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Story of SLIDA

The Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration is a cornerstone in Public Administration and Management education, serving as the premier public sector training hub in Sri Lanka. We are committed to fostering leadership and innovation, offering programs that blend knowledge with practical skills. Our faculty consists of industry veterans, guiding students to become future change-makers. SLIDA alumni contribute significantly across various sectors, embodying our mission to advance governance and public service standards.

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Visit from Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC)

SLIDA was honored to host a distinguished delegation from the Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC) on 22nd April 2025. The delegation was led by Mr. Bishnu Prasad Lamsal, Deputy Executive Director of NASC. The visit served as a valuable platform for knowledge exchange, sharing institutional experiences, and strengthening international collaboration in public sector training and development. During the session, SLIDA presented "SLIDA in Perspective: Institutional Mandate, Milestones, and Impact," highlighting its contributions to capacity building in Sri Lanka's public sector. In turn, the NASC team shared insightful perspectives through their presentation, "Nepal's Experience in Public Sector Capacity Building." The event concluded with a lively and constructive discussion aimed at exchanging best practices and fostering mutual learning between the two institutions.



Editorial Note

As we step into the second quarter of 2025, it is with great pride and reflection that we present this month's edition of the SLIDA Newsletter. April has been a particularly momentous month for our institution, marked by significant events, inspiring collaborations, and continued commitment to capacity building within Sri Lanka's public sector.

One of the highlights of this month was the visit from the Nepal Administrative Staff College (NASC). This prestigious engagement served as a powerful reminder of the value of international collaboration in public sector development. Through knowledge exchange sessions, both SLIDA and NASC reaffirmed their shared commitment to enhancing governance, institutional effectiveness, and innovation in public service delivery. Such initiatives are essential as Sri Lanka continues to benchmark its administrative reforms against global best practices, ensuring our public institutions remain responsive and forward-looking.

The SLIDA Convocation 2025 was another proud occasion, celebrating the academic accomplishments of graduates from the Master of Public Management (MPM) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration. These graduates represent a new wave of leadership equipped with the skills, ethics, and vision to transform public service. As the challenges facing our nation grow more complex, the need for professionalized, knowledge-driven, and citizen-centric governance becomes increasingly evident. SLIDA is honored to play a pivotal role in shaping such leaders.

Our training programs in this month exemplify our dedication to nurturing both foundational and specialized skills among public servants. Induction Training for Development Officers (Mediation) which was held in partnership with the Ministry of Justice and British Council, Training program for the Technical Education Officers, and training for the Sri Lanka ICT Service (Grade II), emphasized critical competencies such as dispute resolution, technical management, and procurement governance.

April also marked SLIDA's 43rd Anniversary, a milestone that invited us to look both back with gratitude and forward with ambition. In commemorating over four decades of excellence in public sector training, we paid tribute to staff members who have dedicated over 25 years to the institution. Their loyalty and tireless service serve as a cornerstone for our enduring impact.

SLIDA remains steadfast in its mission to equip public servants with the mindset, tools, and values needed for inclusive, effective, and accountable governance. As we look ahead, we invite all stakeholders to continue supporting and participating in this journey of transformation.

Nilmini Daladawaththa
Editor, SLIDA Newsletter

MASTER OF PUBLIC MANAGEMENT CONVOCATION 2025



SLIDA Convocation 2025

SLIDA extends its warmest congratulations to all graduates of the Master of Public Management (MPM) and Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration programs who were honored at the SLIDA Convocation 2025. This milestone marks a significant achievement not only for the graduates themselves, but also for SLIDA and the broader public sector of Sri Lanka.



Empowering the Public Sector for a Better Sri Lanka



The inauguration of the Training Consultancy on Induction Training Program for Development Officers (Mediation) was successfully held in collaboration with the Ministry of Justice, the Mediation Boards Commission, and the British Council. This initiative aims to strengthen mediation and dispute resolution mechanisms, fostering a more effective public sector. The event was graced by esteemed guests, including Mr. Jacques Castens, Team Leader - Supporting Effective Dispute Resolution (SEDR), Mr. Indika Perera, Key Expert - ADR/SEDR, British Council and Ms. Thilini Rathnasooriya, Secretary of the Mediation Boards Commission. The program, coordinated by Ms. Y. T. Thushanga, Senior Consultant, SLIDA.

Certificate Awarding Ceremony for Sri Lanka Technical Education Officers – Grade I

The Certificate Course for Sri Lanka Technical Education Officers – Grade I successfully concluded with a prestigious certificate awarding ceremony to honor the participants. The event was graced by the presence of Mr. S. C. Jagath, Director General of DTET. The program was successfully coordinated by Mr. N. Gowrithasan, Consultant at SLIDA.



Induction Training Program for Sri Lanka ICT Service (Grade II)

A special session on Procurement Documentation was conducted as a part of the Induction Training Program for Sri Lanka ICT Service (Grade II). The session featured Dr. M. S. Anuruddha, Director General of the Sri Lanka Tea Board, who shared valuable insights on procurement best practices. The module was coordinated by Mr. Wasantha Kuruppu Arachchi, Senior Consultant at SLIDA, ensuring an informative and engaging learning experience for the participants.

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SLIDA Celebrates 43rd Anniversary with Tribute to Long-Serving

Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA) proudly celebrated its 43rd anniversary under the patronage of the Director General, with a special ceremony held at the institute premises. To mark this significant milestone, the SLIDA Welfare Association organized a heartfelt tribute to recognize the invaluable contributions of staff members who have served the institution for over 25 years. These dedicated officers were honored with commemorative plaques in appreciation of their long-standing service and commitment to the growth and success of SLIDA. The event also celebrated the academic achievements of the children of SLIDA staff.



Special Interactive Session on Performing Arts Held as Part of SLIDA Day

As a key feature of the series of events held to mark the 43rd Anniversary of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA), an engaging and inspirational session was conducted with the aim of enhancing the creativity and personal development of SLIDA staff. This special session featured renowned actor and lecturer Mr. Ishara Pramuditha Wickramasinghe, an external lecturer at the University of the Visual and Performing Arts and the University of Kelaniya. He delivered an insightful performance on the evolution of Sri Lankan stage drama, enriching participants' understanding of local performing arts and their cultural significance.





Miyuraga Sobha

In celebration of the 43rd Anniversary of the Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA), a grand talent show titled “Miyuraga Sobha 2025” was held, showcasing the diverse talents of SLIDA’s staff officers. Representing all facets of the institution, the enthusiastic participation of officers made the event a vibrant and memorable spectacle. The show was filled with captivating performances, highlighting creativity, unity, and team spirit.

TIMELESS THOUGHTS

"Change is the law of life. And those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future."

- John F. Kennedy -



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