
UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA
PROF P. BALASUNDARAMPILLAI**



**VICE CHANCELLOR
PROF. P. BALASUNDARAMPILLAI
DECLARED OPEN THE
OFFICE OF THE
FACULTY OF GRADUATE
STUDIES ON 14.07.1999.
THE DEAN OF THE FACULTY,
PROF. A. SANMUGADAS
IS ON THE RIGHT-SIDE.**



CHAPTER 5

SPORTS

PHYSICAL EDUCATION UNIT

When the Jaffna Campus of the University of Sri Lanka was established in October 1974 the Campus functioned both at Vaddukoddai Premises and Thirunelvely premises. The students at the Vaddukoddai premises had an advantage over the students of Thirunelvely premises because they were able to make use of the sports facilities available at the Undergraduate and Collegiate section of the Jaffna College. The facilities at the Thirunelvely remained static for a considerable time resources available was also limited. With the increase of intake of students and the transfer of the Faculty of Science to the Thirunelvely premises there was an appreciable increase in the financial resources available to sports activities and we were able to get optimum use of the funds. The main events in the Physical Education unit may be briefed as follows:

YEAR	ACTIVITIES/ EVENTS
1975	Mr. H. Vincent Fenando was appointed as an Instructor and Miss. P. Sivagnanam was appointed as an Instructress to the Unit, Sports facilities were available at Thirunelvely - Volley Ball, Foot Ball-At Vaddukkoddai - Basket Ball, Net Ball, Volley Ball, Foot Ball.
1976	The first Sports Council was formed in April 1976.
1976/77	A new basket ball Court was put up at the University. Physical Education Unit made facilities to form teams in Cricket, Volley Ball (men & women), Hockey (men), Table Tennis (men & women), Basket ball (men) and Net ball.
1977/78	The First Colours Nite was held on 17 th of June 1978.
1978/79	Badminton was introduced in the University. Colours Nite was held in 27 th of June 1979.

- 1980 Basket ball was introduced for the Sports Women.
Mr. P.Pathmanathan, Instructor in Physical Education joined the Unit.
Colour Nite was held on 24th of June 1980.
- 1981 This year Hockey was introduced for sports women.
Colours Nite was held on 22th of July 1981.
- 1982 Colours Nite was held on 22nd of July 1982.
- 1983 Colours Nite was held on 2nd of July 1983.
- 1984 Colours Nite was held on 3rd of November 1984.
- 1985 Colours Nite was held on 13th of July 1985.
- 1986 Gymnastics was introduced for men.
Colours Nite was held on 12th of July 1986.
- 1987 Jaffna District Basket ball Tournament was organised by the Sports Council,
University of Jaffna.
Colours Nite was held on 12th of September 1987.
- 1988 Colours Nite was held on 13th of January 1989.
- 1989/90 A Tennis Court and a Basket Ball Court had been added to the existing facilities.
Jaffna District Table Tennis tournament was organised by the Sports Council,
University of Jaffna.
Colours Nite was held on 18th of February 1990.
The Unit was shifted to the new building which located in the new ground.
- 1990/91 Colours Nite was held on 6th of October 1991.
- 1991/92 Mr. C. Tyagarajah was appointed as the a director.
After 1983 our University took part in the 4th Inter University Games which was
held in the University of Sri Jeyawadanapura in Colombo.
Prof. A. Thurairajah Vice- Chancellor, University of Jaffna was the Chief Guest
for the 4th University Games Athletic meet which was held at the Sugathathasa
Statium.
During the 4th University Games Mr. S. Sothilingam won 100 m, and 200 m event
and created all University new record clocking 11.3 and 22.3 Seconds and was
selected as the Best Athlete of the meet.

Karate and Chess were introduced in the University. Our Athlete Mr. R. Sothilingam was selected to take part in the "World University Game 1993" held in Buffalo University New York, U.S.A. He took part in 100 and 200 Metres events and he competed with Athletes from many parts of the World. Colours Nite was held on 17th of September 1992.

1993/94 First time a Freshers meet was organised in the University. The first separate flags were introduced to every faculty for easy identification in freshers Athletic meet.

Faculty of Medicine	- Red
Faculty of Agriculture	- Green
Faculty of Arts	- Yellow
Faculty of Science	- Maroon

Tennis team was formed in the University.
Thatchchi team for both men and women were introduced.
Girls Cycle race and an open relay for men and women were introduced
Colours Nite was held on 28th of September 1994.

1994/95 Mr. K. Ganeshanathan and Mr. P. Sayantheekumar were appointed as the Instructors to the Unit.
Mrs. J. Saravanapava Iyer was appointed as an Instructress to the Unit.
First time women Chess team was formed.
After a lapse of time reorganized a Tennis team.
Colours Nite was held on 23rd of September 1995.

1995/96 Mr.C. Tyagarajah (D.P.E) and Miss. P. Sivagnanam (Instructress in Physical Education) have retired.

1996/97 Mr. K. Ganeshanathan was appointed as the Instructor in charge of the Department.
Miss. S. Kanakaratham was appointed as an Instructress.
Jaffna District Hockey Tournament was organised by the Sports Council.
Carrom team for women was introduced in the University.
Colours Nite was held on 28th of September 1997.

1997/98 Miss.S. Kanakaratham I.P.E.resigned her job.
Mr. M. Elampiraiyan, Mr. G. D. Mathiyalagan and Mr. A. N. Armstrong were appointed as the Temporary Instructors and Miss. E. Arulampalam was appointed as a temporary Instructress to the Unit.

Mr. M. Pathmanathan(I.P.E) has retired.

During the "VI th Mini Olypic Games" Miss. K. Sivagowry won first place in the 100 m and 200 m event in the women section.

She was the first women who won first place in the Athletic event from this University.

Weight lifting was introduced for the first time in the University.

Our Foot ball team won third time Consecutive (Mini Olypic) Sri Lanka University Games Champion Ship.

(1992 - 4th SLUG, 1995 - 5TH SLUG and 1998 - 6th SLUG)

First time Jaffna District Thachchi (men & women), Net ball, Carrom (men & women) Tournament were organised by a Sports Council.

Colours Nite was held on 11th of October 1998.

End of this year Mr. G. D. Mathiyalagan, Mr. A. N. Armstrong were appointed as the temporary Instructors and Miss. E. Arulampalam and Miss. T. Sinnathamby were appointed as the temporary Instructresses to the Unit.

At that time Mr. A. N. Armstrong resigned the job.

1998/99 Karate and Volley ball teams are Introduced for girls.

Labourers were appointed to do the ground work. Some of them were promoted as Groundmen.

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION

(Academic section)

Back ground:

The Department of Physical Education (Academic) was started on 12th of October 1998, by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Balasundarampillai. Miss. T. Krishnan was appointed as Co-ordinator, Dept. of Physical Education (Academic section). The Department offers a two years course leading to Diploma in Physical Education.

Diploma in Physical Education (Academic)

The programme is a two-year course in Physical Education leading to Diploma in Physical Education. The course of study designed is to develop the skills general theory and methods, attitudes and understanding essential for the Physical Education. The curriculum of the programme provide theoretical and practical knowledge in Physical Education.

Objectives of Diploma in Physical Education

- To provide a course in Physical Education at the University level;
- To train personnel in Physical Education with recognized University qualifications to meet the man power demand in the field of Physical Education (in schools, government and other social institution);
- To impact and improve the level of attainments of Physical Education;
- To generate more employment and income through sports activities;
- To provide a high level training in sports with the objective of achieving international standard.

Method and media of instruction

The Co-ordinator Miss T.Krishnan is assisted by three temporary Lecturers and eight Visiting Lectures

The Department staff offer lectures tutorials and practicals to complete this Diploma programme. This Diploma is offered in Tamil medium.

Physical Education Students Union

The students of the Department of Physical Education formed Physical education students union.

INTER UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT

GAMES	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983
Tennis	--	--	--	--	--	--	4 th
Basket Ball (Men)	--	3 rd	--	2 nd	1 st	1 st	2 nd
Hockey (Men)	-	4 th	--	4 th	3 rd	3 rd	--
Soccer	3 rd	4 th	1 st	2 nd	1 st	3 rd	1 st
Net Ball	--	4 th	--	--	--	--	--
Swimming	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Cricket	--	--	3 rd	--	--	--	--
Volley Ball (Men)	--	--	4 th	4 th	--	--	--
Badminton (Men)	--	--	--	4 th	--	--	2 nd
Badminton (Women)	--	--	4 th	--	--	2 nd	4 th
Basket Ball (Women)	--	--	--	--	2 nd	--	2 nd
Hockey (Women)	--	--	--	--	3 rd	2 nd	3 rd
Table tennis (Women)	--	2 nd	--	--	3 rd	1 st	--
Table tennis (Men)	--	2 nd	--	--	--	--	2 nd
Athletic (Women)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--
Athletic (Men)	--	--	--	--	--	--	--

INTER UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT

Games	1984 - 1992	1992
<p>Tennis</p> <p>Basket Ball (Men)</p> <p>Hockey (Men)</p> <p>Soccer</p> <p>Net Ball</p> <p>Swimming</p> <p>Cricket</p> <p>Volley Ball</p> <p>Badminton (Men)</p> <p>Badminton (Women)</p> <p>Basket Ball (Women)</p> <p>Hockey (Women)</p> <p>Table Tennis (Women)</p> <p>Table Tennis (Men)</p> <p>Athletic (Women)</p> <p>Athletic (Men)</p>	<p>From 1984 to 1992 our University could not participate in the Inter University Games.</p>	<p>1st (100 m)</p> <p>1st (200 m)</p> <p>2nd (110 m Hurdles)</p> <p>3rd (Javelin)</p>

INTER UNIVERSITY TOURNAMENT

GAMES	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998
Tennis	--	--	--	Our	--	--
Basket Ball (Men)	--	--	3 rd	University	--	--
Hockey (Men)	--	--	4 th	could	--	--
Soccer	--	3 rd	1 st	not	2 nd	1 st
Net Ball	--	--	4 th	participate	--	3 rd
Swimming	--	--	--	in the	--	--
Cricket	--	--	--	Inter	--	4 th
Volley Ball	--	--	--	University	--	--
Badminton (Men)	--	--	--	games.	--	--
Badminton (Women)	--	--	--		--	--
Basket Ball (Women)	--	--	--		--	3 rd
Hockey (Women)	--	--	--		--	4 th
Table Tennis (Women)	--	--	--		--	3 rd
Table Tennis (Men)	--	--	--		--	--
Athletic (Women)	--	--	3 rd Discus		--	100 m - 1 st
						200 m - 1 st
Athletic (Men)	100 m, 200 m Participated	--	200 m - 3 rd		Pole Vault	Long, Jump - 2 nd
	World University Games		500 m - 3 rd		3 rd High	200 m - 2 nd
	at buffalo				Jump - 2 nd	400 m - 2 nd
Chess (Men)	--	--	3 rd		--	Pole Vault - 2 nd
						400 m Hurdles - 3 rd

OFFICE OF THE SENIOR STUDENT COUNSELLOR



Seated L.-R. : Mr. P. Alvappillai, Mrs. M. Srikanthan, Miss. S. Arullanathan, Prof. A. Sannugadas, Prof. P. Balasundarampillai (Vice-Chancellor), Mrs. R. Kailainathan (Senior Student Counsellor), Mr. E. Ratnam, Mr. P. Senkathirselvan, Mr. A. N. Somaskanthasarma.
Standed L.-R. : Mr. K. Pathmanathan, Mr. G. Mikunthan, Mr. K. Anton Dias, Mr. W. Venkatesh, Mr. K. Visakaruban, Mr. L. G. Santhirasegaram
Absentees : Dr. L. Jeyanathan , Dr. D. Gunarajasingam

சென்னை நகராட்சி நிர்வாகக் குழு

பெயர்	தகவல்	பதவி	பதவியில் உள்ள நாள்	பதவியில் உள்ள இடம்	பதவியில் உள்ள காலம்	பதவியில் உள்ள இடம்	பதவியில் உள்ள காலம்
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OFFICE OF THE SENIOR ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER

CHAPTER 6

A PURVIEW OF STUDENT COUNSELLING - UNIONS AND ASSOCIATIONS :

A Brief History of Student Counselling Office

The Senior Student Counsellor's Office was started functioning in 1974 with Prof.A.Sanmugadas as the Senior Student Counsellor, Mr.K.Thurairajah as Marshal and Mr.K.Pathmanathan was the Office Assistant. In 1980, Mr.I.C.Santhirasagaram was appointed as Marshal. At the end of the term of office of Prof.A.Sanmugadas, Prof.S.Mageswaran was appointed as the Senior Student Counsellor and he held the office for six years. In 1986 Mr.K.Thurairajah retired from service. Dr.E.Balasunderam succeeded Prof.S.Mageswaran as Senior Student Counsellor in 1987 and following the resignation of Dr.E.Balasundaram, Mr.S.Balachandiran, Senior Lecturer was appointed as Senior Student Counsellor and held the office for six years. Mr.V.P.Sivanathan succeeded Mr.Balachandiran. Unfortunately following the mass exodus of people from Valikamam in 1995, office of the Senior Student Councillor ceased to function in the Thirunelvely premises of the University. On resumption of activities in the University in 1996, Dr.S.Srisatkunarajah was appointed as the Senior Student Counsellor. Dr.Srisatkunarajah went abroad on study leave and Mrs.R.Kailainathan Senior Lecturer Grade I was appointed as the Senior Student Counsellor in September 1998 and she has been in that position since then.

STUDENT COUNSELLING

Student Counselling is indispensable in the smooth running of the University. Majority of the students leave their homes and reside in the University hostel or put up in private boarding houses. As they are away from their parents or guardians, they require some one to whom they can confide their personal problems. It is the aim of student counselling to provide assistance and guidance to such needy students. Students are welcome to Senior Student Counsellor's Office at the University administration block from 9.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m. during working days. The student counselling involves the following:

1. Familiarisation to the new surrounding.
2. Guidance regarding accommodation, student's welfare etc.
3. Discussions and guidance to personal problems.
4. Advice on matters affecting University life.
5. Conducting elections for all students' Unions, Societies, Such as A.S.U., S.S.U., M.S.U., Ag. S.U., U.S.U. and Societies.

University lecturers from different faculties apply for Student Counsellors' Posts. The Vice-Chancellors makes the final selection. All the Student Counsellors discharge their duties to the best of their ability without any fear or favour as a team.

The Senior Student Counsellor co-ordinates the work of the other student counsellors and exercising overall supervision of the work of Marshals. Reports of preliminary inquiries conducted regarding students' problem like breach of discipline, will have to be forwarded to the Vice-Chancellor. In order to maintain a healthy atmosphere for learning, the student will have to take prior permission from the Senior Student Counsellor for conducting their extra curricular activities. The number of Student Counsellors appointed for the current Addemic Year 1998/1999 are as follows :

Senior Student Counsellor	- 01
Student Counsellors	
Faculty of Arts	- 05
Faculty of Science	- 02
Faculty of Medicine	- 01
Faculty of Agriculture	- 02
Dept. of Siddha Medicine	- 01
R.A.F.A.	- 01
Matshal	- 01

The Marshal is a permanent staff in the Senior Councillor's Office. His duties are many and he is responsible for maintaining students' records and is helping the Senior Student Counsellor for conducting preliminary inquiries into serious breaches of discipline and submitting report on same to the Vice-Chancellor and conducting elections for all students' Unions, Societies, such as Arts Students' Union, Science Students' Union, Medical Students' Union, Agriculture Students' Union, University Students' Union and Societies. The Marshal helps the Senior Student Counsellor in the selection of students for the award of Vice-Chancellor's fund and similar awards. Students' files, Identity cards, record books etc. are prepared and arranged by the marshal. The Marshal is ready to help the students whenever his attention is needed.

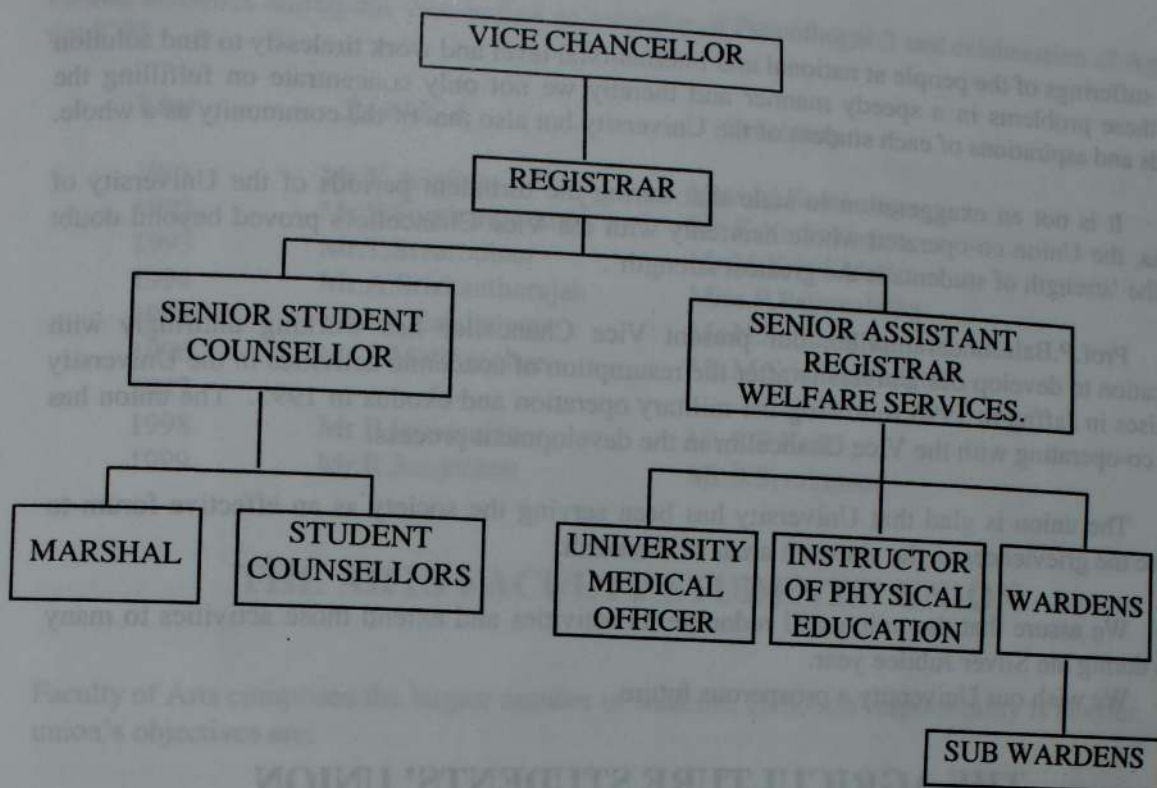
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THE JAFFNA UNIVERSITY STUDENTS' UNION

The Jaffna University Students' Union is proud to send this message to the souvenir to be published to mark the Silver Jubilee year of the University of Jaffna.

The union has functioned under the name, the Jaffna University Students Council until 1988. After 1988 it is functioning in the name of "**University Students' Union**". The union at present represent the students of the Faculties of Arts, Science, Medicine, Faculty of Agriculture, the Department of Ramanathan Academy of fine Arts, the Department of Siddha Medicine and the newly established Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce.

Our union has provided its services in an effective manner to the student community of the University and the people of Sri Lanka and specially total Tamil speaking community.

Although the University of Jaffna was beset with many difficulties due to the disturbances that prevailed in this part of the country, academic activities continued without much disruption. The union has also contributed its share for the smooth functioning of the University. The student union as an integral part of the University of Jaffna foremost seal of higher learning of the Jaffna society, played its important role. Both the society of Jaffna and the Tamil speaking people are well aware that we have been highlighting problems related to sorrow

and sufferings of the people at national and International level and work tirelessly to find solution for these problems in a speedy manner and thereby we not only concentrate on fulfilling the needs and aspirations of each student of the University but also that of the community as a whole.

It is not an exaggeration to state that during the turbulent periods of the University of Jaffna, the Union co-operated whole heartedly with the Vice Chancellors proved beyond doubt that the 'strength of students is the greatest strength'.

Prof.P.Balasundarampillai, our present Vice Chancellor has working untiringly with dedication to develop our University after the resumption of academic activities in the University premises in Jaffna in 1996 following the military operation and exodus in 1995. The union has been co-operating with the Vice Chancellor in the development process.

The union is glad that University has been serving the society as an effective forum to expose the grievances in the war-torn areas of the north.

We assure that the union will redouble its activities and extend those activities to many areas during the Silver Jubilee year.

We wish our University a prosperous future.

THE AGRICULTURE STUDENTS' UNION

The Student Union of the Faculty of Agriculture was established in 1991. The activities of the Union was limited due to the low number of students in the first three batches. However, Shramadana campaign and staging of drama were carried out by the Union. From 1994 onwards the Union expanded its activities. The first 'Agros Week' and "Agros night" - 94 were celebrated. In 1994, the first Agriculture Student Union magazine 'Pasunthogai' was released. An agriculture based general knowledge guide also published. Quiz contest was conducted among the schools of Wannai area. With the help of academics, Students Union helped financially to the Kilinochchi district Handicapped Rehabilitation Association. Blood and beds were donated by the students to the Kilinochchi General Hospital to help the people suffered from the existing war. Temporary shelters were arranged to the people displaced due to the 'Riviresa' military operation.

During the year 1998 'Agros week' 98 was celebrated and the final day celebrations were held on 9.5.98 at the Kailasapathy Auditorium of the University of Jaffna. The "Pasunthogai - 2" was released on 28.04.98. In addition, a permanent building, sports equipment and a Television were obtained for the use of students.

The Student Union' 1999 given fullest support to the cultural show conducted by the academics of the Faculty of Agriculture in memory of Prof.S.Kandiah to the Prof.S.Kandiah Memorial Fund. The Union also conducted a quiz contest among the leading schools of Jaffna in memory of Mr.Thurairajah Jeyakumar and Mr.Gunabalasingam Kirubagar, who died while studying at the Faculty of Agriculture. The present Union also has the enthusiasm to carryout

various activities during this year including releasing of Pasunthogai-3 and celebration of Agros week '99.

Year	President	Secretary
1991	Mr.K.Asokan	Miss.M.Kalaivany
1992	Mr.S.Sunthareswaran	Mr.K.Vadivalagan
1993	Mr.T.Sivarooaban	Mr.M.Kristi Mark
1994	Mr.A.Sriskantharajah	Miss.P.Pathmalatha
1995	Mr.J.Kalaichelvan	Mr.N.Sutharman
1996	Mr.S.Mathirooban	Mr.M.Sriskantharajah
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1998	Mr.P.Jeyaseelan	Mr.S.P.Kalki
1999	Mr.R.Sanjeeban	Mr.S.Sivakumar.

THE ARTS FACULTY STUDENTS' UNION

Faculty of Arts comprises the largest number of students, Hence its responsibility is heavier. The union's objectives are:

Solving problems among students, fighting for their rights & struggles, promoting ideals of management, supporting poor students. Further to bring to light the latest talents, encouraging & guiding the new students. With these intentions the first Arts Faculty Students Union was inaugurated under the Presidentship of Mr. S.Ramakrishnan on 27.12.1988 since then the Union is functioning efficiently without deviation.

The Union sponsors the 'Arts week' programme with effect from 1990 successfully with the co-operation of the students. Thus the talents in Sports and Arts, are being appreciated by the Union. Indoor games, outdoor games athletics, drama, poetry, Arts and discussions are conducted yearly. Awarding of Prizes and Certificates form the highlight of this final event. On the final day 'Kalaikuil Kanamkal" Musical item is staged. This performance is conducted by arts students alone.

A fund is established for students who find difficult economically to continue their University education. The interest is given monthly to the deserving students. Thus the poor students are greatly benefited.

Students who come from distant provinces are provided financial assistance for their travelling by the Union with the assistance of the Vice Chancellor.

Arts Faculty union representatives are elected every year. The committee members for the year 1998/99 are as follows.

Patron: Prof.S.Balachandiran (Dean Faculty of Arts)
Senior Treasurer: Mr.K.Sivananthamoorthy (Senior Lecturer, Department of Philosophy)
President: Mr. A.Kishnathas
Vice President: Mr. S.Thavanayagam,
Secretary: Mr. M.Thusyanthan,
Assistant Secretary: Mr. S.Karunakaran,
Committee Members: Mr. V.Sivachchandraventhan, Miss.J.Bahirathy, Mr.S.Aingarar,
Mr.S.Suthanthiran, Mr.S.Sangarathas, Mr.V.Jeyakantha, Mr.S.Sasitharan.

We are highly pleased in enlightening about this Silver Jubilee Celebration Souvenir and about the Arts Faculty Students' Union and its services.

THE SCIENCE STUDENTS' UNION

The Faculty of Science was established in 1974 from the inception of the University of Jaffna. It is remarkable that our students have contributed in numerous ways to the society as good citizens serving the society in accordance with the time and the needs. Mr. G.R.P. Kulasingam was the President in 1989.

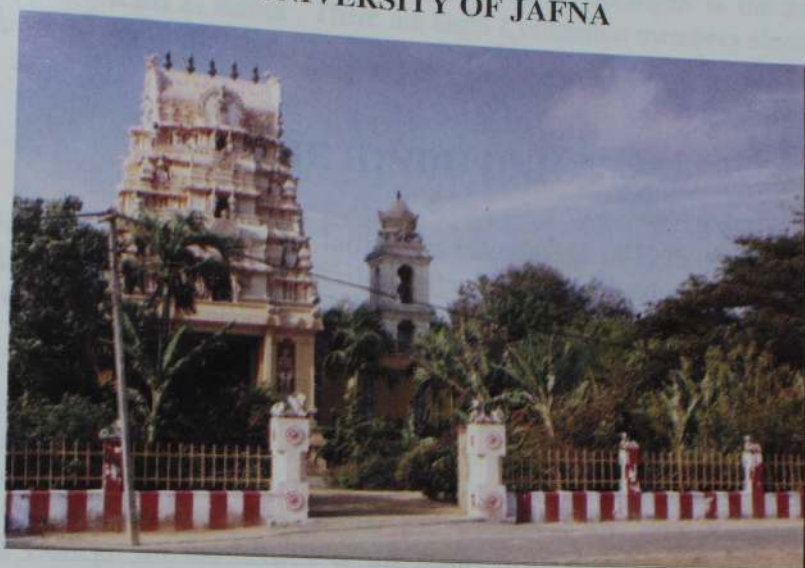
In whatever field the Science Students may involve themselves it would be well studied. All the endeavours of the Science Students are well studied, have a great depth and are of immense use to the society. The Science Students Union was formed in December 1988, according to regulations, at a time when certain problems had to be sorted out and needs satisfied.

The chief aim of the Union is to be vigilant about the welfare of the students and to bring out and develop the potentials of the students in various fields.

For the efficient running of the society a new executive committee is appointed annually. The Union organizes a cultural programme "The Science Week" and publishes the magazine "Chakkaram" every year. There is no doubt that the Union has served as a forum for the students to exhibit their hidden talents and a source of encouragement to develop the academic potentials of the students whereby producing well-accomplished citizens as they go out into the world.

We take pride in the fact that the Science Union celebrates its 10th anniversary at a time when the Science Faculty completes its 25th year. We are proud to list the forerunners who have rendered valuable service as Presidents of the executive committees. The Union evolving a plan to help the deserving students financially. The funds collected as a result of the initiative taken by the earlier Presidents are utilized for this purpose. At this juncture when the University and the Science Faculty celebrate the Silver Jubilee it is only appropriate that we remember with gratitude the services rendered by the Presidents of our Union, Vice-Chancellors, the Professors and the late Professors, the lecturers and the demised lecturers, the non-academic employees for the efficient running of the institution and we also express our hope that in time to come this University will be elevated to the status of a globally recognised University.

SRI PARAMESHWARAN TEMPLE
UNIVERSITY OF JAFNA



HINDU UNION - 1998/1999 UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA



Seated : Miss. Santhirarajini, Dr. Saba Jeyarajah (Senior Treasurer), Mr. R. Ahilan (President), Prof. P. Balasundarampillai (Vice Chancellor), Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer (Patron), Mr. V. Kamaleswaran (Secretary), Miss. K. Vallambigai (Vice President).
Standing: Mr. R. Kamalanatha Sarma (Joint Editor), Mr. P. Jeyathan, Mr. N. Mathurakaran (Junior Treasurer), Mr. S. Pathmanathan, Mr. V. Selvakumar, Miss G. Jeyanthi, Mr. S. Sivakumar, Mr. S. Sriharan, Mr. S. Thuraichamy Sarma, Mr. S. Vijithan, Mr. S. Mohajeevan (Joint Editor).
Absent: Mr. V. Ramanan, Mr. A. Aravinthan.

The Executive Committee of the Science Students' Union during this Silver Jubilee Year is as follows: Mr. T. Jeyanathan is the President of the SSU and Mr. R. Srimathan serves as the Vice-President. Mr. T. Kugavannan is the Secretary and Mr.K. Anangan is the Junior Treasurer. Mr.T.Jeyaseelan is elected as Editor . There are eight Committee members elected. They extend their co-operation to the Committee.

THE HINDU UNION

The Hindu Union of the University of Jaffna was inaugurated in 1976. the first President of the Union was Mr. K. Ganendra. Prof. K. Kailasanatha Kurukkal, Head of the Department of Hindu Civilization was the first Patron of this Union. Prof. V. K. Ganesalingam was the Senior Treasurer.

The Vice-Chancellors, Professors and other academics, administrative staff, non-academics and the students have contributed immensely for the development of Sri Parameshwaran Temple which situates in the heart of the Campus and also the centre of activities of the Hindu Union. This temple was built by the great scholar and statesman Sir. Pon. Ramanathan along with Parameshwara College for the benefit of the students, to develop religious discipline among them. From the inception this temple was the Centre of religious activities.

Sir, Pon. Ramanathan had a perspective view and the Parameshwara College founded by him formed the nucleus of the Jaffna University. Sir, Pon. Ramanathan completely dedicated his lands and wealth to Lord Parameshwaran. It is a boon to us that the Campus situates in the lands dedicated to Sri Parameshwaran.

The Parameshwara Board of Directors extended their fullest co-operation for maintenance of the temple. The Hindu Union along with the Board of Management of the temple helps to conducts the religious activities of the temple. Retired Professor in Sanskrit Prof. V. Sivasamy is the President of the Board of Management. He extends his dedicated services to the temple and guided the students in various ways. He has contributed for the development of the garden around the temple.

The Kumbhabhisekam was held on 02.06.1991, Late Prof. A. Thurairajah was the Vice-Chancellor during this period. He took keen interest in the development of the temple. The Hindu Union played an active role during this Kumbhabhisekam. Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer, Senior Patron, and Prof. S. K. Sitrampalam, the Senior Tresurer guided the Hindu Union during this time. Prof. S. K. Sitrampalar took keen interest in the renovation activities on the temple.

The main aims of the Union are:

1. To foster Hindu religion, art and culture among the Hindu Community
2. To celebrate the annual Manavala Kola Festival of Sri Parameshwaran Temple, Guru Puja of Sir. Pon. Ramanathan and Navalara, Sivaratri Day and Navaratri Day.
6. To take steps to promote Hindu religious activities among the students.

4. Arranging Seminars to bring about religious awareness among the students
5. To publish annually the religious magazine –“ Inthu Neri”
6. To help the temple administration.

Our present Vice- Chancellor Prof. P. Balasundarampillai, extends his fullest co-operation in the affairs of the temple. The executive committee of the Hindu Union during this Silver Jubilee Year is as follows: Mr. R. Ahilan, is the President, and Mr. V. Kamaleswaran is the Secretary, Miss. K. Vallambigai is the Vice- President, Miss .K. Santhirarajini is the Asst. Secretary, Mr. N. Mathurakaran serves as the Treasurer. Mr. R. Kamalanantha Sarma and Mr. S. Mohajeevan are the Joint Editors. There are 10 Committee members elected to represent different Faculties. This committee is engaged in bringing out the Silver Jubilee special number of ‘ Inthu Neri”. In 1998 Mr. R. Kamalanatha Sarma was elected as the President and Mr. V. Sivachandraventhana was the Secretary of the Hindu Union. Mr. P. Vasutheva Sarma was the Vice- President, and Mr. S. Mohajeevan served as the Treasurer. Mr. S. Sureshnathan and Miss. S. Jeyanthi served as the Joint Editors. This committee took the initiative to colour wash the walls of the temple.

During this Silver Jubilee Year Prof. P. Gopalakrishna Iyer is the Senior Patron and Dr. Saba Jeyarasa is the Senior Treasurer. The Hindu Union is pleased to celebrate the Silver Jubilee Year of the University. It conveys the best wishes to the University community for a bright future in the 21st Century.

The Hindu Union extends its gratitude to all those who worked for the welfare of the Union in the past, and for their dedicated and valuable services rendered as Senior Patrons, Senior Treasurers, Presidents, Secretaries and the Committee members.

THE TAMIL UNION

A Tamil literary Society was inaugurated on 10th October, 1975. The Dean of the Faculty of Arts, Prof. K. Indrapala addressed the Society. The Society was formed to take meaningful steps in the development of literature and the arts. Mr. P. Thangamayil was elected as the first President of the Society. But on the 22nd January 1976 a Tamil Society for the promotion of cultural activities was formed. Mr. E. Selvendran of the Science Faculty and Mr. C. Vasanthanathan were unanimously elected as the President and the Secretary of the Society respectively.

Instead, Tamil Literary Society, the students preferred to have a Tamil students’ Union. Thus Tamil Society (Tamil Manram) continued to exist up to date. This Union represents all Tamil students of the University. Dr. A. Sanmugadas was appointed as the Senior Treasurer and the Patron of the Tamil Students’ Union. In 1978 the students of the Union edited a Magazine called “ Senthalaal”. Later the title of the magazine was changed to “Pothigai”. Though there are many students’ Unions in the University only the Tamil Manram absorbs all students of all Faculties. It

has organised a number of cultural activities in the Campus. It has also helped to bring out literary and dramatic talents of the students.

In this Silver Jubilee Year the President of the Tamil Mandram is Mr. K. Kuganeswaran and Mr. E. Kumaran is the Secretary. Senior Professor Dr. Sanmugadas and Dr. S. Sivalingarajah are the Patron and the Senior Treasurer of the Union respectively.

THE CATHOLIC STUDENTS' UNION

"The University of Sri Lanka – Jaffna Campus" was declared open on 6th October, 1974, by the then Prime Minister, Honourable Mrs. Srimavo Bandaranayake. At the inception only the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Science were established here. To set up this University the Government took over two leading Schools in Jaffna, namely Paramewara College at Thirunelvely and the Under graduate Department of Jaffna College at Vaddukottai. The students body of the University consisted of multi lingual and multi religious, representing all regions of Sri Lanka.

In 1974, Rev. Fr. J.E. Jeyaseelan who was also a student of the University was appointed the first Chaplain. At the initial stage the activities of the Union was carried out under the name "Christian Students Union". On Fridays during lunch interval fifteen minutes of common prayer meetings were conducted in Sinhala and Tamil in one of the lecture rooms. Sunday Masses were offered in Tamil and Sinhala at the Science Faculty (Jaffna College – Vaddukottai) for the students residing in the Hostel and for the students of the neighbourhood. Under the direction of Rev. Fr. J.E. Jeyaseelan, the Union students were provided with ample opportunities to be conscious of the then prevailing social problems by actively involving themselves in social emancipation programme.

The enactment of Prevention of Terrorism Act by the Government in 1979 necessitated the Union members to pay more attention to safeguard Human Rights and condemn any violations connected to such activities.

In 1981, Rev. Fr. A.J.V. Chandrakanthan, a permanent Lecturer in Christian Civilization Department was made the Chaplain. Before this Rev. Fr. Guy. F. Rajendram, S.J. acted as the Chaplain for an interim period. During the tenure of Office, Fr. A.J.V. Chandrakanthan continued to organise the Friday afternoon prayer meetings, retreats, special Bible study groups and Sunday Masses were offered in one of the Lecture rooms at Thirunelvely. In order to expand and facilitate the activities of the Union in 1983, the land for the present Chaplaincy was donated by the then Vice- Chancellor, Prof. K. Kailasapathy.

As Fr. A.J.V. Chandrakanthan left for Canada to pursue his Doctoral studies, Rev. Fr. Anton Mathias succeeded him. On 10 November 1985, the foundation stone was laid for the Chaplaincy by Rt. Rev. Dr. B. Deogupillai, Bishop of Jaffna and Prof. S. Vithianathan, the then Vice – Chancellor. On 5th July 1986, the new Chaplaincy was ceremonially opened by the Bishop of Jaffna and the First thanksgiving Eucharist was offered there. Sunday Masses, retreats, seminars,

visits to Hospital, visits to Home for the Elders, welcome and farewell functions to the students were organised under the guidance of the Chaplain. During the Academic Year 1988/89, the Union organised an excursion to the South of the Island which was an unforgettable experience for the participants.

On June 1993, Rev.Fr.Regis Rajanayagam assumed duties as the Chaplain of the Catholic Students Union. His pastoral care was shown by the individual attention he rendered to each student towards the growth of their spiritual, intellectual, psychological spheres and broader outlook to life. When the Chaplain had to be away from station for medical treatment, Frs.A.Jeevanadas Fernando and R.Soosainathan organised a fund raising programme and successfully collected Rs.60, 000.00 to start a Scholarship Scheme.

In September, 1998, Fr.Regis Rajanayagam returned hale and hearty and resumed duties. Regular retreats, seminars, awareness programmes, welcome functions, farewell functions and meetings were organised to help the students to prepare themselves to be mature adults and responsible Christians. In 1999, the Silver Jubilee of the Chaplaincy was commemorated with meaningful preparations and celebrations. Awareness programmes, blood donation, Thanksgiving Eucharist, speeches and cultural items, release of Silver Jubilee Souvenir, festive lunch were some of the highlights of the Silver Jubilee celebrations of the Chaplaincy.

UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA TEACHERS ASSOCIATION (UTA)

The University Teachers' Association from the time of its inception has been functioning in the University. The first President of the UTA was Prof. P. Kanagasabapathy and the Secretary was Prof. V.K. Ganesalingam. In 1976, Prof. V. K. Ganesalingam was elected as the President of the Union. Dr. A. Sanmugadas and Mr. S. Ganesalingam were elected as the Joint Secretaries. The UTA apart from its Trade Union activities had been playing "Middle-man" role between the administration and the student body during the periods of stress and strain. The "key role" of the UTA was called upon to play was during the crisis among the students which resulted in the closure of the Campus. A Sub-committee formed by the UTA worked out a proposal acceptable to the students and thereby eased the way for a quick re-opening of the Campus.

Prof. N. Balakrishnan, Dr. S. K. Sitrampalam, Prof. A. Sanmugadas, Prof. S. Balachandiran, Rev. Dr. A. J. V. Chandrakanthan, Dr. N. Shanmugalingam were some of the past- Presidents of the UTA. During this Silver Jubilee celebration, the President of the UTA is Prof.R. Sivachandran.

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FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

The Faculty of Agriculture Teachers Association (FATA) was established in 1990. Both permanent and Temporary Academic and Academic Support staff are the members of FATA. Prof.S.Kandiah was the first President. The chief function carried out by the Association are to organize and participate in the members welfare activities.

The members of FATA shifted from Kilinochchi to Jaffna in 1997 when the Faculty was shifted to Jaffna due to military operation at Kilinochchi.

Presently the FATA is expanding its activities. It associated with the collection of fund for Prof.S.Kandiah Memorial Fund. The FATA associates with the University Teachers Association (UTA, Jaffna) in showing solidarity whenever Federation of University Teachers Association (FUTA, Sri Lanka) demonstrate trade union activities to meet the demands of the University Teachers in Sri Lanka. In addition the FATA has planned to disseminate agricultural knowledge and experience to farmers by the way of conducting quiz contest and organizing workshop and seminars in collaboration with other Government and Non Government Organisations.

Presently the FATA consist of following members. Prof.S.Mohanadas (President), Mrs.T.Mikunthan (Vice-President), Miss.K.Maniccam (Secretary), Mr.P.Alvappillai (Treasurer), Mr. B. Anpalagan, Mr.K.Muralitharan, Miss.T.Loha, Miss.V.Yathavarajan, Miss. K. Sivapakianathan and Miss. J. Velmurugu are committee members.

JAFFNA FACULTY OF MEDICINE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION

1. ESTABLISHMENT

The Jaffna Faculty of Medicine Teachers' Association (JFMTA) was inaugurated on 29 September, 1981 in the then Faculty premises at Kaithady, Jaffna. The Association was formed as a Trade Union to protect the rights of its members. At this inaugural meeting Professors R.Kanagesuntheram, M.Sivasuriya, C.C.Balasubramaniam, N.Sreeharan, D.Ramadas and S.V.Parameswaran, Doctors T.Geneswaran, S.Sriskandavarman, Mrs.V.Sriskandavarman, A.Nageswaran, P.Sivakumar, Mrs.T.Saravanapavanandan, R.Puvanendran, Mrs.G.Ramadas, Mrs.R.Thiranagama, Mrs.S.Vetpillai and K. Sivapalan were present. An Executive Committee was elected unanimously as follows:

President	Prof.D.Ramadas
Secretary	Dr.P.Sivakumar
Asst. Secretary	Dr.(Mrs)S.Vetpillai
Treasurer	Dr.(Mrs).V.Sriskandavarman
Committee Members:	Dr.R.Puvanendran
	Dr.(Mrs).R.Thiranagama
	Dr.K.Sivapalan

This first Executive Committee took the responsibility to draft the initial Constitution of the Association and the Association was registered as a trade union on 15th June 1982. This Committee continued its regime up to the second Annual General Meeting.

The membership is open to all full time teachers of the Faculty of Medicine, Jaffna and Officers of the University of Jaffna with comparable status such as University Medical Officer. However, temporary membership shall be open to all officers seconded for service or on temporary assignment with the Faculty of Medicine and no honorary members entertained. The management of the Association shall be vested in the Executive Committee which shall comprise the President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and four other members, one of whom shall be the ex-President or ex-Secretary. Special Meeting of this General Body shall be convened to discuss major issues.

The Association has its membership with the Federation of the Medical Teachers' Association which was formed in 1982 to seek solutions in common issues.

Initially the Association had functioned with a gradual but steady growth solving many problems faced by its members. Issues regarding salary anomalies, study leave, scholarships and fellowships were tactfully handled and solved. It had many successful discussions with both local administration as well as with University Grants Commission. It extended its activities at the community level whenever civil conditions deteriorated, especially during the periods 1983/84 and 1987/88. The members rendered a very valuable contribution to the community in this region during those hazardous periods.

It had its Annual General Meetings, Special General Meetings and regular Executive Committee Meetings without any hinderance up to the year 1989 and elections were held smoothly. But after the break of war in the region in 1990 the activities of the Association was very much affected and it could not even hold meetings. After the Presidentship of Prof.V.Karunanathan who resigned on 01.08.1999 due to illness, no elections had been held and the membership also was shrinking at that time. However, Dr.K.Sivapalan who held the office of Secretary managed the Association to function continuously. In 1995 he stressed the need of the Association to the members and called a General Body meeting in which new Office Bearers were elected on 4th September, 1995. But unfortunate events of that year and complete exodus of the Valikamam Division in the latter part of the year dismantled all the plans and structure of the Association. But an emergency meeting of the General Body was convened at Thenmarachchy when the Faculty was functioning at Chavakachcheri Hindu College to discuss the situation and the steps to be taken by the Association.

After returning to Valikamam Division in May 1996 all the attention of the members were focussed on the rehabilitation of the Faculty of Medicine. However the need of the Association was felt and to revive the activities, a meeting of the General Body was convened on 4th January 1999 which was chaired by Dr.R.Rajendraprasad, Dean of the Faculty of Medicine. In this meeting new Office Bearers have been elected and it continue to function at present.

FUTURE PLANS

The Association is well aware of its functioning in its earlier part and only because of the unforeseen and uncontrollable situation it could not function to the standard.

However, now the Association has decided to rehabilitate to do its best to the members to achieve its main objectives such as,

- 1) To safeguard and further interests of members.
- 2) To promote social activities and fellowship among members.
- 3) To ensure that the statute, acts and regulations and other rules of the University System are interpreted without bias.
- 4) To further the cause of Medical Education by,
 - a) Suggesting improvements in matters concerning policy and curriculum,
 - b) fostering relations with other faculties and associations concerned with medical education.
 - c) Establishing and maintaining the highest tradition of the medical teaching profession.
- 5) To represent members in trade disputes.

Keeping in mind the past experience the Association has decided to draw plans to face such situation in the future and function to suit its name and objectives.

THE UNIVERSITY SCIENCE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION (USTA)

The University Science Teachers' Association of the University of Jaffna (USTA) is a registered Trade Union comprising the permanent Teachers of the Faculty of Science. It has affiliation with the rational Federation of the Teachers' Association, FUTA. The USTA is satisfied that it has safeguarded the entitlements and the rights, of its members by representing them in the industrial disputes. It has also been highly recognized for its steady progress and behaviour. The USTA is very proud that it has highlighted the relevant national issues pertaining to the Higher Education and discharged its duties with immense responsibilities.

Further the USTA has never failed to redress to plight of the oppressed people.

Jaffna University Clerical and Technical Officers Association

The University Clerical and Technical Officers Association was inaugurated on 04th September 1989. The inaugural meeting was held in the Management class room on the ground floor of the Ramanathan Block at 12.00 Noon. Thirty (30) founder members attended the meeting and which was presided over by pro tem President Mr.M.Puthirasigamani. Mr.P.Kandasamy was elected

president at the meeting. Subsequently, Mr.P.D.Satkunarajah and Mr.P.Thangaratnam were elected Joint Secretaries and Mr.J.Jeyakumar was elected Treasurer.

The Association has functioned in an effective and efficient manner to safe guard the rights of the employees and resolved the problems they confronted. The Association paid very particular attention to maintain cordial relationship with other trade unions, the University administration, and the University Grants Commission. The Association during its 10th year, has introduced a death donation scheme and Scholarship scheme for the children of the members in addition to its farewell Award scheme.

During the ten years of its existence Mr.P.Kandasamy, late Mr.T.Kathirkamarajah, Mr.C.Arunakirinathan, Mr.S.V.Sivakumar, and S.J.B.Moorthy held the office of President in the past.

It gives us great pleasure that the Association completes its 10th year during the Silver Jubilee Year of the University of Jaffna under the leadership of Mr.P.Brinthaban.

UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES UNION

ORIGIN

University Employees Union was formed in October 1975 and its registration number was 4009. For certain reasons it had to be re-registered in 1989 and the new number is 5276. The significant feature of this union is that its constitution is so drafted enabling any university employee to become a member of this union irrespective of the post he holds. This is the first trade union in the History of trade unions in universities which permitted any employee to become its member.

The necessity of a trade union for university employees in our university was first felt by Professor K.Kailasapathy and Professor K.Indrapala and on their advise and guidance the University Employees Union was formed with Mr.K.Karunanantharajah as the President and Mr.R.Jegatheesan as the General Secretary. Mr.P.Kandasamay was the first Treasurer of this union.

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the union is clearly described in Section 2 of its constitution, which are briefed below

- (i) Integrating all university employees and protect their rights and concession.
- (ii) Furnishing legal advise to members on problems relating to their employment and representing the members in labour disputes.
- (iii) Improving the economic condition and social, cultural and religious relationship.
- (iv) Improving the employer - employee relationship and inter trade union relationship
- (v) Joining hands with trade unions within and outside the university when necessity arises.

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RELATIONSHIP WITH OTHER TRADE UNIONS

University Employees Unions became a member of the All Universities Trade Union Federation in 1989. After the establishment of the Eastern University, University Employees Union played an important role in forming an Employees Union in that university. The relationship between the University Employees Union and the Eastern University Employees Union was enhanced in 1997. After 1990 the relationship between the University Employees Union and the trade unions in the southern universities became weak due to transport difficulties and lack of communication. At this juncture, in 1997 Eastern University employees Union became a media to strengthen our relationship with the Federation.

In December 1998 University Employees Union, Eastern University Employees Union, South Eastern University Employees Union, Eastern University Teachers Association, and South Eastern University Teachers Union jointly launched a strike demanding the payment of incentive allowance for the year 1997/98 and their demand was met within a few days. This is the first time in the history of the Ceylon Universities the unions only in the north and east universities went on strike. This struggle established a good relationship between Eastern University Teachers Association and us.

After 1997 our relationship with Jaffna Universities Teachers Association and Jaffna University Clerical and Technical Officers Association improved. During this period our relationship with student unions also got strengthened.

Along with student assembly we joined the non governmental organisations in their struggle in finding out the plight of more than six hundred people including three university students who were missing. We joined prayers organised by Vanni Students Association praying to open the road to Vanni and to conduct the G.C.E.(A/L) examination in Vanni. We joined the Bank of Ceylon Employees Union, Ceylon Teachers Association and Arasanga Eluthu Vinaignar Sangam in 1998 and 1999 in celebrating the May Day. Several trade union officials in the north came personally and encouraged us when we went on strike this year demanding for higher salary.

ACTIVITIES

We participated in all trade union actions organised by the federation demanding for higher salary, health insurance, pension and other payments for university employees. We raised our voice demanding for proper recruitment, fair promotions and effective administrative actions in the University of Jaffna.

2. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

(a) Death Donation

The death donation scheme that was established in 1976 has helped many members of our union. In the event of death of a member or his father, mother, spouse or children money is paid to the

member or his family as the case may be. Rs. 10,000/- is paid in the case of death of a member and 7,000/- is paid for the deaths of above said relations. Money is contributed by members with the intension of helping their colleagues who are in distress. If a member does not get any payment from this scheme throughout his carrer he is paid a particular amount at the time of his retirement.

(b) Distress Loan

A loan scheme was established in 1995 to help members undergoing financial difficulties. An amount of Rs. 1,500/- is paid to such members which is re-payable in 10 menthly instalments with an interest of 10%.

3. EMPLOYEES COMMON ROOM

A common room was inaugurated in October 1986 for the non-academic staff to spend their leisure time. Since then this room is maintained by the University Employees Union. There were various recreational facilities such as radio and indoor game facilities. It is unfortunate we lost all the equipment during the displacement in 1995. We are still unable to make good the loss.

4. EMPLOYEES DAY

We are celebrating Employees Day annually from 1991. The intension of which is to make good relationship and understanding among the employees and to promote their ability in sports, drama etc. This is usually held around the day of inauguration of our university. Teachers and students also participate in this function. Competitions in sports, indoor games, short story, poems, general knowledge etc. are held over a length of period. Three dramas 'Ekalaivan', 'Uravugal' and 'Kanalil Oru Kapada Kandam' were staged by the employees.

5. SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

The union is engaged in promoting the social activities of our members. We purchased and supplied bed sheets for the children in the orphanage run by Thirunelvely "Saiva Vithya Viruthi Sangam" from the money collected by staging a drama.

**WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE UNIVERSITY OF JAFFNA
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE - 1999-2000**



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6. PUBLICATION OF 'SANGA NATHAM'

From 1995 the official organ of our union - "Sanga Natham" is published. It carries various articles on university matters, activities of our union and articles that are beneficial to employees. Thirteen issues have been published so far.

7. INTERNAL TRAINING

These courses are conducted when needed to help employees who face examinations for promotions/appointments.

8. FUTURE PLANS

We intend to start an effective administrative procedure for our union and train the members in this.

WORLD UNIVERSITY SERVICE

World University Service is an international, non governmental organization focusing on Education, development and academic freedom. It renders various kinds of service to the students, academic and non academic staff of universities. The structure of the World University Service, Jaffna University provides representation for all the section of the University Community, namely five staff members from each faculty of the University and thirty students at least three students from each faculty and a number of non academic staff. The Vice Chancellor of the University of Jaffna occupies as the Patron of WUS.

World University Service, Jaffna Campus was formed on the 9th of June 1976. Dr.J.B.Selliah. Mr.H.A.D.Ariyaratne were elected as the President, Vice President, General Secretary, Associate

Secretary, Senior Treasurer and Junior Treasurer of the World University service- Jaffna respectively.

The new constitution of WUS Jaffna was presented and approved at the first meeting. The activities of the WUS came to a stand still after some time. Infact the activities of WUS of Jaffna ceased after October 1987 when all its documents were destroyed by the Indian Peace Keeping Force.

A number of individuals' efforts, including Dr.N.Sivapalan and Prof.S.Balachandiran, help to reorganize the WUS activities in June 1991. Prof.A.Thuraiajah, then Vice Chancellor of the University of Jaffna, had contributed immensely to the development of WUS. A committee was formed and the present WUS constitution was drafted and presented on 30.12.1991 and adopted on 10.01.1992. The new Executive Committee was formed on 23.07.92. Prof. K. Balasubramaniam, Dr.N.Sivapalan and Dr.S.Srisatkunarajah were elected as President, General Secretary and Senior Treasurer respectively. The WUS provided photo copying facilities at a reduced rate during that difficult period. In addition to the photo copying service, typing service was also done at a reduced rate.

Prof.K.Balasubramaniam was re elected as the President on 05.10.1993 with Dr.N.Sivapalan and Mr.R.Nanthakumaran took the responsibility of General Secretary and Senior Treasurer respectively. It was a notable fact that the WUS had donated about four thousand rupees worth of sports items, petromax and hurricane lanterns to an orphanage in Navali in view of helping socially deprived children.

Prof.S.V.Parameswaran was elected as the new President of the WUS in the next Annual General Meeting. Mr.R.Nanthakumaran and Dr.N.Gnanakumaran were elected as the General Secretary and Senior treasurer respectively. The WUS extended their help to the socially deprived children in Kilinochchi by donating five thousand rupees worth of things. The WUS also established a book sale out let at the Medical Faculty in view of promoting the sales of University Publications. Unfortunately, after the mass exodus in October 1995, WUS lost most of its valuable items amounted to RS 134,846/=. In addition to that the photo copying machine and its accessories were lost. The WUS paid a compensation of Rs.50,000 to the owner of the photo copying machine on a humanitarian ground. The WUS once again reorganized the photo copying service in the main campus premises due to the untiring effort of the Treasurer.

Prof.S.Mohanadas was elected as the President of the WUS in the next Annual General Meeting held on 29.11.1997. Prof.N.Gnanakumaran and Dr.Miss. Shanthini Saminathan were elected as General Secretary and Senior Treasurer respectively. In addition to the photo copying service at the University main premises, another photo copying service center was started at the Medical Faculty. Both photo copying service centres cater to the demand of University Community at the cheapest rate in the Jaffna Peninsula. Further to this, the WUS started a Computer Service Centre in the University main premises. The Computer Service Centre provides a number of services to the University Community especially academic community and students are able to print theses, dissertations, field reports and articles at a comparatively very cheap rate at this Centre. This kind of exercise will boost a good image of the academic output of the University of Jaffna in the outside world as we are living in the technologically advanced world.

The WUS undertook to run the Medical Faculty canteen as requested by the Medical Faculty Students Union and new caterer started the canteen from June 1998. The condition of the canteen improved a lot after undertaking by the WUS. This canteen provides lunch and other facilities to Medical Faculty and Agricultural Faculty students and the staff.

In view of reducing the high expenditure of the University community on transport, the WUS purchased a brand new auto vehicle (Three Wheeler) for RS. 1,90,000/= in Colombo on July 1998. We received the Greaves Garuda diesel three wheeler in January 1999 and the Auto Service was inaugurated by the Vice Chancellor, Prof.P.Balasundarampillai, on 22.01.1999. A booking counter for the Auto Service also opened at the WUS.

Prof.S.Mohanadas and Prof.N.Gnanakumaran were reelected as the President and the General Secretary of the WUS respectively in the Annual General Meeting was held on 29.01.1999. Mr.K.Arulvel elected as Senior Treasurer. WUS hopes that our University literature, documents and student magazines could be printed in this center in the future. In view of providing said facilities and introducing more facilities WUS has already decided to expand some more services like offset printing and book binding at this centre. Unfortunately due to the prevailing situation of transport, especially from Colombo to Jaffna, WUS is unable to fulfill our expectation for the time being. At present, Computer Service Centre is not in a position to cater to a great extent even services are extended on Saturdays and holidays. In addition to the existing two Computers, inkjet printer and dotmatrix printer, WUS has purchased another IBM Computer, Laser printer and Scanner on 24.04.1999 in view of giving more efficient and satisfactory service to the customers.

It is another notable fact to mention here that these activities have provided employment for four persons in the Photo Copying Service and four persons in the Computer Service Center and one person in the Auto Transport Service. The W.U.S. decided to provide hair dressing service and dry cleaning service for the University community. But, we were compelled to postpone the implementation of these programmes due to the lack of suitable location in the University premises. Further to this, the Committee tried to establish a book stall in the University. That programme also could not be materialized due to the difficulties in transport from Colombo to Jaffna. We are happy to note that the efficient management of the WUS in the recent years has generated enough fund to expand its activities in various services oriented projects and programmes. These activities help the University Community to obtain services at a cheaper rate compared a to the prevailing charges in Jaffna Peninsula. The WUS at present has amounting to Rs.575,000 worth of things like computer, its accessories and three wheeler Auto as the capital assets.

We take this opportunity to record our deep appreciation to the Vice Chancellor, Prof.P.Balasundarampillai for his efforts in promoting W.U.S. activities in many ways. We hope that our Vice Chancellor will do the same in the future also.

CHAPTER 7

TOWARDS THE NEW ERA

“The University is a Community of Scholars and students engaged in the task of truth”

-Karl Jaspers

The University of Jaffna is proud to celebrate its Silver Jubilee with the satisfaction of Considerable achievements during the last 25 years. Our Vice-Chancellor Prof. P.Balasundarampillai has taken all possible steps for the future development of this University in the forth coming 21st Century, with the fullest co-operation of the academics, staff-officers, non-academic staff and the students.

The aims of University Education are quoted in the Corporate plan for University Education as follows:

- “A University Education, we feel should concentrate on equipping a student with a critical awareness of self and the society in which the student lives and works. We should aim at one all important end, to interest a student in the pursuit of truth. If at the same time the student becomes a socially useful, and economically productive individual at the end of his stay at the University, the student, the University and society at large will have reason for deep satisfaction.
- While the University would naturally regard it as one of the principal functions to make students economically productive, that is to say to prepare them for employment, this is in a sense, subordinate to the function of training the students minds, and nurturing an understanding and an appreciation of the values of their own, and of other societies. Given the complexities of the modern world, and the multiple changes that confront young people as they set forth to meet the challenges of life outside the University, the importance of the cultivated and critical mind becomes self-evident.”

Further a University's commitment to intellectual excellence in all its activities is its primary and most significant contribution to the society and the nation. According to a report of a committee comprising of Professors, appointed in 1978, to report on the proposed University Services

Commission and University Grants Commission, the aims and functions of a University are specified as follows.

- pursuit promotion and dissemination of knowledge.
- pursuit of research.
- provision of Intellectual leadership.
- manpower development
- promotion of social, cultural and economic modernization.
- promotion of international understanding and unity.

With the experience we have gathered during the last 25 years about the University system and taking into consideration of the aims of the University as detailed above the University of Jaffna is confident that it will serve the community in the forth coming new era-21st century.

Academic achievement of the University of Jaffna up to Silver Jubilee year

The number of Graduands from the University of Jaffna during the period of 1980-1998 is as follows:

Approximately 10,542 and Graduands belongs to different categories are attached to this University. About 41 Graduands have been honoured by the University during the convocation for their outstanding contributions in different fields, by conferring the honorary degree, D.Sc, D.litt, Ph.D. Nadaka Viththagar, Siddhanta Viththagar, Ilakkana Viththagar, M.A, M.Sc, and M.Phil, (*honoris causa*). Nearly 1191 Post-Graduate degrees comprised of Doctor of Philosophy, Master of Arts, Master of Science, Master of Philosophy, Post Graduate Diploma in

1. Hindu Civilization
2. Mathematics
3. Education
4. English language Teaching
5. Public Administration

have been conferred by this University.

Approximately 8163 students have obtained their degrees in Bachelor of Science (Agriculture),(B.Sc(Agri) Bachelor of Arts, (B.A), Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com.), MBBS, Bachelor of Med.Sc (B.M.Sc), Bachelor of Science (B.Sc), and Bachelor of Siddha Medicine and Surgery (BSMS).

About 692 students have obtained their Diploma in different disciplines such as Vocal, Dance, Veena, Violin, Mirudangam, and Ayurvedic Medicine.

As far as the External Degree Programme is concerned about 455 Graduands were awarded the following degrees, Bachelor of Arts(B.A) and Bachelor of Commerce (B.Com). The External Degree programme is emplemented successfully due to the initiative and efforts taken by our present Vice- Chancellor Prof. P.Balasundarampillai, when he was functioning as the Dean of the Faculty of Arts.

In addition to this 157 Diplomates in Accountancy and Finance, English and Mathematical Science received their Diploma certificate at the Vavuniya Campus of this University in October 1997. The above statistics reflect the academical achievements of this University. This outstanding achievements of the University is being correctly assessed by the Chairman of the University Grants Commission, Professor S. Tilakaratna in his message to the Silver Jubilee Souvenir :

- “ The service rendered by the University and its record of achievements have to be understood and appreciated in the context of the severe constraints faced, prevailing unsettled conditions and ups and down experienced during the major part of its existence. Despite these problems and limitations, the University has been able to not only survive but grow steadily. I may particularly mention the success of the University in maintaining academic standards and providing quality education at both under graduate and post graduate levels.”

We are going through a period of University reforms. Professor W. D. Lakshman in his introduction to the report on workshop organized by the CVCD (1996) defines as follows:

"The reform agenda of the Universities has been defined to include a wide range of subject areas, Curriculum reform, changes in teaching methods, reform in student evaluation systems, introduction of systems of regular training and upgrading of academic administrative and other staff, setting up of staff development Centres for this purpose, search for new sources of financing University education, introduction of career guidance systems for Students, systematic evaluation of teaching undertaken by Universities, regular review of the work of departments of study and faculties, quality rating of Universities and so on"

The University of Jaffna is dedicated to take relevant steps to achieve the target. The intellectual traditions will have to be further developed taking into consideration the changing needs of the society.

Taking all these facts into consideration, our Vice-Chancellor, Prof. P. Balasundarampillai has taken genuine steps to implement some of the proposals. The Career Guidance Unit has been set up on the direction of the Vice-Chancellor and Dr. V. Navaratnarajah is incharge for it. The Vice-Chancellor has taken relevant steps to establish the Staff Development Programme, and now it functions under the

direction of Prof. V. Tharmaratnam. In order to strengthen the links with the graduates passed out from this University, the Vice-Chancellor has taken initiative to organize the Alumni Association and this effort is a success. An Alumni office is functioning under the supervision of the Vice-Chancellor. The Vice-Chancellor is confident that all the passed out graduates would enrol themselves in the Alumni Association, and help our University in its march towards the new era. The formation of the Alumni Association is a clear indication of the desire of the University to strengthen its links with its graduates and its feeling of pride at their achievements.

The newly established Faculty of Graduate studies at our University which functions under the Deanship of Prof. A. Sanmugadas will definitely help to accelerate the Post-Graduate Studies and research.

The Vice-Chancellor has taken relevant steps in organising a computer Laboratory at the newly established Faculty of Management Studies and Commerce. This is a great boon to the Under-graduates of this Faculty. In keeping to the line of University reforms steps are being taken by the Vice Chancellor to expedite and implement them.

Above all these the infrastructure work also progressing under the direct supervision of the Vice-Chancellor. Vice-Chancellor's initiative to develop the academic links with other Universities abroad is also a constructive step and a boon to young academics.

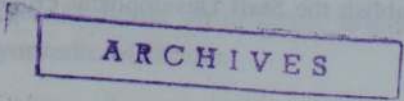
Amidst the unsettled condition prevailing in the region, we all are confident that the University of Jaffna will face the the challenges of the new era and produce graduates with high calibre to cater the needs of the fast changing world.



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