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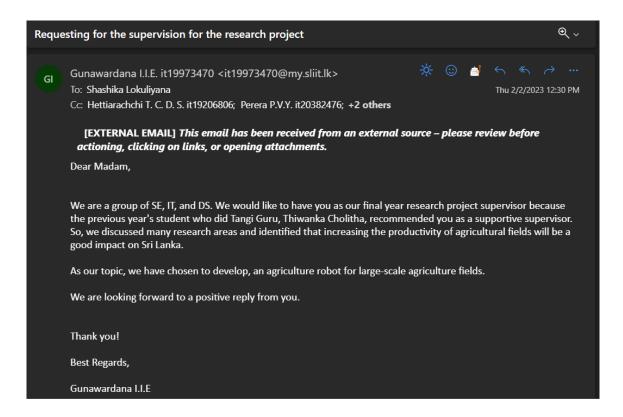
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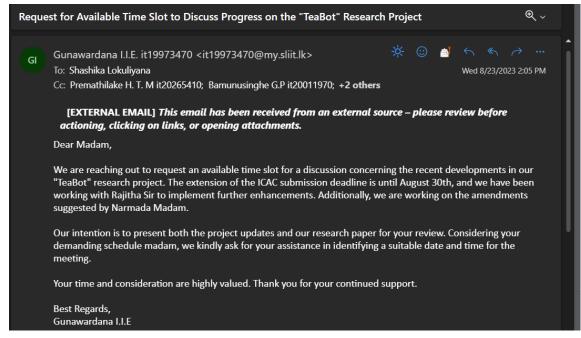
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- 1.1 Meetings with Supervisor and co-supervisor





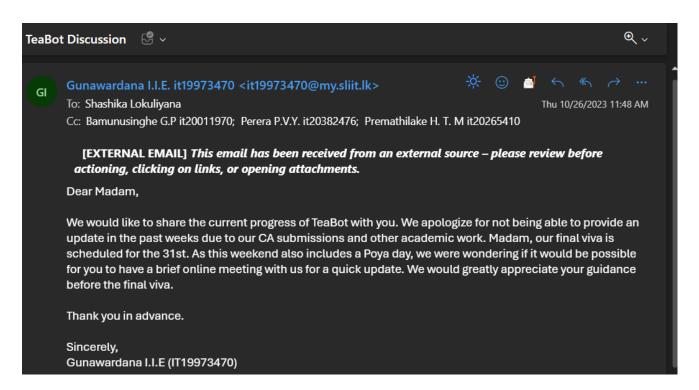


Figure 1.1.1: Final Viva discusssion

• In this section, we have included the emails that were sent to our supervisor and co-supervisor, where we requested available time slots for upcoming meetings.

1.2 Meetings with External Supervisor

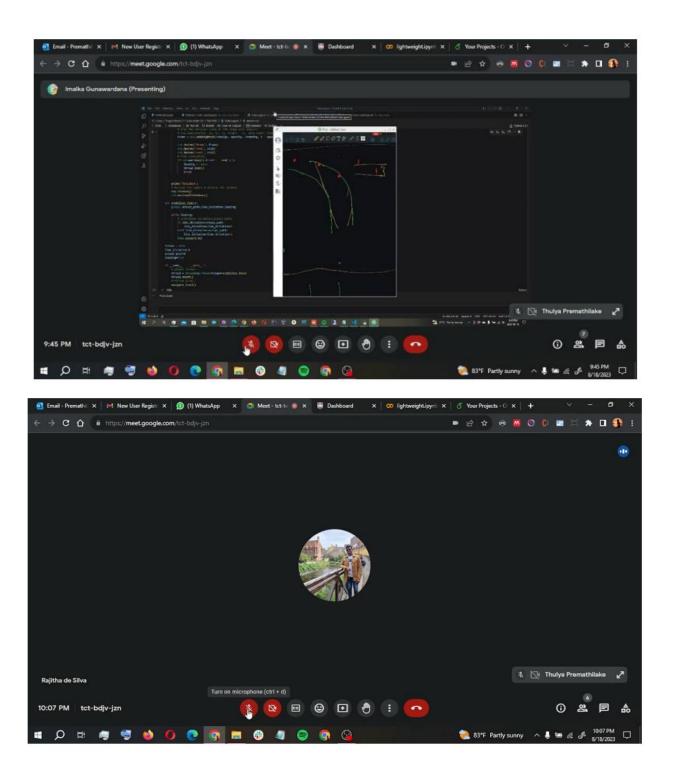
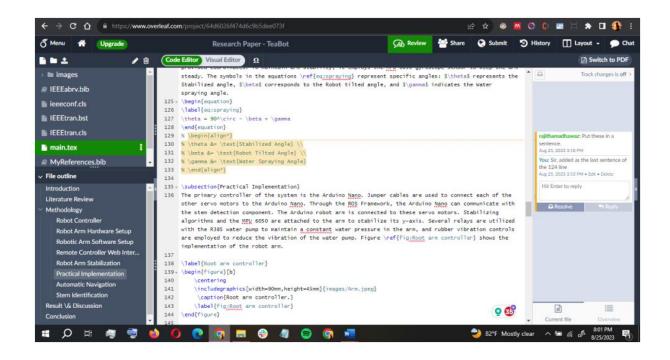


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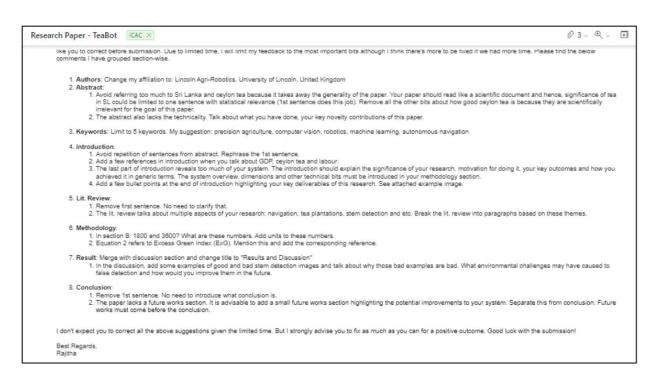
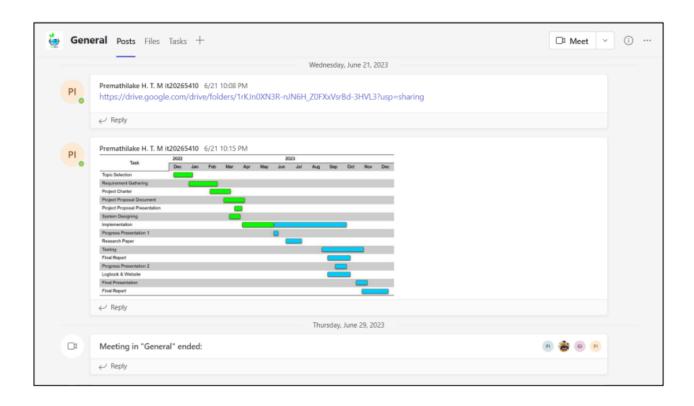
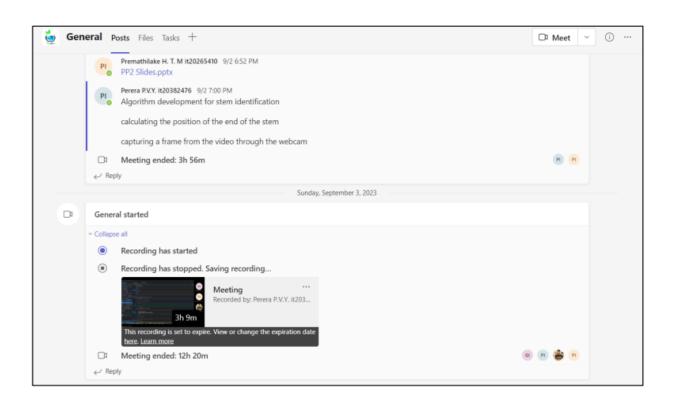


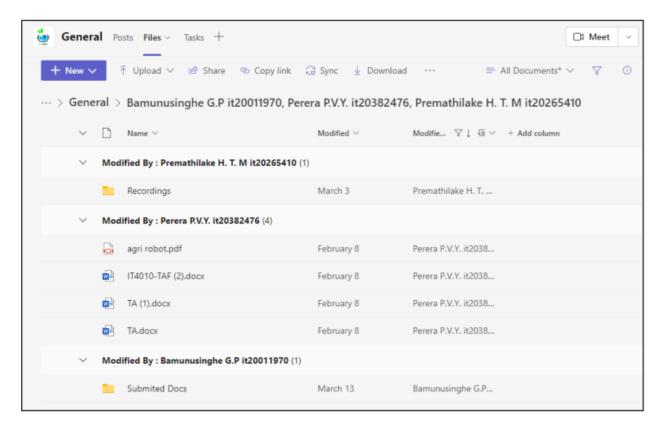
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1.3 Meetings with the team

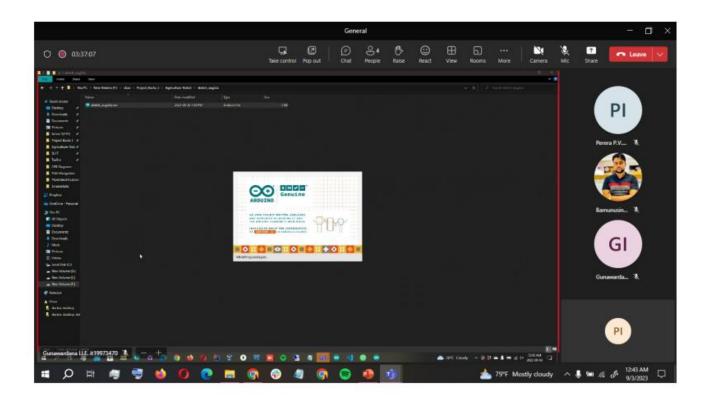




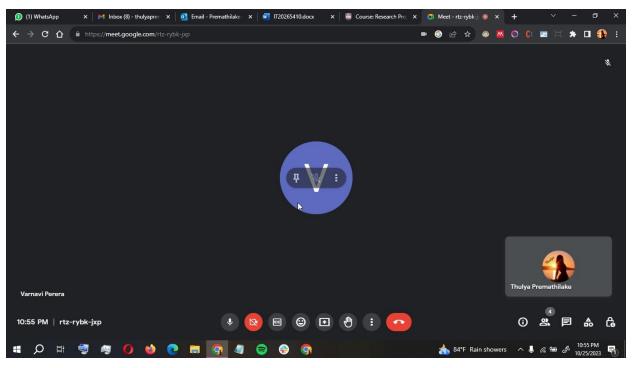




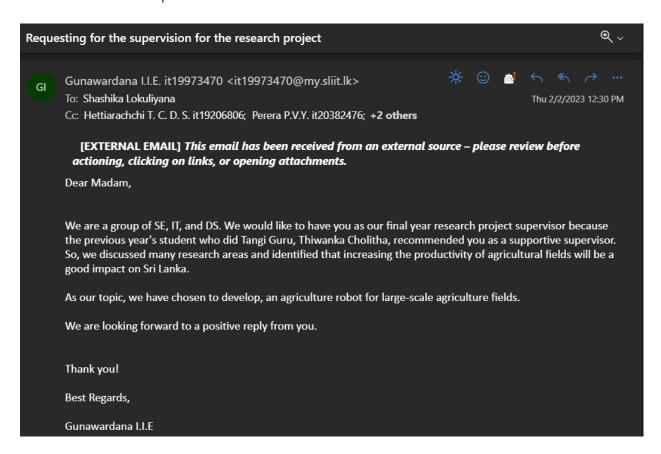




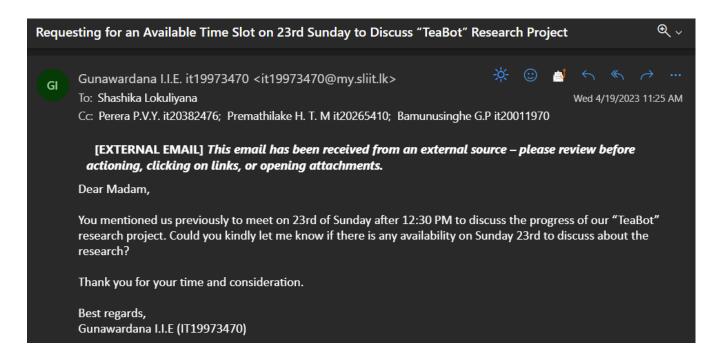


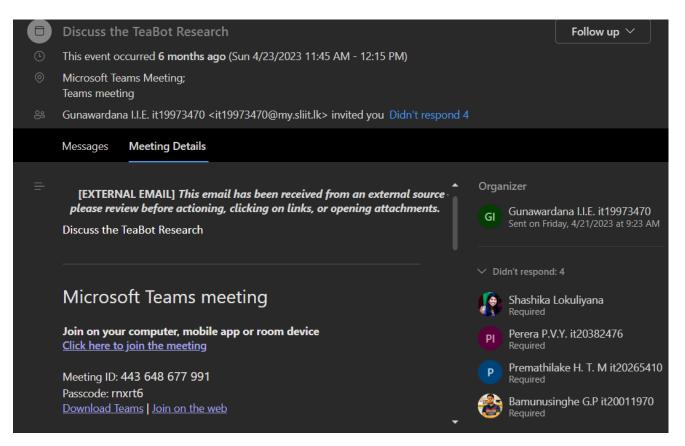


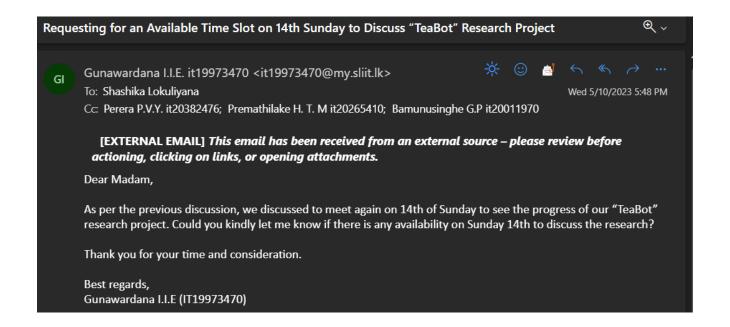
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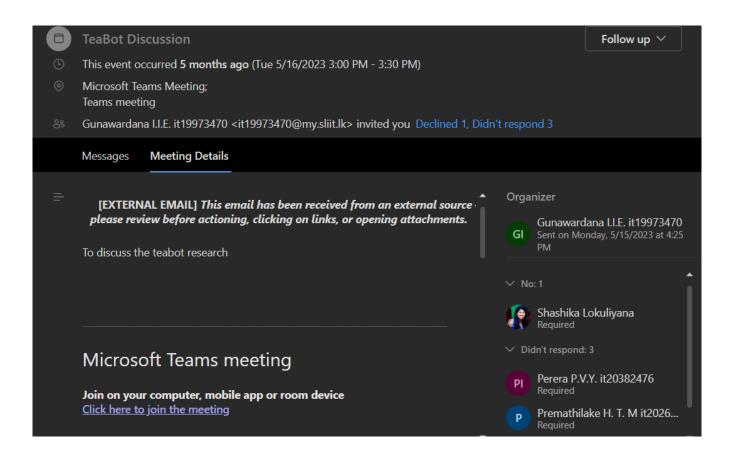


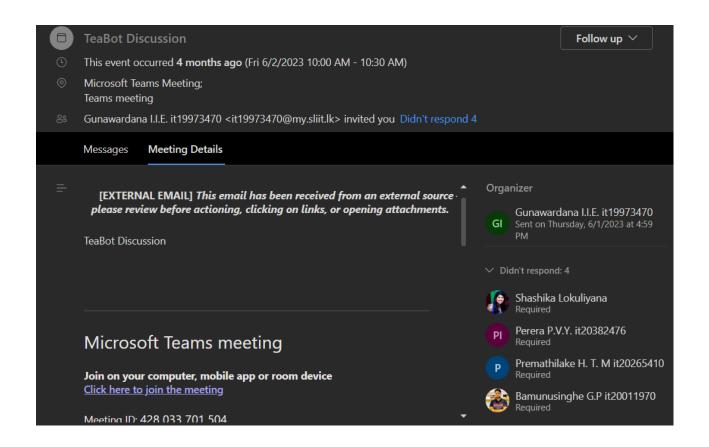


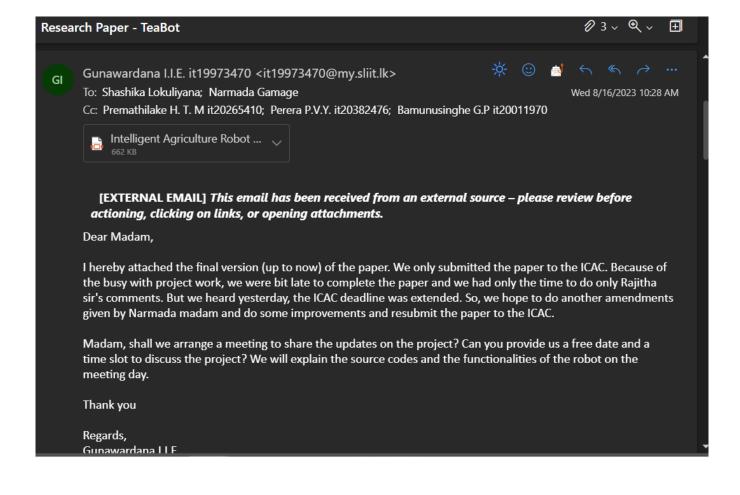












Request for Available Time Slot to Discuss Progress on the "TeaBot" Research Project





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Cc: Premathilake H. T. M it20265410; Bamunusinghe G.P it20011970; +2 others

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Dear Madam,

We are reaching out to request an available time slot for a discussion concerning the recent developments in our "TeaBot" research project. The extension of the ICAC submission deadline is until August 30th, and we have been working with Rajitha Sir to implement further enhancements. Additionally, we are working on the amendments suggested by Narmada Madam.

Our intention is to present both the project updates and our research paper for your review. Considering your demanding schedule madam, we kindly ask for your assistance in identifying a suitable date and time for the meeting.

Your time and consideration are highly valued. Thank you for your continued support.

Best Regards, Gunawardana I.I.E

1.5 Messages

Yes plz

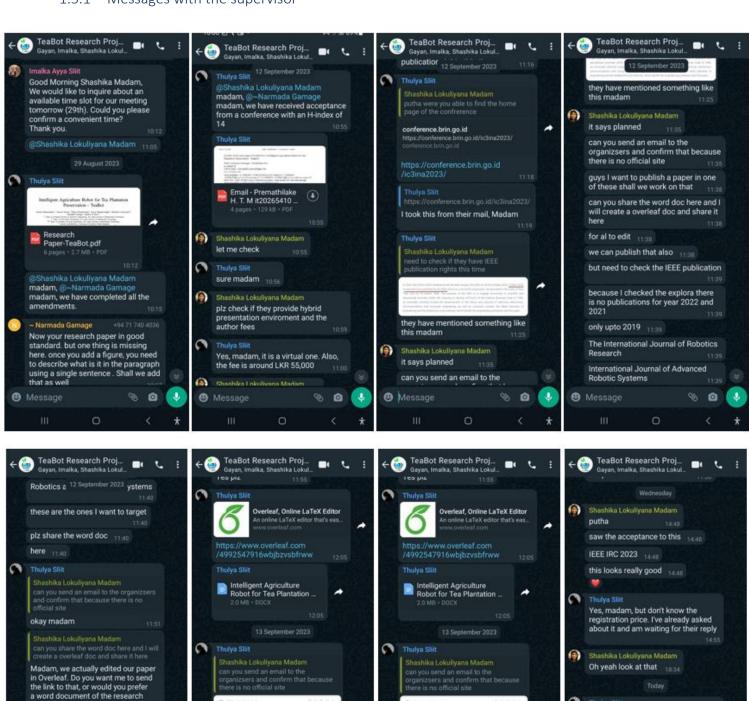
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1.5.1 Messages with the supervisor



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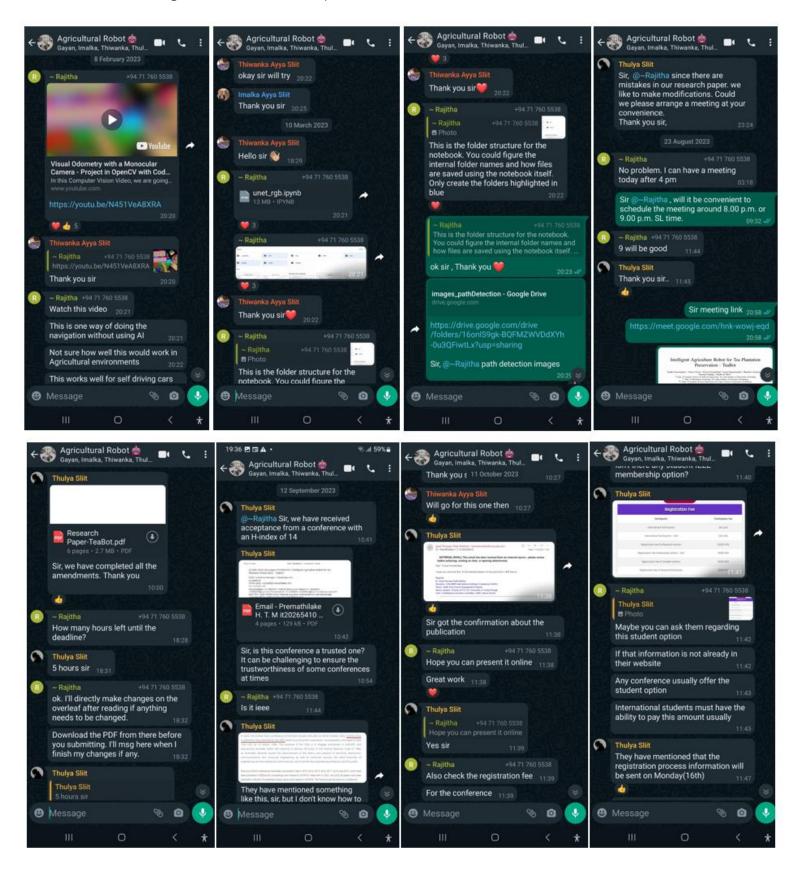
We would like to share the current progress of TeaBot with you

madam. We apologize for not being able to provide an update in the past weeks due to our CA submissions

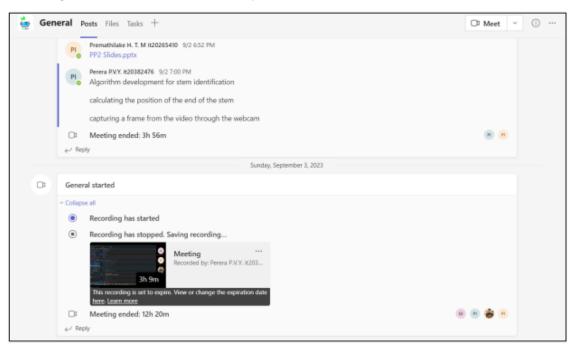
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1.5.2 Messages with the External Supervisor



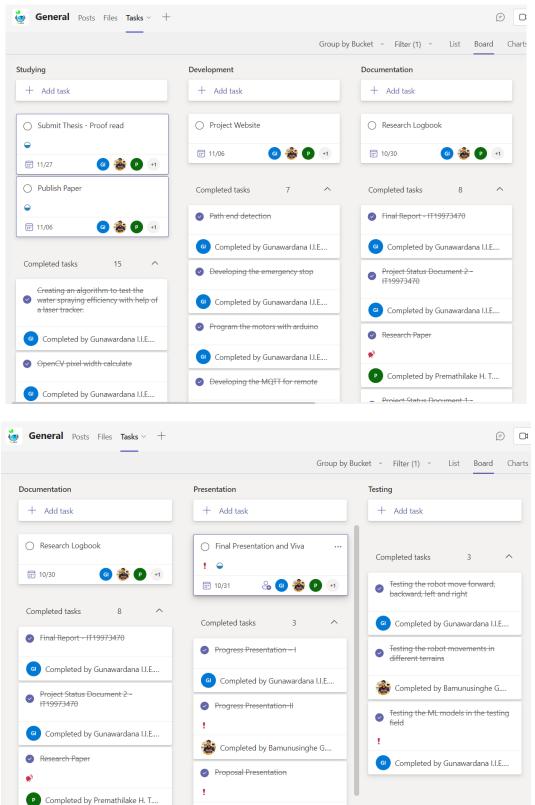
1.5.3 Messages in the official TeaBot Group





2 Individual Project Logs

2.1 MS Planner



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- Project Status Document 1 -

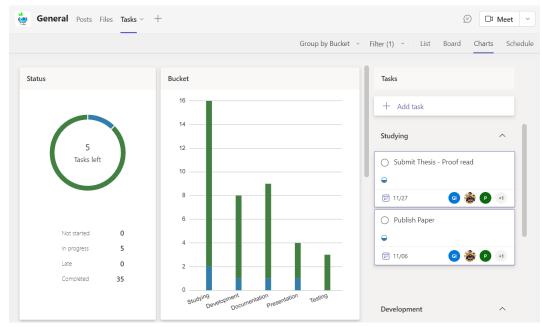


Figure 2.1.2: Chart View of Tasks

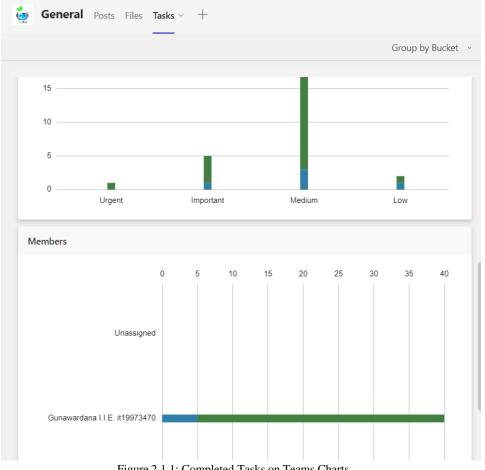
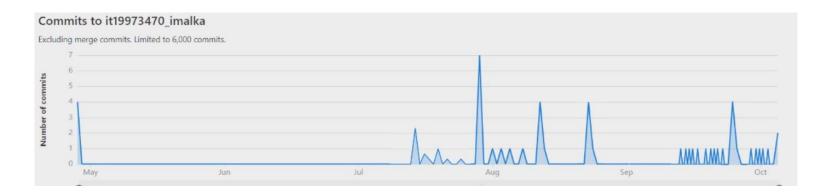


Figure 2.1.1: Completed Tasks on Teams Charts

2.2 Git Lab



3 Monthly Progress

3.1 2022 November 1st to 30th

- In November, we initiated the process of choosing research topics for our project since the submission deadline was looming on February 10th. On November 10th, 2022, we commenced our research journey with the inaugural Research Project Lecture, officially marking the beginning of our project.
- To kickstart the topic selection process, we employed mind maps to delve into different research domains and potential aspects that we could delve into. Concurrently, we also started the task of identifying potential mentors, co-mentors, and external advisors who could provide guidance for our research pursuits.
- Throughout that month, we actively participated in in-depth dialogues with potential advisors. During these interactions, we presented and deliberated on every suggested research topic and its various components. These conversations played a vital role in aiding us to arrive at an educated decision regarding the most appropriate research topic to pursue.
- After meticulous consideration and the valuable input received from our mentors, we
 eventually arrived at a definitive research topic. With our topic selected, we defined the
 boundaries of our research team and readied ourselves to progress within this specific area
 of study.

3.2 2022 January 1st to 31st

The deadline for submitting the topic evaluation was scheduled for January 20th. As a result, our preparations for this evaluation process commenced on December 1st. During this timeframe, we took great care in refining the topic evaluation document, ensuring it adhered to all the essential criteria. On January 20th, we successfully delivered the document and eagerly awaited the outcome of the topic evaluation. When we received the results, we were pleased to discover that our project had been accepted with only minor revisions needed. We promptly engaged in discussions with our supervisors to gain a more profound understanding of the feedback and recommendations provided. Subsequently, we made the necessary adjustments to address these minor revisions and enhance the overall quality of our project. After addressing the feedback and revisions, we shifted our focus to crafting the project charter, commencing this phase on January 21st, marking the next steps in our research journey.

SLIT UNIVERSITY Project ID:	IT4010 – Research Project - 2023 Topic Assessment Form						
1. Topic (12 words max)							
"TeaBot" – Tea plantation preservation using an intelligent robot.							
2. Research group the project belongs to							
Autonomous Intelligent Machines and Systems (AIMS)							
Research area the project belongs to Robotics (R)							
4. If a continuation of a previous project:							
Project ID							
Year							

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Member 3: Premathilake H.T.M	IT20265410	IT
Member 4: Perera P.V.Y	IT20382476	DS

5. Team member details

After finalizing our research topic with minor adjustments, we moved on to prepare the
project charter and the necessary cover sheet, with the submission deadline set for January
30th. Subsequently, our attention turned to drafting the proposal, which must be completed
by March 24th.

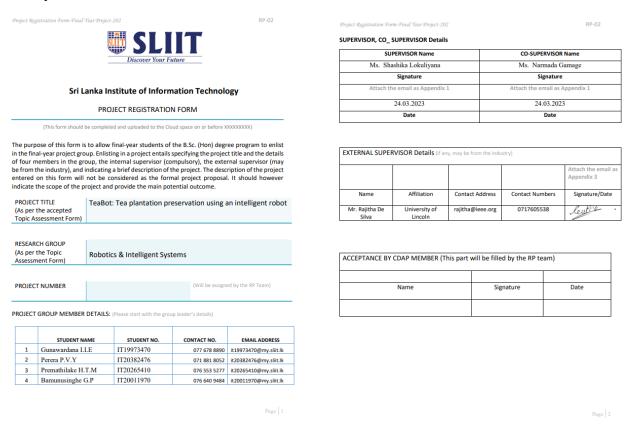


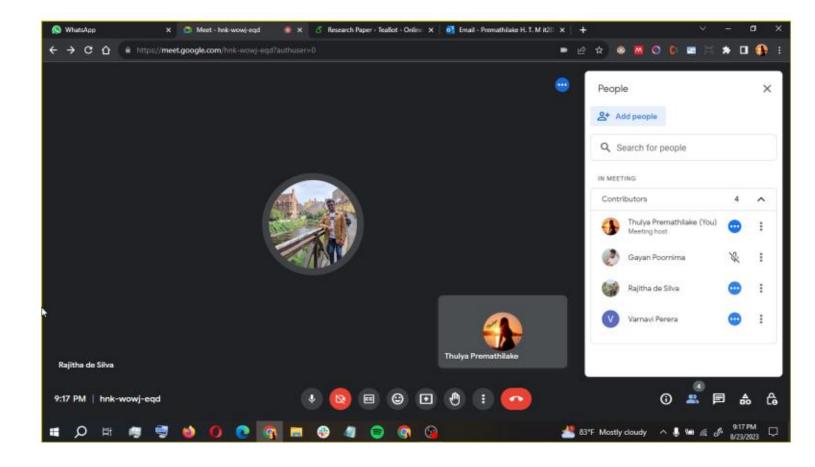
Figure 3.2.2: Project Cover Sheet

• After the proposal draft document slides were created to do the proposal presentations because the presentations were on the 27th of March.

3.3 February 1st to 28th

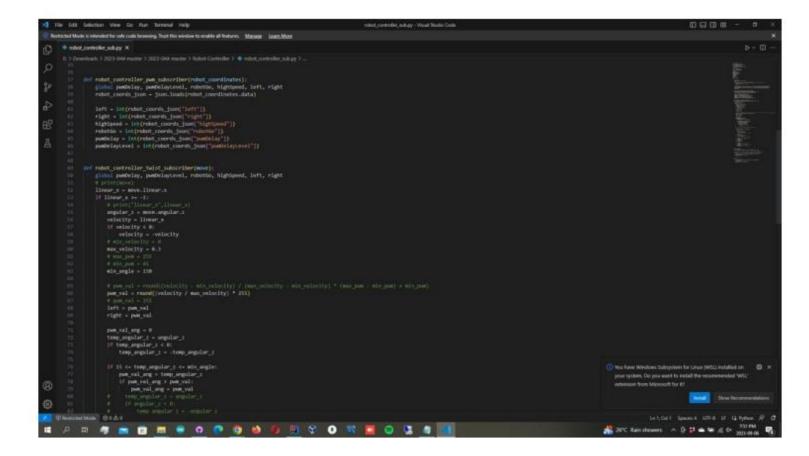
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- Around half of the project's weightage is attributed to the computer vision artificial intelligence component, which involves the collection of essential knowledge.
- During this month, we made preparations for our proposal presentation scheduled for March 27th.



3.4 2023 March 1st - 31st

- The proposal presentation took place on March 27th, 2023, during which the proposal report was prepared.
- Following that, we received panel approval for the project and submitted the report.
- In the latter part of the month, we commenced the project's implementation phase.



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3.5 2023 April 1st to 30th

• After getting the panel approval the implementation was started. Initially the motor control algorithm was created.

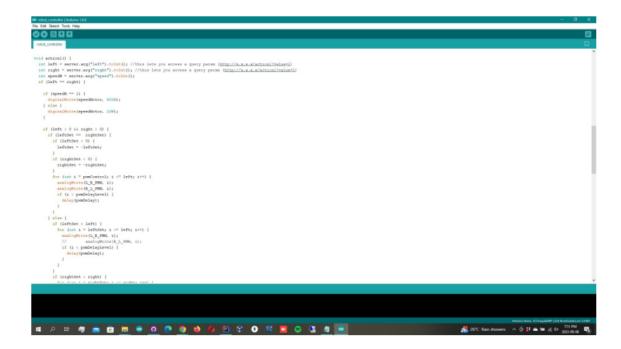


Figure 3.5.1: Preprocessed images for robot controller

3.6 2023 May 1st to 31st

• During PP1, which occurred on the 22nd, we accomplished significant milestones in our project. Specifically, we completed the motor controlling algorithm, a crucial element for our project's functionality, and also made substantial progress in assembling the robot chassis. These achievements laid a solid foundation for the next phases of our project and were met with positive feedback during our presentation.

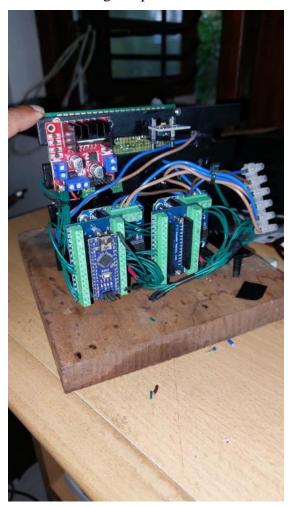
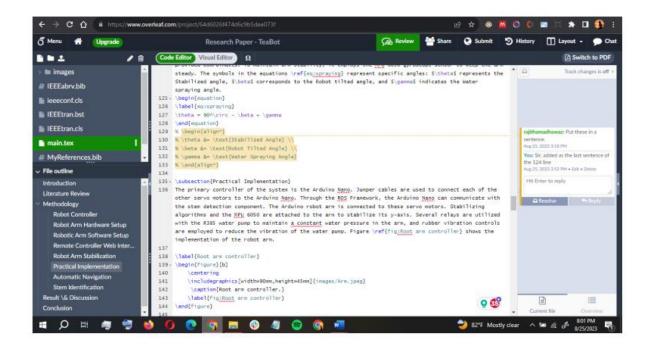


Figure 3.6.1: Robot harware

3.7 2023 June 1st to 30st

- After the PP1 presentation the comments were viewed necessary adjustments were made
- The draft of the research paper was created and submitted.



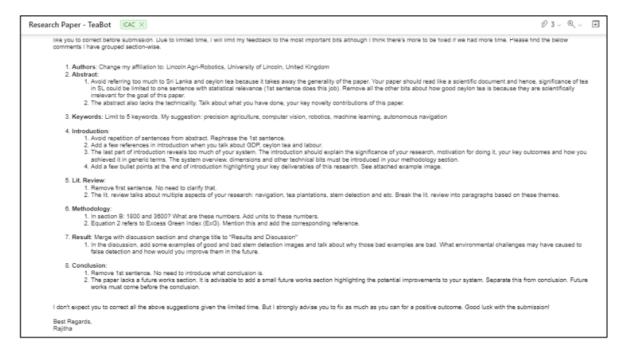
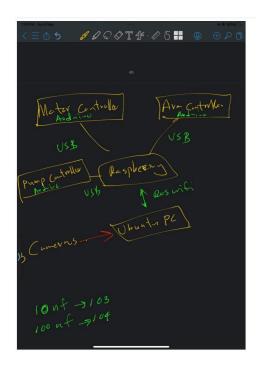


Figure 3.7.3: Written Research Paper

3.8 2023 July 1st to 31th

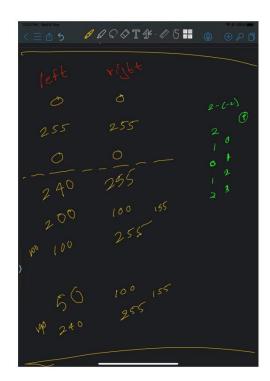
- On September 4th, we reached a significant milestone by submitting our second PP2. This
 report played a crucial role in keeping stakeholders informed about our project's current
 status and advancements, emphasizing the notable developments and successes we had
 attained.
- In the month of September, we dedicated our efforts to diligently crafting the final draft of our report, with the submission deadline set for September 10th. This comprehensive document encapsulated the culmination of our research endeavors, summarizing the entire project's journey from its initial stages to its successful completion.
- During the project's concluding phases, we undertook the integration stage, a pivotal element of our research process. Within this phase, we unified all project components and executed extensive testing within a real-world setting. This enabled us to evaluate the functionality and effectiveness of the integrated system. Furthermore, we carried out essential optimizations to enhance the system's performance, guaranteeing its alignment with the desired standards and objectives. This meticulous testing and optimization phase played a vital role in achieving a successful and efficient project outcome.

- As our research project approached its conclusion, we allocated time to ready ourselves for the publication of our research paper. This involved the finalization of content, a meticulous review of the format, and the verification of the accuracy and completeness of all citations and references. Our objective was to share our findings and make a meaningful contribution to the wider scientific community through this publication.
- Additionally, we immersed ourselves in in-depth discussions regarding the prospective growth of the project. These dialogues encompassed the exploration of inventive concepts and approaches to elevate and broaden the scope of our achievements. We delved into possibilities for the project's evolution, the integration of emerging technologies, and strategies for overcoming any challenges or constraints we encountered during its course. The purpose of these discussions was to establish a robust groundwork for future research initiatives and enhancements, informed by the outcomes and insights gleaned from our project.



3.10 2023 September 1st to 31st

- On the 4th of the month, we conducted the viva for the PP2, which served as a crucial evaluation of our project's advancement and discoveries. This viva session provided us with the valuable opportunity to engage in an extensive dialogue with our supervisor, where we discussed and acted upon the guidance and feedback offered. These conversations played a pivotal role in honing our project and making the required refinements as we prepared for the final viva, ensuring that we presented our work in the most optimal way.
- In addition to the PP2 viva, we also drafted and submitted a Status Document-2 on the same date. This document functioned as a brief summary of our project's status and achievements up to that point, encapsulating our successes, milestones achieved, and any adjustments implemented in response to the feedback from the PP2 viva. It offered a snapshot of our project's advancement and contributed to the continuous documentation of our research expedition.



3.11 2023 October 1st to 31st

- Our research paper was completed and published.
- We practiced for the final viva which is scheduled on 31st October, and the optimization made for the robot controller and the end of the path detection component were presented during the viva.







3.12 2023 November 1st 15th

- The website is scheduled for submission on November 6th.
- The final report has undergone proofreading and will be turned in on the 27th.
- The research website has been sent to CDAP.



