

## Second Awareness Workshop on IDTD Studies

An Awareness Workshop on Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies was successfully conducted at the University of Ruhuna on October 10, 2025, from 9.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. The event was organized with the objective of promoting awareness and understanding of interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary approaches in research and higher education, thereby encouraging collaboration across diverse academic domains.

The workshop commenced with a welcome address by Prof. Hemali Munasinghe, Dean, Faculty of Science. The workshop featured three distinguished guest speakers:

- Emeritus Prof. Ranjith Senarathne: *“Needed: A Shift from Disciplinary Silos to Transdisciplinary Engagement”*
- Prof. Prasad M. Jayaweera: *“Synergy of Disciplines for Total Success”*
- Dr. P. Ranasinghe, Director, Business Cell, ITI Colombo: *“The Role of Interdisciplinary Research in Building Sustainable Commercial Enterprises”*

An interactive discussion and experience-sharing session was held, with the panel members comprising the three guest speakers, Emeritus Prof. Ruchira Cumarantunga, and Prof. Champika Ellawala.

The workshop was well attended by academic members representing several faculties of the University of Ruhuna, as well as undergraduate and postgraduate students.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks delivered by Prof. Sunanda Kodikara on behalf of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS), who expressed gratitude to the guest speakers, organizing committee, and participants for their valuable contributions to the success of the workshop.

