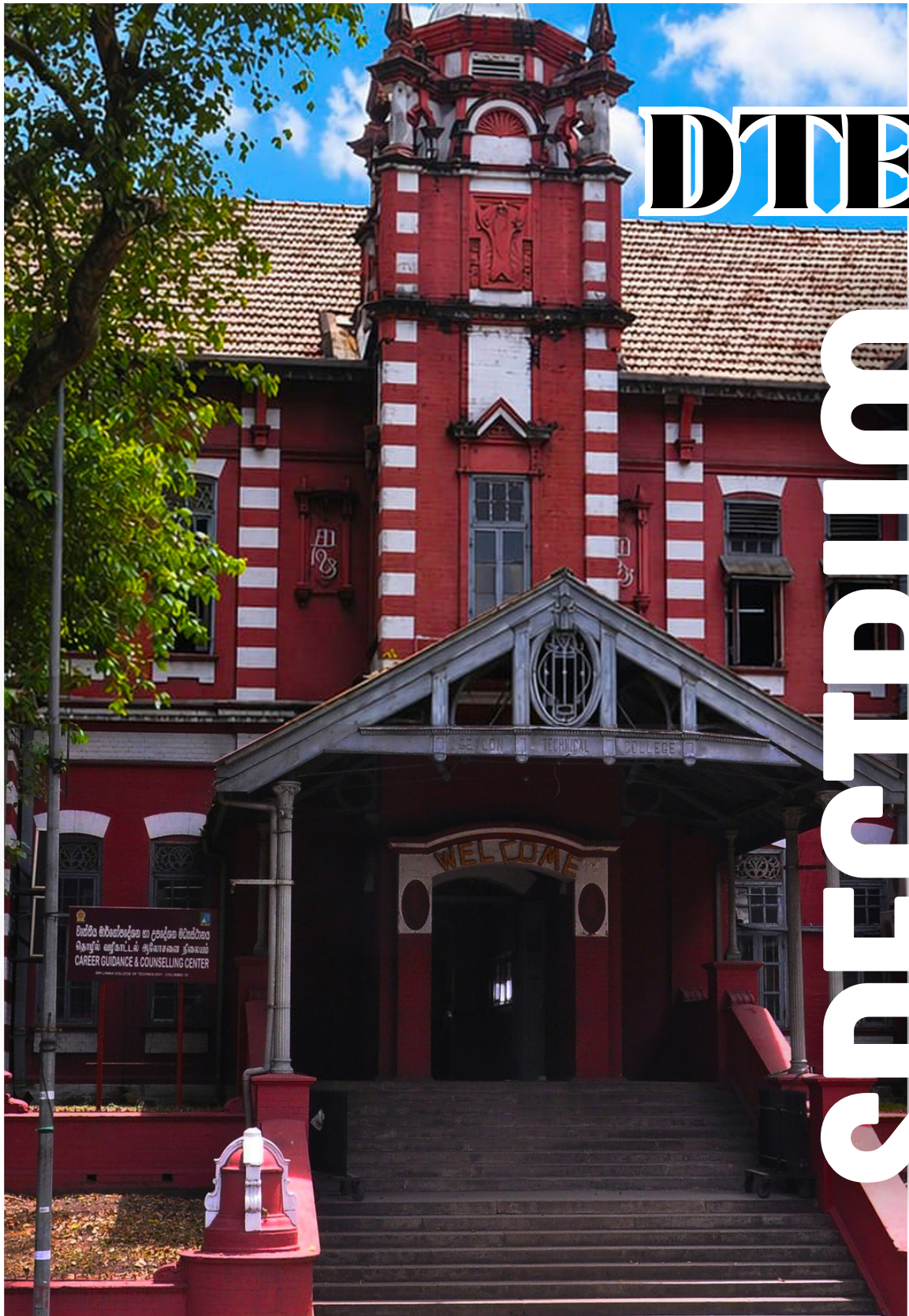


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Message from the Director General



It gives me great pleasure to present DTET Spectrum, our e-magazine, launched with the aim of bringing the services, achievements, and experiences of the Department of Technical Education and Training (DTET) closer to the public.

This publication is a fruitful effort by Career Guidance Branch, which brought together the collective efforts of the officers and staff of the DTET Head Office and its network of 39 institutions. I sincerely appreciate and thank everyone whose dedication, expertise, and creative contributions made this inaugural edition possible.

Published on a quarterly basis, DTET Spectrum will serve as a platform to showcase the Department's initiatives, research, achievements, and significant milestones while strengthening our connection with the wider community.

I extend my heartfelt gratitude to the Hon. Minister, Dr. Harini Amarasuriya, the Hon. Deputy Minister, Nalin Hewage, the Secretary to the Ministry, and the entire Ministry staff for their continuous guidance and support. Their leadership inspires our shared commitment to providing quality technical and vocational education for the youth of Sri Lanka.

As we move forward, we look forward to enriching future editions with fresh perspectives and engaging content. I reaffirm our commitment to further strengthening our organization as a trusted, people-centred, and dynamic provider of technical education.

I extend my sincere best wishes to everyone who contributes to the success of this publication and wish you continued strength and success.

Dilki Wathsala Marambage
Director General
Department of Technical Education and Training

Maradana College of Technology

*The Birthplace of Technical
Education in Sri Lanka*

The story of technical education in Sri Lanka began in 1893 with the establishment of the Government Technical School at Maradana. This pioneering institution laid the foundation for the country's technical and vocational education system, producing generations of skilled professionals who have contributed significantly to Sri Lanka's economic and industrial development. Today, it proudly stands as the Maradana College of Technology, the oldest technical college in the country.

Renamed the Ceylon Technical College in 1906, it became the nation's leading centre for technical and scientific education, offering programmes in engineering, applied sciences, and industrial technologies. As higher education evolved, the College played a vital role in shaping Sri Lanka's academic landscape. Following the establishment of the University College in 1921, its science programmes became the foundation of university-level science education, while engineering education later expanded into specialised institutions.

As Sri Lanka's technical education system developed, the institution became the cornerstone of what is now the Department of Technical Education and Training (DTET). From its origins at Maradana, DTET has grown into a network of 39 Colleges of Technology and Technical Colleges across the island, providing industry-relevant training and nationally recognised qualifications in diverse technical and vocational fields. Through continuous curriculum development, industry collaboration, and innovation, DTET remains committed to producing a skilled workforce capable of meeting the demands of a rapidly evolving world.

Today, Maradana College of Technology continues to serve as the flagship institution of this national network, preserving a legacy of excellence while inspiring future generations. As DTET Spectrum celebrates the achievements and progress of technical education in Sri Lanka, it is fitting to honour the institution where this remarkable journey began.



RESEARCH PROPOSAL PRESENTATION PROGRAMME SUCCESSFULLY CONDUCTED BY THE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT DIVISION



The Research and Development Division of the Department of Technical Education and Training (DTET) successfully conducted a Research Proposal Presentation Programme on 09th June 2026, marking an important milestone in promoting a research-oriented culture within the department.

The event was held under the patronage of the Director General and provided a valuable platform for researchers to present and discuss their proposed studies. The programme aimed to encourage evidence-based decision-making, innovation, and continuous improvement in the field of technical and vocational education and training.

A distinguished panel of academics and experts participated as members of the proposal evaluation committee. The panel included Dr. Lochandaka Ranatunga of the University of Moratuwa, Dr. D.D.D. Suraweera of UNIVOTEC, Dr. Sunil Kularatne of UNIVOTEC, and Dr. Dilrukshi Herath of TVEC. Their expertise and constructive feedback provided valuable guidance to the researchers in refining and strengthening their proposed studies.



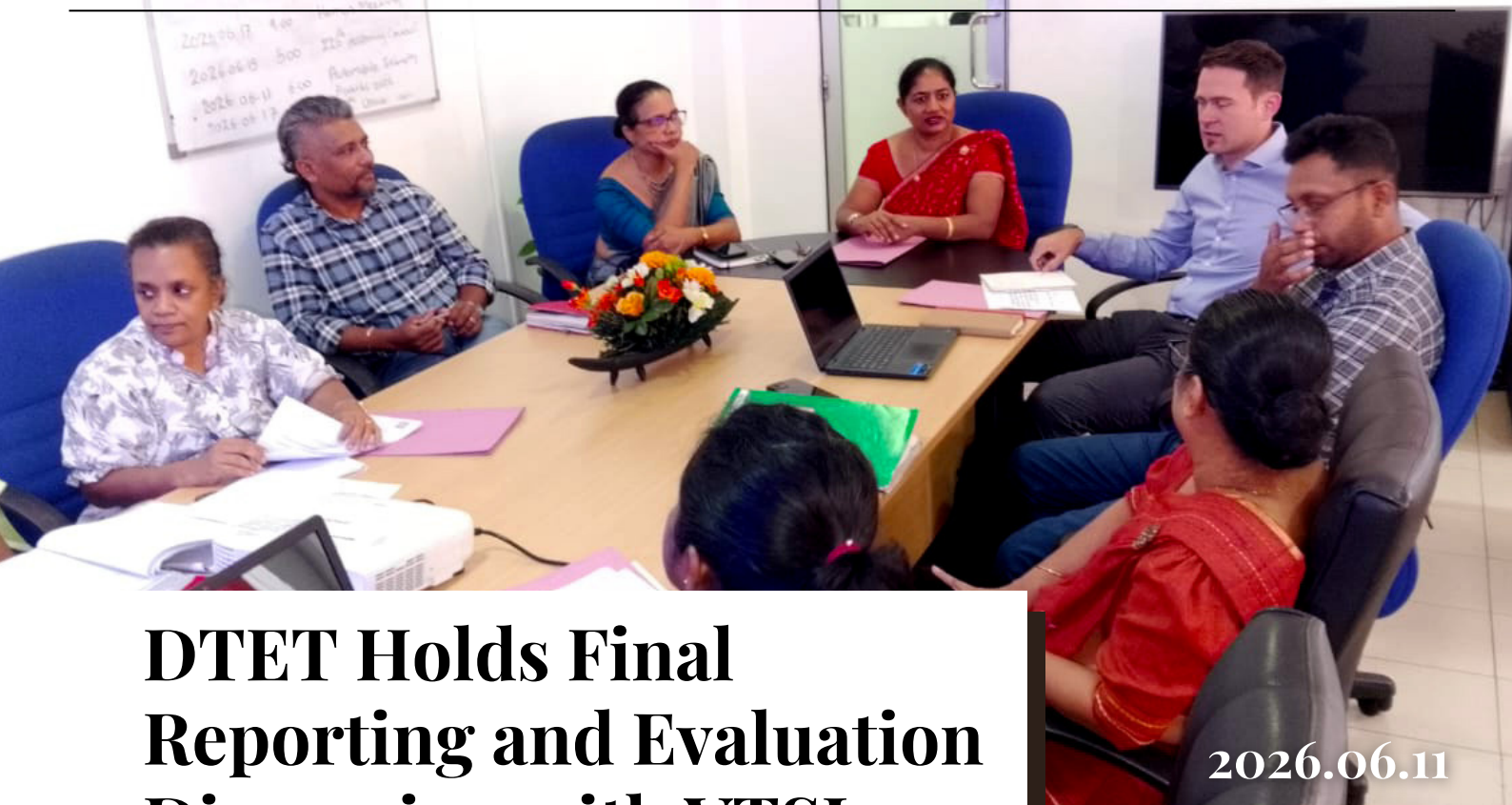
During the programme, eight researchers presented a total of six research proposals covering areas relevant to the development and enhancement of technical education and training. The presentations demonstrated the commitment of DTET staff to generating new knowledge, addressing emerging challenges, and contributing to the advancement of the sector through research and innovation.

The evaluation committee engaged in insightful discussions with the presenters, offering recommendations to improve the quality, relevance, and practical applicability of the proposed research projects. The interaction between researchers and experts created a productive learning environment and encouraged the exchange of ideas and best practices.

The successful conduct of this programme reflects DTET's commitment to fostering research excellence and strengthening its capacity for evidence-based planning and policy development. By encouraging staff participation in research activities, the department continues to create opportunities for professional growth while contributing to the advancement of technical and vocational education in Sri Lanka.

The Research and Development Division extends its appreciation to all researchers, evaluators, and participants who contributed to the success of the programme. Their dedication and enthusiasm have helped reinforce the importance of research as a key driver of institutional development and educational excellence.

"Research is the bridge between today's challenges and tomorrow's solutions, transforming ideas into meaningful progress."



DTET Holds Final Reporting and Evaluation Discussion with VTSL Project Representatives

The Department of Technical Education and Training (DTET) recently conducted a discussion meeting with representatives of the Vocational Training in Sri Lanka (VTSL) Project as part of the project's final reporting and evaluation process.

The meeting brought together officials from DTET and members of the VTSL Project team to review the progress and achievements realized through the partnership. The discussions served as an important opportunity to assess the project's overall impact and identify key lessons learned during its implementation.



A special highlight of the meeting was the participation of Mr. Morten Becher, Monitoring and Evaluation (M&E) Expert from Germany, who joined the discussions alongside members of the VTSL team. His expertise contributed valuable insights into the evaluation process and the assessment of project outcomes.

During the session, participants reviewed the major accomplishments achieved through the collaboration between DTET and the VTSL Project. Discussions focused on the effectiveness of project interventions, capacity-building initiatives, institutional development activities, and the positive contributions made towards strengthening technical and vocational education and training in Sri Lanka.

DTET Showcases Opportunities in Technical Education at Future Minds 2026



The Department of Technical Education and Training (DTET) proudly participated in the Future Minds 2026 Educational Exhibition, organized by Nalanda College, Colombo, and held from 12 to 14 June 2026 at the Exhibition and Convention Centre of the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH).

The three-day exhibition brought together a wide range of educational institutions, training providers, universities, and industry stakeholders, creating a valuable platform for students and parents to explore educational and career opportunities. As one of the key contributors to technical and vocational education in Sri Lanka, DTET established an exhibition stall to showcase its training programmes, institutional network, and pathways for skills development.

The DTET exhibition stall attracted a large number of visitors throughout the event, including school students, parents, teachers, and career guidance seekers. Visitors were provided with comprehensive information on the department's courses, training facilities, admission procedures, and career prospects available through technical and vocational education.



"Empowering young minds with skills and knowledge today creates the innovators, professionals, and leaders of tomorrow."



SKILL COMPETITION “NIPUNATHA KIRULA” 2026

**EMPOWERING
MINDS,
BUILDING
SKILLS,
SHAPING
FUTURES.**

The Department of Technical Education and Training (DTET) successfully conducted the Institute-Level Final Competition of the DTET Skills Day on 16 July at the College of Technology, Maradana. The event brought together some of the most talented and dedicated trainees from DTET institutions, providing them with a platform to demonstrate their technical competencies, creativity, innovation, and professional skills.

The competition showcased the high standards of vocational and technical training delivered by DTET institutions across the country.

Participants competed in a range of skill areas relevant to their respective trades, demonstrating both theoretical knowledge and practical expertise. The event also fostered a spirit of healthy competition, teamwork, and continuous improvement among trainees.

The College of Technology, Maradana, served as an excellent venue for the competition, with judges and industry representatives evaluating participants based on established technical and professional criteria.



*Every great
invention
starts with a
skilled mind
and a
determined
heart.*



The performances reflected the commitment of trainees and instructors alike towards achieving excellence in technical education and skills development.

The winners and outstanding performers selected at the institute-level final competition will now represent their respective institutions at the forthcoming Inter-Institution Skills Day Competition organized by the Ministry. This prestigious event will provide participants with an opportunity to compete at a higher level, benchmark their skills against peers from other institutions, and gain valuable exposure to industry expectations and national standards.

DTET extends its sincere appreciation to all competitors, instructors, organizing committees, judges, and staff members whose dedication contributed to the success of the event. Their collective efforts ensured a well-organized and inspiring competition that highlighted the importance of skills development in building a competent workforce for the nation.

As the selected competitors prepare for the Inter-Institution Skills Day Competition, DTET wishes them every success in representing their institutions with pride, professionalism, and excellence. Their achievements stand as a testament to the quality of technical and vocational education provided by DTET and its commitment to developing skilled professionals who contribute to national development.

Congratulations to all participants, and best wishes to the teams advancing to the next stage of competition.



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REBUILDING THE RELATIONSHIP WITH HEMAS CONSUMER BRANDS 2026.06.17

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As part of its ongoing efforts to strengthen industry partnerships and enhance employment opportunities for trainees, the Department of Technical Education and Training (DTET) held a discussion with representatives of Hemas Consumer Brands on 17 June 2026 at the DTET Headquarters. The purpose of the meeting was to review and renew the existing Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the two organizations.

The discussion focused on further strengthening collaboration between DTET and Hemas Consumer Brands, with particular emphasis on creating greater opportunities for trainee engagement, industry exposure, skill development, and future employment prospects. The renewal of the MoU is expected to reinforce the partnership and contribute to the development of a workforce that is better aligned with industry requirements.

Representing DTET at the meeting were Director General Mrs. Dilki Wathsala Marambage, Additional Director General Mr. H.E.M.A.W.S. Amunugama, and Director (Career Guidance, Marketing and Academic Affairs) Mr. M.K.C. Silva. The department was further represented by Deputy Directors Mr. G.R.P.K. Perera, Mr. G.L.M. Shantha Kumara, and Mrs. M.K.C. Surangika, representing the Career Guidance and Academic Divisions.

Representing Hemas Consumer Brands were Mr. S.E. Senevirathne, Assistant Manager – Talent Acquisition and Employer Branding, and Ms. D. Varunika, Executive – Talent Acquisition and Employer Branding. The representatives shared insights into current industry expectations, workforce requirements, and potential areas of collaboration that could benefit both organizations.



The meeting provided an opportunity for both parties to review the achievements of the existing partnership and explore new avenues for cooperation. Discussions highlighted the importance of maintaining strong links between technical education institutions and industry stakeholders to ensure that training programmes remain relevant, responsive, and aligned with labour market demands.

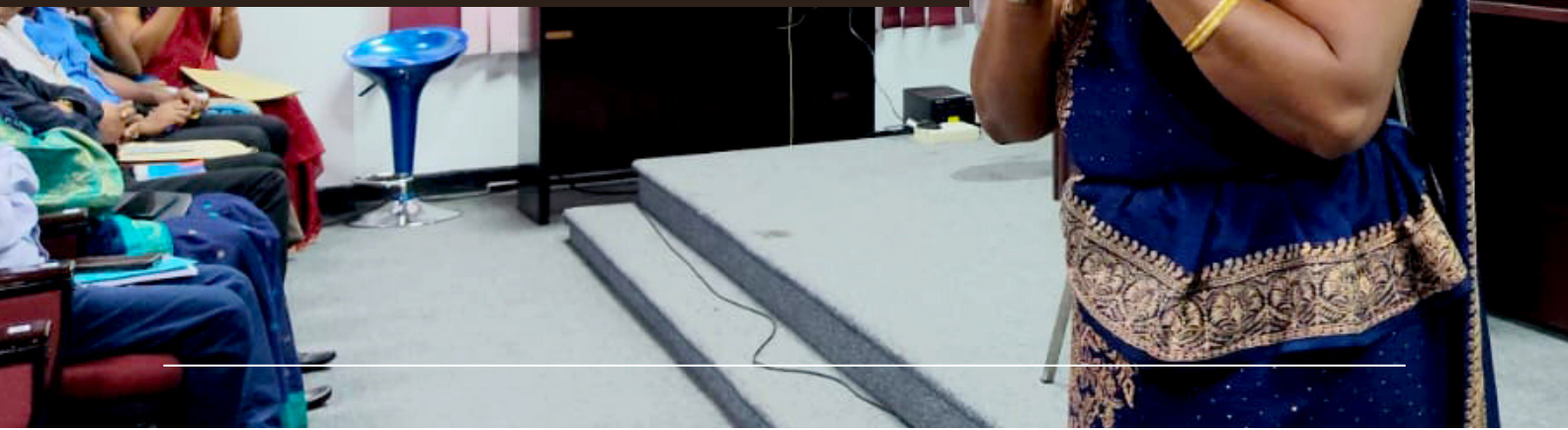
The continued partnership between DTET and Hemas Consumer Brands reflects a shared commitment to developing skilled, competent, and industry-ready professionals. Through such collaborations, DTET aims to enhance the employability of its trainees while contributing to the growth and sustainability of Sri Lanka's skilled workforce.

DTET looks forward to the successful renewal of the Memorandum of Understanding and the continued strengthening of industry engagement initiatives that support technical education and vocational training in Sri Lanka.

"Strong industry partnerships bridge the gap between training and employment, creating pathways for future success."



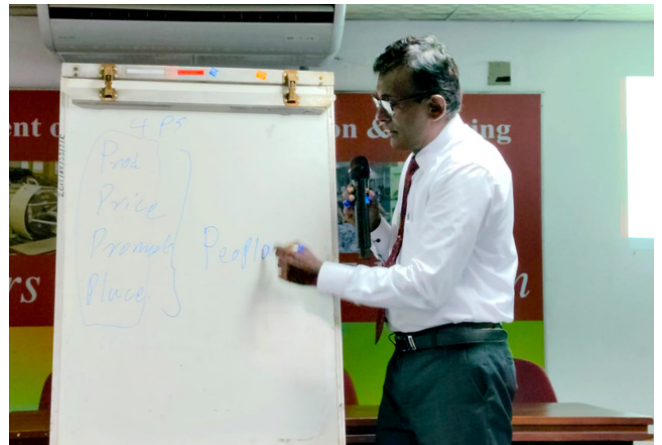
Workshop on Developing Process Documentation Successfully Conducted at DTET



As part of its ongoing commitment to enhancing organizational efficiency and service quality, the Department of Technical Education and Training (DTET) successfully conducted a workshop on the preparation of Process Documentation (Process Writing) for tasks performed by DTET officers.

The workshop was planned and organized by the Research and Development Division under the guidance of the Director of the Research and Development Division. The programme was conducted under the direction and leadership of the Director General, with the active participation of the entire departmental staff.

The primary objective of the workshop was to equip officers with the knowledge and skills required to systematically document the processes and procedures associated with their respective duties. Through interactive sessions and practical discussions, participants gained valuable insights into developing clear, consistent, and effective process documentation.





The initiative aims to standardize work procedures across the department, improve operational efficiency, and enhance the quality of service delivery. Well-defined process documentation is expected to contribute significantly to institutional knowledge management, ensure consistency in task execution, and support continuous improvement within the organization.

The workshop also provided a valuable platform for staff members from different divisions to share experiences, discuss best practices, and collaboratively identify opportunities for process enhancement. The enthusiastic participation of all staff members

reflected the department's commitment to fostering a culture of professionalism, accountability, and excellence. DTET remains dedicated to implementing innovative strategies that strengthen organizational performance and support the effective delivery of technical education and training services. The successful completion of this workshop marks another important step towards achieving these goals and further enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of departmental operations.

"Standardized processes are the foundation of organizational excellence, enabling efficiency, consistency, and continuous improvement."

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DTET Officials Attend "Sahasak Nimawum 2026"



Representing the Department of Technical Education and Training at the invitation of the Sri Lanka Inventors Commission were Director General Mrs. Wathsala Marambage, Additional Director General (Academic) Mrs. H.E.M.A.W.S. Amunugama, and Deputy Director Mr. Rasika Perera, who attended the prestigious event in support of the country's innovation and technological advancement initiatives.



***"Celebrating innovation is celebrating
the vision, creativity, and
determination that drive national
development."***



Badge Pinning Ceremony of the Caregiving Services Course

– Gampaha Technical College

The Badge Pinning and Passing-Out Ceremony of the Caregiving Services Course at Gampaha Technical College marked a significant milestone in the journey of its trainees. The event celebrated the successful completion of the programme and recognized the dedication, compassion, and professional commitment demonstrated by the graduates. The badge pinning symbolized their readiness to serve with dignity and responsibility, while the passing-out ceremony honored their achievements and welcomed them into the caregiving profession. The occasion was attended by distinguished guests, lecturers, family members, and well-wishers, making it a memorable celebration of excellence, service, and new beginnings.



– Warakapola Technical College



The Official Badge Awarding and Oath-Taking Ceremony for students who successfully completed the Nursing Assistant Training Programme was held with great pride and dignity. During the event, the trainees were presented with their official badges, symbolizing their commitment to the nursing profession and the values of compassion, responsibility, and professionalism. They also took the official pledge, marking an important milestone in their journey toward serving patients and the community with dedication and integrity. The ceremony celebrated their achievements and encouraged them to uphold the highest standards of healthcare throughout their future careers.



To mark Dengue Prevention Day, the Principal, staff, and students of Monaragala Technical College joined together in a community clean-up campaign. They cleaned the college premises and the surrounding area to help eliminate mosquito breeding sites and promote a healthier environment. Their collective effort demonstrated a strong sense of social responsibility and served as an inspiring example of community participation in dengue prevention.

"Together, through awareness and action, we can build a dengue-free community."

Dengue Prevention Cleaning Campaign



HEALTHY CHOICES, BRIGHTER FUTURES

Awareness Today, Well-being Tomorrow

A guest lecture on Sexual Health and Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs) was conducted by Mr. W.A.P.M. Ubayasekara, Public Health Inspector (PHI), STD Clinic, Ampara. The session enhanced participants' awareness of sexual health, STD prevention, and the importance of responsible health practices, encouraging informed and healthy lifestyle choices.

- COLLEGE OF TECHNOLOGY AMPARA



POSON SPIRIT AT MATALE TECHNICAL COLLEGE



To commemorate the Poson Full Moon Poya Day, Matale College of Technology organized a religious programme on 26 June 2026. The event included a Dhamma sermon, a midday Buddha Pooja, and a bread dansala, fostering spiritual reflection, generosity, and unity among students and staff.



"Poson is not only a celebration of history but a reminder to walk the Noble Path with kindness and wisdom."

SAFETY FIRST: BE FIRE READY

A Fire Safety Awareness Programme was conducted at Pathadumbara College of Technology on 11th June 2026 to educate students and staff on fire prevention, emergency response, and the proper use of firefighting equipment. The programme enhanced participants' awareness and preparedness to ensure a safer learning environment.



TOGETHER AGAINST DENGUE

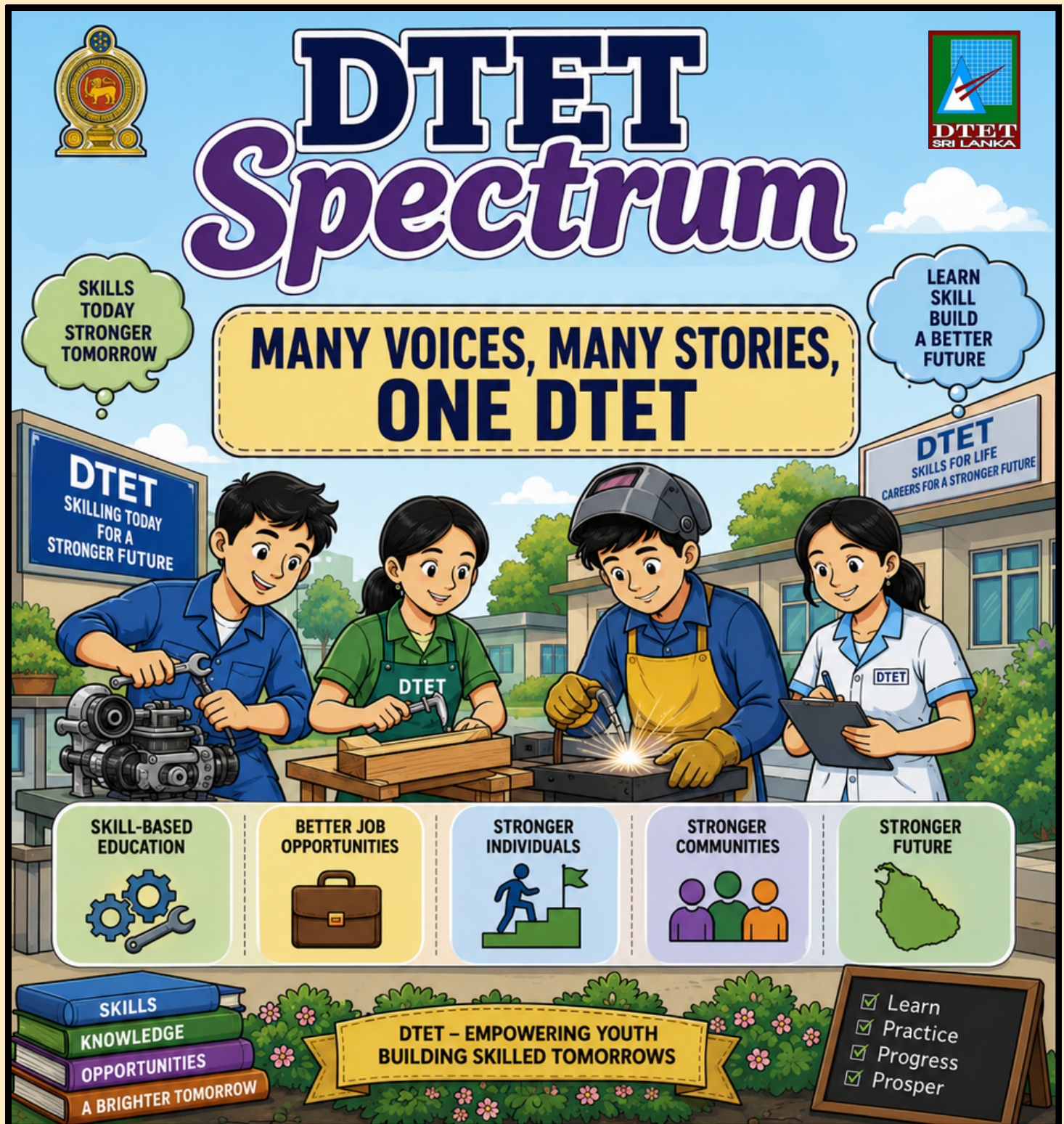
A Clean Environment, A Healthy Tomorrow

In line with the National Dengue Prevention Day, a Shramadana campaign was conducted at Anamaduwa College of Technology on 10th June 2026 with the active participation of students, academic staff, and non-academic staff. The initiative promoted a clean, healthy, and dengue-free learning environment through collective community effort.



**FIGHTING
DENGUE STARTS
WITH US**





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