

ODYSSEY

3RD ISSUE

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Rotaractors,

Here we are with a brand New Calendar Year – 2023. After concluding 6 wonderful months of RI year 2022–23. The start of the first quarter was a challenge but we embraced the transition to a physical context in a strong manner establishing a strong foundation for the year. Going according to that environment we created, we warmly welcome the 2nd quarter as well to Rotaract Mora. It is with much pleasure and delight I am reminiscing the memories we had in the first quarter and the impact we created as a club.

The 2nd quarter started off with the 27th Installation Ceremony which became a platform to celebrate the service of the Outgoing Board of Officials and welcome the Incoming Board of Officials. Also one of the grand initiatives also took place in this period which is Monster Mash. As a financial project as well as a project which could bring a huge number of students from the University of Moratuwa to one place to celebrate Halloween. It became a place to witness the creativity of the Rotaractors as well introduce the club in a different form to the undergraduates. The very first Induction Ceremony for the RI year 2022–23 took a special place by celebrating the service of the youngest members of the club by inducting them and rewarding them as honorary mentions. It was a moment we welcomed the spirit of the spirit to the Rotaract Family. December and Christmas became another instance for the club bringing the charisma of the season into the club and with projects like Unseen Harmony, Upahara and also the Joint General Meeting and Fellowship celebration of West Family. These became platforms to embrace and celebrate everyone inclusively and share the joy with our fellowmen.

This quarter can be introduced as the peak of MentHer as well introducing and getting many partners on board to empower young ladies of the university. Continuing the legacy of Zooxanthellae, we made a set of well-occupied young divers from the club to take up the future challenges of protecting corals.



Ensuring the protection, some monitoring sessions were also conducted in Mirissa and Kamburugamu planted areas and got the good news of the successful progress. Furthermore this period was allocated for the planning stages of many significant projects which are going to bloom in the next 6 months. Among them Manusath Handa, Are You Ready, Boon Dighi, RMMUN took a special place. The largest Career Fair of University of Moratuwa, Are You Ready? 2023, started off the journey getting many potential partners on board and companies on board with the aspiration of providing job opportunities to the fresh graduates of the university.

While reaping the harvest of effort of the members in the first quarter, second quarter planted many seeds and nurtured them well that will create an impact in the rest of the year. I am very delighted to see how my little general members have adapted to the club, taking the full responsibility of the projects into their hands and creating wonders with them in a much comfortable manner. Throughout the quarter the best thing that my eye captured was their dedication and how they have taken up the legacy. Hope these living motivators will take the club to greater heights in the future as well to compete the rest of the 6 months in style.

We have completed only a half of our journey. There is a half of this journey to create an impact in society and the world. With the hope to see you all join with the club to give back to Rise, Shine and Illuminate Lives I pen off.

Charithma Hettiarachchi
President 2022-23
Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa

EDITORIAL MESSAGE



As we end yet another quarter of the eventful Rotaract calendar of RI year 2022-23, the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa continues to provide outstanding service with the inspiring mission of empowering its loving member base to "Rise, Shine, and Illuminate Lives."

The club has undertaken a multitude of projects across all its dedicated avenues, demonstrating brilliance and resilience in the face of challenges. This concluded tertiary quarter has seen novel projects bloom, ongoing projects blossom, and like a colourful bouquet, a handful of projects gracefully come to a close. Physically coming into life, the most challenging yet fruitful signature project "Are You Ready? 2023"; converging representatives from all corners of the island, "SLRMUN", delivering the unparalleled MUN experience; colouring the sea floor and healing the ecosystem, the seafaring project "Zooxanthellae'23"; taking wildlife enthusiasts behind the shutter of cameras to capture the essence of nature, the wildlife safari guaranteed "WildCare" project; contributing to the blood transfusion network, the noble "Suwapetha" project; sparking the newbies into action, the mammoth project "Rota Spark" are some of the many ventures we followed with utmost zeal during this vibrant quarter. Needless to say, Rotaract Mora shall persist in pioneering the path for numerous individuals, soaring high above any hindrance with extraordinary tactics.

The penultimate quarter of the RI year 2022-23 was characterized by productive and devoted efforts. The success of these audacious endeavors is a testament to the commitment of our members and supporters who hopped in during this journey. Our heartfelt gratitude goes out to each and every individual who passionately volunteered to explore new dimensions and serve the community. As we unveil the third chapter of our year-long story in "Odyssey," our official newsletter, we look forward to showcasing the true potential of our ever-so-loving Rotaractors.

Joyful reading!

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INTERNATIONAL SERVICE AVENUE

SLRMUN

Co-chairs - Rtr. Amasha Weerasinghe

Rtr. Kavin Siriwardana

Rtr. Nipun Milinda

Rtr. Pasan Rathnayaka

Rtr. Zaky Ahamed

The 3rd edition of Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations, better known as SLRMUN, a signature project carried out by the International Service Avenue of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa was held on a grand key on 18th February. The sole purpose of SLRMUN was to provide young people with a platform to voice their thoughts and to encourage fruitful dialogue that would lead to viable solutions. To find the best solutions to the challenging global concerns, the delegates of each committee competed and worked together.

Rotaract Mora Model United Nations differs from other MUN attempts as it implements the ideas that come to light. As a Rotaract initiative, SLRMUN committee topics are chosen in a way that the activities flow in such a manner that the majority of them are in line with existing initiatives of Rotaract Club. As the conference is over, the ideas discussed are now being put into action.

SLRMUN 23 was held within university premises as a full-day event with an active participation of around 150 delegates. Delegates from all over the country representing a variety of schools and universities were physically present on the conference day. SLRMUN 23 consisted of committees General Assembly 4, World Health Organization, United Nations Human Rights Council, Arab League, United Nations Security Council and International Press Corps.





UN DAYS

The UN Days Flyer and Blog Sharing sub project is a noble initiative aimed at generating awareness about various United Nations (UN) observances throughout the year. These observances are crucial in highlighting pertinent issues related to sustainable development, human rights, gender equality, and other global challenges.

The project involves creating and disseminating informative flyers and engaging blog posts on social media platforms to promote each UN day. The flyers will provide comprehensive details about the observance, its significance, and ways in which individuals can contribute towards supporting the cause. On the other hand, the blog posts will offer a detailed analysis and insights on the issue being emphasized by the observance.

The blog posts seek to encourage discussion and participation from readers, while inspiring them to take action towards creating a better and more equitable world. Through this project, people from different parts of the globe can unite and make a difference in addressing these pressing global issues.

CONGREGO

Congrego is one of the 4 sub-projects of the main project Rotaract Mora Model United Nations. After initiating the project by sharing the introductory video on the event which consisted of the memories from last year's Congrego on social media, 'Talk with Notes' was held physically. It was organized as a fun event consisting of an awareness session on Rotaract Mora Model United Nations or RMMUN on 16th January at 4.30 PM. As the name itself suggests, the discussion was carried out amid the vibes of music. The participants could request songs and the music crew sang the songs and enchanted the audience with their melodious tunes. Yet, a fruitful discussion took place too. The participants were made aware of the sub-projects of RMMUN, namely UN Days, Sri Lanka Rotaract Model United Nations (SLRMUN), and Cognizant other than Congrego, and particularly, they were encouraged to participate in SLRMUN.

The primary objective of Congrego was to familiarize the participants with the Model United Nations culture in view of preparing them for the then-upcoming SLRMUN. Hence, after 'Talk with Notes', a training session for resolution writing and moderated caucus was held through Zoom on 1st February. It was conducted by Mohamed Muftee and Pranesh Fernando who are well-experienced in chairing the Sri Lanka Model United Nations (SLMUN). As there were novices to MUN among our participants, everything was explained in detail in this session all the doubts were clarified. All in all, the participants of both sessions of Congrego, 'Talk with Notes', and the training sessions could grab a comprehensive understanding of the whole picture and could acquaint themselves with MUN.



BOONDIGITI

Co-chairs - Rtr. Manusha Fernando

Rtr. Damsith Adikari

Rtr. Aloka Lenerolle

The goal is to teach and share knowledge about basic IT skills with students from other countries.

“Boon Digiti” is a novel service project aimed at elevating the basic understanding of Information Technology (IT) among undergraduates, students and teachers in Tanzania. Extending the scope of the project, we decided to launch a website and design more courses and publish them in the second phase of the project. This phase will further allow us to impart knowledge in the African and South Asian regions.

They can refer to more subjects and areas in the IT field from the website. They can learn them while testing their knowledge by doing quizzes. At the end, they will receive a valid certificate for the course completion. As for the new subjects we have selected Graphic Designing, Digital Marketing, Road to Programming, LinkedIn, Canva, Hackerrank, SEO, Coursera, Cyber security and Artificial intelligence, as well as An Introduction to Computer, Microsoft Word, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft PowerPoint, Microsoft Publisher, and Windows Installation.

Now we have completed 80% of the website. Further we also joined the Rotaract Club of San Francisco and the Rotaract Club of Mwenge Catholic University.

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICE AVENUE

ZOOXANTHELLAE' 23

Co-chairs - Rtr. Avishka Janith
Rtr. Asel Iksura
Rtr. Chamodi Welmilla

"Healing the ecosystem with the coral reef is the intent of the coalition"

Zooxanthellae have achieved the first and second phases successfully by the end of the 2022 December. After the soil testing on 28th January, Zooxanthellae is endeavoring to establish a new underwater farm in the Kamburugamuwa area with the help of 5 boulders as the next step. However, due to several reasons, boulders' shapes were transformed into cylindrical shapes, and the boulders will be established in a bunch instead of individually. The new structure makes the boulders stronger and allows for easier cultivation of seagrass and coral reefs. 9th of February completed the Construction process of boulders and they were prepared as Zooxanthellae was planned.

Furthermore, as usual monitoring sessions are held under the supervision of Mr. Sandun Wickramasinghe and provide evidence of the success of coral transplants. A major highlight is, due to the stormy weather conditions in the past December, Zooxanthellae has to launch fewer immediate monitoring sessions, 3rd monitoring session in Kamburugamuwa and 7th monitoring session in Mirissa. Six out of Twenty corals in Kamburugamuwa have been harmed, whereas Mirissa corals were not. The harmed corals were replanted by our trained divers with the support and supervision of Mr. Sandun Wickramasinghe on the 1st, 4th, and 8th of January.

"A very special thanks goes to the Chief Marine Environmental Scientist and head of the project, Mr. Sandun Wickramasinghe. He was a spectacular leader guiding the Rotaractors through ups and downs till the end. His excellent guidance throughout this project is sincerely appreciated. Furthermore, the support and guidance we received from MEPA Hon Chairperson Ms. Darshanee Lahandapura, General Manager Mr. Jagath Gunasekara and Provincial Manager Ms. Renuka Ranaweera should be specially mentioned here.

We humbly thank all the Rotaractors, Marine Environmental Protection Authority (MEPA) and the Mitsubishi Corporation for lending their hand to make a difference in the world.

What feels like the end is often the beginning, let's team up again soon to defend mother nature.





URBANSCAPE

Co-chairs - Rtr. Chanodya Walpolapitiya
Rtr. Shachintha Botheju
Rtr. Nisal Shanaka

We might think we're nurturing our garden, but of course it's our garden that is really nurturing us. UrbanScape is a project consisting of three phases, namely the flyer series, awareness session, and Urban gardening competition. The first phase, which involves publishing introduction flyers and knowledge sharing flyers, was successfully completed between August and November 2022.

The second phase is the awareness session, which requires collecting sponsors to achieve the project's budget. To complete this phase, the project team faced challenges in not having a specific apartment and sponsors, so we started finding apartments and sponsors between December 2022 and February 2023. In January 2023, the project team had a meeting with the Urban Development Authority, who agreed to be the project's knowledge partnership and exclusive resource partner for the awareness session. Currently, the team is looking for apartments and pitching to potential sponsors. To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow!



GROVE GREEN



Co-chairs - Rtr. Pipuni Karunarathna
Rtr. Sachithra Gimhan

"If there are no mangroves, then the sea will have no meaning. It's like a tree with no roots, for the mangroves are the roots of the sea!"

Supervised under the Environmental Avenue of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, project "Grove Green" aims to provide the society with awareness on mangroves and its environmental impact. Further, we have also planned to engage in mangrove forestation in the Southern Coastline of Sri Lanka.

This year's edition unfolded in January 2023, with a dedicated team of rotaractors, chosen as the organizing committee members with their job roles being distributed as envisaged.

As the first phase awareness flyers were shared with the aim of providing awareness of mangroves and its benefits to the public. For the time being, six awareness flyers were distributed on both Facebook and WhatsApp, as for social media handles. And plans are for the second phase to purchase 300 mangrove plants for forestation.

WILDCARE



Co-chairs - Rtr. Erandee Jayathilaka
Rtr. Malith Navindu

WildCare is a novel project which is conducted under the Environmental Service Avenue of Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa. The project mainly focuses on raising public awareness about wildlife conservation and providing sustainable solutions to the problems occurring in wildlife of Sri Lanka. We also aim to encourage photographers to pursue wildlife photography by showing them the ideal gateway into the field.

WildCare project is held in two phases, holding social awareness sessions on wildlife conservation and a wildlife photography competition. So far we have concluded the first phase of the project by holding two awareness sessions on wildlife conservation and photography. These awareness sessions were conducted by Mr. Ravisara Jayamanne, an award winning wildlife photographer in Sri Lanka who was featured on BBC Earth. Through these sessions we have managed to increase the social awareness on wildlife conservation and get newbies interested in wildlife photography.

CLUB SERVICE AVENUE

MITHURU SULANGA

Co-chairs - Rtr. Nisal Shanaka
Rtr. Chathupa Dewasirinarayana
Rtr. Yohan Madusha
Rtr. Amila Dilshan

"Sometimes music is the only medicine the heart and soul need"

Joining hands with the Rotaract Alumni Club, the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa is planning to hold the fan favorite event of the year, Mithuru Sulanga is making its most awaited return.

Compared to last year's execution, this time around Mithuru Sulanga will be a widespread event. The event is planned to be held on the 22nd of April at the University premises. In order to reach a wider audience there will be invitees from the District Stating Committees as well.

As per tradition, undergraduates of the University of Moratuwa will be entertainers at the event participating as singers and musicians. However, moving above the norm, this year, Rotaract Mora will be inviting an outsider artist to serenade the audience.

Even though the details are not set in stone at the moment, Mithuru Sulanga is definitely the most buzzed event presently. And Rotaract Mora is working towards making the event worth the hype. Here's to looking forward to a fun filled soiree.

KOWUL VASANTHAYA

Co-chairs - Rtr. Thejas Meddepola
Rtr. Sandaru Lokudadalla
Rtr. Gethara De Alwis
Rtr. Isuru Oshadha

Rotaract Kowul Wasanthaya 2023 was back in action this year after missing a physical experience of Rotaract Mora Sinhala and Tamil New Year celebrations for 5 long years. It was held on 5th March at Carlton Club Grounds, Moratuwa. Back then, this was an event organized as a joint project of Rotaract Alumni Mora and Rotaract Mora. Nevertheless, this year, Kowul Wasanthaya was organized solely by Rotaract Mora. Therefore, this was, in a way, a novel initiative for Rotaract Mora. Kowul Wasanthaya was open only for the Rotaractors. The day started with Sinhala and Tamil New Year traditions and the table of traditional sweetmeats enhanced the vibe. There was a variety of traditional and unorthodox games for the Rotaractors to engage in. Those games kept everyone engaged. As Rotaractors of the university from all years were present on this day, it was a great occasion for everybody to strengthen their bonds with Rotaractors from different batches.



GENERAL MEETINGS

February: Co-chairs - Rtr. Nipuni Dissanayake
Rtr. Samudra Uduwaka

March: Co-chairs - Rtr. Dahami Wijesundara
Rtr. Nalin Bandara

“There is something special when creative people get together”
-Joy Mangano

The general meetings for the month February and march were elaborately held on 27th of February and
A significant feature which is newly added to the general meetings is the awarding of service letters to some active members of the club considering their contribution towards the club projects. It is simply like a token of appreciation.



MEMBERSHIP AVENUE

INDUCTION II CEREMONY

Co-chairs – Rtr. Hiruni Praveesha
Rtr. Janindu Chamikara

The second induction ceremony of the Rotaract club of University of Moratuwa successfully concluded in late January 2023 at the ENTC-1 hall with a total of twenty new members inducted to the club

As a novel feature of this year's induction ceremony, service letters were distributed among the hard working and talented organizing committee members as a token of appreciation. Seventy-seven organizing committee members of six different projects received their service letters at the second induction ceremony.



SUWAPETHA



Co-chairs – Rtr. Kavishna Munasinghe
Rtr. Saffath Ameer
Rtr. Sarindu Wijekoon
Rtr. Thenura Dewmith
Rtr. Theoda Hettiarachchi

"Suwapetha" Blood Donation Camp organized by the Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, was a remarkable project that took place at the old gymnasium in the university. The event, which hadn't been held in many years, was conducted on a grand scale, and the the organizing committee and club members put in tremendous effort to make the event a resounding success.

The blood donation camp commenced at 9 am and continued till late in the evening. The event attracted about 140 donors, who came forward and donated their blood with great enthusiasm. The entire event was organized meticulously, with Moratuwa rotaractors ensuring that all the donors were comfortable and that the donation process was conducted smoothly.

The project was highly appreciated by all the doctors, nurses, and health officers of the National Blood Bank who were present at the event. The donors were not only appreciated with words but were also given refreshments to regain their energy after the donation process. We also issued a sticker to the donors as a token of appreciation for their valuable contribution to saving lives. In conclusion, the event was well-organized, and the donors were happy to have contributed to a noble cause. Rotaract Mora was commended for their efforts in organizing such an invaluable event and making it a resounding success.

ROTA SPARK ORIENTATION

Co-chairs – Rtr. Booshana Namudaara
Rtr. Buvani Guruge
Rtr. Heshani Perera
Rtr. Navodi Wijesekara
Rtr. Theekshana Perera

The Rota Spark Orientation was held on 25th February from 9 AM onwards at the DHPL Conference Centre, Colombo. It was a significant day as it was after two long years that the orientation was organized in a physical context. Although it was held outside the university, the participation of the newbies was exceptional. This event was a great opportunity for the new members to get to know each other and learn about the club's activities.

The day was jam-packed with plenty of fun activities and games. The new members were then divided into teams where they had to complete various challenges and tasks. These activities were not only fun but also helped the newbies to develop teamwork and communication skills. Needless to mention, there were lots of entertainment activities too. The new members left the event feeling excited and inspired, ready to embark on a new journey with Rotaract Mora.



IT AVENUE

BIT RAIN

Co-chairs – Rtr. Buddhi Gayan
Rtr. Nipuna Dulara
Rtr. Rebecca Fernando

“Bits raining, bits pouring. Tis all set for coding”

Bit rain – an initiative of IT avenue of Rotaract Mora is on its mark. All the very best to encourage and bring together brilliant minds from around 20 schools around the Island to a great coding fest as never before witnessed.

The initiative comprises a month-long seminar series conducted by a very distinguished lecture panel who will be touching on important aspects and applications of various useful data structures, algorithms and other aspects of computer science. The lectures will be delivered in an engaging and interactive manner, with plenty of opportunities for students to ask questions and clarify their doubts.

At the end of the seminar series, there will be a coding competition that will test the skills and knowledge that the students have acquired over the past few weeks. The competition will be held over the last weeks of March till the first week of April and will feature a variety of coding challenges designed to test the students' problem-solving and programming skills.



COMMUNITY SERVICES AVENUE

NENA ARUNA

Co-chairs - Rtr. Thejan Dulara

Rtr. Aveesha Gebalana Arachchi

Rtr. Yasotharan Virudchikan

The Rotaract Club of University of Moratuwa, under the Community Service Avenue, has embarked on a commendable project to support the education of children at the SS Village orphanage in Piliyandala. Led by Nena Aruna, the club has been conducting physical classes every weekend for the past six months, with a focus on science and maths.

Through this project, the club aims to provide a quality education to the children who may not have access to such resources otherwise. The team of volunteers visit the orphanage on weekends and impart knowledge in a fun and interactive manner, making learning an enjoyable experience for the children.

In addition, the club collaborated with the Sasnaka Sansada organization to conduct the "Ganitha Saviya" maths seminar for O/L students. This seminar helped students to improve their maths skills and provided them with the necessary support to succeed in their academic pursuits.

The Rotaract Club's project has undoubtedly had a positive impact on the lives of the children at SS Village. By providing them with education, the club has given them a chance to break the cycle of poverty and build a brighter future. The dedication and commitment of the club members to this cause is truly commendable and serves as an inspiration for others to get involved in community service

HAND-IN-HAND

Co-chairs - Rtr. Charith Belpage
Rtr. Thisara Menuka

"Hope is the only thing stronger than fear"

Fostering the hope, the Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa unfolded this year's edition of its remarkable project named "Hand in Hand", aiming at uplifting not only cancer patients but also their families and the facilities surrounding them. This project has already brought significant positive changes, and the club continues to strive towards providing even better services to bring light into people's lives. Last year, the club donated a substantial amount of 1.3 million rupees to the Child Cancer Hospital, and this year, they raised a significant amount of funds by selling stickers featuring artwork done by children battling cancer at the Colombo Shopping Festival 2022 and Avurudu Shopping Festival 2023 held at the BMICH. The "Hand in Hand" project has made a significant impact, and the club hopes to continue spreading positivity and improving the lives of those affected by cancer.



PROJECT SHALOM

Co-chairs – Rtr. Anudi Shamalka
Rtr. Renuja Muthugala

The project Shalom concluded successfully in the month of February 2023 as a sub project under connecting the dots program of community service avenue with the guidance of the co-chairs Rtr. Anudi Shamalka and Rtr. Renuja Muthugala.

The project was focused on the catholic community of Sri Lanka and was narrowed down to the area of Negombo. The objective of the project was to lend a helping hand to the students who were yet to sit for their O/L examinations next year and to fulfill this, several virtual seminars on O/L math and science were conducted throughout the time period with a few physical seminars in between.

The last physical seminar came to an end at St. Sebastian's church, Negombo with the main focus being on the upcoming O/L exam paper and how to score well in the examination.

The project came to an end with great contentment and with hopes and wishes for yet another batch of students conquering one of the most competitive examinations



SPOTLIGHTING

Chair – Rtr. Nawoda Thathsarani
Rtr. Rushini Mahagodage

“ People with disabilities do not need o be fixed. They need to be accepted for who they are”
-Jordan Christian-

This is a sub project of project “Andurata athwalak ” which is mainly based on disabled community. Spotlighting project is done in parallel to the world women’s day focusing on the disabled women entrepreneurs. They are granted with opportunities to sell their products while popularizing their brands in the trade market. This is done in collaboration with the enable lanka foundation and prana lounge and home holistic health Colombo in this year. Launching of the project at prana lounge Colombo was held on 26th of March.



GRAMAPRABODHAYA

Co-chairs - Rtr. Oshen Madhuka
Rtr. Thenura Devnith

“If you want to lift yourself up, lift up someone else ”
-Booker .T. Washington-

This project mainly aims to contribute to the development of a village. Our selected village is Dikhena in Kalutara district. A visit was conducted to observe the surroundings and people of the village .so it was decided to target the upliftment of the educational facilities of the children in this village as the first phase. As the second phase , the sub project “edify” will be started in collaboration with the sasnaka sansada foundation. Under that, motivational sessions and paper discussions on maths and science will be conducted at Dikhena junior school.



SPORTS AND SPECIAL SERVICE AVENUE

MORA SMASH

Co-chairs – Rtr. Thinura Punchihewa
Rtr. Shwetha Dharmasri

Mora Smash, a joint project between the Rotaract Club of Alumni of University of Moratuwa and other partners, was a badminton tournament held on the 19th of March at the New Gymnasium of the University of Moratuwa. The event was open to both Rotaractors and non-Rotaractors, with more than 50 participants taking part in the tournament.

The tournament had two categories, namely the Rotaract category and Non-rotaract category, and matches were played in Men's Single, Men's Doubles, Women's Single, and Mix Doubles categories. The tournament was a great opportunity for Rotaractors and non-Rotaractors to come together and enjoy the sport of badminton while also fostering new friendships and building networks.

The evening was wrapped up presenting the winners of each category with trophies and certificates in recognition of their achievement. The event was a huge success, with everyone having a great time and leaving with fond memories of the day. Mora Smash not only provided an opportunity for participants to engage in sports but also helped to strengthen the bonds between both Rotaractors and non-Rotaractors of University of Moratuwa.



MANASA



Co-chairs – Rtr. Ashen Mahela
Rtr. Nirma Waas

“The humanity we all share is more important than the mental illnesses we may not”

Manasa is a joint project in collaboration with the Rotaract Club of Achievers Lanka Business School aimed at improving the mental health of youth. Mental illness in context, although growing into a severe illness, it's always been overlooked when it comes to Sri Lanka. Emphasizing this, Rotaract Mora initiated this project with the goal of raising the standard of mental health awareness and treatment, and empowering young people with the knowledge and tools they need to identify and address mental health concerns.

In order to achieve this goal, we have planned a series of interactive sessions that will provide youth with a safe and supportive space to learn about mental health and wellness. These sessions will be led by mental health professionals and will cover a range of topics related to mental health. Our hope is that by providing youth with access to these resources, we can help to destigmatize mental health concerns and create a more supportive and inclusive community of all.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AVENUE

DATA STORM 4.0

Co-chairs – Rtr. Buwaneka Marasinghe
Rtr. Theoda Hettiarachchi
Rtr. Nawoda Thathsarani

Data Storm 4.0, which is an advanced analytics competition, was organized for the fourth consecutive time this year. The competition is open to all undergraduates of Sri Lanka who are enthusiastic about data science. The official sponsor for Data Storm 4.0 for the fourth time is Octave, the John Keells Group Data and Advanced Analytics Center of Excellence.

The project was initiated in March. Two introductory workshops were conducted online to brief the competitors on Data Storm 4.0. From the first storming round, 15 teams are selected for the semi-finals. They will have a masterclass conducted online by Octave. The semi-final round which will be held physically will filter 5 teams for the final round of the contest. They will also have a masterclass by Octave. Following a physical mentoring session for the finalists, the finals will be held at university premises to choose the winner of Data Storm 4.0.

Sri Lanka's Premier
Advanced Analytics Competition.



ARE YOU READY?

Co-chairs - Rtr. Anujitha Athukorala
Rtr. Yasiru Athugaldura

'Are You Ready?' is an extraordinary annual career fair organized by the Rotaract Club of the University of Moratuwa, in collaboration with the Career Guidance Unit. This event aims to guide over 1000 undergraduates from diverse faculties towards a successful career by bridging the gap between academia and the business world.

The fair comprises six sub-projects, each designed to cater to different aspects of career development. 'Heads Up' teaches the fundamentals of creating a professional CV and interview skills. 'The Image' is focused on personal branding and is led by celebrated personalities who have excelled in this field. 'Résumé Centre' provides students with the opportunity to get CV feedback from recruiting experts in the industry, while 'Career Insights' offers webinars to provide insights into different career fields. 'Global Pathways' offers valuable information on foreign internships, higher studies, and foreign job opportunities.

The highlight of the event is the 'Flagship Fair', which provides a simulated corporate atmosphere within the university premises, allowing students to face real-life and mock interviews with 52 companies. The fair provides an opportunity for students to meet industry professionals, awaken their entrepreneurial spirit, and explore their passions to prepare themselves for a successful career.

In essence, 'Are You Ready?' is an excellent opportunity for students to bridge the gap between academia and the industry, allowing them to discover their potential, explore the latest job opportunities available, and prepare themselves for a bright future.

Statistics of final sub project - Flagship fair

- 52 companies
- 800+ final year undergraduates
- 2100+ interviews



THE SUB PROJECTS

1. Heads Up

The curriculum vitae and job interviews play significant roles in a job recruitment process. Presenting a CV that showcases one's life work accurately is the key to open doors for a face-to-face interview. Concurrently, the interviews allow the company to determine more about the candidate, while the applicant gets the opportunity to become familiar with the needs of the given position. Therefore, obtaining a sound knowledge about making proper CVs and facing interviews can be deemed essential for a more guaranteed recruitment process.

2. The Image

Personal branding is telling an individual's story in a means that reflects his conduct, behavior, attitudes, and unspoken words. A unique personal brand is what would make a professional stand out from the rest and rise along his career ladder. 'The Image' will be focused on elaborating on how to create the perfect image of oneself through the right applications of personal branding. The session will be conducted by a celebratory personality who has excelled in personal branding.

3. Resume Center

Through "Résumé Centre", the final year undergraduates of University of Moratuwa will obtain the opportunity to get their CVs checked for possible improvements by a group of recruiting experts in the industry. The collected CVs will be assessed thoroughly by said experts, and feedback on how to improve their quality will be provided to their holders in a physical context.

4. Career Insights

Most of the undergraduates manifest a lack of knowledge regarding the career paths they could pursue following their graduation. Hence, a series of webinars will be conducted based on the different career fields catered to different departments of the university by the industry and corporate companies who will be participating the careerfair, to provide current and future career opportunities in their respective companies which undergraduates can choose after their graduation.

5. Global Pathway

Global pathway bridges the gap between yourself and an international study or job opportunity. Everything one needs to know about foreign internships, higher studies and foreign job opportunities are covered. It guides you on global level networking, polishing your resume to achieve international standards and provides you with a crash course on applying for higher studies. Learn prospects and consequences of international programs and comprehend to make better decisions.

6. Flagship Fair - The main event

Flagship Fair' is the limelight of 'Are you Ready?', in which the prospective employers' role comes into play. The employers are given the opportunity to identify skillful and qualified undergraduates of University of Moratuwa, through mock and real interviews. This year, the interviews conducted for the students of the final year batch of the university will be carried out physically. All interviews will be carried out inside the university premises.



MENTHER

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MentHer is a mentorship programme hosted by prominent female industry leaders to guide female undergraduates of University of Moratuwa throughout their professional and personal life.

With 7 mentors representing 7 Fields on board, the project was thriving. The mentor board consisted Ms.Pathmila Herath; Delivery Manager at GTN for business, Ms. Bani Chandrasena; Vice President of DCLK for Research and Development, Ms. Imani Perera; Head of Learning and Development at John Keells for production, Ms. Rashmira Balasuriya; Doctor at Kings Hospital for Medicine, Ms. Sihara Gallage; Civil engineer at Access Engineering PLC for construction, Ms. Nadini Sahabandu; Senior Manager at Mitra Innovation for IT and Ms. Dinusha Wijayagunaratna; Senior Executive Talent Acquisition at MAS for Fashion Design and apparel respectively. A total of 65 mentees who joined for the program were divided into 7 groups and all the groups received 4 to 5 sessions with their respective mentors.

The mentor Ms. Dinusha Wijayagunaratna organized a field visit for her mentee group to the MAAS Bodyline branch at Horana. It was an academically and professionally fruitful visit to the group consisting of Fashion Design undergraduates.

the mentees were able to acquire abundant knowledge about how to maneuver in the professional world in their respective fields. It is safe to say that the MentHer project has achieved its goals by empowering these young women to thrive wherever they fly to.



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Undergraduates are given a platform and taught to make extra money while managing their academics through the project Kerdizo 1.0. Through a series of workshops, they get to discover the skills they require, and they will be given opportunities in their respective fields that are both locally and globally accessible. Workshops in Web development, App development, Graphic design, small business, and entrepreneurship are to be offered in the first phase.

Plans are made for the second phase, where we are hoping to approach platforms, resource people, and websites that are both locally and internationally accessible, request additional earning opportunities from them, and then assign those to our enrolled undergraduates so that they can finish the tasks that have been assigned to them and earn more money.

The workshops took place in January, marking the end of the first phase. Afterwards we are intending to collaborate with a few platforms in the second phase to assign work to the chosen undergraduates.



THE CLIMAX CHRONICLES

1ST PLACE – SOUL

I know that most of us adore “soul” for the movie that it is, but I personally find the ending to be a bit dramatized and cliched. So I would like to change its climax to what I think would fit perfectly to its themes and ideologies.

Here we go...

Joe consoles 22, rekindling her spark and escorts her to start her life on earth. Joe then sits on the edge of the portal looking at 22 going to earth, as her image slowly shrinks and fades away.

Joe lets out a sigh with a heavy heart. His heart is now finally content with his life as he realizes that he has lived a life worth experiencing. He starts to reminisce about his life as images of his past conjure up in his mind as he finally accepts his bittersweet fate.

One amongst a group of elders who were witnessing all this chaos unfold, approaches Joe to try to console him and to ensure his resolve was right and necessary.

“Thank you, Joe!”

Joe glances back and continues to talk,

“Yeah... It’s..... whatever”

“Now it’s your turn to leave”

Joe looks at the elder and nods. Within a blink of an eye, Joe is transported to the “great beyond”.

“You have lived a great life Joe.” the elder says with a pleasant smile. Joe smiles back and looks at the gates of the “great beyond” as he enters his afterlife.

End credits

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2ND PLACE – FATE

Under the moonlight on an eerily chilly winter night, they stood facing each other, this time as friends and not as enemies. Even the wind stood still like it knew how grave the situation was. It was disheartening, how the moon slowly disappeared behind the clouds depicting their eventual fate, unavoidable as the waves that must go back after crashing the shore. They didn't know it yet, but deep down, where reality wins against hope, they knew how it was going to end.

One was dressed in crimson red and the other in midnight blue, strikingly different yet so very similar. No matter how different they were in status or how differently they walked their paths, they were always better together.

“Am I also one of those people who you wish to save?” Seon Ho asked, vulnerability lacing his words.

“Yes,” Hwi answered without hesitation. There was no doubt underlying his words. He doesn't even have to think twice, it was the truth.

“Let's go then. Liaodong is the last place I'm making you go alone,” he said and Hwi heard the unsaid apology. But He had forgiven him a long time ago

It was time that they stood side by side as they were meant to.

They both looked at the horizon painted in purples and oranges, trying to enjoy the moment of peace. They both knew this would be their last dance of steel.

Swords were drawn, and blood was splattered, yet their efforts were in vain. It was foolish of them to dream about a world where they could make at least half of their fates. They were just pawns in a game played by the ones in power and they were just swords that could be used and discarded at will. No one in power ever kept their promises made to a mere sword.

“It's all over Seon-ho,” Hwi whispered, cradling Seon-Ho's battle-wounded body. He looked pale, kneeling in a pool of his blood and of those he had slain. This was the end. They both knew that they were not going to survive this. But at least they tried, and that mattered the most even though it was like trying to break iron with bare hands, still they succeeded in making a dent.

Their tear-filled eyes locked for one last time and they spoke of all the times they fought each other when they should have spent them together.

“I only looked too far ahead and too high up,” Seon-ho muttered painfully, regret lacing his words. If only he had looked back once.

"My country was just one step behind me."

He gasped awake amidst thousands of shards of shattered glass, scattered everywhere, cradling a child's body in his hands. His mind was a bit hazy but he could recognise him anywhere, in any way and at any time.

This time, it was he who held him.

Yeong smiled in relief, feeling his Highness's faint but strong heartbeat. He was safe and breathing. That was his only duty as a royal guard; to protect his king no matter the cost.

The ceiling of Cheonjongo was ruined from the bullets they had shot at it, the beautifully coloured glass was now a shattered mess around him. His black suit was soaked in blood from all the bullet wounds he got defending his majesty.

They were again at the night of treason. His king had run, chasing after traitor Lee to finish the mess he had created, once and for all.

His steps still echoed in his ears, him walking away, leaving him behind.

"From now on, you are the Unbreakable Sword."

A tear fell down his cheek, remembering the words his Highness had told him 25 years ago when they were still kids. It was fine that he was left behind because he knew the king would restore the timeline after killing traitor Lee.

He sighed in relief. Finally, it will all be over. He hugged the unconscious body of the child, of the person who will grow up to be his royal majesty, a little closer. He knew his time was coming to an end.

"Forgive me, your majesty. Take care," He muttered, looking up at the sky. Stars stood witness to his aching heart.

His heavy steps echoed loudly in the deadly silent halls of Cheonjongo. He was carrying an unconscious Yeong, his unbreakable sword, who was broken, in his arms. He will not let him die this time. Lee Gon still remembered the warmth of his saviour that saved him 25 years ago, protecting him with his own body. His heart ached with the thought of how much Yeong had to go through because of him and he held his body in his arms a little tighter, in hopes of giving some reassurance.

"I'm here Yeong, I'm here."

Under the silver moonlight, his royal robes of blue fluttered in the wind while the golden flowers that were embroidered into the fabric glistened. Time stood still to the tune of Manpasikjeok that reverberated in the air.

"This time, we will both survive."

-In every lifetime, they would die for the other if it meant the other could live. It will not matter if one were noble and the other a slave or one were a king and the other a royal guard. Their lives would gravitate around each other as if an invisible thread had bound them together. –

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3RD PLACE – 3 IDIOTS

In the climax of the movie '3 Idiots', Rancho, Farhan, and Raju finally discover the whereabouts of their long-lost friend and inspiration, Rancho. In my twist, however, Rancho doesn't disappear, but, is instead forced to leave the country due to a misunderstanding with the authorities.

As Farhan and Raju hear about Rancho's situation, they feel helpless and unsure of what to do. But just as they are about to give up hope, they receive a mysterious message from an unknown number, asking them to come to a remote location in the mountains.

Farhan and Raju embark on a perilous journey, facing several obstacles along the way, including treacherous terrain and dangerous wildlife. But as they reach the location, they are surprised to find Rancho, who had been living in hiding all this time.

Rancho explains that he had been framed for a crime he didn't commit and had to go into hiding to avoid being arrested. Farhan and Raju are shocked but relieved to see their friend alive and well.

As they catch up, Rancho tells them about his plan to expose the corrupt officials who had framed him and clear his name. His plan involved gathering evidence against the officials and presenting it to the media and the courts. However, he knew that this would not be an easy task, and he needed the help of his friends, Farhan and Raju, to make it happen.

Together, the three friends started gathering evidence, such as witness testimonies, CCTV footage, and other incriminating documents, to prove Rancho's innocence. They had to be careful, as the officials had a lot of power and influence, and they could be putting themselves in danger.

They also knew that they needed to present their evidence to the right people, so they contacted a journalist they knew who had a reputation for exposing corruption in the government. The journalist agreed to meet with them and hear their story.

After presenting their evidence to the journalist, Rancho and his friends waited anxiously for the story to be published. Finally, it did, and caused a national uproar. The corruption scandal that Rancho had exposed was so big that it led to the arrest of several high-ranking officials.

As a result of their efforts, Rancho was cleared of all the charges, and justice was served. The three friends became national heroes, and their story inspired many others to stand up against corruption and fight for justice.

Their journey is filled with twists and turns, and they face several obstacles along the way. But with their determination and wit, they manage to uncover the truth and bring the corrupt officials to justice.

In the end, Rancho is cleared of all charges, and he decides to use his experience to help others who have been wrongfully accused. Farhan and Raju join him in his mission, and together, they create a support group for victims of injustice.

However, after some time, Farhan and Raju soon learn that Rancho falls into a critical condition after being hit by a car while saving a group of schoolchildren. When they reached the hospital, they are met with a grim prognosis: Rancho's injuries are severe, and he may not survive. Farhan and Raju are devastated, but Rancho remains calm and composed.

They are heartbroken when they learn that Rancho may not survive, and they realize that they had lost touch with him and hadn't shown him the appreciation he deserved. As they sit by Rancho's side, he tells them that he has no regrets in life and that he is in peace. He encourages his friends to follow their dreams and never give up on what they believe in, just as he had done throughout his life.

Just then, they hear a commotion outside the room, a gust of wind blows through the window, and they turn to see a mysterious figure standing before them.

It is none other than Rancho's girlfriend, Pia, who had disappeared from their lives years ago without a trace. She bursts in, dressed in her wedding attire. She explains that she had just left her wedding ceremony, unable to bear the thought of marrying anyone but Rancho, the love of her life. Also, she explains that she had been searching for Rancho all this time, unable to forget him, and had finally found out about his accident.

Pia is shaken when she sees Rancho in his critical state, but she holds his hand and begins to sing a soothing melody. As she sings, the room is filled with warm and comforting glow, and Rancho's breathing becomes steadier.

Farhan and Raju watch in awe as Pia's voice seems to have a magical effect on Rancho, who begins to show signs of improvement. They realize that Pia's love and devotion for Rancho had transcended all boundaries and had brought him back from the brink of death.

As Rancho slowly recovers, Pia stays by his side, never leaving his side even for a moment. Together, they talk about their dreams and aspirations, and Pia encourages Rancho to follow his heart and pursue his passion for education.

In the end, Rancho recovers fully and decides to devote his life to helping children in need. Pia joins him in his mission, and together, they create a revolutionary educational system that inspires children to explore their creativity and pursue their passions.

Farhan and Raju are amazed by Rancho's transformation and join him in his mission, creating a formidable team that brings about a radical change in the world of education.

As the four friends celebrate their success, they raise a toast to Rancho and Pia, whose love had defied all odds and had brought them back together. They vow to continue their mission, spreading the message of hope and inspiration to everyone they meet.

The film ends with...

As they look out into the horizon, they see the sun setting, a symbol of a new beginning, a new hope. For Rancho, Farhan, and Raju, this was just the beginning of a new journey, a journey filled with purpose and meaning.

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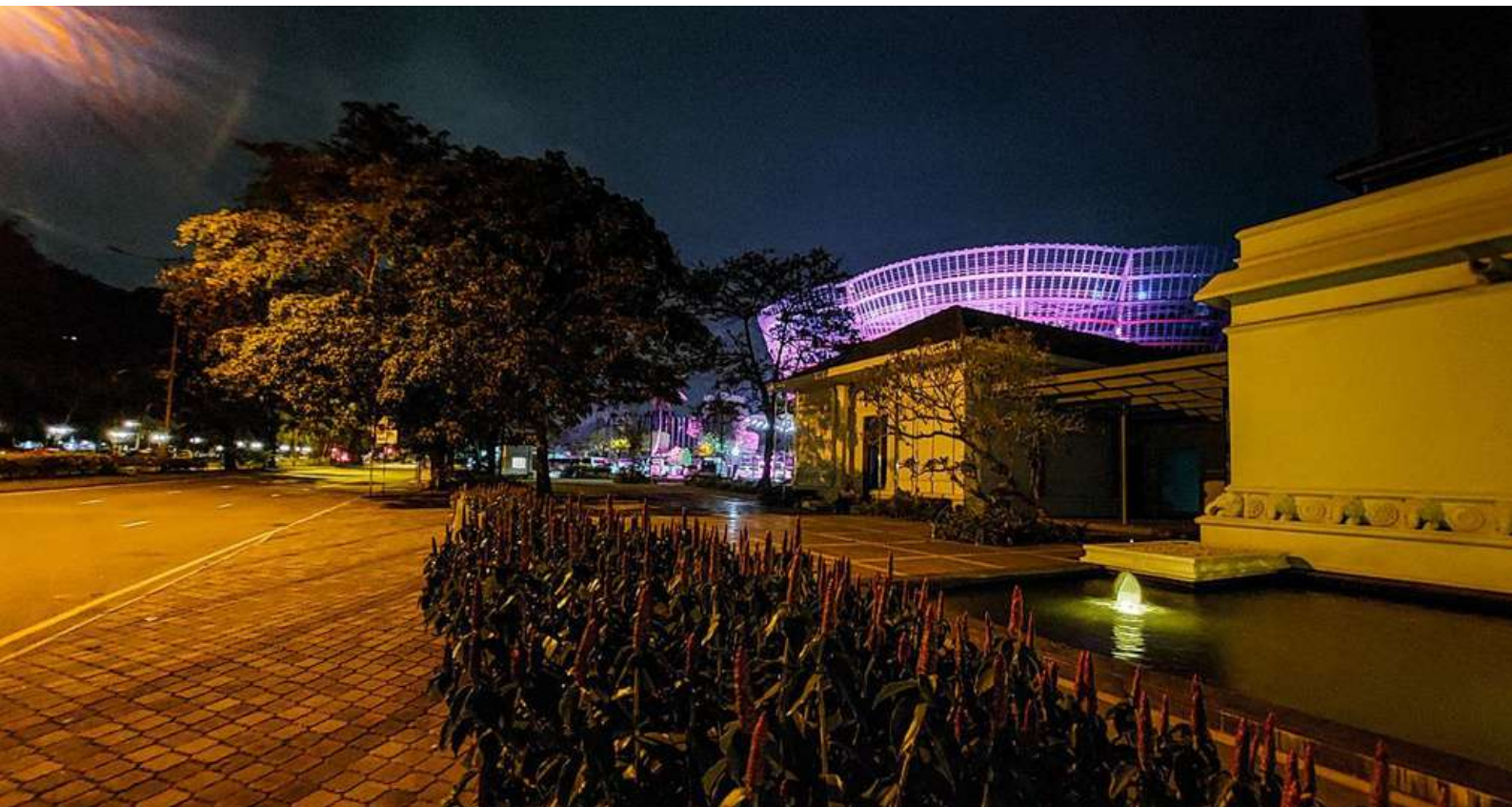
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MEMORIES

IN THE WHOLE WORLD ALL THE HUMAN BEING'S LIFE BOOK IS SEPERATED MANY PAGES TO THEIR MEMORIES. BECAUSE MEMORIES ARE LIVED OVER THEIR LIVES.

PEOPLE WHO ARE SOCIABLE COLLECT PHOTOS,VIDEOS AND ETC TO SHARE THEIR MEMORIES WITH CLOSE FRIENDS MET IN THEIR LIVES.

WE HAD SO MANY MEMORIES INCLUDING SUCH KIND OF SAD, HAPPY,ALONE,AFFECTION, ANSITY,EMPATHY ,HATE AND VARIOUS TYPES. WE HAVE MEMORIES PSYCHOLOGICAL &MENTALLY BUT THEIR ARE INTANGIBLE. BECAUSE THIER ARE FELT BY US.

SINCE SOME MEMORIES OF WHAT WE FELT IN THE PAST ARE LIVED IN THE PRESENT AND FUTURE. UNLESS WE HAD PHOTOS OR VIDEOS,AND OBJECTS,IF WE HAVE MEMORIES IN OUR MIND WE CAN FEEL IT FREEDOMLY AND FOREVER.

PEOPLES WHO ARE IN OUR CIRCLE GIVE US MEMORIES FOREVER. IT DEPEND ON INDIVIDUAL MIND SETTINGS,WHETHER WE INSPIRATION HEAL.

FINALLY MY POINT OF VIEW,MEMORIES ARE DIFFERENT.

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Beauty

Blues and purples,
It's not your love
blooming,
Just my hate
showing itself
Painting a porcelain
canvas in colours,
With golden scars
and crimson stains,
A sadistic image, a
sinister reflection,
Beauty by its own
standards.

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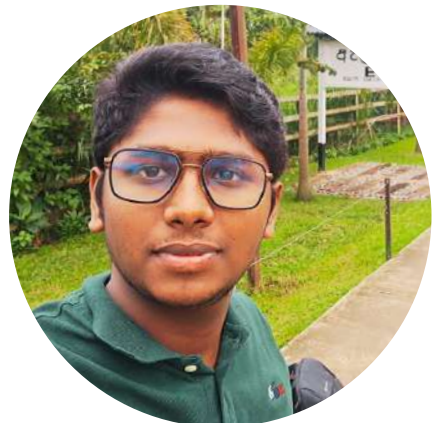
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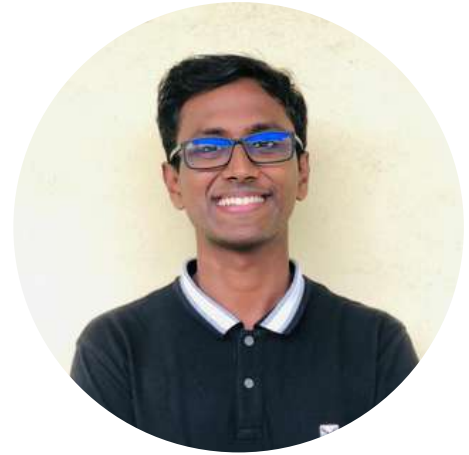


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