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*Shaping Excellence: Advancing Global
Competitiveness in Higher Education*

This report presents a comprehensive overview of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2024, utilizing an integrated reporting framework. It highlights the University's strategic direction, governance, performance, and future outlook, covering the period from January 1, 2024, to December 31, 2024.

The report includes detailed information on student enrollment and graduate output, human resources, research development, innovations, awards, and achievements. It also features updates on sporting activities, welfare facilities, infrastructure development projects, and initiatives aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals. Additionally, the report provides the University's financial statements.

The data in this report has been compiled from various administrative divisions, academic departments, units, and centers of the University of Kelaniya. It has been prepared by the Center for Strategic Planning and University Statistics, alongside the Research and Publications Division of the University of Kelaniya following the guidelines set by the Ministry of Education, Sri Lanka.

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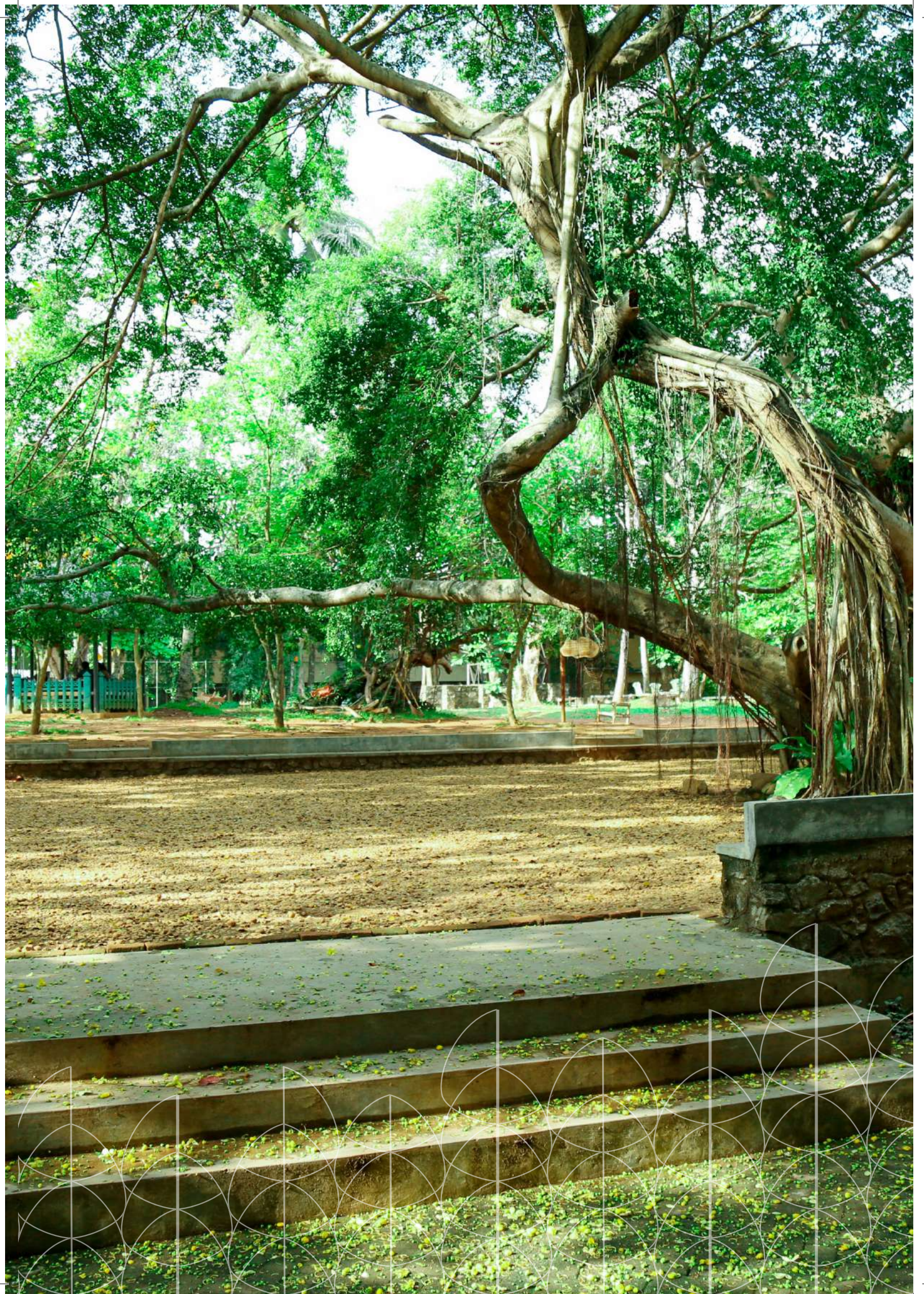
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VISION

To become a centre of excellence in the creation and dissemination of knowledge for sustainable development.



MISSION

To nurture intellectual citizens through creativity and innovation, who contribute to national development.



GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Goal 01:

To create a high-quality and flexible teaching and learning environment.

Objectives

- To provide students with high quality educational programs.
- To enhance the accessibility of the university to a diverse student population, including students with special needs and those from other countries to the university.
- To increase the employability of graduates from the university.
- To develop relationships with employers to help graduates achieve gainful and timely employment.
- To create and maintain a culture that supports teaching excellence in all study programs.
- To promote the health and well-being of students.
- To enhance international opportunities for student learning.
- To improve infrastructure facilities.

Goal 02:

To develop the highest quality faculty and staff to attain the strategic goals of the University.

Objectives

- To develop and implement a plan for Human Resource in the university.
- To recruit and retain the highest quality of academic, administrative and non-academic staff.
- To create a safe and healthy work environment for all employees of the university.
- To create learning opportunities and to increase support (financial) for all categories of staff to obtain relevant requisite academic or professional qualifications.

Goal 03:

To create a multi-disciplinary research culture of global standing.

Objectives

- Develop a research culture in the University by increasing the number of research projects and allocate at least 10% from the University capital budget as research grants.
- To improve the university rank in world university rankings.
- Increase publications in local and international refereed/indexed academic journals.
- Increase interdisciplinary research.
- Strengthen the University e-library system.
- Promote public-private partnership in research and in development and commercialization of new products.

Goal 04:
To improve the image of the university by widening the range of economic and social engagements.

Objectives

- To increase the number of consultancy services/ projects provided by the university to the community.
- To increase the number of supportive services for national development.
- To increase the links with professional bodies, industry, social organizations and other stakeholders.
- To increase Social Responsibility Activities.
- To improve the image of the university.
- To increase awareness of the study programs offered by the university.
- To enhance the social and intercultural harmony.
- To enhance the concept of Green University.

Goal 05:
To develop an excellent system of governance through efficient and effective administration and financial management.

Objectives

- To develop an efficient system of governance.
- To incorporate modern technology to enhance the efficiency of the administration.
- To develop a Financial Administration System which is timely, responsive and accurate, while assuring the integrity and promoting accountability in order to optimize utilization of resources.



THE MESSAGE OF THE VICE-CHANCELLOR



“The focus for next year will be on fostering international collaborations, accelerating our digital transformation initiatives, completing key infrastructure projects, and ensuring the financial sustainability of the University.”

The year 2024 marked a period of significant progress for the University of Kelaniya. As we reflect on the past year and look ahead to the next, we celebrate our achievements and reaffirm our commitment to academic excellence, impactful research, and sustainable development.

A key achievement in 2024 was maintaining our position in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (1501+ category) and sustaining our presence in the THE Impact Rankings, QS Asia Rankings, and UI Green Metric Rankings.

On the academic front, we awarded degrees to over 7,000 students, including 3,094 internal undergraduates, 2,562 external degree graduates, and 1,363 postgraduates. We also conferred 1,000 sub-degree level qualifications. Student enrollment reached new heights, with 4,054 new undergraduates, 3,979 external degree students, 1,624 postgraduates, and 4,500 sub-degree level students. Our research footprint continued to grow significantly, with 313 Scopus-indexed publications, marking a 12% increase in highly cited research, compared to 6% in 2023.

As for infrastructure development, the opening of the new building complex for the Faculty of Computing & Technology in Peliyagoda, took pride of place. The building complex boasts of a 1,000-seat auditorium, and state-of-the-art laboratories for the programmes offered by the Faculty. The opening of a dedicated liver transplantation facility at the Colombo North Centre for Liver Disease in the Faculty of Medicine at Ragama, was also a key milestone.

Since starting operations in May 2024, nearly 800 patients have been referred to the Centre, and 13 liver transplants have been carried out, including that of a 6-month-old baby, the youngest ever transplanted in Sri Lanka.

All of these milestones are a testament to the dedication of our academic and administrative staff.

Looking to the future, we remain committed to enhancing access to higher education while ensuring that it is of consistently high quality. We will foster our international collaborations, with a view to strengthening our research output, and to attract more international students. We anticipate the completion of the lecture theater complex in the Faculty of Science and commencement of a 10-storey building for the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies. Digital transformation will remain an important area of focus for reasons of better delivery of educational programmes as well as to drive gains in efficiency in administration and management.

I would like to extend my deepest appreciation to our academic, executive, academic support, and non-academic staff for their dedication and hard work. Your efforts are the driving force behind our success, and I look forward to another year of growth and innovation.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading 'Nilanthi De Silva'.

Senior Professor Nilanthi De Silva
Vice-Chancellor,
University of Kelaniya

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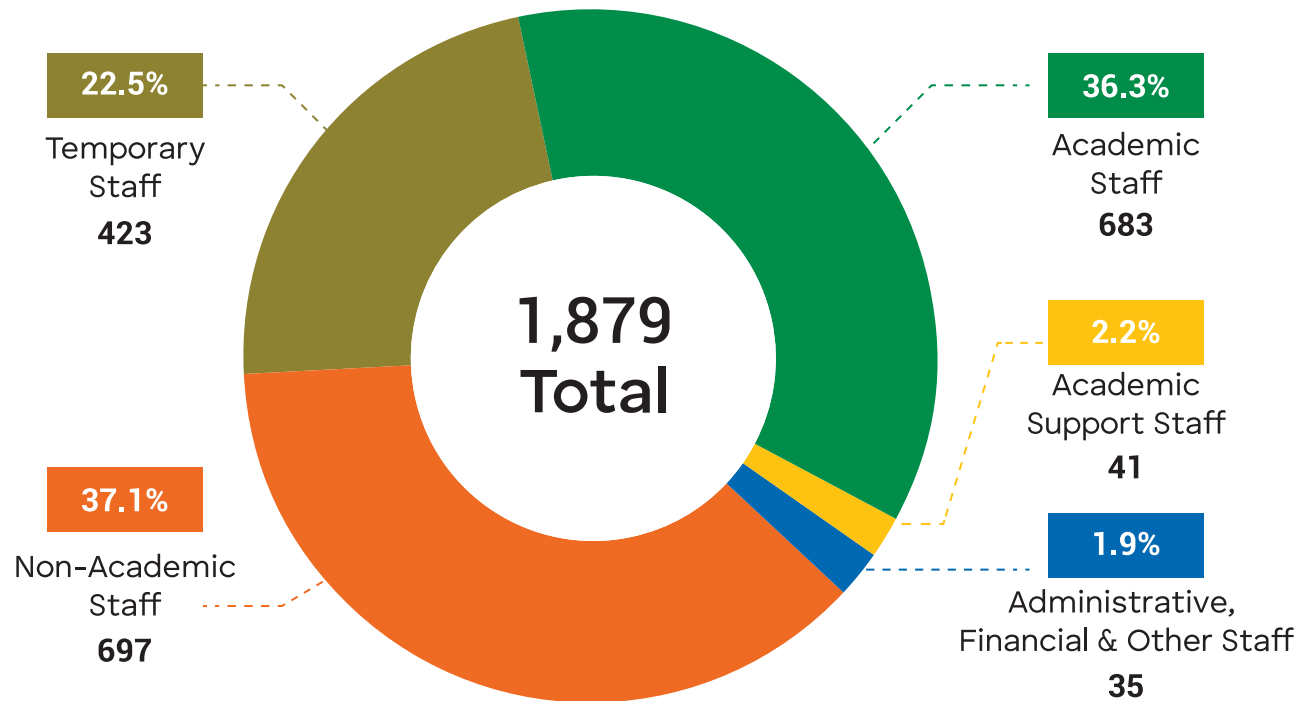


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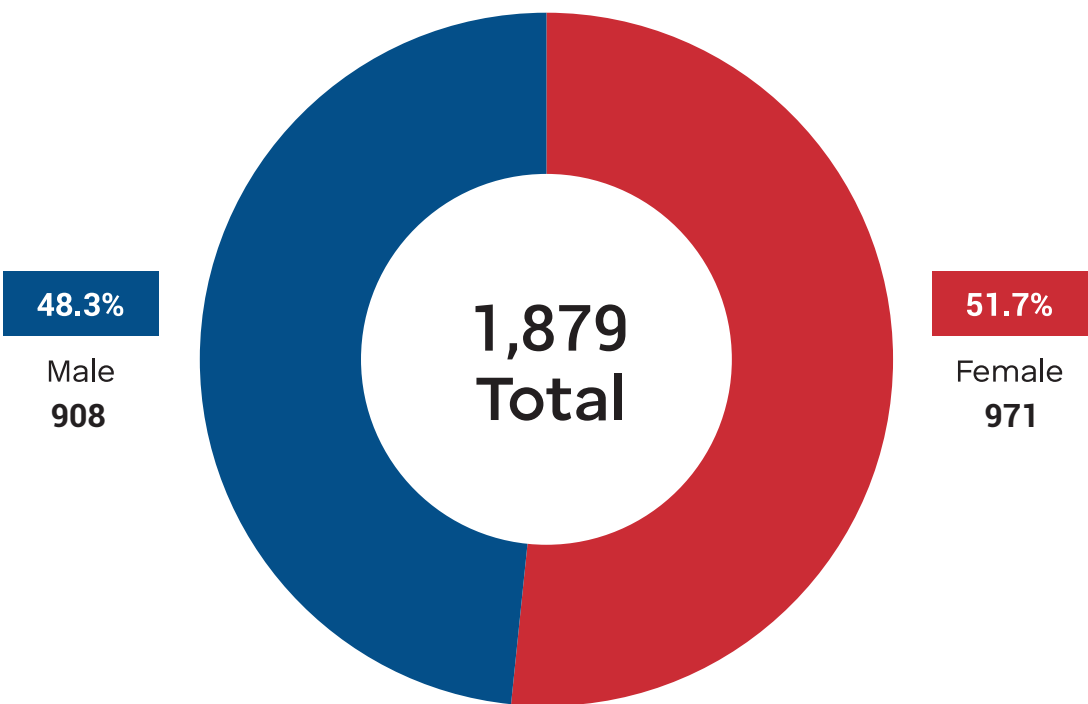


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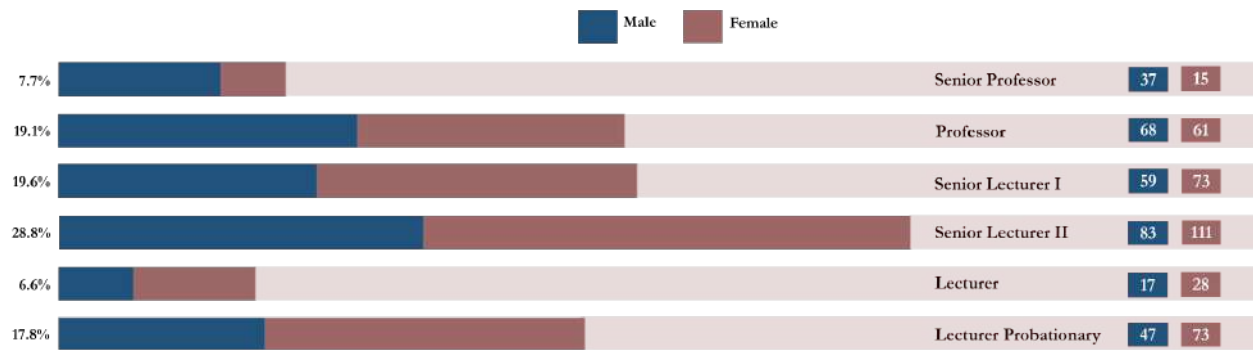


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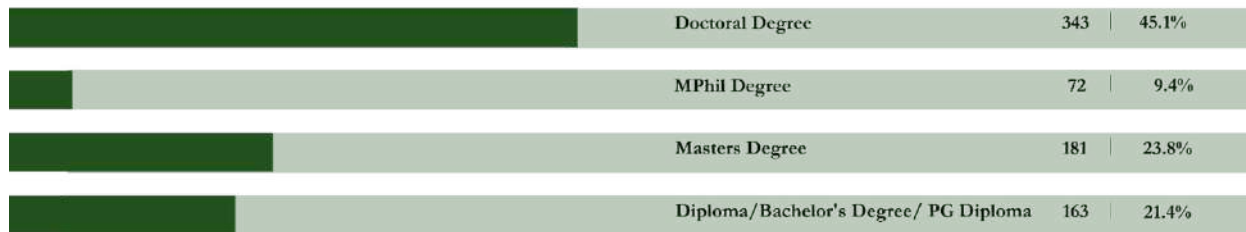


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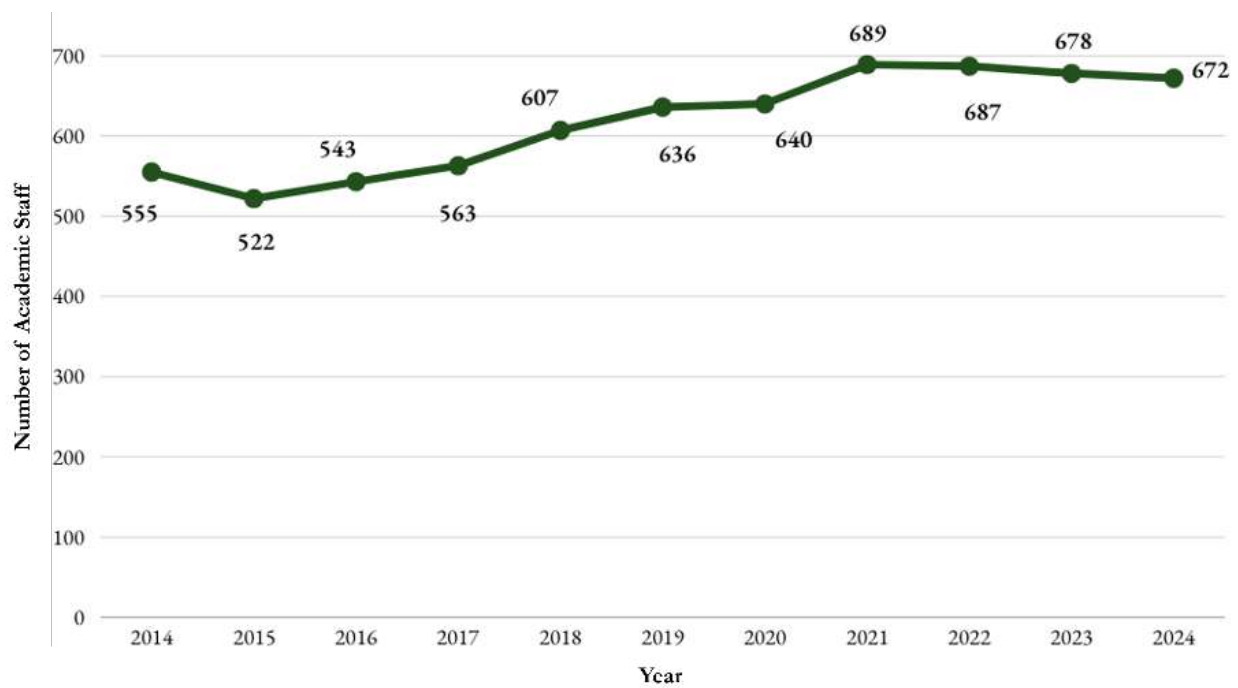


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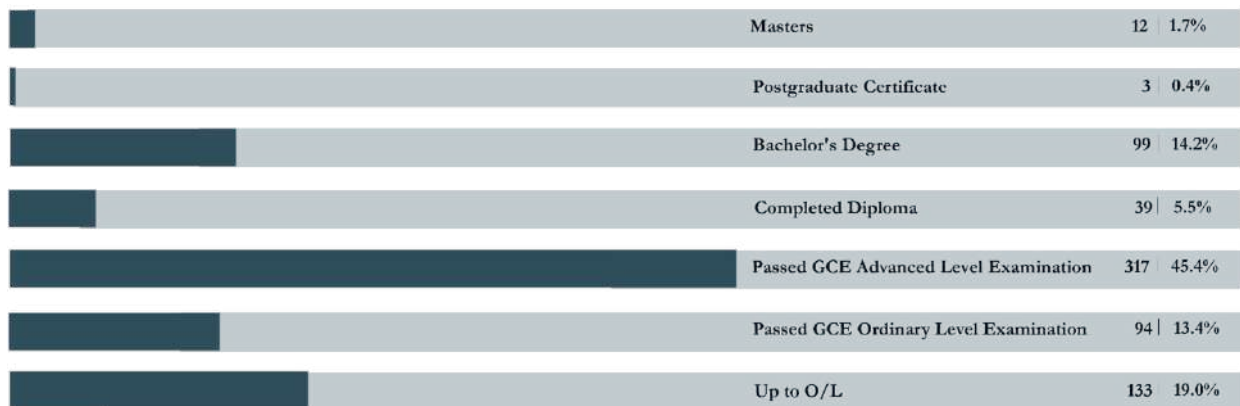


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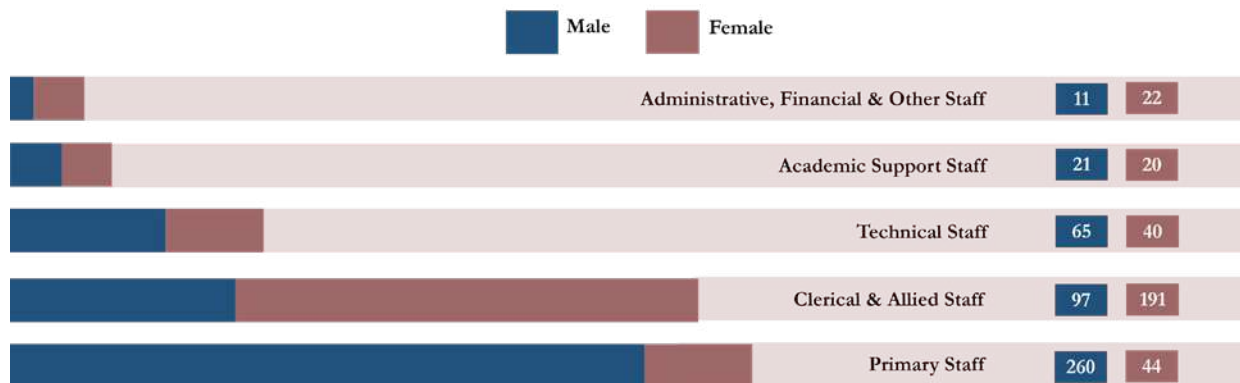


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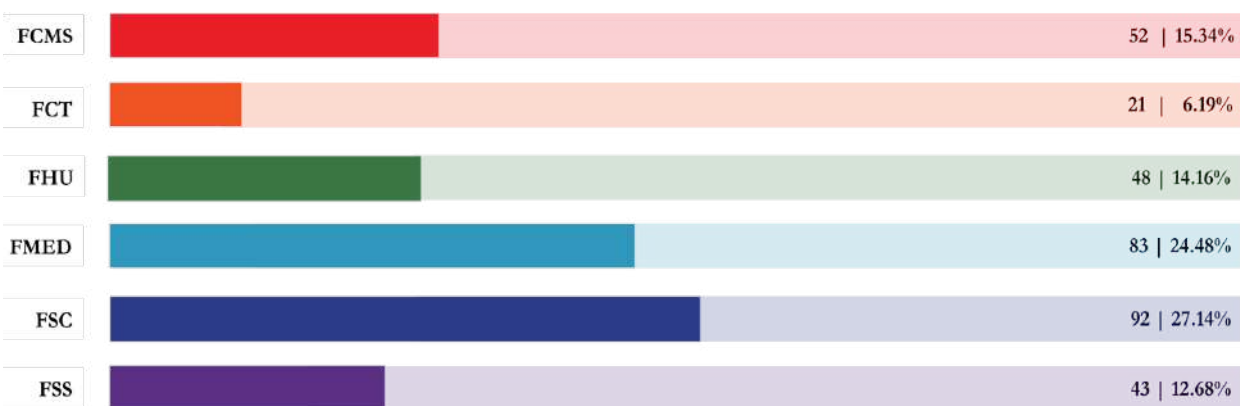


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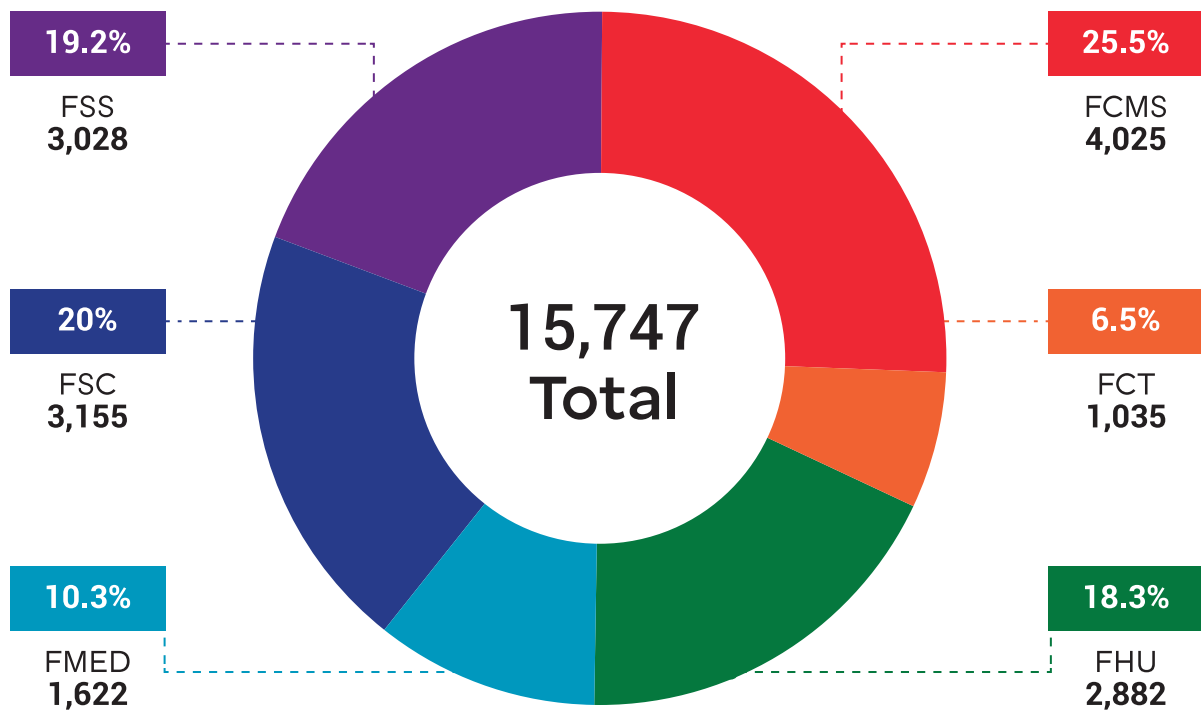


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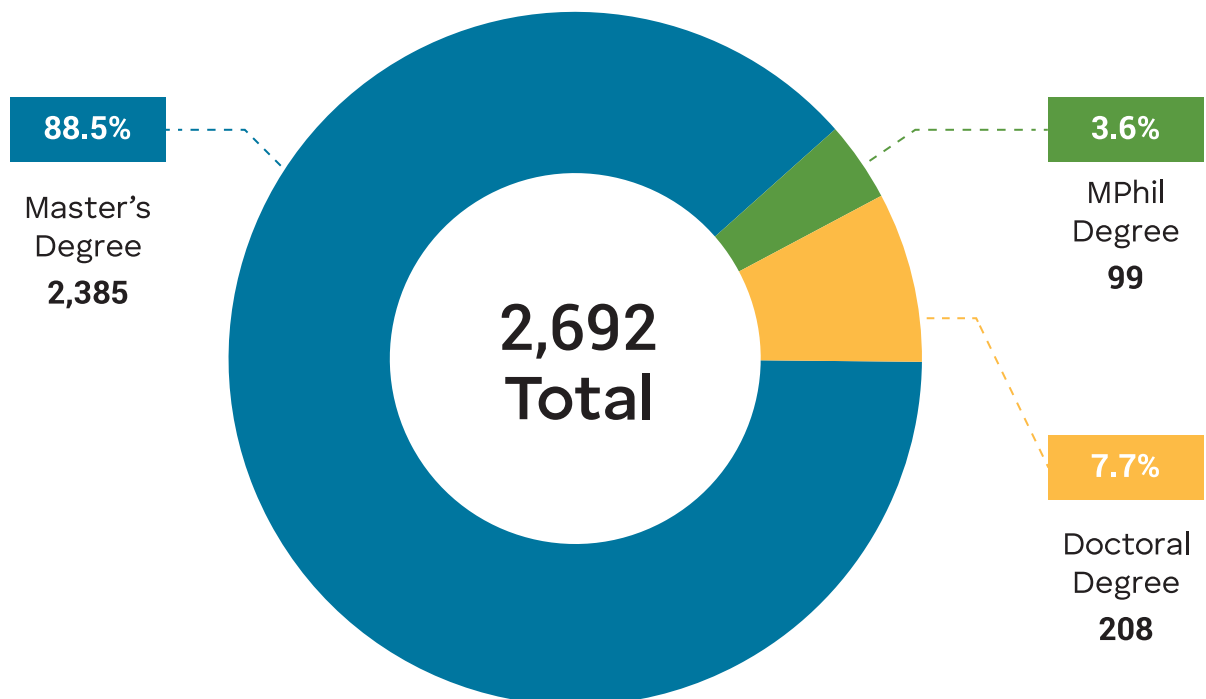


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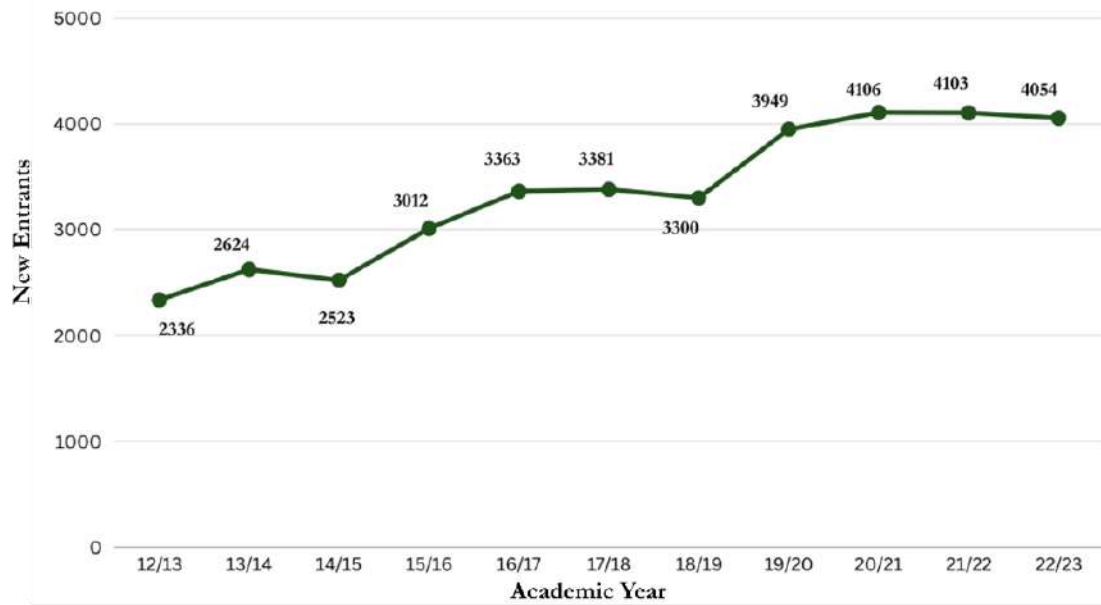


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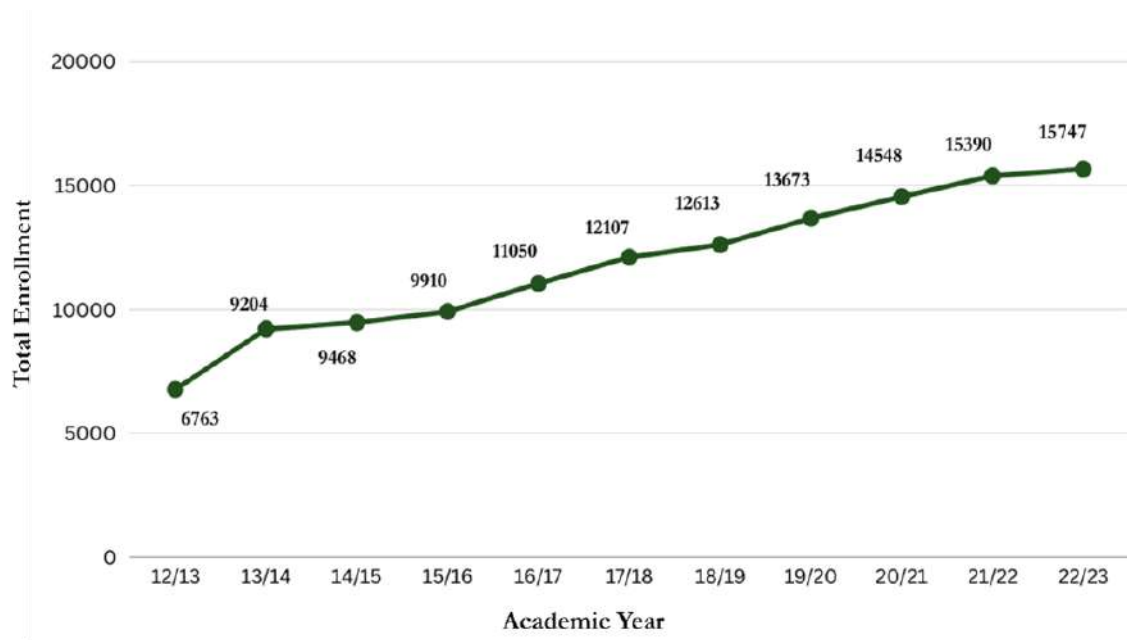


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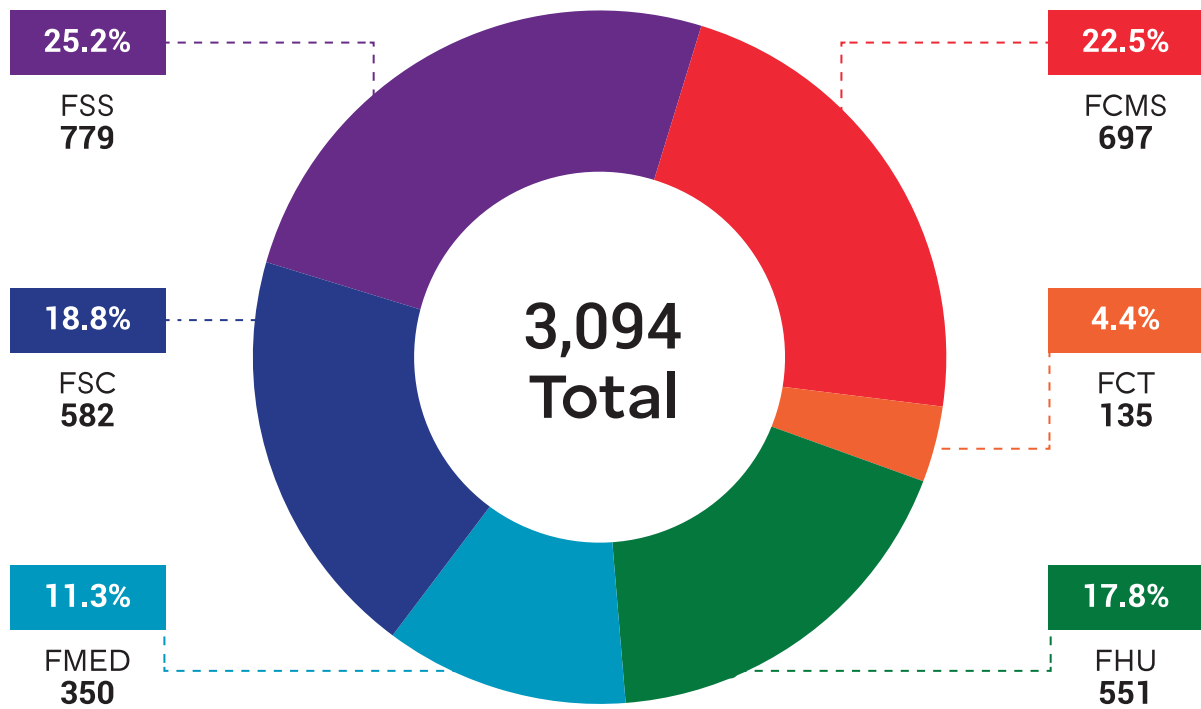


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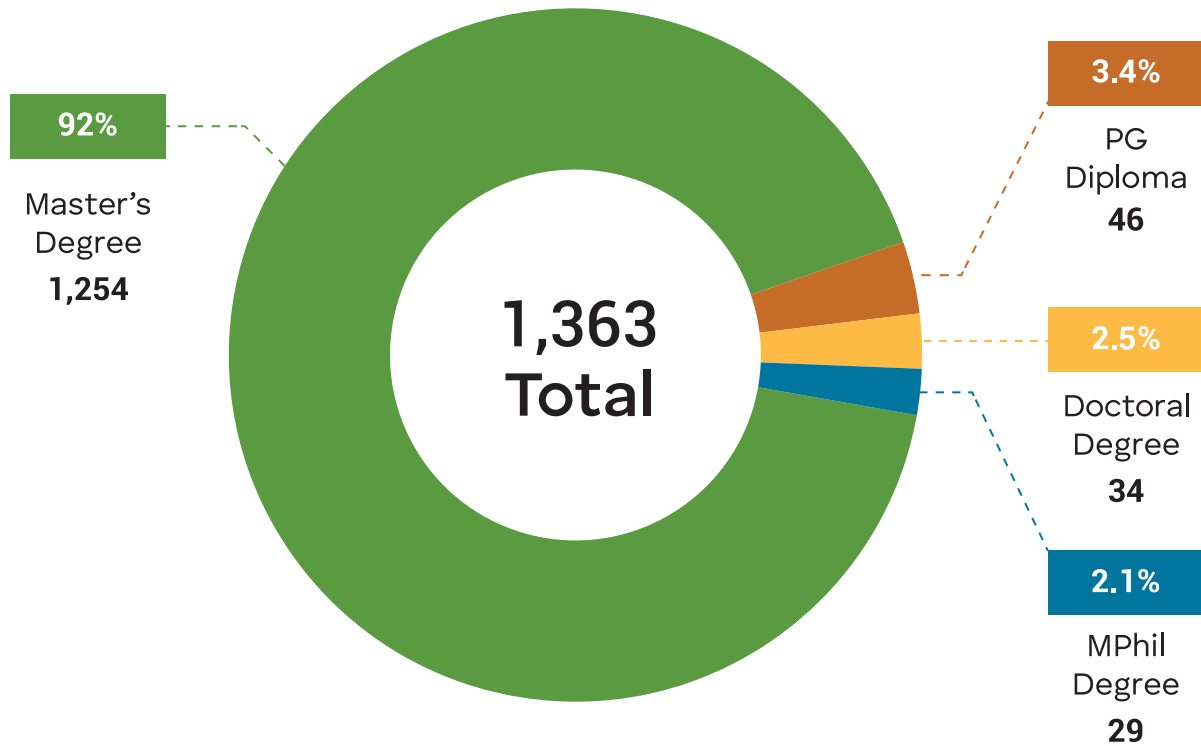


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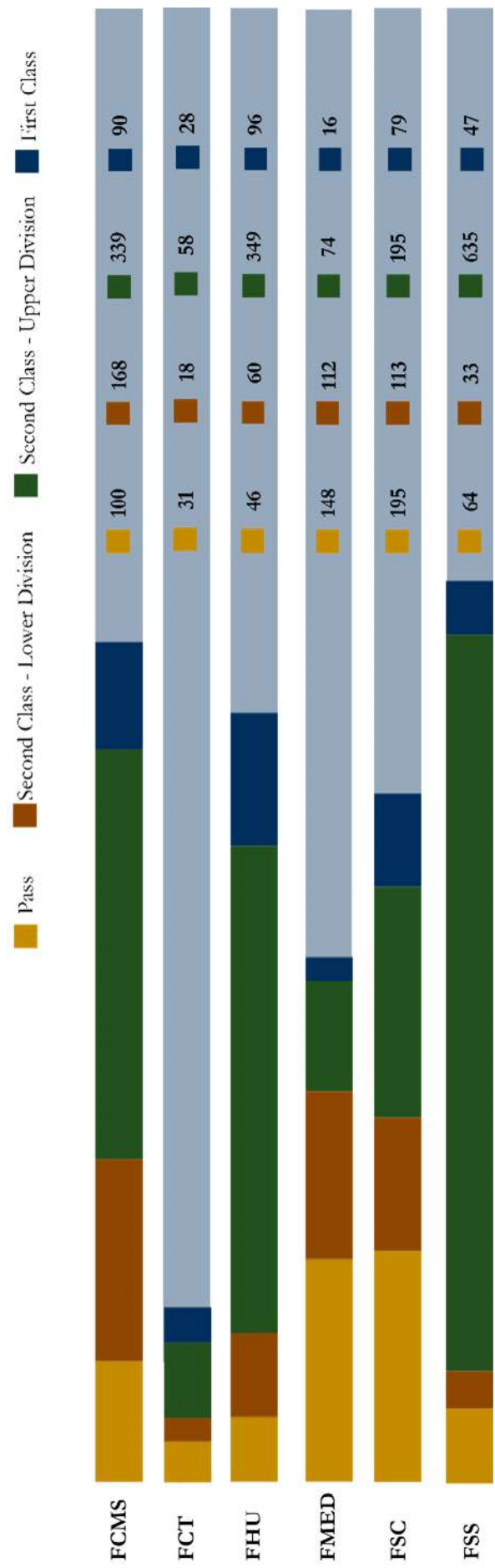


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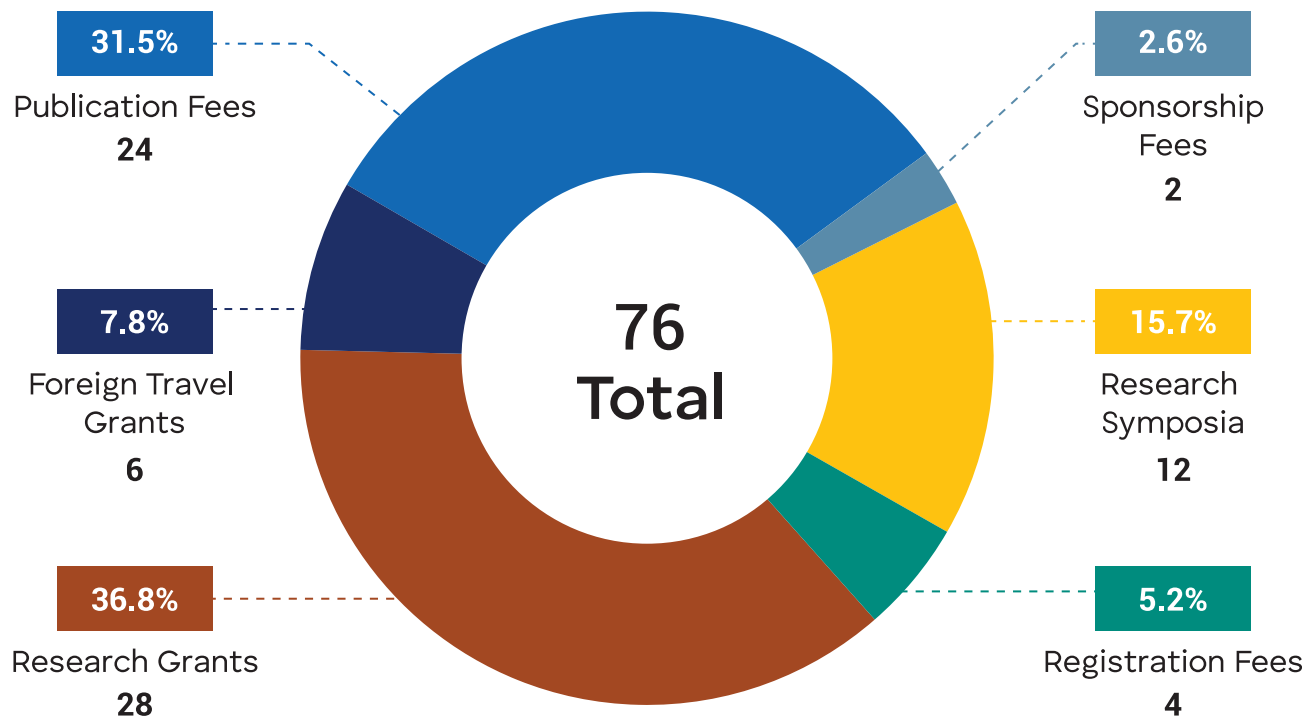


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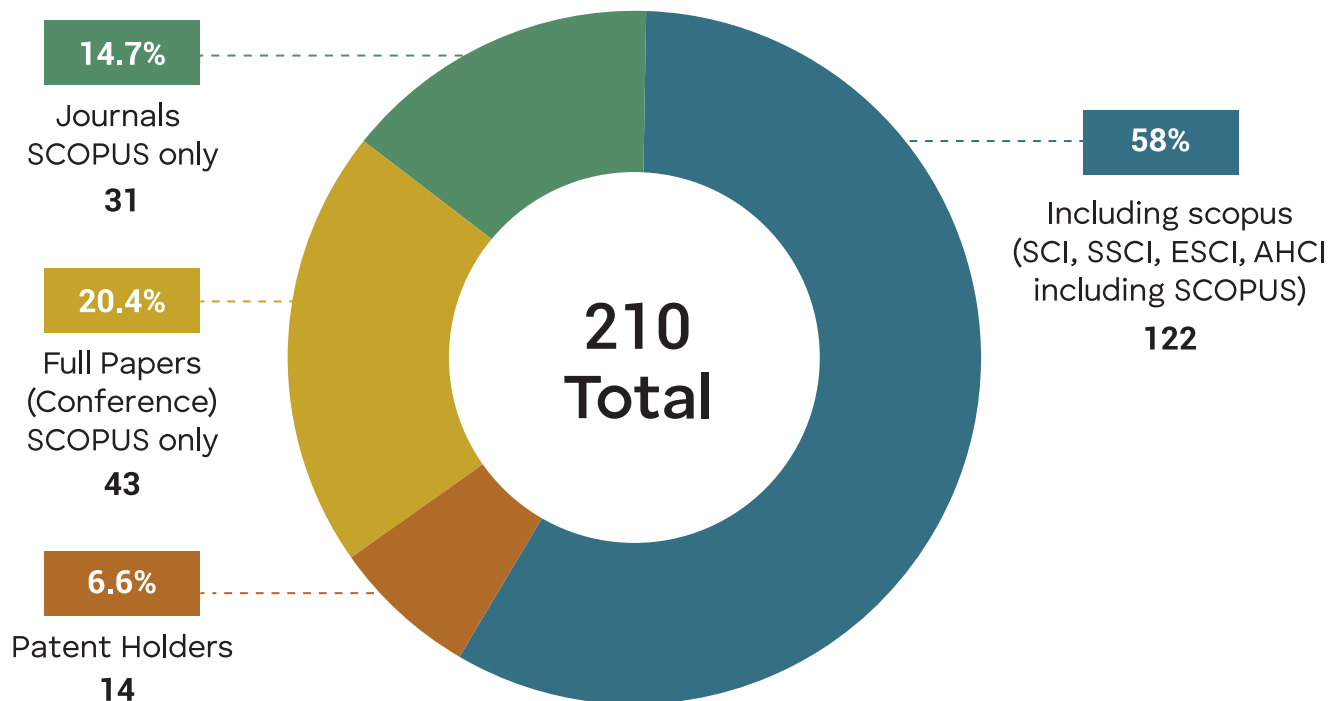


Figure 17: Senate Awards for Publications



Figure 18: Expenditure on Research by Faculty in 2024

INTRODUCTION

The University of Kelaniya has its origins in the historic Vidyalankara Pirivena, established in 1875 by Ratmalane Sri Dharmaloka Thero as a center of learning for Buddhist monks. With the emergence of modern universities in Sri Lanka in the 1940s and 1950s, the Vidyalankara Pirivena transitioned into the Vidyalankara University in 1959, later becoming the Vidyalankara Campus of the University of Ceylon in 1972 and ultimately evolving into the University of Kelaniya in 1978.

The University consists of seven Faculties encompassing 58 academic departments, along with four other academic units, and two affiliated institutes, namely the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies and the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology.

The Faculties of Commerce & Management Studies, Graduate Studies, Humanities, Science, and Social Sciences are in the main premises of the University in Dalugama, whereas the Faculty of Medicine is located in Ragama. Meanwhile, the Faculty of Computer and Technology has been relocated to a newly constructed building complex at Bulugaha junction, Kelaniya.

The main campus is equipped with numerous facilities, including the main library, Medical Centre, Department of Physical Education, main Information and Communication Technology Centre, and the Central Administration Divisions. Accommodation facilities such as the Bhikkhu hostel and the girls' hostel complex are also situated within the Dalugama premises, while additional hostels for male and female students are located in the vicinity of the main University premises. The Faculty of Medicine's administration divisions, hostel complex, sports facilities, and faculty library are at the Ragama premises.

The University of Kelaniya has distinguished itself as a pioneer in higher education in Sri Lanka. It was the first institution to offer science courses in Sinhala and has led the establishment of academic departments in specialized fields. For instance, the Department of Industrial Management and the Department of Microbiology under the Faculty of Science were the first of their kind in the country. Similarly, the Faculty of Humanities was the first to offer disciplines such as Linguistics, Fine Arts, Modern Languages, and Hindi, while the Faculty of Social Sciences pioneered the introduction of the Department of Mass Communication and the Department of Library and Information Sciences.

The University provides an array of specialized services and support systems for its students through various dedicated units and centers. These include the Student Affairs Division, Career Guidance Unit, Personal Counselling Unit (Kalana Mithuru Sevana), Medical Centre, Physical Education Centre, Cultural Centre, Arts Council, Library (including Faculty Libraries), Information and Communication Technology Centre, and the International Student Affairs Unit. Additionally, the University has established several specialized centers for specific initiatives, such as the Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA), Centre for Strategic Planning and University Statistics (CSPS), Staff Development Centre, Media Unit, Technology and Innovation Support Centre, Centre for Sustainability Solutions (CSS), Centre for Gender Studies (CGS), Centre for Distance and Continuing Education (CDCE), Centre of Excellence for Strategic Brand Identity Development (CBID), Inter-Faculty Centre for Coordinating the Modular System (ICCMS), and the Centre for Technology Transfer & Industry Linkage (CTTIL).

The human resources of the university include the academic staff, the administrative staff, the academic support staff, and the non-academic staff. The following diagram illustrates the organizational structure of the University (Figure 19).

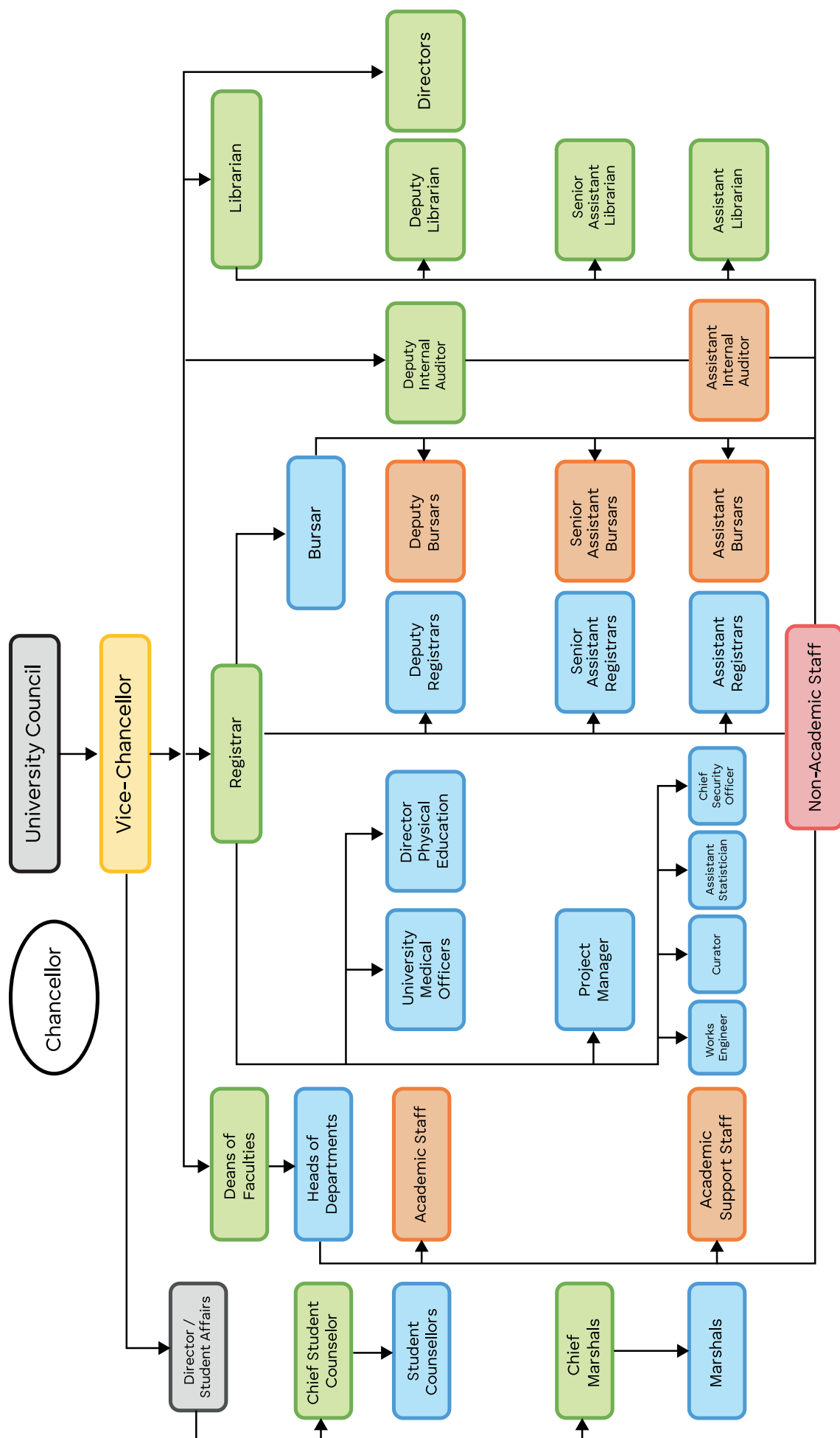


Figure 19: Organizational Structure

1.1. Year in Review

1.1.1. Introduction

In 2024, the University of Kelaniya has strengthened its commitment to academic excellence and global engagement by enhancing its academic programs, research capabilities, and international partnerships. Recognizing the rapidly evolving global education landscape, the university has implemented strategic initiatives to stay competitive. By optimizing both physical and digital learning environments, it has created a dynamic, forward-thinking atmosphere that nurtures talent and fosters innovation. The University of Kelaniya continues to adapt to global challenges, positioning itself as a leader in higher education, dedicated to advancing the knowledge economy and contributing to global competitiveness through its emphasis on quality education and collaboration.

Senior Professor Dr. (Ms.) N.R. De Silva continued to provide steadfast and effective guidance as the Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kelaniya, while virtually all other key administrative positions remained unchanged; the only one being the appointment of Senior Professor S.R.D. Kalingamudali as the Acting Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies following the appointment of the former Dean, Senior Professor N.A.K.P.J. Seneviratne to the post of Chairman, University Grants Commission in October. Professor W.M.C.B. Wanninayake retained his role as the Dean of the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, and Dr. R.L.C.S. Pushpakumara continued to serve as the Dean of the Faculty of Computer Technology. Similarly, Dr. U.S. Senarath and Professor M.N. Chandrathilaka upheld their responsibilities as the Deans of the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Medicine respectively. Additionally, Senior Professor S.R.D. Kalingamudali remained as the Dean of the Faculty of Science, and Professor M.M. Gunathilaka continued as the Dean of the Faculty of Social Sciences. This experienced leadership team collectively ensured the continuity of governance and contributed to the University's sustained academic excellence.

The academic expertise of the University's staff was recognized nationally, with several members appointed to higher positions in other institutions and organisations. Notably, Professor N.A.K.P.J. Senevirathne was appointed as the Chairman of the University Grants Commission (UGC), Professor Chandima Bogahawatta assumed the role of Additional Director General of the Central Cultural Fund of Sri Lanka, Dr. U.G. Gunasekara was appointed as the Chairman of the Sri Lankan Broadcasting Corporation, Prof. S.A.P.M. Manuratne as Director of the UGC's Centre for Gender Equity/Equality, Prof. P. Narangoda as Director of the National Centre for Advanced Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences, Prof. P.B. Galhena as the Director of the Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology, University of Colombo, and Dr. Romola Rassool as the Director of the Postgraduate Institute of English, Open University of Sri Lanka. Prof. A.H.M.H. Abhayaratne, Prof. Chrishantha Abeysena, and Mr. Anura Karunathilake left their posts in the University to join the newly elected group of Parliamentarians.

1.1.2. Academic Activities, Student Intake, and Graduation

The University of Kelaniya commenced academic activities for the 2022/2023 academic year in February 2024, resuming all lectures in physical mode.

A total of 4,088 new internal undergraduate students were admitted for the 2022/2023 academic year, bringing the total internal undergraduate enrollment in 2024 to 15,747.

Additionally, 34 foreign students were newly enrolled in undergraduate degree programs for the same academic year. The University recorded 75,158 students in external undergraduate programs, while postgraduate enrollment reached 2,666.

In 2024, the University produced 3,094 graduates from internal undergraduate programs, 2,562 from external undergraduate programs, and 1,363 from postgraduate programs. Furthermore, nine convocations have been held during the year 2024.

1.1.3. Staff Appointments, and Resignations or Retirements

In 2024, the University of Kelaniya recruited 30 academic staff members, while 37 resigned or retired. Additionally, 1 academic support staff member was appointed, and 3 academic support staff members resigned from their positions. Moreover, 6 non-academic staff were recruited during the year. Further, 15 non-academic staff members retired, and 13 resigned. As a result, the University made 37 new academic appointments, while 68 staff members left the University through resignation or retirement.

1.1.4. Research & Development and Awards

In 2024, the University of Kelaniya published a total of 1056 publications across various categories, including full papers in SCOPUS-indexed refereed journals, full papers in non-indexed refereed journals, abstracts, and full papers in conference proceedings, book chapters, and textbooks. Among these, 307 publications are SCOPUS-indexed.

In recognition of scholarly achievements and to encourage academics to pursue research endeavors, 122 Senate honors and cash prizes were bestowed upon individuals for exemplary articles published in journals indexed in the Science Citation Index (SCI), Social Science Citation Index (SSCI), and Arts & Humanities Citation Index (AHCI). Furthermore, 31 Senate plaudits and monetary awards were granted upon scholars whose articles were published in SCOPUS-indexed journals during the year. Concurrently, 43 Senate plaudits and monetary awards were presented for full papers published in conference proceedings by indexed in SCOPUS, 14 Senate honours and cash prizes for patent holders, as well as 6 foreign travel grants.

1.1.5. Rankings

The University of Kelaniya demonstrated remarkable achievements in global and regional rankings in 2024, solidifying its position as a leading institution in Sri Lanka and beyond. The university maintained its position as the 5th ranked university in Sri Lanka in the Times Higher Education (THE) Impact Rankings and was included in the 601–800 category globally. Notably, the university achieved placement in the Times Higher Education World University Rankings (WUR) in the 1500+ global category, reaffirming its status as a research-intensive institution of international repute and retaining the 3rd position in Sri Lanka. Moreover, the University of Kelaniya was ranked 801–1000 in the Clinical and Health Subject Rankings of the Times Higher Education World University Rankings in 2025.

The university continued its leadership in sustainability, achieving 2nd place among Sri Lankan

universities in the UI GreenMetric World University Rankings 2024 and retaining its global rank of 228. This achievement reflects the active efforts of the Centre for Sustainability Solutions (CSS) and the university's commitment to aligning its environmental policies and strategic goals with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Additionally, the University was also recognized significantly by other ranking institutions such as SCIMAGO and QS in 2025, further emphasizing its commitment to excellence in education, research, and sustainability.

1.1.6. Other Highlights

Four academics from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya, have been included in the 2024 Top 2% Scientists List, an annual global ranking that highlights the most influential researchers based on their citation impact and contributions to their fields. Compiled by Stanford University and Elsevier, this list identifies scientists whose work has made a significant impact on the global research community. Those included in the list of 2024 are, Emeritus Professor Janaka de Silva, Senior Professor Nilanthi de Silva, Vice Chancellor of the University, Professor Anuradhani Kasturiratne, and Senior Professor Asita de Silva.

Five exceptional researchers from the Faculty of Science of the University of Kelaniya were recognized with the Presidential Awards for Inventions - year 2017 to 2020. Dr. Wetthasinhaghe Sameera Kelum Perera won a Bronze Medal in the technical field of Applied Sciences and Technology under the supervision of Prof. Sudath Kalingamudali. Dr. Hema Padmini Wakkumbura received a Bronze Medal in Traditional Medicine, supervised by Prof. Janitha Abeywickrama Liyanage. Dr. Chathuri Maheshika Senanayake was awarded a Bronze Medal and a merit award in the Food category, supervised by Prof. Kapila Seneviratne and Prof. Nimanthi Jayathilaka.

In 2024, the University of Kelaniya made significant achievements in competitions, and the university debate team won the championship in the Inter-University Human Rights Debating Competition 2024 organized by Capital Maharaja Group (CMG) in parallel with International Human Rights Day. This marked their second consecutive victory, reaffirming their dominance in the debate arena. Moreover, Kelaniya University students won the All-Island Championship in the "Shantha Bandara Memorial Inter-University Debate Tournament" organized by the Literary Sub-Committee of the University of Peradeniya Students' Union.

The sportsmen and women representing the University of Kelaniya at the Inter-University Games 2024 became the overall 1st runners-up, marking the highest achievement in 40 years.

The year also marked significant cultural and community milestones. The launch of "UoK Pulse," the university's official music ensemble, provided a vibrant platform to celebrate student creativity and talent. Furthermore, the opening of the "Helabojun" Canteen introduced traditional Sri Lankan cuisine, promoting healthy eating habits and offering a unique cultural experience for students and staff alike.

1.2. Outlook for the Future

The University of Kelaniya operates on a three-year strategic planning cycle, with the current cycle spanning from 2022 to 2024. Each year, all strategic units within the university develop their annual action plans in alignment with the overarching Strategic Plan, ensuring progress toward the institution's five key goals. These goals address the university's core strategic areas:

- Goal 1: **Teaching and Learning:** To create a high-quality, flexible teaching and learning environment.
- Goal 2: **Human Resources Development:** To develop top-tier faculty and staff to achieve the university's strategic objectives.
- Goal 3: **Research and Innovation:** To foster a multidisciplinary research culture of global significance.
- Goal 4: **Economic and Social Responsibility:** To enhance the university's reputation through broader economic and social engagement.
- Goal 5: **Administration and Good Governance:** To establish an excellent governance framework through efficient administration and financial management.

Despite the challenges faced by the country in the recent past, the University of Kelaniya has demonstrated remarkable resilience and progress across its strategic priorities. By mid-2024, the university had successfully completed 64% of its proposed activities for the year, reflecting a strong commitment to its goals.

On the international stage, the university has made significant strides:

- Ranked 228th among over 1,400 global institutions and secured 2nd place nationally in the Green Metrics Ranking, highlighting its commitment to sustainability.
- Achieved 3rd place in Sri Lanka and ranked within the 601-800 global category in the Times Higher Education Impact Rankings, underlining its contributions to sustainable development goals.

The university remains committed to enhancing its global standing, with a vision extending well beyond 2030. Moving forward, the University of Kelaniya will continue to prioritize contributions to the national sustainable development agenda, enhancing graduate employability and advancing high-quality research and innovation. However, challenges such as limited infrastructure continue to hinder the full realization of short-term objectives.

In response, the university has launched several initiatives, including:

- Strengthening international and national collaborations.
- Introducing new academic programs tailored to both local and global markets.
- Enhancing teaching, learning, research, and sustainability activities.

To better navigate evolving challenges and opportunities, the university has undertaken a systematic revision of its Strategic Plan. This updated plan reflects a renewed commitment to agility and innovation, setting a clear course for the university's continued success. We eagerly anticipate the unveiling of this enhanced strategy, which will guide our collective efforts in the years ahead.



UNIVERSITY GOVERNANCE

The University of Kelaniya complies with the organizational structure and responsibilities outlined in the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and with regulations and guidelines provided from time to time by the circulars of the UGC.

The Council, Senate, and Faculty Boards are statutory bodies that formulate guidelines at various levels of action. The UoK organizational chart defines the positions of all staff and their duties, responsibilities, and reporting lines.

2.1. The Chancellor, Vice-Chancellor, and Officers of the University

The Chancellor is the head of the University who directs the convocation, while the Vice-Chancellor is the University's principal executive officer, principal academic officer, and accounting officer. The Vice-Chancellor is an ex-officio member and the chairman of the University's Council and Senate and is responsible for implementing the decisions taken by the Council and Senate. The Dean is the academic and administrative head of each Faculty and is the ex-officio chairperson of its respective Faculty Board. They are ex-officio members of the Council and the Senate. The Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies is responsible for coordinating and regulating postgraduate studies as well as specialized or multidisciplinary research carried out within the university, subject to the direction and control of the Senate. The Registrar is responsible for the disciplinary actions of non-academic staff and has custody of the records and property of the University. He is the ex-officio secretary of the Council and the Senate. The Librarian is responsible for the operations of the University library and is also an ex-officio member of the Senate. The Bursar is responsible for managing the university's finances and maintaining its accounts.

2.2. The University Council

The Council is the executive and governing authority of the University. The Council of the University of Kelaniya consists of the Vice Chancellor, seven Deans, two members elected by the Senate from among its members, and eleven members appointed by the UGC. The Vice-Chancellor chairs the Council while the Registrar serves as its secretary. Council members participate in all selection committees for recruitment and promotion of academic staff, as well as in the following statutory committees:

- Finance Committee
- Audit Committee
- Management Committee of the Centre for Distance & Continuing Education

Council members also serve on the Senate Standing Committee on Quality Assurance, the Lands and Buildings Management and Development Committee, and the Centre for Distance & Continuing Education, all of which are also chaired by the Vice-Chancellor. Apart from this, they also serve on sub-committees such as the Ethics Review Committee, Staff Development Management Committee, Research Council etc.

Table 1: Members of the Council

Name	Participation in meetings (From 01.01.2024 to 31.12.2024)
Vice- Chancellor	
Senior. Prof. (Mrs.) N.R. De Silva	13
Deans of the Faculties	
Snr. Prof. N.A.K.P.J. Seneviratne ¹	11
Prof. W.M.C.B Wanninayaka/ Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies	13
Dr. R.L.C.S. Pushpakumara/ Faculty of Computing & Technology	13
Snr. Prof. N.A.K.P.J. Seneviratne/ Faculty of Graduate Studies	13
Dr. U.S. Senarath/ Faculty of Humanities	13
Prof. M.N. Chandratilake/ Faculty of Medicine	13
Snr. Prof. S R D Kalingamudali/ Faculty of Science	13
Prof. M.M. Gunatilake/ Faculty of Social Sciences	13
Senate Nominee	
Prof. W.M. Semasinghe	12
Prof. (Mrs.) S.S. Weligamage	13
UGC Appointees	
Prof. H. Abeygunawardena (16.01.2023 – 15.01.2026)	9
Prof. Ranjith Arthanayake (16.01.2023 – 15.01.2026)	13
Mr. L.E. Susantha Silva (16.01.2023 – 15.01.2026)	12
Mr. S.K. Cyril Suduwella (16.01.2023 – 15.01.2026)	10
Ms. Mary T. Dickman ²	4
Ven. Welamitiyawe Gnanarathana Nayaka Thero (16.01.2023 – 15.01.2026)	12
Prof. Kalyani Perera (16.01.2023 – 15.01.2026)	12
Mr. Siri Ranasinghe ³	0
Mr. Udaya Ranjith Seneviratne (24.01.2023 – 15.01.2026)	12
Mr. T.R. Waruna Dhanapala (08.06.2023 – 15.01.2026)	13
Mr. Anuja Kaushika Premarathna ⁴	3
Dr. Wenura Singarachchi ⁵	1
Ms. Subhashini Munasinghe (08.10.2024 – 15.01.2026)	2
Dr. S. Terrence Gamini Raja De Silva (08.10.2024 – 15.01.2026)	2
Mr. K.A.S. Jude Nanayakkara (08.10.2024 – 15.01.2026)	3
Secretary to the Council – Registrar (Ex-officio)	
Mr. K.K.K. Dharmathilaka	13

1 Appointment period of Snr. Prof. N.A.K.P.J. Seneviratne ended on October 17, 2024.

2 Ms. Mary T. Dickman was a UGC appointee from January 16, 2023, to August 13, 2024.

3 Mr. Siri Ranasinghe was a UGC appointee from January 16, 2023, to January 09, 2024.

4 Mr. Anuja Kaushika Premarathna was a UGC appointee from January 16, 2023, to August 13, 2024.

5 Dr. Wenura Singarachchi was a UGC appointee from March 11, 2023, to July 23, 2024.

2.3. The Senate

The Senate is the academic authority of the University and comprises the Vice-Chancellor who is the ex-officio Chairperson, the Directors of the PGIAR and PGIPBS, Deans of Faculties, Heads of Departments, Senior Professors and Professors, the Librarian, and two academic members from each faculty who are elected from among the permanent academics of the respective faculty.

The Senate, in the exercise of its duties, has appointed several Standing Committees in the following areas. Further details regarding the composition and mandate of each Committee are provided in Section 2.7 of this Report.

- Admissions
- Curriculum, Learning, Teaching, and Evaluation
- Honorary Degrees
- Leave and Awards
- Library
- Quality Assurance
- Research and Publications

2.4. Faculty Boards

The Faculty Boards regulate matters connected with teaching, examinations, and research in the respective faculties, subject to the control of the Senate. All academic departments come under the purview of the respective Faculty Board. The departments of study are responsible for the development of curricula, teaching, assessments, research, and other relevant academic matters of each department.

2.5. Governance Documents: Strategic Plan and Action Plan

The Strategic Plan for 2022-2024 is designed to be pragmatic, real, and relevant, influencing the university's vital institutional decisions and addressing the prioritized requirements of both staff and students while sharing the overall vision of the university with its partners for the next three years. This also sets the platform for articulating a set of values guiding the University's work over the next three years. The annual Action Plan is directly focused on the activities for 2024, in line with the Strategic Plan of the University for the period 2022-2024. Both the Strategic Plan and Action Plan have been approved by the Council of the University.

The strategic framework is structured around five core goals: enhancing teaching and learning, empowering faculty and staff, building a world-class research culture, strengthening social and economic engagement, and ensuring efficient governance and financial management. Each of these goals is aligned with the university's overarching mission and vision and supported by a clear set of objectives, measurable actions, key performance indicators

(KPIs), and budget allocations. These are designed not only to improve the current state of the institution but also to prepare the university to meet the future demands of higher education at national and global levels.

The first goal focuses on creating a high-quality and flexible teaching and learning environment. It aims to improve infrastructure, revise curricula, and enhance internationalization by encouraging student exchange programs and linkages with global academic institutions. Emphasis is also placed on soft skills, practical experience, and student well-being, both physical and mental. Accessibility and inclusivity are prioritized to support students from diverse backgrounds, including international students and those with special needs. Key performance indicators for this goal include an internal degree completion rate of 91%, an employability rate of 87% after six months of graduation, and student satisfaction rates of 84% for teaching, 90% for Disability Students, 76% for library services, and over 70% for IT, welfare, and medical facilities by 2024. Participation in sports and aesthetic activities is also expected to reach 40% and 69%, respectively.

The second goal is to ensure the recruitment, development, and retention of the highest quality academic, administrative, and non-academic staff. To achieve this, the plan includes mechanisms for workforce planning, succession planning, job rotation, and career advancement. Staff well-being is addressed through initiatives focused on health, mental wellness, and workplace satisfaction. Support for academic qualifications and professional training is also strengthened. KPIs for this goal include increasing the percentage of PhD-qualified staff to 49%, professors to 29%, and raising the doctorate-to-bachelor's ratio to 60% by 2024. Additional indicators include increased participation in professional development programs and staff involvement in national and international academic tasks.

The third strategic goal is to promote a multi-disciplinary research culture of global standing. This includes increasing the number and quality of research projects, publications, and conference presentations. The university seeks to allocate at least 8% of its capital budget to research grants, supporting local and international collaborations. E-library improvements, interdisciplinary research opportunities, and industry partnerships for commercialization are also integral parts of this goal. KPIs for 2024 reflect significant progress in research development and academic excellence within the institution. A total of 25 research grants were awarded to academic staff, with the Research Council supporting 6 sabbatical leave fellowships, 11 innovative pilot research grants, 9 foreign travel grants, 12 symposium registration fee grants, and 6 publication charge fundings. Recognition efforts included 440 Senate Awards and Cash Prizes, 50 Vice Chancellor's Awards (Research Related), and 6 Presidential Award recognitions. The Research Council funded 17 research conferences/symposia; 1 at university level, 7 at faculty level, 15 at department level, and 4 at center/unit level. Furthermore, 15 heritage-related academic events were conducted, and 27 journal articles were published through Research Council-supported projects. Academic development was further supported through 21 research-related activities, while 115 staff members achieved a Google Scholar h-index of 10 or above. The university maintained a Webometrics world rank of 1272, demonstrating its sustained academic visibility.

The fourth goal is to improve the university's public image and widen its economic and social contributions. This is achieved through active engagement with professional bodies, industries, and communities. The plan promotes consultancy services, innovation centers, alumni involvement, and image-building efforts such as public seminars, CSR initiatives, and media visibility. Promoting cultural, religious, and recreational activities, along with gender equity and sustainability through green initiatives, further strengthens the university's social

responsibility. Key metrics include filing 12 patents, launching 8 innovation support programs, increasing the number of consultancies to 21, and publishing 120 articles or media programs highlighting university impact. Student satisfaction with gender-related activities is also monitored, along with the visibility and effectiveness of community outreach.

The fifth and final goal emphasizes strengthening governance systems and financial management. It focuses on digital transformation, better infrastructure, improved budgeting, and accountability in the use of resources such as scholarships and research funds. Administrative efficiency, transparency, and institutional income growth are major focus areas. KPIs include utilizing 80% of the budgetary allocation, developing 18 computer-based programmes, increasing institutional income by 40% by 2024, 68% and 57% staff satisfaction with infrastructure development and ICT based working environment respectively. Improvements in internal communication and financial tracking processes are also key expected outcomes.

Each of these strategic goals is backed by a carefully structured Action Plan for 2024 that includes specific activities, responsible units, budget allocations, and timelines. Monitoring and evaluation mechanisms are overseen by the Strategic Plan Monitoring Committee (SPMC), composed of faculty and unit-level coordinators. This structure ensures effective implementation, tracks progress through KPIs, and enables timely adjustments based on feedback and annual reviews.

Ultimately, the Strategic Plan and Action Plan serve as more than just administrative frameworks—they represent the collective aspiration and commitment of the university community to academic excellence, innovation, and societal contribution. Through these guiding documents, the University of Kelaniya aims to position itself as a national and global leader in higher education. With measurable progress, focused leadership, and collaborative action, the university is set to achieve its strategic vision by the end of 2024 and continue its legacy of transformation well into the future.

2.6. Statutory Committees

2.6.1. Finance Committee

The Council of the University of Kelaniya has appointed a Finance Committee (FC) to make recommendations concerning finance-related matters to support the Council. The composition of the FC is as follows.

- Vice-Chancellor – Chairperson
- Deans of Faculties
- Two members of the Council
- Registrar
- Bursar (Convener)

FC meets once a month and takes decisions on all matters related to the finances of the University. All financial matters, including program budgets, are properly evaluated in line with governing regulations and as per the university development plan. Recommendations of the FC are submitted for approval of the Council. FC receives matters referred by the Vice-Chancellor, Deans of Faculties, Registrar, Bursar, Heads of Departments, Heads of Divisions, or Senate. FC is one of the subcommittees of the Council.

2.6.2. Procurement Committees

The University of Kelaniya has its Department Procurement Committees (DPC) which are appointed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Education in line with the Procurement Guidelines of 2006 and its subsequent amendments. Thus, the University has two types of DPCs: the DPC (Major) and the DPC (Minor). DPC (Minor) takes up procurements below LKR 5 million while DPC (Major) takes up procurements up to 200 million as per current guidelines. The composition of the DPC (Major), which meets once a month, is the Vice-Chancellor as chairperson, a member appointed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Education, and the Bursar as the 3rd member. The composition of the DPC (Minor), which meets once a week, is the Vice-Chancellor as Chairperson, with the Registrar and Bursar as members. Meanwhile, a Supplies Committee (SC) is also appointed by the governing body to take up procurements of up to LKR 500,000/-. The University also had a Project Procurement Committee (PPC) appointed by the Secretary of the Ministry of Education to oversee procurements made under the World Bank-funded AHEAD Project.

2.6.3. Audit Committee

As per the Public Enterprises Circular No. P.E.D./31, the Audit Committee is required to meet at least four times a year. The main objective of the Audit Committee is to assist the Council to carry out efficient financial functions and related management activities of the University.

The main responsibilities of the Audit Committee are the review and supervision of financial statements, financial reporting, and the continuation of the audit process, the examination of any matters related to the finance of the University, the approval of the annual internal audit plans and programs, the supervision of the Internal Audit Plan and Program, the investigation of the external and internal audit reports and the follow up on recommendations. The review, supervision, and examination of compliance with system controls to ensure effective performance, the review of performance at regular intervals for cost-effectiveness and elimination of wasteful expenditure, etc., ascertaining whether statutes, regulations, rules, and circulars are complied with, are all responsibilities of the Audit Committee.

Table 2: Number of meetings held during 2024

Statutory Committees	Number of Meetings held
Council	13
Senate	10
Finance Committee	10
Procurement Committee (Major)	13
Procurement Committee (Minor)	41
Audit Committee	4

2.7. Senate Standing Committees

The Admissions Committee consists of the Vice-Chancellor and all Deans, with the Executive Officer in charge of the Academic Division as the Secretary and Convenor. This Committee makes recommendations to the UGC via the Senate, regarding the number of places available for the admission of undergraduate students to each bachelor's degree programme offered by the University each year.

The Curriculum, Learning, Teaching and Evaluation Committee consists of the Vice-Chancellor, all Deans, Senior Professors and Professors, with the Executive Officer in charge of the Academic Division as the Secretary and Convenor. The Committee, which meets once a month, reviews and makes recommendations to the Senate regarding new course curricula, revisions to existing course curricula and other academic matters.

The Honorary Degrees Committee consists of 7 Members, who are senior academics nominated from each Faculty, and it is chaired by the most senior member. The Executive Officer in charge of the Academic Division convenes meetings as required, to review nominations made by Faculty Boards for the award of honorary degrees and to make recommendations to the Senate regarding the compliance of the nominations with relevant regulations.

The Leave & Awards Committee consists of the Vice-Chancellor and Deans, with the Executive Officer in charge of the Academic Establishments Division as the Secretary and Convenor. The Committee meets once a month to review matters regarding confirmation of academic staff, extension of the probationary period where required, as well as requests for study leave and sabbatical leave, with particular attention to compliance with the relevant regulations and the requirements of the relevant Department of Study.

The Library Committee consists of the Vice-Chancellor and Deans, the Librarian, all academic staff in the university libraries, as well as one nominee from each Faculty Board. The Executive Officer assigned to the Library is the Secretary and Convenor of this Committee, which meets every other month. The Library Committee takes up all matters pertaining to the provision of learning resources by the Library to all students and staff of the University.

The Senate Standing Committee on Quality Assurance consists of the Vice-Chancellor and Deans, two nominees of the Council from among members appointed by the UGC, the Registrar and Bursar, the Director of the University's Centre for Quality Assurance, the Director of the University's Centre for Distance & Continuing Education, the Director of the University's Staff Development Centre, the Director of the University's Centre for Strategic Planning and Statistics, as well as the QA Coordinators of each Faculty. The Executive Officer in charge of the Academic Division is the Secretary and Convenor of the Committee which meets once a month to deliberate on matters relevant to internal and external quality assurance of all the programmes of study offered by the University.

The Research & Publications Committee consists of the Vice-Chancellor and Deans and a nominee from each Faculty Board. The Executive Officer in charge of the Research & Publications Division is the Secretary and Convenor of the Committee, which meets once a month. The Committee makes recommendations regarding the disbursement of research grants to academic staff from Treasury funds, and disbursement of funds for field visits that comprise an essential part of undergraduate programmes. The Committee monitors progress with regard to utilization of such grants and also makes recommendations regarding disbursement of university funds for university publications.

2.8. Ethical Standards for Research

The University has two Ethics Review Committees (ERC). The Ethics Review Committee of the Faculty of Medicine was established in 1995 to promote research ethics among undergraduates, postgraduate students, academics, and the wider community of researchers. Its primary objective is the protection of humans participating in biomedical research. This is achieved through review and monitoring processes carried out in accordance with the guidelines of the Forum of Ethics Review Committees in Sri Lanka (FERCSL guidelines) and other relevant national and international legislation and guidelines.

The Ethics Review Committee of the University of Kelaniya was established in 2016, with the aim of promoting high-quality research and is dedicated to maintaining the highest ethical standards as enshrined in its vision and mission. The ERC of the University of Kelaniya covers several aspects of research ethics pertaining to the research conducted by the Faculties of Commerce and Management, Computing and Technology, Graduate Studies, Humanities, Science, and Social Sciences.

2.9. Health, Safety, and Well-being

The University Medical Centre is dedicated to its vision of fostering an active life free from disease within the university community and its mission of promoting the social well-being of students and staff. As a vital resource for health and wellness, the Centre provides comprehensive medical and preventive healthcare services. It caters to the diverse needs of students, staff, and faculty through accessible, high-quality care. With a focus on promoting health, preventing disease, and ensuring a safe and supportive campus environment, the University Medical Centre plays an integral role in enhancing the overall well-being of the university community.

The University Medical Centre offers a range of comprehensive medical services to address the diverse healthcare needs of the university community. The Outpatient Department (OPD) provides expert consultations for both routine and chronic health issues, ensuring prompt and effective care. For acute conditions and unforeseen incidents, emergency care is readily available to deliver immediate medical attention. The Centre also facilitates day treatments, including short-term procedures such as IV therapy and wound care. For cases requiring advanced medical attention, referral services ensure seamless coordination with specialized clinics and hospitals. Additionally, the Centre offers medical certification and fitness assessments, providing professional evaluations and issuing certifications for academic, professional, and personal purposes.

Moreover, the Centre is equipped with state-of-the-art facilities designed to provide a wide range of healthcare services with seamless efficiency. The on-site pharmacy ensures convenient and timely access to essential medications and prescriptions and laboratory services deliver comprehensive diagnostic testing to support accurate and effective medical care. In addition to that, the Dental Care Unit offers expert consultations and treatments, ensuring optimal oral health for the university community and the Ayurvedic Treatment Unit provides weekly consultations with Ayurvedic medical practitioners, in partnership with the Rajagiriya Ayurvedic Hospital, to integrate traditional healing practices. To promote mental wellness, the Mental Health Clinic conducts weekly sessions led by consultant psychiatrists in collaboration with the Department of Psychiatry of the Faculty of Medicine. Furthermore, the auditorium facilitates public health awareness programs, fostering education and encouraging a culture of wellness across the university.

The Centre actively engages in health promotion and public health initiatives to improve the well-being of the university community. Health education and awareness campaigns offer interactive programs designed to promote healthy lifestyles and boost health literacy among students, staff, and faculty. In addition, the Centre provides preventive healthcare services, which include continuous public health monitoring by a dedicated Public Health Inspector. This ensures that regular assessments of environmental sanitation are conducted, particularly in areas such as canteens, hostels, and other university facilities, maintaining a clean, safe, and hygienic environment for all. These initiatives help foster a culture of health and well-being across the campus.

Not only addressing both immediate health concerns and preventive measures, but the University Medical Centre also serves as a cornerstone of support and well-being, contributing to a vibrant and health-conscious campus atmosphere.

2.10. Quality Assurance

The Centre for Quality Assurance (CQA), established under the University Grants Commission (UGC) Circular 2019/09, plays a pivotal role in advancing the quality of education at the University of Kelaniya. The Centre is directed by the Director of CQA and is guided by the Senate Standing Committee on Quality Assurance (SSC-QA). The faculty-based Quality Assurance mechanisms are supported by the Faculty Quality Assurance Cells (FQACs) established in each of the seven faculties. Additionally, in 2022, the Internal Quality Assurance Cells (IQACs) were established within the IQAC-CDCE, IQAC-Administrative, and IQAC-Library, expanding the university's capacity to monitor and improve quality across various domains.

The SSC-QA convenes monthly, where the progress and initiatives of the seven FQACs and three IQACs are reviewed. Best practices are shared across faculties and departments to encourage the internalization of quality standards and improve overall academic and administrative operations.

2.10.1. Key Activities Completed by CQA in 2024

a) External Reviews

- The Action Plan for Institutional Review-2021 was successfully implemented, reaching 85% completion. This reflects a dedicated effort to integrate the recommendations from the external review process.
- The Faculty of Science completed the Cluster Programme Reviews for Biological Science and Physical Science (Clusters A, B, C, and D). These reviews involved a comprehensive assessment of academic standards and curriculum alignment with international best practices.

b) Policy Development

In 2024, CQA continued to enhance the governance and operational frameworks of the University with the development of several key policy documents:

- Policy on Academic Staff Performance Appraisal System: A comprehensive framework to assess academic staff performance.
- Postgraduate Thesis Supervision Policy: Guidelines ensuring high-quality thesis supervision across disciplines.
- Human Resources Planning Policy for Academic Staff: Establishing long-term strategies for faculty recruitment, retention, and development.
- Recognition of Institutions Seeking Affiliation with the University of Kelaniya: A policy for recognizing external institutions that wish to conduct programs of study leading to qualifications awarded by the University of Kelaniya.

c) Other Special Initiatives

- Hela Bojun Canteen: A new initiative led by CQA in collaboration with the Department of Agriculture, aimed at improving the university's food service options, promoting local cuisine, and fostering student well-being.
- Manual of Procedures for Administrative Divisions: Work continued in 2024 on creating a comprehensive Manual that outlines procedures and standard operating guidelines for the University's administrative divisions.

2.10.2. Workshops and Awareness Programs

In line with its commitment to continuous improvement and capacity building, CQA organized several workshops and training sessions in 2024. These programs focused on key areas of academic and administrative functions, helping to strengthen the University's internal quality assurance practices:

- **Academic Staff Performance Appraisal System:** Conducted workshops across six faculties to train staff on the newly implemented appraisal system.
- **Curriculum Development Process:** Workshops to enhance understanding of modern curriculum design, ensuring that academic programs are in line with global standards and responsive to evolving academic needs.
- **Examination Duties, Paper Setting, and Paper Moderation:** Sessions were held to clarify responsibilities, improve the quality of examination setting, and ensure consistency and fairness in the moderation process.

2.10.3. Looking Ahead

As we continue into 2025, the Centre for Quality Assurance remains committed to enhancing the academic and operational standards of the University of Kelaniya. The initiatives carried out in 2024 set a strong foundation for future developments, and the CQA will continue to support the University's journey toward greater excellence in education, research, and community service.

2.11. University Compliance with the Right to Information Act No 12 of 2016

2.11.1. Details of Information Issued

The management of the University of Kelaniya recognized the importance of compliance with the provisions of the Right to Information Act No. 12 of 2016 of the Government. It also complied with the principle of transparency in university decisions. Therefore, the University of Kelaniya has released all information related to several matters requested in 2024. The details of such requests and the university's issuance of information are stated below (Table 3).

Table 3: Issuance of information in 2024 as per the Right to Information Act

Name of the person who requested information	Date of request	Date the information was delivered	Nature of information
1. Ms. Ranmalee Meepagala	17.04.2024	10.09.2024	Information about PhD and MPhil thesis titles approved by the faculty board in Pali studies and Buddhist studies from 2016 to 2023
2. Mr. D.R.S. Wijesinghe	16.07.2024	10.09.2024	Information about PhD programmes and English language Programmes conducted by FGS
3. Ms. I.S.A.S. Pothuhara	21.08.2024	22.08.2024	Information about the Inquiry conducted against Ms. Pothuhara
4. Mr. B.A.B.S Jayawardhana	31.08.2024 & 07.11.2024	Not yet submitted	Information about the research thesis of the applicant
5. Mr. K.A.B.P. Dayarathna	02.09.2024	14.10.2024	Information about Emeritus Professors in the Department of Mass Communication
6. Mr. Thathsara Dupendra (Attorney-at-Law)	05.09.2024	09.10.2024	Information about all the complaints made by H.S. Bopage (PS/2015/361) against V.L.T. Prabudhdha (PS/2015/397)
7. Mr. Jayantha Kalansooriya	18.09.2024	23.10.2024	Information about the decisions taken by the Faculty Board, Senate, and Council to conduct separate question papers for the subject of Managerial Economics (SRMG 41414) final Year Examination 2024
8. Dr. C.D. Chathuranga	15.10.2024	28.10.2024	Information about the decisions taken by the Council with regard to the VOP notice issued to the applicant
9. Dr. Namal Nishantha Balasooriya Mudiyansele	12.11.2024	11.12.2024	Information about the decisions taken by the Council with regard to the VOP notice issued to the applicant
10. Rev. Maduruoya Dammissara Thero	19.11.2024	04.12.2024	Information about the Preliminary and Formal Disciplinary Inquiries conducted against Rev. Maduruoya Dammissara Thero
11. Ms. K.P.S. Hemali	20.11.2024	Not yet submitted	Information about the personal Details of her husband (Mr. Harsha Kumara / Works Aid) in the personal file

Total number of requests received during the year 2024	-	11
Total number of occasions of not providing information during the year 2024	-	01
Accordingly, total number of responses during the year 2024	-	10
Total responses as a percentage of request	-	91%

2.12. Risk Management

The difficult conditions stemming from the 2022 economic crisis persisted into 2024. Stringent hiring practices and budget limitations created unavoidable challenges and risks to both attracting and retaining qualified staff and also impacted the university's other operations. Balancing the need to adapt to evolving societal and economic demands with limited resources, while simultaneously upholding rigorous academic standards and integrity, proved crucial but placed considerable strain on the university's long-term viability.

2.12.1. Financial Stability and Sustainability

The most pressing risk in 2024 continued to remain financial sustainability. Due to budgetary controls including curtail of funds and strict monitoring of recurrent and capital allocation to the university, the planning of the university to widen the infrastructure facilities for undergraduate students and attract international admission was badly affected. Decreasing government funding, coupled with the severe economic downturn, placed immense strain on the university's resources. This manifested difficulties in procuring essential teaching and research resources, maintaining critical infrastructure, and retaining qualified faculty. The university used all of its internally generated revenue to bridge the gap between the limited government funding it received from the Ministry of Finance and the essential costs of running its undergraduate degree programs, supporting faculty research, and publishing academic papers. The volatile economic climate made long-term financial planning significantly challenging, hindering our ability to invest in strategic initiatives and upgrading facilities. A key strategy for ensuring financial stability and long-term sustainability was focusing on diversifying income streams. This included expanding fee-based programs, securing substantial research grants, and building stronger partnerships with industry. However, recent changes in government directives, coupled with lengthy administrative and financial procedures, hindered the ability to implement certain initiatives competitively. Stopping or curtailing the funds for capital investments of the university created limitations on university admissions and strengthened the income generation activities or proposals of the university. Appointing an investment committee by the university was immensely supported to mitigate the risk in investment and fund management.

2.12.2. Human Resource Retention and Acquisition

The university continued to experience significant staff losses in 2024 due to a "brain drain." The economic downturn's resulting financial difficulties, uncompetitive salaries, limited research funding, and increased taxes all contributed to the departure of numerous academic and administrative staff. Experienced, high-calibre academics were lured away by better salaries and working conditions offered overseas and in the private education sector, creating a potential skills gap. This loss of expertise jeopardized teaching quality, research output, and mentorship for junior faculty. Strict hiring freezes further exacerbated the problem. The complete halt in hiring for executive, academic support, and non-academic positions placed immense pressure on the remaining staff, increasing their workloads significantly. While some restrictions on academic hiring were eased, attracting top-tier talent remained extremely difficult, particularly in technology fields where our compensation packages were

not competitive. This posed a serious risk to both the university's teaching quality and its research capacity. Due to brain drain in 2024 and prior to that year, bond violations were increasing and loss to the university was significant. Suspension of recruitment to academic categories, administrative staff, academic support service staff and non-academic categories by the Treasury issuing three key circulars in 2022, 2023 and 2024 were serious challenge to continuing undergraduate degree programmes of the university. Therefore, the council of the university was compelled to approve recruitments to those categories of staff on assignment and/or contract and provide funds from the university earned income to avoid burden to the Treasury and support the directives of the Ministry of Finance. The university applied a mix approach to sustain the vacancies created due to resignations, retirements, transfers or termination such as deploying trainees, recruitment on assignment/contract, retaining retired employees, covering service on acting basis and paying overtime to current staff to cover university undergraduate degree programmes.

2.12.3. Managing Change to Meet Rising Public Expectations

Public expectations of state universities are changing rapidly. Meeting emerging socioeconomic needs while remaining competitive with the growing number of private educational institutions presents a significant challenge. Maintaining the quality and relevance of academic programs requires constant effort. Resource limitations can restrict access to current research, modern equipment, and faculty professional development. Curriculum alignment with the evolving job market necessitates continuous review and adaptation. Outdated programs and graduates lacking relevant skills pose a threat to employability and institutional reputation. Stronger industry connections and feedback from employers and alumni are crucial to address this. Developing innovative solutions to mitigate these risks demands a fundamental shift in mindset and attitudes among all academic, non-academic, and administrative staff, fostering a results-oriented and unified teaching and learning environment. This emergent challenge was a significant highlight in 2024.

2.12.4. Digitalization of University Operations

The university commenced the digitalization of manual processes in order to restructure staff requirements and effective utilization of existing human resources and to provide high-quality service to the citizens of Sri Lanka and stakeholders. Thus, the university has commenced the operation of the Human Resources Information System (HRIS). In the meantime, developing a separate system for Diploma/Certificate courses, another system for university admissions, a degree verification system, and procuring an Enterprise Resources Planning (ERP) system for the university. In addition, introduced a policy guiding document for electronic data management.

2.12.5. Align to United Nations (UN) Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)

The university has commenced activities for aligning to United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through the Centre for Sustainable Solutions (CSS) targeting 2023. Activities recognized under SDGs are incorporated into the university Action Plan and Strategic Plan 2024-2026.

2.13. Green Practices

The University of Kelaniya continues to lead as Sri Lanka's foremost Green University in 2024, embodying a steadfast commitment to sustainability. This journey began with the adoption of an environmental policy on December 10, 2014, laying the foundation for integrating sustainability into every aspect of the institution. Over the years, UOK has demonstrated unwavering dedication to environmental, economic, and social responsibility, not only within its academic and administrative frameworks but also through impactful community engagements.

In pursuit of sustainability leadership, UOK established the Centre for Sustainability Solutions (CSS), a pioneering initiative designed to operationalize its environmental policy. CSS aligns with the University's overarching vision and its own mission: "To contribute to the sustainable development of the country through environmentally sound approaches and practices" and strives to position UOK as the leading Green University in Asia.

Since its inception, CSS has spearheaded numerous initiatives, developing robust policies, fostering environmentally friendly practices, setting measurable targets, and monitoring progress to ensure accountability. Transparency in achieving sustainability goals remains a cornerstone of CSS's approach, as it reports on milestones while strategically targeting contributions to all United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by 2030.

CSS has adopted six core principles to inspire positive change, set realistic sustainability targets, and integrate environmental consciousness into the University's daily operations. By focusing on key areas such as energy, water, habitat, and waste management, CSS supports UOK's commitment to all 17 SDGs while cultivating a culture of environmental stewardship across the university community.

CSS's sustainability strategies include:

- **Waste Management:** Reducing waste through efficient use, reuse, recycling, composting organic waste, and ensuring proper disposal of materials (e.g. glass, plastics, and paper) via registered recyclers.
- **Electronic Waste Disposal:** Collaborating with responsible recyclers to manage e-waste effectively.
- **Hazardous Waste Management:** Establishing systems for the safe disposal of chemical and clinical waste.
- **Sustainable Construction:** Promoting eco-friendly construction principles in new buildings and refurbishments.
- **Climate Action:** Implementing a comprehensive Carbon Management Plan to mitigate climate change impacts.
- **Pollution Prevention:** Managing and reducing emissions and discharges to prevent pollution.
- **Water Conservation:** Introducing rainwater harvesting, wastewater treatment, and reuse systems for irrigation.
- **Energy Efficiency:** Promoting energy-efficient technologies and practices.
- **Biodiversity Conservation:** Enhancing wildlife habitats through various restoration projects.
- **Environmental Education:** Raising awareness and fostering respect for the environment through educational initiatives.

PRESIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT AWARDS 2024



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2024

Merit Award

University of Kelaniya

Best Government Institution that Contributes to the Environment

Presidential Environmental Awards – 2024

2.13.1. Highlights of the Achievements

Leading GreenMetric World University Ranking

The Centre for Sustainability Solutions, representing the University of Kelaniya, annually participates in the UI GreenMetric World University Ranking. In the 2024 ranking, UOK proudly secured its position as Sri Lanka's second greenest university, exemplifying its unwavering commitment to environmental sustainability.

Presidential Environmental Awards – 2024

In 2024, UOK was honored with a Merit Award under the category of Best Government Institution Contributing to the Environment at the prestigious Presidential Environmental Awards - 2024 ceremony. This accolade recognizes UOK's unwavering commitment to advancing environmental sustainability and its leadership in fostering eco-friendly practices within its institution and the wider community.

SLAAS Environment Awards

UOK achieved a remarkable milestone in 2024 by being named the Winner of the Environment Award in the Institutional Category at the prestigious Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) Environment Awards.

Launching of Annual Sustainability Report 2023

The Annual Sustainability Report 2023 highlights the University of Kelaniya's progress and initiatives in promoting sustainability, aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The report provides a comprehensive overview of the university's achievements in energy efficiency, waste management, sustainable transportation, education and research, climate change and biodiversity conservation, showcasing its commitment to fostering environmental and social responsibility.

Launching of Tree ID Project

The Tree ID Project is an innovative initiative by the University of Kelaniya aimed at promoting environmental awareness and biodiversity conservation. This project involves the identification and cataloging of trees within the university premises, with detailed information accessible through QR codes. By integrating technology and education, the Tree ID Project serves as an engaging tool for students, staff, and visitors to learn about the rich variety of flora on university, fostering a deeper connection to nature and a commitment to sustainability.

2.13.2. Commitment to Sustainability

Commitment to Energy Management

The University of Kelaniya demonstrates its dedication to energy management through impactful initiatives and sustainable policies. Led by the Centre for Sustainability Solutions with strong support from the Vice Chancellor, the university has implemented guidelines to optimize air-conditioning usage, including maintaining temperatures within 20C of room temperature and restricting operational hours to 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. These measures reflect a proactive approach to reducing energy consumption. The adoption of energy-efficient technologies, such as LED lighting, inverter air conditioners, and solar energy systems, underscores the university's commitment to minimizing its carbon footprint. Solar power installations, including 5KW systems at the main university premises and a 250KW system at the Faculty of Computing and Technology, exemplify efforts to harness renewable energy sources. Additionally, a 5KW wind power system enhances the university's renewable energy portfolio.

The university's initiatives extend to biogas production, with two biogas units processing 30kg of kitchen waste daily, generating 2kg of biogas and 100 liters of liquid compost. These efforts contribute to sustainable waste management while promoting environmental conservation. Through multiple awareness programs, actions to reduce energy wastage, and demonstration projects that inspire future engineers, the University of Kelaniya continues to lead in sustainable energy management.

Commitment to Habitat Management

The University of Kelaniya demonstrates its dedication to habitat management through a range of impactful programs that foster biodiversity, sustainability, and community engagement. Tree plantation initiatives, led by Green Practices Committees/Green Clubs across faculties, play a pivotal role in increasing tree cover while promoting diverse habitats at the university. These efforts, supported by the university's landscaping division, have enriched biodiversity by introducing a variety of fruit, flowering, herbal, and rare plant species, thereby attracting more butterfly and bird species. The innovative Tree ID Project further underscores the university's commitment to biodiversity conservation. By identifying and cataloging trees at the university and providing detailed information via QR codes, the project enhances environmental awareness and education, connecting students, staff, and visitors to the natural world.

In addition, the university has undertaken a significant vegetable gardening project in collaboration with the Green Practices Committee of the Faculty of Medicine and with support from well-wishers. Covering approximately 3 acres, the garden operates organically, utilizing compost produced at the university's compost plants. This closed-loop sustainability model not only supports biodiversity but also produces fresh, nutritious food that is sold to university canteens and offered to university staff at concession rates, addressing food security and promoting healthy eating habits. The vegetable garden "Hena" also provides hands-on learning and engagement opportunities for students through Shramadana campaigns, fostering a sense of environmental stewardship and community involvement. These initiatives reflect the University of Kelaniya's commitment to sustainable agricultural practices, biodiversity enhancement, and resilience in addressing global challenges such as food security and environmental sustainability.

Commitment to Community Outreach Programs

In 2024, the Centre for Sustainability Solutions continued its unwavering dedication to community outreach through impactful programs that advanced sustainability and environmental awareness. Key highlights were the Tree Plantation Programs, which engaged students, staff, and community members in expanding green spaces and combating deforestation. These initiatives enhanced local biodiversity and reinforced the importance of habitat conservation. CSS also led multiple Beach Cleanup Programs, focusing on preserving coastal ecosystems and promoting environmental stewardship. These cleanups not only removed waste but also educated participants on the detrimental impacts of plastic pollution and the need for responsible waste disposal. A significant milestone in 2024 was the Workshop on Sustainable Transportation, which emphasized the adoption of zero-emission vehicles, the expansion of bicycle networks, and the importance of eco-friendly commuting options. This workshop served as a platform to raise awareness about reducing carbon emissions and fostering a culture of sustainable mobility. Through these diverse initiatives, the University of Kelaniya demonstrated its commitment to fostering an eco-conscious community, addressing pressing environmental challenges, and inspiring collective action for a sustainable future.

Apart from that, the Landscaping Division of the University of Kelaniya, in collaboration with the Center for Sustainability Solutions, has been actively involved in several sustainable projects aimed at addressing environmental concerns, resource limitations, and increasing product demands.

Commitment to Waste Management

The University of Kelaniya exemplifies its dedication to sustainable waste management through innovative strategies and initiatives aimed at reducing, reusing, and recycling waste. Guided by the Centre for Sustainability Solutions (CSS), the university has implemented a comprehensive waste management framework to minimize environmental impact and promote circular economy practices. Key initiatives include the operation of composting facilities that process organic waste from canteens and hostels, converting it into high-quality compost. This compost is used in the university's landscaping and vegetable gardening projects, demonstrating a closed-loop waste-to-resource model. Additionally, two biogas units on university efficiently convert 30kg of kitchen waste daily into 2kg of biogas and 100 liters of liquid compost, further reducing reliance on conventional energy sources and chemical fertilizers.

The university actively promotes waste segregation at source, with designated bins for organic, recyclable, and non-recyclable waste strategically placed across the university. Recycling drives, conducted in collaboration with local recycling companies, ensure the proper disposal of plastics, paper, and electronic waste, reducing landfill contributions. To raise awareness, CSS organizes regular workshops and campaigns on waste management best practices, targeting students, staff, and the broader community. These programs emphasize reducing single-use plastics, adopting reusable alternatives, and understanding the environmental impact of improper waste disposal.

The Landscaping Division of the University of Kelaniya with CSS has been successfully managing solid waste through compost production, contributing to environmental sustainability. The production values for the past three years (2020-2023) indicate consistent effort:

Table 4: Compost production in the University

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
Production (kg)	9061	20294	6084	7788
Generated Income (LKR)	175160	405880	121680	181850

The initiative to recycle paper has proven both environmentally beneficial and economically viable:

Table 5: Paper recycling in the University

Year	2021	2022	2023	2024
Recycled Paper Amount (kg)	4465	20780	6842.5	3871
Generated Income (LKR)	44650	415600	136850	7742

Therefore, the calculated savings for 3,871 kg of only recycled paper are approximate:

- 65.47 Grown Trees
- 103,048.22 L of Water
- 2,326.75 KWh of Electricity
- 846.55 L of Oil
- 776.01 Kg of Carbon Emission

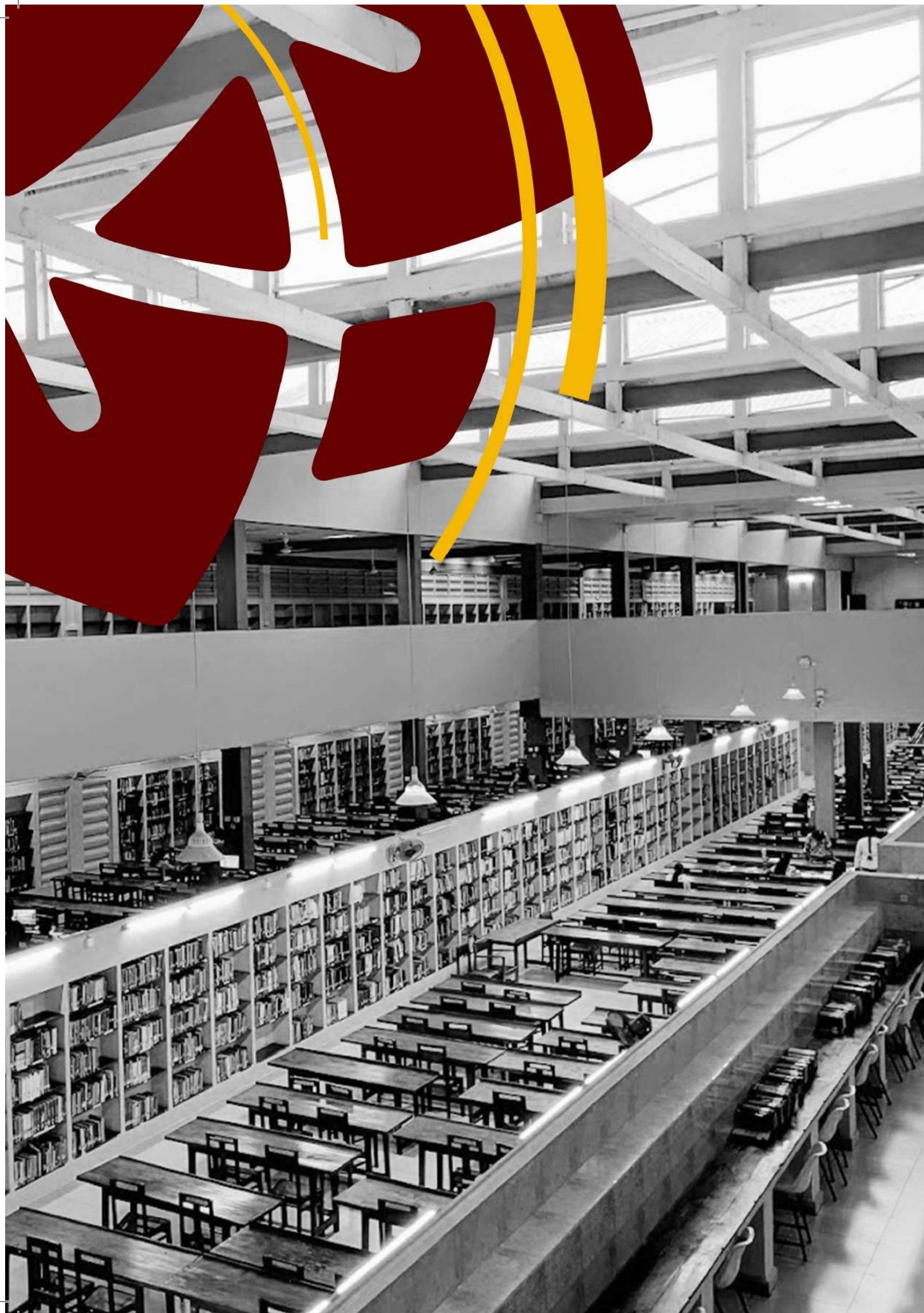
In recent years, significant strides have been made in reducing plastic waste through diligent recycling efforts. These initiatives have fostered a positive environmental impact by minimizing the carbon footprint while simultaneously generating income through the responsible sale of recycled materials. Such actions underscore a strong commitment to sustainability, reflecting the intertwined benefits of environmental responsibility and economic viability. Additionally, the Landscape Division has taken proactive measures to enhance environmental conservation by undertaking tree-planting projects that emphasize greenery and sustainable practices. These efforts go beyond beautification, as the team has embraced eco-friendly methods by exclusively using compost produced in-house. This approach not only reduces waste but also enriches the soil with organic nutrients, ensuring the healthy growth of the newly planted trees and demonstrating a deep dedication to fostering a sustainable future.

2.14. Partnerships With External Entities

The University of Kelaniya has established formal partnerships with many national and international partners for various purposes, including academic and research activities. The following Table 6 is a summary of the agreements and memoranda of Understanding signed by the university in 2024.

Table 6: Memorandums of Understanding and Agreements

No	Name of Agreement/ MoU	Date of Signing
Memoranda of Understanding - International		
1	Medics Academy, Devon, England	17.01.2024
2	La Trobe University, Australia	15.08.2024
3	Royal Civil Service Commission, Royal Government of Bhutan	27.12.2024
Memoranda of Understanding - Local		
4	HSBC Electronic Date Processing Lanka Private Limited	09.04.2024
5	Afriel (Guarantee) Limited	15.08.2024
6	Association of Professional Bankers	04.09.2024
7	Union Assurance PLC	01.10.2024
8	The Institute of Internal Auditors Lanka Chapter (IIALC)	02.10.2024
9	Union Assurance PLC	13.11.2024
10	Chartered Institute for Securities & Investment, United Kingdom	16.12.2024
Agreements – International		
11	Chinese International Education Foundation (CIEF) & Chongqing Normal University (CNU) & University of Kelaniya on the cooperation on Confucius Institute, China	07.06.2024
12	United Nations Development Programme, UNDP	18.07.2024
Agreements – Local		
13	Library & Information Centre (LIC) of Central Bank of Sri Lanka	01.07.2024
14	Remediumone (Pvt) Ltd	28.08.2024



INFORMATION ON THE SUB-DEGREE LEVEL COURSES

The University of Kelaniya offers a diverse range of sub-degree level programs to meet the educational and professional needs of students. These include 20 certificate courses, 3 advanced certificate programs, 31 diploma programs, and 13 higher diploma programs. Among these sub-degree courses, students enrolled in 43 courses during the year. These programs are designed to provide foundational, intermediate, and advanced knowledge across various disciplines, enhancing students' skills, employability, and academic progression.

Table 7: Details of the Sub-Degree Level Courses

Faculty	Program Name	No enrollment in 2024	No awarded in 2024
FCMS	Diploma in Enterprise Resource Planning	207	54
	Diploma in People Skills	144	32
	Diploma in Marketing	65	35
	Higher Diploma in Business Accounting	68	32
	Higher Diploma in Business Finance	94	40
	Higher Diploma in Business	83	32
	Higher Diploma in Marketing	40	46
	Higher Diploma in Human Resource Management	62	40
FCT	Diploma in Web-Based Software Engineering	28	-
FHU	Certificate Course in Astrology	43	-
	Certificate in the Japanese Language for Professional Purposes	-	-
	Certificate Course in Tamil for Foreign Students	5	1
	Certificate Course in Sinhala for foreign students	9	-
	Connect: An Intermediate Course in English	19	-
	Advanced Certificate Course in Yoga Philosophy	29	-
	Diploma in Professional Purposes	24	-
	Diploma in Tamil	137	126
	Diploma in Translation and Interpretation	100	168
	Proficiency Course in the French Language	129	25
	Proficiency Course in German Language	170	51
	Proficiency Course in Chinese Language	79	17
	Proficiency Course in Korean Language	184	61
	Proficiency Course in Japanese Language	169	56
	Proficiency Course in Russian Language	11	2
	Proficiency Course in Spanish Language	57	14
	Diploma Course in Sinhala for Tamil Speakers	80	-
	Diploma in Buddhist Psychology & Counselling	56	56
	Diploma in Sanskrit	12	-
	Diploma in Vastushastra	44	-
FMED	Diploma in Para Medical Sciences for Emergency Medical Technicians	46	-
FSS	Diploma in Geographic Information Systems	40	34
	Diploma in Mass Communication	43	-
	Diploma in Public Relations and Media Management	21	-
	Diploma in History	20	-
	Diploma in Information Technology	1205	-
	Diploma in Library and Information Science	155	-
	Diploma in International Studies	24	-
	Diploma in Library and Information Science	155	-
	Diploma in Counseling	545	-
	Diploma in Correction and Rehabilitation for Prison Officers	40	-
	Higher Diploma in Communication and Public Relations	45	-
	Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science	66	-
	Higher Diploma in Correction and Rehabilitation	40	-

FCMS: Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies, FCT: Faculty of Computing & Technology, FHU: Faculty of Humanities
FMED: Faculty of Medicine, FSS: Faculty of Social Sciences



STUDENTS AT THE UNIVERSITY

The University has three categories of students: internal undergraduate students, external undergraduate students, and postgraduate students. As of December 31, 2024, the University of Kelaniya had 93,597 students, including 15,747 internal undergraduates, 75,158 external undergraduate students, and 2,692 postgraduate students.

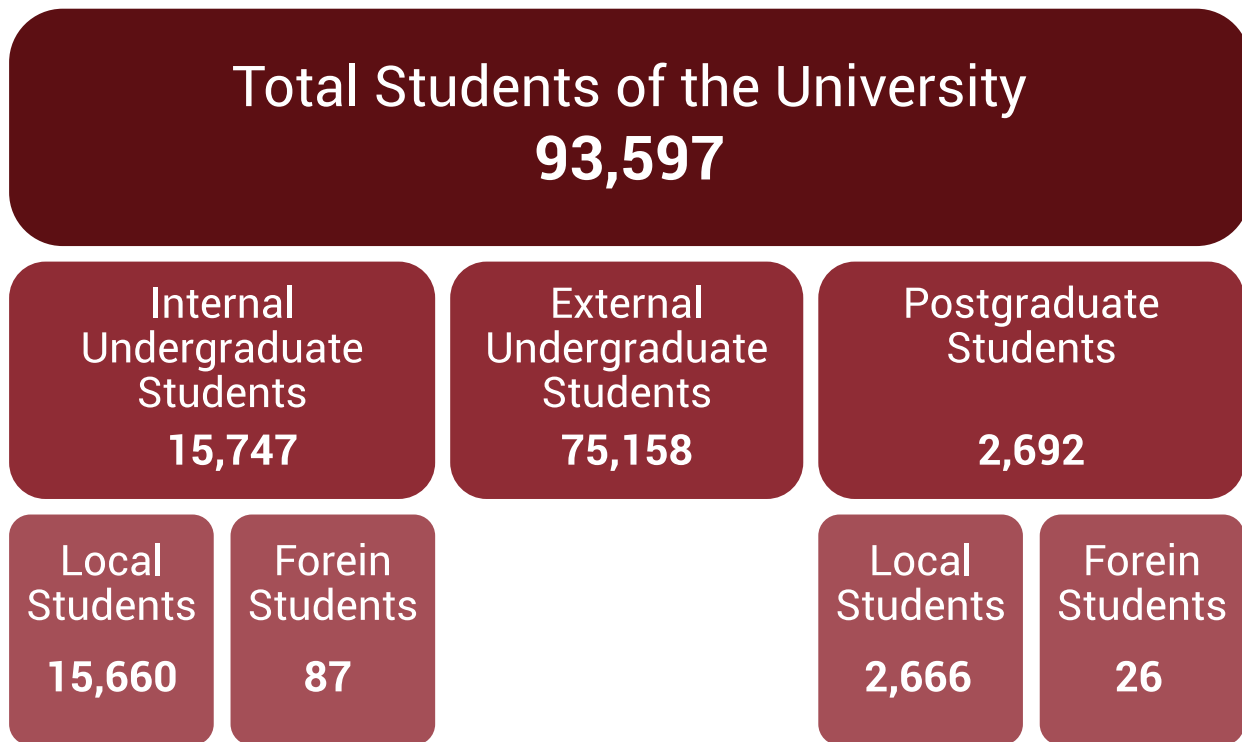


Figure 20: Students of the University as of December 31, 2024

4.1. Internal Undergraduate Students

The University of Kelaniya provides 89 bachelor's degree programs for internal undergraduate students, including 84 Bachelor's Honors degrees with specializations in various disciplines. In February 2024, a total of 4,054 local students were enrolled in the 2022/2023 batch, contributing to a total of 15,660 local students enrolled in internal undergraduate programs as of December 31, 2024.

The Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies has the highest proportion of internal undergraduate students, at 25.7%, followed by the Faculty of Science with 20.1%. The Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences also account for substantial proportions, with 18.1% and 19.3%, respectively. In contrast, the Faculty of Computing and Technology has the lowest proportion with 6.6%.

Table 8: Total student enrollment in internal degree programs – Local Students (As of December 31, 2024)

Faculty	Name of the Program	2017/18		2018/19		2019/20		2020/21		2021/22		2022/23		Total		Total
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	
FCMS	Business Management	-	-	-	-	213	481	245	479	249	493	244	467	951	1920	2871
	Commerce	-	-	-	-	81	207	76	191	90	205	94	210	341	813	1154
FCT	Computer Science	-	-	-	-	49	16	45	28	12	85	47	20	153	149	302
	Engineering Technology	-	-	-	-	17	89	83	17	27	62	13	84	140	252	392
	Information Communication Technology	-	-	-	-	33	64	65	25	17	51	22	64	137	204	341
	Film & Television Studies	-	-	-	-	18	49	18	44	22	46	19	38	77	177	254
FHU	Humanities	-	-	-	-	71	417	100	537	85	471	96	527	352	1952	2304
	Teaching English as a Second Language	-	-	-	-	2	37	3	41	1	29	1	37	7	144	151
	Translation Studies	-	-	-	-	1	27	2	38	1	27	2	26	6	118	124
	MBBS	63	103	58	108	71	128	77	122	65	134	76	120	410	715	1125
FMED	Occupational Therapy	-	-	-	-	3	79	10	87	3	81	4	69	20	316	336
	Speech & Hearing Sciences	-	-	-	-	-	-	8	39	6	34	9	27	23	100	123
	Applied Chemistry	-	-	-	-	14	50	50	137	42	158	31	169	137	514	651
	Biological Science	-	-	-	-	5	10	17	65	10	63	8	69	40	207	247
FSC	Electronics & Computer Science	-	-	-	-	49	50	60	47	63	51	72	49	244	197	441
	Environmental Conservation & Management	-	-	-	-	20	30	128	138	132	146	143	159	423	473	896
	Management & Information Technology	-	-	-	-	1	1	33	17	29	28	41	21	104	67	171
	Physical Science	-	-	-	-	40	11	39	21	38	22	38	21	155	75	230
	Physical Science - ICT (Physics & Electronics)	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	35	22	29	23	23	61	87	148
	Software Engineering	-	-	-	-	-	-	16	34	15	38	19	29	50	101	151
FSS	Sports Science	-	-	-	-	-	-	57	13	60	15	57	18	174	46	220
	Peace & Conflict Resolution	-	-	-	-	6	26	5	26	3	31	5	29	19	112	131
	Social Science	-	-	-	-	85	623	83	622	91	679	83	631	342	2555	2897
	Total	63	103	58	108	779	2395	1236	2803	1083	2978	1147	2907	4366	11294	15660
FCMS: Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies		FCT: Faculty of Computing & Technology				FHU: Faculty of Humanities				FMED: Faculty of Medicine						
FSC: Faculty of Science		FSS: Faculty of Social Sciences				F: Female				M: Male						

4.2. External Undergraduate Students

The University of Kelaniya has a total of 75,158 students enrolled in 6 external first-degree programs at the Centre for Distance and Continuing Education.

Table 9: Total student enrollment - External undergraduate programs

Program of Study	New Entrants			Total Number of Registered Students		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Bachelor of Arts (General)	350	2,643	2,993	12,425	50,934	63,359
Bachelor of Business Management (General)	203	617	820	3,688	7,348	11,036
Bachelor of Commerce (Special)	26	98	124	131	371	502
Bachelor of Science (General)	19	23	42	107	121	228
Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy	-	-	-	10	1	11
Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy	-	-	-	14	8	22
Total	598	3,381	3,979	16,375	58,783	75,158

4.3. Students in Postgraduate Programs

In 2024, the Faculty of Graduate Studies accommodates a total of 2,666 local students. The majority of these postgraduate students are enrolled in master's degree programs, with most of them pursuing programs offered by the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.

Table 10: Total student enrollment - Postgraduate programs – Local Students (As of December 31, 2024)

BoS	Program of Study	New Entrants			Total Enrolment		
		M	F	T	M	F	T
Commerce & Business Management	Master's Degree						
	Master of Business (Accounting/Finance)	93	94	187	93	94	187
	Master of Business Administration	57	69	126	112	117	229
	Master of Business Management in Marketing	20	13	33	53	29	82
	Master of Business Studies	42	70	112	42	70	112
	Master of Commerce	11	9	20	25	26	51
	Master of Human Resources Management	19	46	65	52	99	151
	Master of Professional Finance	40	45	85	40	45	85
	MPhil Studies						
	MPhil	0	0	0	1	2	3
	Doctoral Studies						
	Doctor of Business Administration	25	6	31	75	19	94
	PhD	14	14	28	18	17	35
	Total	321	366	687	511	518	1029
Computing	Master's Degree						
	MSc in Computer Science	0	0	0	4	6	10
	MPhil Studies						
	MPhil	1	1	2	2	2	4
	Doctoral Studies						
	PhD	0	0	0	2	0	2
	Total	1	1	2	8	8	16

Table 10. (continued).

BoS	Program of Study	New Entrants			Total Enrolment		
		M	F	T	M	F	T
Technology	MPhil Studies						
	MPhil	3	2	5	3	4	7
	Total	3	2	5	3	4	7
Humanities	Master's Degree						
	MA in Buddhist Studies - Sinhala (1 Year)	28	7	35	28	7	35
	MA in Buddhist Studies - English (1 Year)	4	0	4	4	0	4
	MA in Buddhist Studies - Sinhala (2 Years)	40	17	57	106	32	138
	MA in Buddhist Studies - English (2 Years)	28	8	36	42	10	52
	MA in Linguistics - English (1 Year)	0	0	0	0	5	5
	MA in Linguistics - English (2 Years)	3	17	20	3	17	20
	MA in Linguistics - Sinhala (1 Year)	1	3	4	2	8	10
	MA in Linguistics - Sinhala (2 Years)	6	96	102	16	190	206
	MA in Sinhala (2 Years)	20	62	82	47	141	188
	MPhil Studies						
	MPhil	5	5	10	17	15	32
	Doctoral Studies						
	PhD	2	3	5	12	7	19
	Total	137	218	355	277	432	709
Medicine	Master's Degree						
	Master of Public Health	5	24	29	5	24	29
	MPhil Studies						
	MPhil	2	1	3	2	1	3
	Doctoral Studies						
	PhD	1	2	3	4	4	8
	Total	8	27	35	11	29	40
Science	Master's Degree						
	Master of Crop Protection & Plant Biotechnology	0	1	1	0	1	1
	Master of Data Analytics	31	30	61	31	30	61
	Master of Environmental Management	1	4	5	1	4	5
	Master of Information Technology	34	22	56	34	22	56
	Master of Statistics	5	5	10	5	5	10
	MSc in Analytical Chemistry	18	26	44	32	56	88
	MSc in Aquaculture & Fisheries Management	4	6	10	4	6	10
	MSc in Biochemistry and Biotechnology	14	81	95	16	115	131
	MSc in Crop Protection & Plant Biotechnology (2 year)	3	12	15	3	12	15
	MSc in Environmental Management (2 years)	14	11	25	17	22	39
	MSc in Industrial & Environmental Chemistry	13	24	37	22	60	82
	MSc in Management & Information Technology	19	16	35	19	16	35
	MSc in Statistics	5	8	13	15	18	33
	MPhil Studies						
	MPhil	5	8	13	7	15	22
	Doctoral Studies						
	PhD	1	1	2	4	6	10
	Total	167	255	422	210	388	598

Table 10. (continued).

BoS	Program of Study	New Entrants			Total Enrolment		
		M	F	T	M	F	T
Social Sciences	Master's Degree						
	MSSc in Economics (Sinhala Medium)	0	0	0	0	3	3
	MSSc in Economics (Sinhala Medium)	0	0	0	0	5	5
	MSSc in Geography	0	0	0	1	3	4
	MSSc in History	0	0	0	0	5	5
	MSSc in Library Information Science	0	0	0	7	30	37
	MSSc in Mass Communication	0	0	0	10	40	50
	MSSc in Political Science	0	0	0	0	2	2
	MSSc in Sociology (Sinhala Medium)	0	0	0	1	8	9
	Master's Degree						
	MSSc in Sociology (English Medium)	0	0	0	0	1	1
	MPhil Studies						
	MPhil	1	6	7	5	9	14
	Doctoral Studies						
	PhD	1	1	2	6	6	12
	Total	2	7	9	30	112	142
Multi-Disciplinary Studies	Master's Degree						
	Master of Medical Statistics	37	61	98	37	61	98
	MPhil Studies						
	MPhil	0	4	4	1	8	9
	Doctoral Studies						
	PhD in Multi-Disciplinary Studies	1	1	2	5	8	13
	Total	38	66	104	43	77	120
Digital Learning	MPhil Studies						
	MPhil	2	2	4	2	2	4
	Doctoral Studies						
	PhD in Digital Learning	0	1	1	0	1	1
	Total	2	3	5	2	3	5
Grand Total		679	945	1624	1095	1571	2666

F: Female

M: Male

T: Total

4.4. Foreign Students

In 2024, the University of Kelaniya newly enrolled 34 foreign undergraduate students in degree programs offered by the Faculty of Humanities and the Faculty of Medicine for the academic year 2022/23. Additionally, 13 foreign students commenced studies in 9 postgraduate programs offered by the University. Accordingly, the total foreign student enrollment at the University in 2024 included 87 undergraduate students and 26 postgraduate students.

Table 11: Foreign students - Undergraduate degree programs

Faculty	Program of Study	Year of Study	Country	Year of Intake	Student Enrolment		
					Male	Female	Total
FHU	Humanities	1	Bangladesh	2022/23	8	-	8
			Cambodia		-	4	4
			China		-	1	1
			Myanmar		5	-	5
			Romania		1	1	2
			South Korea		-	1	1
			Vietnam		4	3	7
		2	Bangladesh	2021/22	12	-	12
			Malaysia		1	-	1
			Myanmar		1	-	1
			Vietnam		1	-	1
		3	Bangladesh	2020/21	-	1	1
			China		-	2	2
			Malaysia		-	1	1
			Vietnam		1	1	2
FMED	Medicine	1	Australia	2022/23	-	1	1
			Bhutan		1	4	5
		2	Australia	2021/22	-	1	1
			Bhutan		1	2	3
			Saudi Arabia		-	2	2
		3	Bhutan	2020/21	1	5	6
			India		-	1	1
			Qatar		-	1	1
			Saudi Arabia		1	1	2
			UAE		1	-	1
			Bhutan		2	4	6
		4	Canada	2019/20	-	1	1
			Qatar		1	1	2
			Saudi Arabia		1	-	1
			Saudi Arabia		-	1	1
		5	Saudi Arabia	2018/19	-	1	1
		5	Bhutan	2017/18	-	3	3
			USA		-	1	1
Grand Total					43	44	87

FHU: Faculty of Humanities

FMED: Faculty of Medicine

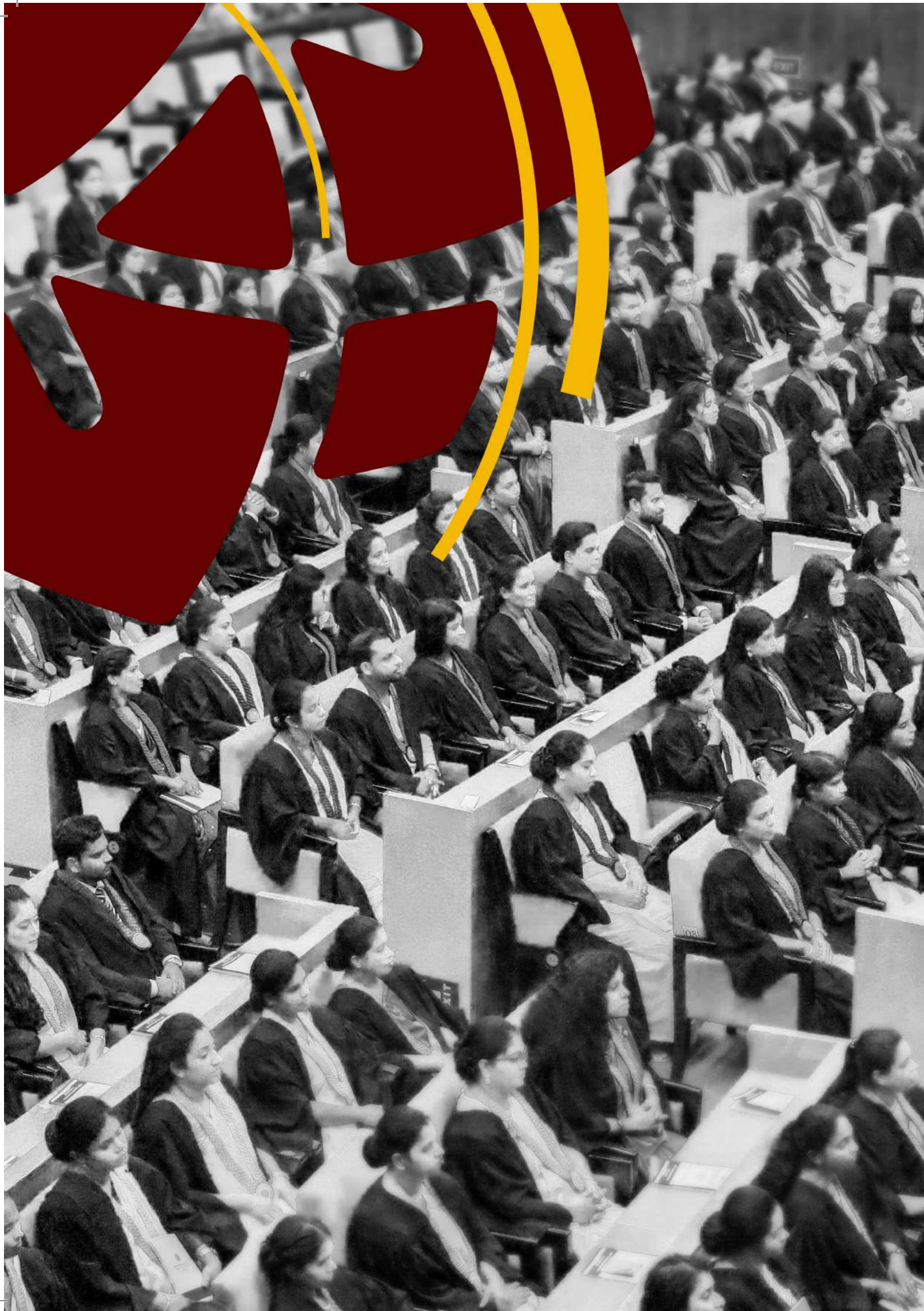
Table 12: Foreign students - Postgraduate degree programs

BoS	Program of Study	Country	New Entrants (2024)			Student Enrolment		
			M	F	T	M	F	T
Commerce & Business Management	Master's Programs							
	Master of Business Administration	China	0	1	1	0	1	1
	Master of Business Studies	China	1	0	1	1	0	1
	Doctoral Programs							
	Doctor of Business Administration	China	0	0	0	2	1	3
	PhD	Bangladesh	2	0	2	3	1	4
		Jamaica	0	1	1	0	1	1
Computing	Doctoral Programs							
	PhD	Canada	0	0	0	1	0	1
Humanities	Master's Programs							
	MA in Buddhist Studies (1 year)	Cambodia	2	0	2	2	0	2
		China	1	0	1	1	0	1
	MA in Buddhist Studies (2 years)	Bangladesh	2	0	2	2	0	2
		China	0	0	0	1	0	1
		India	0	0	0	1	0	1
		Malaysia	0	0	0	0	1	1
	Doctoral Programs							
PhD	Vietnam	0	1	1	0	3	3	
Science	Master's Programs							
	MSc in Statistics (2 years)	India	0	0	0	0	1	1
Multi-Disciplinary Studies	MPhil Programs							
	MPhil	Finland	0	0	0	1	0	1
	Doctoral Programs							
	PhD	Bangladesh	2	0	2	0	2	2
Grand Total			10	3	13	15	11	26

F: Female

M: Male

T: Total



GRADUATE OUTPUT AND PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS

The University of Kelaniya conducts examinations annually under three types of programs: internal undergraduate degree programs, external undergraduate degree programs, and postgraduate programs. In 2024, 3,094 students completed their first degrees, 1,363 completed postgraduate programs, and 2,562 graduated from external undergraduate programs.

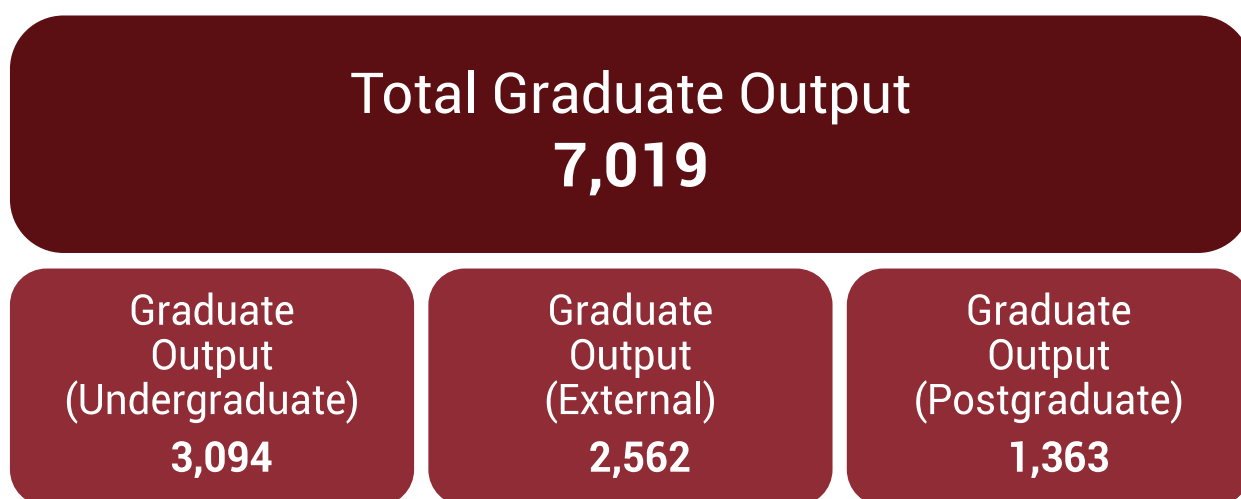


Figure 21: Graduate Output of the University as of December 31, 2024

5.1. Graduate Output - Undergraduate Degree Programs

In 2024, the proportion of total graduates who obtained first-class degrees was 11.5%. Also, the majority of the 53.3% of the students who passed obtained second-class (upper division) degrees, while 16.2% of the total graduates obtained second-class (lower division) degrees. Out of the total of 3,094, 18.8% graduated with an ordinary pass.

Table 13: Undergraduate output - Internal degree programs

Faculty	Program of Study	Total Number Graduated												Faculty Total
		First Class		Second Upper		Second Lower		Pass		Total				
		M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F			
FCMS	Business Management	22	54	83	173	29	73	36	44	170	344	697		
	Commerce	2	12	23	60	25	41	9	11	59	124			
FCT	Computer Science	16	3	10	1	1	0	18	0	45	4	135		
	Engineering Technology	3	1	16	6	9	2	5	2	33	11			
	Information Communication Technology	2	3	15	10	2	4	4	2	23	19			
FHU	Film & Television Studies	1	3	8	28	1	1	1	1	11	33	551		
	Humanities - General Degree	1	5	6	78	5	15	11	4	23	102			
	Humanities - Honors Degree	9	71	31	172	6	17	9	11	55	271			
	Teaching English as a Second Language	-	-	-	9	-	15	1	8	1	32			
	Translation Studies	-	6	2	15	-	-	-	-	2	21			
	MBBS	5	7	15	37	29	71	65	77	114	192			
FMED	Speech & Hearing Sciences	1	3	1	21	2	10	-	6	4	40	350		
	Biological Science - General Degree	2	5	7	32	3	24	21	32	33	93			
FSC	Biological Science - Honors Degree	2	13	6	19	-	1	-	1	8	34	582		
	Environmental Conservation & Management	-	1	2	15	2	18	3	19	7	53			
	Environmental Conservation and Management - Honors Degree	3	9	1	2	-	-	-	-	4	11			
	Management and Information Technology - General Degree (Exit Point)	-	-	1	1	3	1	2	1	6	3			
	Management and Information Technology - Honors Degree	3	1	10	18	5	6	15	-	33	25			
	Physical Science - General Degree	-	-	5	13	14	19	41	34	60	66			
	Physical Science - Honors Degree	6	18	24	25	2	1	1	1	33	45			
	Physical Science - ICT (Physics & Electronics)	-	-	3	2	4	2	13	6	20	10			
	Software Engineering	8	8	9	-	7	1	4	1	28	10			
	Peace & Conflict Resolution	-	3	3	18	-	1	3	2	6	24			
FSS	Social Science - General Degree	-	1	3	54	-	10	2	9	5	74	779		
	Social Science - Honors Degree	2	41	58	499	5	17	12	36	77	593			
	Grand Total	88	268	342	1308	154	350	276	308	860	2234		3094	

FCMS: Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies **FCT:** Faculty of Computing & Technology **FHU:** Faculty of Humanities **FMED:** Faculty of Medicine
FSC: Faculty of Science **FSS:** Faculty of Social Sciences **F:** Female **M:** Male

5.2. Graduate Output - External Undergraduate Programs

The undergraduate output of the external degree programs in 2024 was 2,562 whereas the highest output was from the Bachelor of Arts (General) degree program.

Table 14: Undergraduate output - External degree programs⁶

Program of Study	Number of Graduates		
	Male	Female	Total
Bachelor of Arts (General)	181	1,991	2,172
Bachelor of Business Management (General)	70	297	367
Bachelor of Commerce (Special)	6	14	20
Bachelor of Science (General)	0	3	3
Grand Total	257	2,305	2,562

5.3. Graduate Output – Postgraduate Programs

Postgraduate output for the year 2024 was 1,363 with the vast majority of these (1,254) graduating from master's degree programs.

Table 15: Summary of the postgraduate output

Type of Program	Output
Postgraduate Diploma Programs	46
Master's Degree Programs	1,254
Master of Philosophy Programs	29
Doctor of Philosophy Programs	34
Total	1,363

⁶ These figures contain only the number of students who graduated in 2024.

Table 16: Postgraduate Output

Board of Study	Name of the Program of Study	Degree	Number Graduated		
			M	F	T
Postgraduate Diploma Programs					
FCMS	PG Diploma in Business Administration	PD	6	2	8
	PG Diploma in Commerce	PD	1	-	1
	PG Diploma in Human Resources Management	PD	2	2	4
FHU	PG Diploma in Japanese	PD	-	11	11
	PG Diploma in Linguistics	PD	-	1	1
	PG Diploma in Sinhala	PD	2	-	2
FMED	PG Diploma in Epidemiology	PD	2	5	7
FSC	PG Diploma in Biochemistry & Biotechnology	PD	-	1	1
	PG Diploma in Information Technology	PD	-	1	1
FSS	PG Diploma in Economics	PD	-	3	3
	PG Diploma in Library and Information Science	PD	1	1	2
	PG Diploma in Mass Communication	PD	-	3	3
	PG Diploma in Sociology	PD	2	-	2
Total			16	30	46
Master's Degree Programs					
FCMS	Master of Business (Accounting)	MBus	8	4	12
	Master of Business (Finance)	MBus	8	4	12
	Master of Business Administration	MBA	32	32	64
	Master of Business Administration (Bangladesh)	MBA	1	-	1
	Master of Business Studies	MBS	55	56	111
	Master of Business Management	MBM	22	6	28
	Master of Commerce	MCom	5	7	12
	Master of Human Resources Management	MHRM	18	15	33
	Master of Professional Finance	MPF	45	18	63
FCT	Master of Science in Information Technology in Education	MSc	4	4	8
FHU	Master of Arts in Buddhist Studies (Benhuan)	MA	7	3	10
	Master of Arts in Christian Culture	MA	1	3	4
	Master of Arts in Dance	MA	1	5	6
	Master of Arts in Drama & Theater	MA	1	-	1
	Master of Arts in Linguistics	MA	6	30	36
	Master of Arts in Linguistics (2 years)	MA	23	77	100
FMED	Master of Public Health in Epidemiology	MPH	4	1	5
FSC	Master of Analytical Chemistry	MAC	6	2	8
	Master of Biochemistry and Biotechnology	MBB	1	6	7
	Master of Crop Protection & Plant Biotechnology	MCPPB	1	6	7
	Master of Data Analytics	MDA	36	33	69
	Master of Environmental Management	MEM	4	6	10
	Master of Industrial & Environmental Chemistry	MIEC	15	25	40
	Master of Information Technology	MIT	30	23	53
	Master of Science in Analytical Chemistry (2 years)	MSc	-	6	6
	Master of Science in Applied Microbiology	MSc	5	17	22
	Master of Science in Aquaculture & Fisheries Management	MSc	-	1	1
	Master of Science in Biochemistry and Biotechnology (2 years)	MSc	2	9	11
Master of Science in Industrial & Environmental Chemistry (2 years)	MSc	3	9	12	

Table 16. (continued).

Board of Study		Name of the Program of Study	Degree	Number Graduated		
				M	F	T
Master's Degree Programs						
FSS	Master of Arts in Archaeology		MA	-	3	3
	Master of Arts in Economics		MA	59	98	157
	Master of Arts in Geography		MA	7	10	17
	Master of Arts in History		MA	-	4	4
	Master of Arts in Library & Information Science		MA	3	4	7
	Master of Arts Degree in Mass Communication		MA	5	10	15
	Master of Arts in Philosophy		MA	-	1	1
	Master of Arts in Political Science		MA	1	-	1
	Master of Arts in Sociology		MA	22	42	64
	Master of Social Science in Archaeology (2 years)		MSSc	-	2	2
	Master of Social Science in Geography (2 years)		MSSc	-	1	1
	Master of Social Science in History (2 years)		MSSc	-	1	1
	Master of Social Science in Library & Information Science (2 years)		MSSc	2	5	7
	Master of Social Science in Mass Communication (2 years)		MSSc	5	10	15
	Master of Social Sciences in Political Science (2 years)		MSSc	1	-	1
Total			526	728	1254	
MPhil Degree Programs						
FCMS	Master of Philosophy		MPhil	-	1	1
FCT	Master of Philosophy		MPhil	-	1	1
FHU	Master of Philosophy		MPhil	4	8	12
FMED	Master of Philosophy		MPhil	1	2	3
FSC	Master of Philosophy		MPhil	3	2	5
FSS	Master of Philosophy		MPhil	3	4	7
Total			11	18	29	
Doctoral Degree Programs						
FCMS	Doctor of Philosophy		PhD	10	1	11
FCT	Doctor of Philosophy		PhD	1	-	1
FHU	Doctor of Philosophy		PhD	4	5	9
FMED	Doctor of Philosophy		PhD	1	3	4
FSC	Doctor of Philosophy		PhD	2	2	4
FSS	Doctor of Philosophy		PhD	4	1	5
Total			22	12	34	
Grand Total			575	788	1363	

FCMS: Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies
FHU: Faculty of Humanities
FSC: Faculty of Science

FCT: Faculty of Computing & Technology
FMED: Faculty of Medicine
FSS: Faculty of Social Sciences

F: Female **M:** Male

5.4. Convocations of 2024

In 2024, Convocations were held on 9 days, during which degrees were conferred upon 12,801 graduates as follows.

Table 17: Convocations and number of students conferred with degrees

Faculty/ Institution/ CDCE	Number of Graduates
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies	786
Faculty of Computing & Technology	167
Faculty of Graduate Studies	1,043
Faculty of Humanities	651
Faculty of Medicine	415
Faculty of Science	578
Faculty of Social Sciences	853
CDCE	7,254
Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies	956
Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology	98
Total	12,801

THE STAFF OF THE UNIVERSITY



The University of Kelaniya employs 1,456 permanent staff members, categorized into 683 academic staff, 35 administrative staff, 41 academic support staff, and 697 non-academic staff. Overall, 53% of the workforce is male, with male representation being higher among academic support and non-academic staff, while female employees dominate the academic, library, administrative, and financial staff. The non-academic staff category has the highest number of employees, whereas the administrative staff category has the fewest. In addition to its permanent workforce, the University also employs 423 contingent staff members on temporary, assignment, or contract basis, accounting for 22.5% of the total workforce as of December 31, 2024.

A key strength of the University lies in its robust academic workforce, with a well-structured hierarchy across various ranks. The Professor Chair positions are held by 16 Senior Professors and 10 Professors, showcasing strong leadership at the highest academic level. Additionally, the University boasts 36 Senior Professors and 116 Professors, 3 Associate Professors, 132 Senior Lecturers Grade I, 194 Senior Lecturers Grade II, 45 Lecturers, and 120 Probationary Lecturers, reflecting experience, expertise, and a focus on academic excellence.

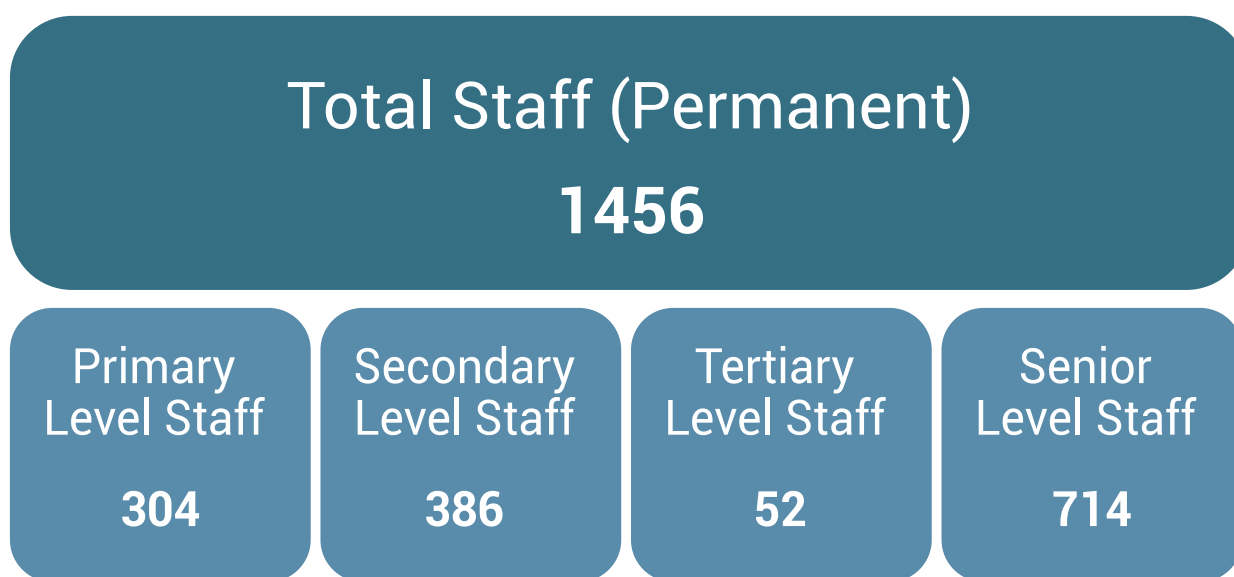


Figure 22: Employee Categorization⁷

Primary level staff includes those on salary scales of U-PL 1 to U-PL 3 while secondary level staff includes salary scales of U-MN 1 to U-MN 4 and U-MT 1. Tertiary level staff consists of those on the U-AS 1, U-AS 2, and U-EX 1 salary scales, while the senior staff consists of those on salary scales U-EX 2, U-EX 3, U-MO 1, U-MO 2, U-AC 3 to U-AC 5

⁷ Employee categorization according to the Director General of the Department of Management Services by the letter No. DMS/1528(s) vol-1 and dated 06.11.2019.

6.1. Approved Cadre and Existing Staff

Table 18: Existing staff of the university

Staff category	Salary Scale	Approved Cadre	Existing Staff								
			Permanent			Temporary			Assignment/ Contract		
			M	F	T	M	F	T	M	F	T
Academic Staff	U-AC 3 to U-AC 5	829	311	361	672	-	-	-	8	20	28
	U-AC 1 to U-AC 2	308	-	-	-	102	255	357	-	-	-
Library Staff	U-AC 5	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-AC 4	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-AC 3	12	3	7	10	-	-	-	-	-	-
Administrative & Financial Staff	U-EX 3	2	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-EX 2	15	6	16	22	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-EX 1	15	1	5	6	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other Executive Staff	U-EX 2	5	3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-EX 1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Medical Officers	U-MO 2	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-MO 1	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	2	3
Academic Support Staff	U-AS 2	52	18	6	24	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-AS 1		3	14	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
Technical Staff	U-EX 2	145	1	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-EX 1		2	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-MN 4		19	11	30	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-MN 3		3	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-MN 2		1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-MN 1		2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-MT 1		37	25	62	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-MN 4		22	56	78	-	-	-	-	-	-
Clerical & Allied Staff	U-MN 3	334	10	7	17	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-MN 2		4	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-MN 1		61	125	186	-	-	-	-	-	-
Primary Staff	U-PL 3	410	67	2	69	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-PL 2		39	16	55	-	-	-	-	-	-
	U-PL 1		154	26	180	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other	-	20	-	-	-	-	-	-	26	9	35
Total		2155	771	685	1456	102	255	357	35	31	66

F: Female

M: Male

T: Total

6.2. Employee Classification

Table 19: Employee classification of the permanent staff

Service Category	Salary Code	Permanent Staff		
		Male	Female	Total
Senior Level				
Professors/ Senior Professors/Librarian	U-AC 5	104	75	179
Associate Professors	U-AC 4	2	1	3
Lecturers/ Senior Assistant Librarian/ Assistant Librarian	U-AC 3	209	292	501
Senior Executives	U-EX 3	1	1	2
Middle-Level Executives	U-EX 2	10	17	27
Chief Medical Officer	U-MO 2	1	-	1
Medical Officer	U-MO 1	1	-	1
Tertiary Level				
Academic support- Segment 1	U-AS 2	18	6	24
Junior Executives/ Managers	U-EX 1	3	8	11
Academic support- Segment 2	U-AS 1	3	14	17
Secondary Level				
Staff Assistant/ Supra & Senior Staff Assistant	U-MN 4	41	67	108
Associate Officers- Segment 1	U-MN 3	13	7	20
Associate Officers- Segment 2	U-MN 2	5	3	8
Management Assistant- Technical	U-MT 1	37	25	62
Management Assistant- Non-Technical	U-MN 1	63	125	188
Primary Level				
Primary Grade- Skilled	U-PL 3	67	2	69
Primary Grade- Semiskilled	U-PL 2	39	16	55
Primary Grade- Unskilled	U-PL 1	154	26	180
Total		771	685	1456

6.3. Approved Cadre and Present Staff (Academic Staff Only)

The University of Kelaniya employs a total of 672 academic staff members across seven distinct permanent designations. The largest proportion comprises Senior Lecturer Grade II at 28.9%, followed by Senior Lecturer Grade I at 19.6% and Professor at 18.8%. The following Table 20 offers a detailed classification of the academic staff of the University and their respective levels of seniority.

Table 20: Details of Academic Staff

Faculty		Staff	Salary Scale	Approved Cadre	Permanent			Temporary		
					M	F	T	M	F	T
FCMS	Professor Chair	Senior Professor	U-AC 5 (I)	5	0	0	0			
		Professor	U-AC 5 (II)		0	0	0			
	Senior Professor		U-AC 5 (I)	147	4	1	5			
	Professor		U-AC 5 (II)		14	11	25			
	Associate Professor		U-AC 4		0	0	0			
	Senior Lecturer Gr I		U-AC 3 (I)		8	17	25			
	Senior Lecturer Gr II		U-AC 3 (II)		16	24	40			
	Lecturer		U-AC 3 (III)		4	1	5			
	Lecturer (Unconfirmed)		U-AC 3 (III)		1	1	2			
	Lecturer (Prob.)		U-AC 3 (IV)		9	19	28			
	Temporary Lecturer/ Assistant Lecturer		U-AC 2 (fixed)	0				5	16	21
	Temporary Research Assistant		U-AC 2/ U-AC 1(fixed)	0				-	-	-
	Temporary Demonstrator		U-AC 1 (fixed)	0				-	-	-
	Temporary Instructor		U-AC 1 (fixed)	0				-	-	-
	Temporary Tutor		U-AC 1 (fixed)	0				-	-	-
Total				152	56	74	130	5	16	21
FCT	Professor Chair	Senior Professor	U-AC 5 (I)	-	0	0	0			
		Professor	U-AC 5 (II)		0	0	0			
	Senior Professor		U-AC 5 (I)	48	1	0	1			
	Professor		U-AC 5 (II)		1	0	1			
	Associate Professor		U-AC 4		0	0	0			
	Senior Lecturer Gr I		U-AC 3 (I)		5	1	6			
	Senior Lecturer Gr II		U-AC 3 (II)		5	7	12			
	Lecturer		U-AC 3 (III)		0	0	0			
	Lecturer (Unconfirmed)		U-AC 3 (III)		0	1	1			
	Lecturer (Prob.)		U-AC 3 (IV)		9	6	15			
	Temporary Lecturer/ Assistant Lecturer		U-AC 2 (fixed)	8				2	8	10
	Temporary Research Assistant		U-AC 2/ U-AC 1(fixed)	0				-	-	-
	Temporary Demonstrator		U-AC 1 (fixed)	14				4	6	10
	Temporary Instructor		U-AC 1 (fixed)	0				-	-	-
	Temporary Tutor		U-AC 1 (fixed)	0				-	-	-
Total				70	21	15	36	6	14	20
FHU	Professor Chair	Senior Professor	U-AC 5 (I)	9	4	2	6			
		Professor	U-AC 5 (II)		0	0	0			
	Senior Professor		U-AC 5 (I)	125	8	2	10			
	Professor		U-AC 5 (II)		4	7	11			
	Associate Professor		U-AC 4		0	0	0			
	Senior Lecturer Gr I		U-AC 3 (I)		17	17	34			
	Senior Lecturer Gr II		U-AC 3 (II)		16	18	34			
	Lecturer		U-AC 3 (III)		4	1	5			
	Lecturer (Unconfirmed)		U-AC 3 (III)		2	2	4			
	Lecturer (Prob.)		U-AC 3 (IV)		9	2	11			
	Temporary Lecturer/ Assistant Lecturer		U-AC 2 (fixed)	46				13	35	48
	Temporary Research Assistant		U-AC 2/ U-AC 1(fixed)	0				-	-	-
	Temporary Demonstrator		U-AC 1 (fixed)	6				0	1	1
	Temporary Instructor			0				-	-	-
	Temporary Tutor			0				-	-	-
Junior Fellow			-				6	16	22	
Total				186	64	51	115	19	52	71

Table 20: (continued).

Faculty	Staff	Salary Scale	Approved Cadre	Permanent			Temporary		
				M	F	T	M	F	T
FMED	Professor Chair	Senior Professor	U-AC 5 (I)	17	3	2	5		
		Professor	U-AC 5 (II)		6	4	10		
	Senior Professor		U-AC 5 (I)		3	2	5		
	Professor		U-AC 5 (II)		16	13	29		
	Associate Professor		U-AC 4		0	0	0		
	Senior Lecturer Gr I		U-AC 3 (I)	138	3	5	8		
	Senior Lecturer Gr II		U-AC 3 (II)		20	16	36		
	Lecturer		U-AC 3 (III)		1	2	3		
	Lecturer (Unconfirmed)		U-AC 3 (III)		0	3	3		
	Lecturer (Prob.)		U-AC 3 (IV)		5	17	22		
	Temporary Lecturer/ Assistant Lecturer		U-AC 2 (fixed)	0			1	4	5
	Temporary Research Assistant		U-AC 2/ U-AC 1 (fixed)	0			-	-	-
	Temporary Demonstrator		U-AC 1 (fixed)	38			9	20	29
	Temporary Instructor			2			-	-	-
	Temporary Tutor			0			-	-	-
Total			195	57	64	121	10	24	34
FSC	Professor Chair	Senior Professor	U-AC 5 (I)	8	1	1	2		
		Professor	U-AC 5 (II)		0	0	0		
	Senior Professor		U-AC 5 (I)		6	5	11		
	Professor		U-AC 5 (II)		13	17	30		
	Associate Professor		U-AC 4		1	0	1		
	Senior Lecturer Gr I		U-AC 3 (I)	166	11	17	28		
	Senior Lecturer Gr II		U-AC 3 (II)		13	19	32		
	Lecturer		U-AC 3 (III)		0	5	5		
	Lecturer (Unconfirmed)		U-AC 3 (III)		0	3	3		
	Lecturer (Prob.)		U-AC 3 (IV)		8	12	20		
	Temporary Lecturer/ Assistant Lecturer		U-AC 2 (fixed)	0			7	12	19
	Temporary Research Assistant		U-AC 2/ U-AC 1 (fixed)	6			-	5	5
	Temporary Demonstrator		U-AC 1 (fixed)	158			39	97	136
	Temporary Instructor			0			-	-	-
	Temporary Tutor			0			-	-	-
Total			338	53	79	132	46	114	160
FSS	Professor Chair	Senior Professor	U-AC 5 (I)	8	3	0	3		
		Professor	U-AC 5 (II)		0	0	0		
	Senior Professor		U-AC 5 (I)		4	0	4		
	Professor		U-AC 5 (II)		12	8	20		
	Associate Professor		U-AC 4		1	1	2		
	Senior Lecturer Gr I		U-AC 3 (I)	158	15	16	31		
	Senior Lecturer Gr II		U-AC 3 (II)		13	27	40		
	Lecturer		U-AC 3 (III)		3	8	11		
	Lecturer (Unconfirmed)		U-AC 3 (III)		2	1	3		
	Lecturer (Prob.)		U-AC 3 (IV)		7	17	24		
	Temporary Lecturer/ Assistant Lecturer		U-AC 2 (fixed)	12			5	22	27
	Temporary Research Assistant		U-AC 2/ U-AC 1 (fixed)	0			-	-	-
	Temporary Demonstrator		U-AC 1 (fixed)	11			9	10	19
	Temporary Instructor			0			-	-	-
	Temporary Tutor			0			-	-	-
	Junior Fellow			-			2	0	2
Total			189	60	78	138	16	32	48
Grand Total			1130	311	361	672	102	252	354

FCMS: Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

FHU: Faculty of Humanities

FSC: Faculty of Science

F: Female M: Male T: Total

FCT: Faculty of Computing & Technology

FMED: Faculty of Medicine

FSS: Faculty of Social Sciences

6.4. Details of Executive Staff

Table 21: Details of Administrative Staff

Faculty/Division/Department/Centre/Unit	No. of Permanent Staff		
	Male	Female	Total
Academic Division	-	1	1
Academic Establishment	-	1	1
Accounts Division	1	1	2
Bursar's Office	-	1	1
CDCE	1	1	2
Examination Division	1	-	1
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies	-	1	1
Faculty of Graduate Studies	1	1	2
Faculty of Humanities	-	1	1
Faculty of Medicine	-	3	3
Faculty of Science	-	1	1
Faculty of Social Sciences	1	-	1
Faculty of Computing & Technology	-	1	1
General Administration	-	1	1
Internal Audit Division	-	2	2
Landscape Division	1	-	1
Legal & Documentation	-	1	1
Library Services	1	-	1
Medical Centre	2	-	2
Non-Academic Establishment	-	1	1
Payments Division	1	1	2
Registrar's Office	1	-	1
Security Services	1	-	1
Student Welfare Division	-	1	1
Supplies Division	-	1	1
Vice Chancellor's Office	-	1	1
Works Departments	1	-	1
Total	13	22	35

6.5. Details of Academic Support Staff

Table 22: Details of Academic Support Staff

Faculty/Division/Department/Centre/Unit	No. of Permanent Staff		
	Male	Female	Total
Career Guidance Unit	1	1	2
Department of Information Technology	1	-	1
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies	1	4	5
Faculty of Computing & Technology	2	-	2
Faculty of Medicine	4	1	5
Faculty of Humanities	-	1	1
Faculty of Science	1	2	3
Faculty of Social Sciences	-	1	1
ICCMS	2	2	4
ICTC	6	2	8
Kalana Mithuru Sewana Unit	-	1	1
Office of the Director - Student Affairs	-	1	1
Physical Education	3	3	6
CSPS	-	1	1
Total	21	20	41

6.6. Details of Non-Academic Staff

Table 23: Details of Non-Academic Staff

Faculty/Division/Department/Centre/Unit	Clerical and Allied Staff	Technical Staff	Primary Staff
Faculty of Medicine	37	38	71
Works Division	1	6	31
Library	29	-	20
Administration	132	5	56
External Examination	12	1	3
Faculty of Graduate Studies	8	1	2
Faculty of Social Sciences	13	6	14
Faculty of Humanities	14	6	15
Faculty of Science	16	27	39
Faculty of Commerce & Management	19	3	4
Faculty of Computer & Technology	4	6	7
Physical Education	-	-	6
Landscape Division	-	1	23
Medical Center	3	5	12
Carrier Guidance Unit	-	-	1
Total	288	105	304

6.7. Highest Academic Qualifications of Staff

Table 24: Highest academic qualifications of the permanent staff

Highest Qualification	Staff Category				Number of Staff
	Primary Level	Secondary Level	Tertiary Level	Senior Level	
Up to GCE O/L	129	4			133
Passed GCE O/L	81	13			94
Passed GCE A/L	85	230	2		317
Completed Diploma	2	33	3	1	39
Bachelor's Degree/ PG Diploma	7	94	35	129	265
Master's Degree	-	12	10	171	193
MPhil or Equivalent Degree	-	-	1	71	72
Doctoral Degree	-	-	1	342	343
Total	304	386	52	714	1456



RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT

The University of Kelaniya has recognized research as a top priority. The Research Council of the university started a new grant scheme to support publishing papers and repair and maintenance of equipment, which came into effect in 2024. The staff of the University of Kelaniya has made 1056 publications in 2024 altogether, of which 307 were published in SCOPUS-indexed journals. Moreover, the university was granted five patents and had eight Science & Technology outputs in 2024.

7.1. Research & Publications – 2024

Of the research publication output in 2024, the highest number (436) comprised abstract publications in conference proceedings. Moreover, 307 articles were published in refereed indexed journals, mostly in foreign journals. Apart from that, the University staff has published 151 articles in refereed non-indexed journals, 26 book chapters, and 21 textbooks during the year.

Table 25: Research & publications output of the University

Publication Category		Number	
		Local	Foreign
1	Publications in refereed indexed journals including e-journals	39	253
2	Publications in refereed non-indexed journals including e-journals	98	70
3	Conference Proceedings		
	3.1 Papers published as full papers	94	21
	3.2 Abstract publications	364	70
4	Book Chapters published	11	15
5	Books/Textbooks published in the field of expertise		
	5.1 By a publisher	17	1
	5.2 By an author	3	-

7.2. Research Symposia – 2024

The Research Council of the University of Kelaniya grants funding for the research conferences and symposia organized by the University of Kelaniya each year. In 2024 the Research Council has provided funding for 12 research symposiums in the University.

Table 26: Research symposia held in 2024 funded by Research Council

Faculty	No	Description
FCMS	01	15 th International Conference on Business and Information, 01 st and 02 nd November 2024
	02	13 th Students' Research Symposium 2023, 19 th and 20 th November 2024, Department of Finance
FCT	03	FCT Research Symposium 2024, 08 th November 2024
	04	IEEE Co-Sponsored: 9 th International Conference on Advances in Technology and Computing 2024 (ICATC 2024)
FGS	05	International Postgraduate Research Conference (IPRC) 2024, 29 th November 2024
FHU	06	7 th Humanities Undergraduate Research Symposium (HUG 2024), 18 th and 19 th February 2024
	07	National Conference on Sinhala Studies (NCSS) 2024, 30 th January 2025, Department of Sinhala
FMED	08	Prof. Carlo Fonseka Memorial Young Researchers Day 2024, 23 rd August 2024, Department of Public Health and Medical Education
FSC	09	Smart Computing and Systems Engineering (SCSE) 2024, 04 th April 2024, Department of Industrial Management
	10	International Conference on Applied and Pure Sciences (ICAPS) – 2024, 11 th October 2024
FSS	11	6 th International Studies Student's Research Symposium 2023, 11 th October 2023, Department of International Studies
Library	12	"Exploring Boundless Horizons: University Insights through Secondary Sources", 25 th October 2024

7.3. Internal Research Grants – 2024

As in previous years, in 2024 too, all academic staff were invited to submit applications for university research grants by a specified closing date, using a pre-set application form, subject to a maximum of Rs 500,000.00. Applications up to a total budget of Rs 300,000/- were reviewed by internal reviewers nominated by respective Faculty Boards, while applications with budgets up to Rs 500,000/- were sent to external reviewers nominated by the Research and Publications Committee.

Review comments were shared with the applicants, and upon incorporation of the required corrections, applications were submitted for the recommendation of the University Research & Publications Committee and approval by the Senate and the Council. Grantees are required to enter into an agreement with the University prior to the release of funds. Progress is monitored by the Research & Publications Committee through 6-monthly progress reports and final reports. Accordingly, the applications of 21 academic staff members from the Faculties of Commerce & Management Studies, Computing & Technology, Humanities, Medicine, Science, and Social Sciences for grants worth LKR 8,675,360 were processed in 2024. Details are provided below in Table 27.

Apart from the above, the existing guidelines and formats for internal research grants were revisited in 2024 and revised as appropriate, aimed at increasing publications and reducing the complexities encountered by both researchers and the administration in disbursing grants and monitoring progress.

Table 27: Details of Internal Research Grants 2024

Faculty	Name of the Department	Number of Research Grants Applied for	Amount of Funds Requested (LKR)
Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies	Commerce and Financial Management	01	232,000.00
Faculty of Computing & Technology	Applied Computing	02	750,000.00
	Computer System Engineering		
Faculty of Humanities	Pali and Buddhist Studies	03	1,200,000.00
	Modern Languages		
	Sinhala		
Faculty of Medicine	Psychiatry	07	2,893,360.00
	Pharmacology		
	Medical Education		
	Biochemistry and Clinical Chemistry		
	Medical Microbiology		
	Physiology		
Faculty of Science	Physics and Electronics	06	2,950,000.00
	Chemistry		
	Zoology and Environmental Management		
Faculty of Social Sciences	Geography	02	650,000.00
Grand Total		21	8,675,360.00

7.4. Patents – 2024

Table 28: Patents received by the University of Kelaniya in 2024

Name of the Patent	Name/s of the Patent Holder/s	Date of Receiving the Patent
Addressable, Reliable, and Bidirectional Data Communication System for Internet of Things (IoT) and Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) Applications Based on Controller Area Network (CAN) Protocol to Monitor, Control & Visualize Real-time Data on a Local or Remote Dashboard.	Mr. L. D. Pubudu Sanjuka Jayasekara, Mr. Tharindu Niroshan Gurusinghe, Ms. Hiruni Eranga Wijesooriya, Mr. R. M. Ishara Udayantha Rajapaksha, Dr. P. L. A. K. Piyumal, Dr. A. L. A. K. Ranaweera, Dr. K. M. D. C. Jayathilaka, Dr. Jehan Seneviratne, Prof. L. B. D. R. P. Wijesundera, Prof. S. R. D. Kalingamudali.	07.05.2024
An Artificial Intelligence Based Smart Liquid Petroleum Gas Level Indicator Device	Mr. R. M. Ishara Udayantha Rajapaksha, Mr. L. D. Pubudu Sanjuka Jayasekara, Mr. Tharindu Niroshan Gurusinghe, Ms. Hiruni Eranga Wijesooriya, Mr. M. P. A. V. Gunawardhena, Dr. P. L. A. K. Piyumal, Dr. A. L. A. K. Ranaweera, Dr. K. M. D. C. Jayathilaka, Dr. Jehan Seneviratne, Prof. L. B. D. R. P. Wijesundera, Prof. S. R. D. Kalingamudali	21.10.2024

Table 28: (continued).

Automated Liquid Fertilizer Manufacturing Apparatus (Industrial Design)	Dr. R. M. C. S. Ratnayake, Mr. P. D. Avantha Prasad	02.04.2024
Internet Independent Wireless Real-Time Water Quality Monitoring Unit (Industrial Design)	Ms. Hiruni Eranga Wijesooriya, Mr. L. D. Pubudu Sanjuka Jayasekara, Mr. Tharindu Niroshan Gurusinghe, Mr. R. M. Ishara Udayantha Rajapaksha, Mr. M. P. A. V. Gunawardhena, Dr. P. L. A. K. Piyumal, Dr. A. L. A. K. Ranaweera, Dr. K. M. D. C. Jayathilaka, Dr. Jehan Seneviratne, Prof. L. B. D. R. P. Wijesundera, Prof. S. R. D. Kalingamudali	02.04.2024
Safety Electrical Switch (Industrial Design)	Mr. R. M. Ishara Udayantha Rajapaksha, Mr. Tharindu Niroshan Gurusinghe, Ms. Hiruni Eranga Wijesooriya, Mr. L. D. Pubudu Sanjuka Jayasekara, Mr. M. P. A. V. Gunawardhena, Dr. P. L. A. K. Piyumal, Dr. A. L. A. K. Ranaweera, Dr. K. M. D. C. Jayathilaka, Dr. Jehan Seneviratne, Prof. L. B. D. R. P. Wijesundera, Prof. S. R. D. Kalingamudali.	31.07.2024

Table 29: Patents filed by the University of Kelaniya in 2024

Name of the Patent	Name/s of the Patent Holder/s	Patent Filing Date
A Cost-effective, Wearable, Wireless, Real-Time Hand Gesture System & Method for the Interpretation of Sign Language	M. N. Kusalanga, Dr. H. K. T. K. Wijayasiriwardhane, S. G. V. Shantha Jayalal	19.06.2024
A Formulation of Herbal cream containing Curcuma longa L. (Turmeric) and Elaeocarpus serratus L. (Ceylon Olive) with anti-Inflammatory properties	Dr. A. G. M. Jaimini Gunaratna, A. K. M. Wimalasooriya	26.08.2024

7.5. Science & Technology Development Output - 2024

Table 30: S & T development output in 2024

Name of the Science and Technology Development Output	Status
<i>Development of new products/processes</i>	
Automated liquid fertilizer manufacturing apparatus	Developed
Hydroponic Plant Water Management System	Developed
Flowlo - Automated smart shopping cart	Developed
Waterproof Side-Zipper Jacket	Developed
A Smart Wrist Band	Developed
Energy Saving Lighting System	Developed
<i>Improvement of the quality of existing product /processes</i>	
TransitEase; 3-in-1 neck pillow for comfy, worry-free commutes	Developed
Smart Lunch Box - Nutri Go	Developed



STUDENT WELFARE FACILITIES

Students at the University of Kelaniya benefit from a range of facilities that extend well beyond their classrooms and lecture halls. These include access to the library, scholarships, university hostels, canteens, medical services, sports complexes, laboratories, information and communication technology resources, and many more.

In 2024, a total of 5,505 undergraduate students were awarded Mahapola scholarships, while 3,794 students received bursaries. Mahapola scholarship recipients are granted LKR 5,000.00 per installment, whereas bursary recipients receive LKR 4,000.00 per installment, with each scholarship provided in 10 installments annually. Additionally, undergraduate students can also avail themselves of other scholarships offered by the Alumni Association of the University of Kelaniya, the Faculty Alumni of the Faculty of Science, and specific academic Departments are also available to undergraduate students.

8.1. Scholarships

Table 31: Number of Mahapola and Bursary scholarship recipients

Faculty	Year of Intake	Year of Study	No. of Students Received	
			Mahapola	Bursary
FCMS	2022/23	1	-	481
	2021/22	2	552	110
	2020/21	3	503	185
	2019/20	4	475	194
		Total	1530	970
FCT	2022/23	1	-	105
	2021/22	2	141	15
	2020/21	3	142	14
	2019/20	4	176	19
		Total	459	153
FHU & FSS	2022/23	1	-	855
	2021/22	2	893	220
	2020/21	3	738	374
	2019/20	4	628	365
		Total	2259	1814
FMED	2022/23	1	-	84
	2021/22	2	101	27
	2020/21	3	120	46
	2019/20	4	98	26
	2018/19	5	72	6
	2017/18	5	-	-
		Total	391	189
FSC	2022/23	1	-	369
	2021/22	2	357	127
	2020/21	3	382	147
	2019/20	4	127	25
		Total	866	668
Grand Total			5505	3794

The University of Kelaniya also offers many scholarships and prizes to support students in addition to the provision of Bursary and Mahapola scholarships.

The scholarships and prizes available are funded through contributions from donors who are genuinely committed to supporting the future of students. These opportunities are categorized into two main types: scholarships for financially needy students and prizes for students demonstrating exceptional academic performance. Scholarships for needy students provide long-term financial assistance, with recipients selected through an application process. Conversely, prizes for outstanding students are one-time awards, presented as cash prizes or medals based on their achievements in either the first-year or final examinations. Currently, 20 scholarships and prizes are in operation. Each scholarship or prize is governed by specific criteria, either defined by the donors or adjusted by the respective academic departments to address student needs and align with the available funding.

The scholarships and prizes are implemented upon obtaining the approval of the respective Faculty Board and Senate of the University of Kelaniya for their criteria and with subsequent approval for selected students for each academic year. Recently, attention was drawn to the fact that a substantial interest remains unutilized in the respective accounts. Accordingly, actions were taken to revise the criteria to meet the current needs as well as to increase the benefit to the students concerned. It is expected that this series of revisions will help ensure the utilization of the interest balance to the optimum capacity in serving the needs of the students.

8.2. Hostel Facilities

Regarding housing, the University of Kelaniya offers accommodation to the majority of students who apply for hostels. A total of 6,011 undergraduates from the Faculties of Commerce and Management Studies, Computing and Technology, Humanities, Science, and Social Sciences were accommodated in hostels located in and around the university premises at Dalugama. Meanwhile, the Faculty of Medicine in Ragama provided hostel facilities to all students who requested them.

Table 32: Hostel recipients in 2024

Faculty	Year of Study	Year of Intake	No. of students who received Hostel facilities		
			Male	Female	Total
FCMS	1	2022/23	94	209	303
	2	2021/22	60	146	206
	3	2020/21	76	182	258
	4	2019/20	59	183	242
FCT	1	2022/23	82	38	120
	2	2021/22	54	22	76
	3	2020/21	50	29	79
	4	2019/20	68	33	101
FHU & FSS	1	2022/23	82	688	770
	2	2021/22	86	636	722
	3	2020/21	85	699	784
	4	2019/20	74	684	758
FMED	1	2022/23	36	42	78
	2	2021/22	54	237	291
	3	2020/21	76	239	315
	4	2019/20	58	79	137
FMED	5	2018/19	55	108	163
	5	2017/18	-	1	1
FSC	1	2022/23	105	127	232
	2	2021/22	58	105	163
	3	2020/21	49	77	126
	4	2019/20	34	52	86
Total			1395	4616	6011



SPORTS ACTIVITIES

The University of Kelaniya has excellent facilities to support a range of different sports. These include the facilities and staff shown in the following Tables 33 and 34.

Table 33: Sports facilities

Indoor Stadiums	New Indoor Gymnasium
	Student Centre Gymnasium
	Gymnasium, Faculty of Medicine, Ragama
	Strength Training Centre, Kelaniya
	Strength Training Centre, Kannangara Hostel premises
	Physical Fitness Centre, Girls Hostel Chain
	Carrom Premises
Outdoor Stadiums	Main Ground, Kelaniya
	Ground No. 2, Kelaniya
	Outdoor Basketball Court
	Tennis Court
	Outdoor Volleyball Court 1
	Outdoor Netball Court
	Outdoor Basketball Court, Faculty of Medicine
	Outdoor Netball & Volleyball Court, Faculty of Medicine

Table 34: Details of the Staff

1	GGU Saman Kumara: Actg. Director of Physical Education
2	HDSP Wijayagunaratne: Instructor in Physical Education Grade I
3	KN Sandamal Kumari: Instructress in Physical Education Grade II
4	GA Sarani Godamune: Instructress in Physical Education Grade III
5	HMKKT Karunarathne: Instructress in Physical Education Grade III
6	MIP Kumari: Instructress in Physical Education Grade III
7	Aravinda Athukorala: Instructor in Physical Education Grade III
8	GRC Kularathne: Instructor in Physical Education Grade III
9	CPK Karunasena: Gymnasium Attendant Lower Grade
10	WGG Pradeep: Gymnasium Attendant Lower Grade
11	KAD Nandisumithra: Work Aid Grade I
12	Mr. JMN Nishantha: Work Aid Grade II
13	Mr. SGMP Weerasinghe: Work Aid Grade III
14	Mr. JADS Madushanka: Work Aid Grade III
15	Mr. MACS Mallawaarachchi: Labourer Grade III
16	Mr. S. Satheewaran: Work Aid Grade III
17	Mr. R.N. Nishantha: Work Aid Grade III)

9.1. Organization and Participation in Sports Activities

Table 35: Sports events

Aerobic Gymnastics	(Men & Women)	Para Sports	(Men & Women)
Badminton	(Men & Women)	Rifle Shooting	(Men & Women)
Baseball	(Men)	Rugger	(Men)
Basketball	(Men & Women)	Scrabble	(Men & Women)
Boxing	(Men)	Swimming	(Men & Women)
Carrom	(Men & Women)	Table Tennis	(Men & Women)
Chess	(Men & Women)	Taekwondo	(Men & Women)
Cricket	(Men)	Tennis	(Men & Women)
Elle	(Men & Women)	Track & Field	(Men & Women)
Football	(Men & Women)	Volleyball	(Men & Women)
Hockey	(Men & Women)	Weightlifting	(Men & Women)
Judo	(Men & Women)	Wrestling	(Men & Women)
Kabaddi	(Men & Women)	Wushu	(Men & Women)
Karate	(Men & Women)	Yoga	(Men & Women)
Netball	(Women)		

Total No. of Teams (Men & Women)	-	53
Total No. of Pool Members	-	978
Number of Students involved in Competitive Sports	-	2,078
Number of Students involved in sports at the recreational level	-	2,414

9.2. Sports Training Programmes & Events

A total number of 1,801 training sessions were conducted, starting on January 01, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2024, for all sports. Also, 88 students have been appointed as Captains & Vice Captains (Men & Women) for 27 sports disciplines, apart from Para sports & yoga.

Table 36: Events held in 2024 and participation

Events	Number of Participants (Students)
Training Sessions (including competitions)	2,234
Freshers' Sports Programme for all faculties	1,183
Inter-Faculty Championships (for 26 sports disciplines)	Scheduled to be in February 2025
Sports Education Segment	144
Physical Fitness Test	Not held
Number of Friendly & Dual Matches	164 (1902 students)
Number of International Competitions participated	04
Number of Students, Participated in International Competitions	04
Number of Annual Colours Recipients	363
Number of Participants for Staff Sports Competitions	108

9.3. Performances at the National and Inter-University Level Competitions in 2024

Inter-University Championships 2024

The University of Kelaniya proudly clinched the overall 1st runner-up after 41 years in the history of the Inter-University Championship since 1983 with marking a significant milestone for the university. This is an achievement due to the dedication of all the students, coaches, and all the staff of the physical education department and the Sports Advisory Board. Being able to reach the first three places in 21 sports and winning 5 championships is a great achievement shown by our students. It is also a remarkable feat that our students claimed 12 of the 24 new records set in all sports.

Table 37: Performances at the Inter-University level competitions in 2024

Sport Event	Performance
Volleyball	Men, Championships
	Women, Championships
Taekwondo	Women, Championships
Karate	Women, Championships
	Men, 2 nd Runner-up
Badminton	Men, Championships
	Women, 2 nd Runner-up
Carrom	Men, 1 st Runner-up
	Women, 1 st Runner-up
Chess	Women, 1 st Runner-up
	Men, 2 nd Runner-up
Track & Field	Women, 1 st Runner-up
	Men, 2 nd Runner-up
Elle	Men, 2 nd Runner-up
Elle	Women, 2 nd Runner-up
Hockey	Men, 2 nd Runner-up
	Men, 3 rd Runner-up
	Women, Quarter Finalist teams
Beach Volleyball	Men, 2 nd Runner-up
Baseball	Men, 2 nd Runner-up
	Men, Quarter Finalist teams
Table Tennis	Men, 2 nd Runner-up
	Men, Quarter Finalist teams
	Women, Quarter Finalist teams
Wrestling	Men, 2 nd Runner-up
Kabaddi	Women, 2 nd Runner-up
Rugby	Men, 3 rd Runner-up
Weightlifting	Men, 3 rd Runner-up
Netball	Women, 3 rd Runner-up
Basketball	Men, Quarter Finalist teams
	Women, Quarter Finalist teams
Football	Men, Quarter Finalist teams

9.4. Performances at International Competitions in 2024

World University Chess Championships – Entebbe, UGANDA

Niklesha Tharushi, a 1st year student of the Faculty of Medicine, represented the Sri Lankan University Chess Team in the World University Chess Championship held in Kampala, Uganda from June 25th to 30th this year. Niklesha showed an excellent performance in this competition and managed to win fourth place in the individual round. Her performance is the highest ever by a Sri Lankan student in any sport at a World University sports competition.

1st South Asian Chestoball Championships – Chikkaballapur, India

Madhuka Ranasinghe, a second-year student of the Sports Science Department of the Faculty of Science, represented the Sri Lankan Women's Chestoball team in the first South Asian Chestoball Championship held in Chikkaballapur, India from June 02-09, 2024. In the final match, the Sri Lankan team managed to win the championship by defeating the strong Indian team. In the final match, the Sri Lankan team managed to win the championship by defeating the strong Indian team.

United Arab Baseball Classic – Dubai, UAE

Captain of the baseball team W.P.G.A. Weerawardena managed to compete for the Sri Lankan team that participated in the international baseball championship held in Dubai, United Arab Emirates from 07-09 November 2024. In this competition, which was held with the participation of 9 countries, they managed to win fourth place by defeating many strong countries. This is the first time a Kelaniya University student represented the national team in a foreign tournament.

Commonwealth Karate Championships – Durban, South Africa

Rashmi Shravindya Ekanayake, a third-year student of the Sports Science of the Faculty of Applied Sciences, qualified for the represent Sri Lanka at the Commonwealth Karate Championship held in Durban, South Africa from November 27 to December 03, 2024. It is a limelight to have received Karate training for the first time from the University of Kelaniya and to be part of the Karate team of the University and through that training to perform at the national level. She managed to qualify in the top eight of her weight class in the competition.

9.5. Performances at the National Championships in 2024

Table 38: Performances at the National level competitions in 2024

Sport Event	Performance	Awardee
Athletics	Women, First Place (5000m)	Rasara Wijesuriya
	Women, Second Place (400m)	L. Sayuri Mendis
Chess	Women, Third Place	Niklesha Tharushi
Wushu	Women, First Place	Cha Quan
	Women, First Place	Fanzi Quan
Taekwondo	Third Place: 62-67kg category	Malshi Suraweera
	Third Place: 53-57kg category	H.H. Welikala
Swimming (Long Course)	First Place: 50m Butterfly (Men)	Sandeve Senaratne
	First Place: 100m Butterfly (Men)	
	Second Place: 200m Butterfly (Men)	
	Third Place: 50m Freestyle (Women)	Sheneshi Herath
	Second Place: 100m Butterfly (Women)	
	First Place: 200m Freestyle (Women)	
Swimming (Short Course)	Second Place: 50m Butterfly (Women)	Sheneshi Herath
	Second Place: 100m Butterfly (Women)	
	Third Place: 200m Freestyle (Women)	
Karate	Third Place: Kata, Kumite (55kg) & Team Kata	P.M.L.Y. Ekanayake

9.6. Affiliated Sport Controlling Bodies in 2024

The University of Kelaniya was affiliated with the following National & Provincial level Sports Controlling Bodies of Sri Lanka (with Executive Voting power) during the year 2024.

Representations in National Associations

1. Sri Lanka Cricket
2. Sri Lanka Weightlifting Federation
3. Sri Lanka Wrestling Federation
4. Table Tennis Association of Sri Lanka
5. Sri Lanka Chess Federation
6. Sri Lanka Judo Federation
7. National Aquatic Sports Union of Sri Lanka (NASU)

Provincial and District Associations

1. Western Province Rugby Football Union
2. Gampaha District Cricket Association
3. Gampaha District Netball Association
4. Western Province Badminton Association
5. Gampaha District Basketball Association

Other Associations

1. Sri Lanka Universities Sports Association

9.7. Other Sports-Related Positions Held by Staff Members During the Year 2024

Table 39: Other positions held by staff

Name of the Staff Member	Position
Mr. GGU Saman Kumara	Secretary General of the Sri Lanka Athletics
	Team Leader to the National Athletics team for the 33 rd Olympic Games Paris 2024
	Chairman of Selections, Statistics & Standards Sub-committee of Sri Lanka Athletics
	Member of the Judging panel of the President of Sports Awards, appointed by the Ministry of Sports
Mr. HDSP Wijegunaratne	Vice President of the Sri Lanka Table Tennis Association
	Member of Badminton, Rugger, Subcommittees of SLUSA
Ms. GASG Godamune	Assistant Secretary of Sri Lanka Taekwondo Federation
	Member of Karate, Netball, Basketball & Hockey sub-committees of SLUSA
Ms. HMKT Karunarathne	Member of Chess and Elle sub-committees of SLUSA
Ms. I.P.K. Mahadula	Member of Tennis and Swimming sub-committees of SLUSA
Mr. A.M.A. Athukorala	Member of Volleyball, Rugby, and Baseball Elle sub-committees of SLUSA



FACULTIES, CDCE, AND THE LIBRARY

10.1. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

10.1.1. Mission

"We at FCMS bring together futuristic, applied, and collaborative learning and research experiences to nurture and inspire holistic leaders who will actively contribute to making the world a better place".

10.1.2. Overview of Organizational Structure

The Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya is one of the fast-developing faculties in Sri Lanka, was established and derived from the Faculty of Social Science in 1976, becoming a prestigious faculty in the University of Kelaniya. With the hard work, perseverance, continuous effort, and dedication of the staff, students, and other bodies it was able to achieve the Faculty status in 1995. The strength of the Faculty includes 130 academic staff members, one administrative staff member, 5 Academic Support Staff members, 32 non-academic staff members, and 4025 undergraduate students. The Faculty has multi-cultural, multi-ethnic students fostering social harmony and cultural diversity.

10.1.3. Programmes of Study Offered by the Faculty

The Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies conducts a wide range of programs under its five departments: the Department of Commerce & Financial Management (DCFM), Department of Human Resource Management (DHRM), Department of Accountancy (DoA), Department of Marketing Management (DMM), and Department of Finance (DFin). These include fourteen (14) undergraduate degree programs, the Doctor of Business Administration (DBA) program, eight (08) master's degree programs, five (05) diploma programs, and six (06) higher diploma programs. In 2024, the Faculty marked a historic milestone by inaugurating Sri Lanka's first-ever PhD by Publication program. Additionally, undergraduates benefit from a holistic educational experience enriched by extracurricular activities organized by the departments, fostering both academic and personal growth.

The Faculty has won the attraction of the stakeholders and the community of the university successfully keeping in line and maintaining quality over quantity with a graduate employability rate of 86%, one of the highest among management faculties in Sri Lanka, the Faculty continues to demonstrate the exceptional caliber of its graduates. Significant achievements include obtaining ISO certification for the Department of Marketing Management, the Department of Finance, the Department of Commerce and Financial Management, and the MBA program. Additionally, the recognition granted by the Chartered Financial Analysts (CFA) Institute-USA for the Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Finance, the Bachelor of Business Management Honours in Financial Engineering, and the Master of Professional Finance (MPF) underscores the excellence of the Faculty's degree programs. The Faculty also renewed its membership with AACSB (The Association to Advance Collegiate Schools of Business) for 2024. Furthermore, all Special Degree programs have now been successfully converted into Honours Degree programs, marking a significant milestone in academic quality and innovation.

10.1.4. Academic Staff Profile

As a result of the inspiration made by the Faculty, the staff members are self-motivated to enhance their research interests, which greatly contributed to the development of academic programmes. In 2024, the Faculty staff obtained 9 Vice Chancellor's Awards for high-quality research publications. Further, 51 members of the academic staff hold Doctoral Degrees (PhD) while 112 members have Master's degrees, and the rest, 18 members are currently reading for Doctorates.

One Professor from the Department of Finance was honoured with the prestigious Fulbright Scholarship, reflecting exceptional academic contributions and commitment to excellence in research and education.

10.1.5. Innovations

In 2024, the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies continued to make significant strides in research, securing and managing funding opportunities. The Faculty currently operates two active research grants, with an additional new grant received during the year valued at Rs. 150,000, funded by the University. These grants support the Faculty's ongoing commitment to fostering high-quality research and contributing to academic advancements.

In 2024, the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies hosted several impactful conferences, showcasing its commitment to advancing knowledge and innovation. The International Conference on Business and Information (ICBI), the Faculty's flagship conference, was held for the 15th time on November 1st and 2nd at the Pegasus Reef Hotel, Wattala on the theme "Beyond Excellence: Integrating AI for Sustainable Business Innovations". The Department of Commerce & Financial Management organized the Sri Lanka Forum of Entrepreneurship 2024 (SLFE), fostering dialogue on entrepreneurial advancements. The Department of Human Resource Management (HRM) hosted the 10th HRM Student's Research Symposium and Internship Certificate Awarding Ceremony, celebrating academic achievements and industry engagement. Additionally, the Department of Accountancy successfully held the 9th edition of the International Conference for Accounting Research and Educators (ICARE 2023) on February 1st, marking its annual research forum as a platform for critical discourse in accounting education and research.

10.1.6. Infrastructure Development

In 2024, the Faculty undertook significant infrastructure development projects aimed at enhancing its facilities and supporting the growing needs of the Faculty. Key upgrades included the rehabilitation of lecture halls and the renovation of common amenities in the Ananda Patabendige building and the F4 Building were successfully completed, ensuring improved functionality and comfort for students and staff. Additionally, the Faculty commenced some renovation projects to address the limitations of its current facilities, particularly the insufficiency of workspaces and vehicle parking facilities for the increasing number of faculty members. This initiative includes the creation of new cubicles and upgraded infrastructure, fostering a more efficient and conducive working environment.

10.1.7. Partnerships with industry and other stakeholders

In 2024, the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies strengthened its collaboration with industry and other key stakeholders to enhance academic and professional engagement. Notable agreements were established with leading organizations such as NDB Wealth Management, National Development Bank PLC, Chartered Institute for Securities and Investments (UK), Union Assurance PLC, and the Association of Professional Bankers of Sri Lanka, fostering opportunities for knowledge exchange and professional development. Additionally, the Faculty signed an MOU with Bluebird Yinuo (Beijing) Technology Co. Ltd., China, to offer a Master of Commerce Degree, marking a significant step in international academic collaboration. During the curriculum revision process in 2024, the Faculty worked closely with industry experts to align its programs with current professional demands, ensuring its graduates are well-equipped to meet the evolving needs of the workforce.

10.1.8. Academic collaborations

The Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies has established strong academic collaborations with prestigious international and local partners to enhance educational and research opportunities. A notable partnership with Bradford University, UK, has created a pathway for Higher Diploma in Finance holders to progress to their BSc (Hons) in Accounting and Finance program. The Department of Commerce and Financial Management continues its ongoing research and academic collaboration with the University of Dhaka, Bangladesh, fostering knowledge exchange and joint initiatives. The Department of Marketing Management has partnered with the SAP University Alliance Partner (SAP-UAP) to introduce ERP-based learning and provide hands-on experience in Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solutions, empowering students with advanced tools and skills for a competitive edge. Additionally, the Department of Human Resource Management has established academic collaborations with the German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD). In addition, partnerships with ACCA, IIA Sri Lanka Chapter, CSE, CMA, and FORTUDE have further strengthened the Faculty's academic and professional offerings.

10.1.9. SDG-related activities

The Faculty has been actively contributing to Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through various impactful initiatives. Undergraduates from the Department of Human Resource Management (HRM) have participated in community-based projects aligned with SDG 02 - Zero Hunger and SDG 04 - Quality Education, focusing on addressing local challenges related to hunger and enhancing educational opportunities. The Department of Commerce and Financial Management (DCFM) has also organized several SDG-oriented activities, including the Stock Market Challenge 2024 and the Inter-University Business Plan Competition, both aimed at fostering financial literacy and innovative business solutions. Additionally, the YBTER Congress (Young Business Technology and Entrepreneurial Research) served as a platform for young innovators to contribute to entrepreneurial research. The Department's SDG Capstone Projects further showcased interdisciplinary efforts toward achieving sustainable development.

10.1.10. Highlights of the Year 2024

The Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya, celebrated several remarkable achievements in 2024, reflecting its commitment to excellence in education, research, and innovation.

- The International Conference on Business and Information (ICBI), the flagship conference of the Faculty, was held for the 15th time on November 1st and 2nd at the Pegasus Reef Hotel, Wattala on the theme "Beyond Excellence: Integrating AI for Sustainable Business Innovations," the event attracted global participation and provided a platform for groundbreaking discussions on AI and sustainable business practices.
- On February 2nd, 2024, the Faculty hosted the Faculty Excellence Awards 2024 to recognize the best-performing students in two main categories: "Dean's List" and "Faculty Awards," highlighting the student's academic and extracurricular accomplishments.
- The Faculty inaugurated Sri Lanka's first-ever PhD by Publication program, offering researchers a unique pathway to earn doctoral qualifications through high-quality published work.
- The Faculty was awarded first place in the Vice-Chancellor's Award for Best Website within the University, highlighting the Faculty's focus on creating a modern, user-friendly, and informative online presence, reinforcing its leadership in digital engagement and communication.

In achieving the mission, the Faculty ensures better service for shaping and carving the glittering leaders for the corporate world with the required capability, skills, and attitudes to make essential decisions in the interest of society. Hence, the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies has so far produced more than 16000 graduates and most of them are at the forefront of managerial ranks in public and private sector organizations, and some of our graduates are prominent entrepreneurs in the country.

Professor W.M.C.B. Wanninayake

Dean/ Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

10.2. Faculty of Computing & Technology

10.2.1. Mission

Striving for excellence in Computing and Technology through innovation, dissemination of knowledge, and capacity building to support the socio-economic development of the nation.

10.2.2. Overview of Organizational Structure

The Faculty of Computing and Technology (FCT) was established as the seventh faculty of the University of Kelaniya in December 2015. It remains the only faculty within the Sri Lankan university system that specializes in both computing and technology, offering degree programs tailored to students from the science and technology streams of the GCE (Advanced Level) examination.

FCT comprises three academic departments: the Department of Applied Computing, the Department of Computer Systems Engineering, and the Department of Software Engineering. The faculty consists of 36 academic staff members, supported by an administrative officer, two academic support staff members, and 15 non-academic staff members. With a student body of approximately 1035 undergraduates, the faculty fosters an inclusive and diverse academic environment, attracting students from varied cultural and socio-economic backgrounds. The multidisciplinary expertise of the academic staff, spanning engineering, sciences, and mathematics, further enhances the faculty's academic and research excellence.

10.2.3. Programs of Study Offered by the Faculty

The Faculty of Computing and Technology currently offers three undergraduate degree programs designed to cater to different academic backgrounds. The Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computer Science is tailored for students who have pursued the Science stream in their GCE (Advanced Level) studies. Meanwhile, the Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Honours) and the Bachelor of Information and Communication Technology (Honours) degrees are structured for students from the Technology stream.

In 2024, the faculty took a significant step toward expanding its academic offerings by submitting a proposal to the University Grants Commission (UGC) for the approval of the Bachelor of Bio Systems Technology (Honours) program, scheduled to commence in 2025. Additionally, the faculty made notable progress in securing professional recognition for its programs by submitting an application to the Institution of Engineers, Sri Lanka (IESL), for accreditation of the Bachelor of Engineering Technology (Honours) degree under the Sydney Accord.

In postgraduate education, the faculty offers the Master of Science in Information Technology in Education, specifically designed for professionals in the education sector seeking to integrate IT into their teaching and administrative practices. Furthermore, in 2024, the faculty successfully introduced the Diploma in Web-based Software Engineering, broadening its scope of educational opportunities.

10.2.4. Academic Staff Profile

The Faculty of Computing and Technology is distinguished by the multidisciplinary expertise of its academic staff, including professionals with backgrounds in engineering, sciences, and mathematics. This diversity in academic specialization enhances the faculty's ability to deliver high-quality education and research. Additionally, three academic staff members hold postgraduate qualifications in management, complementing their engineering or science backgrounds.

Among the 36 permanent academic staff members, 21 hold doctoral qualifications, while an additional 07 are currently pursuing PhD studies. Despite challenges such as the resignation of several senior academic staff members seeking overseas opportunities, the faculty has successfully recruited 06 new members, particularly for probationary lecturer positions, ensuring the continuity and growth of its academic programs.

10.2.5. Research

The faculty achieved remarkable progress in research during 2024, marking one of the most successful years in its history. The 9th Annual International Conference on Advances in Technology and Computing (ICACT 2024) was a significant highlight, securing IEEE technical co-sponsorship for the first time, enhancing the international recognition of the event.

Additionally, an academic staff member was awarded a research grant worth USD 50,000 through an Early Career Fellowship from the Organisation for Women in Science for the Developing World (OWSD), a UNESCO initiative hosted by the World Academy of Sciences. Another academic staff member successfully secured a research grant of LKR 500,000 from the Telecommunications Regulatory Commission of Sri Lanka (TRCSL) and received the prestigious Postgraduate Research Award – 2024 from Section E1 of the Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS). Moreover, ten academic staff members collectively obtained LKR 3.15 million through internal research grants, further strengthening the faculty's research capabilities.

10.2.6. Infrastructure Developments

A landmark achievement for the faculty in 2024 was the official opening of its state-of-the-art building complex on 10th May, officiated by the Secretary to the Ministry of Education. This momentous occasion was attended by several distinguished guests, including the Sri Lanka Country Director of the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The six-building complex was constructed under the ADB-funded Science and Technology Human Resource Development Project at a total cost exceeding LKR 5000 million. The facility was subsequently awarded the prestigious Platinum Green Building Rating by the Green Building Council of Sri Lanka, setting a benchmark for sustainable infrastructure within the Sri Lankan university system. The newly inaugurated 1,000-seat auditorium has already hosted numerous academic and corporate events throughout the year, demonstrating its potential to generate revenue for the faculty and the university.

10.2.7. Partnerships with Industry and Other Stakeholders

The Industry Interaction Cell for Computing and Technology (IICfCT) continued to foster strong collaborations with industry stakeholders throughout 2024. This engagement resulted

in the successful placement of over 250 students in reputed companies across Sri Lanka for internship opportunities, enhancing their practical exposure and employability.

The faculty organized its 2nd FCT Career Fair in July 2024, which witnessed the active participation of over 40 leading companies. The event provided students with valuable networking opportunities, allowing them to engage directly with potential employers and explore career prospects in the industry.

Additionally, the faculty has organized over 20 professional workshops featuring industry experts and resource persons, conducted more than 10 industry visits, and facilitated numerous collaboration discussions to strengthen industry-university partnerships. These initiatives are focused on enhancing graduates' readiness for the world of work.

10.2.8. Academic Collaborations

The Faculty of Computing and Technology is making significant strides toward establishing academic partnerships with leading universities in the region. In 2024, the faculty-initiated discussions with the Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), with a particular focus on IIT-Madras, to explore potential collaborations in research, student exchange programs, and academic initiatives. These discussions mark a crucial step toward enhancing the faculty's global academic footprint and fostering knowledge-sharing opportunities with internationally renowned institutions.

10.2.9. SDG-Related Activities

The faculty remains actively committed to contributing to the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) through various impactful initiatives. The faculty played an instrumental role in helping the University of Kelaniya secure a Presidential Merit Award for "the best government institution that contributes to the environment" from the Central Environmental Authority for its outstanding sustainability efforts.

The building complex of the faculty has a generation capacity of 250kW of solar energy and 5 kW of wind energy, reflecting the institution's commitment to sustainable energy practices. Further, the faculty organized study visits for school children and conducted training programs for schoolteachers, aligning with SDG 4 – Quality Education.

10.2.10. Highlights of the Year 2024

- The 9th International Conference on Advances in Technology and Computing (ICACT 2024) was successfully held on 18th December 2024 under the theme "Leveraging Advances in Computing and Technology Towards a Circular Economy" and technically co-sponsored by the IEEE.
- The new faculty building complex was officially inaugurated on 10th May 2024.
- The faculty complex was awarded the Platinum Green Building Rating by the Green Building Council of Sri Lanka on 19th December 2024.

Dr. R.L.C.S. Pushpakumara

Dean/ Faculty of Computing & Technology

10.3. Faculty of Graduate Studies

10.3.1. Vision

The vision of the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) is based on the purpose of education from ancient times: Natthi vijjaa Sama.m pa~n~naa (Pali), ‘there is no power comparable to knowledge’ or ipsa scientia potestas est [Latin] ‘knowledge is power.’ Therefore, FGS envisages that its graduates will have the knowledge to wield power in different spheres and make the world a better place through their dedication to research, openness to new ideas, and mastery of analytical skills.

10.3.2. Mission

The mission of the Faculty of Graduate Studies is to encourage research and dissemination of knowledge at the postgraduate level. FGS works with academic staff, students and administrative staff in all the Faculties of the University of Kelaniya to promote excellence in postgraduate education. Hence, FGS works together with all academic departments across the university to provide graduate programs at Postgraduate Diplomas, Master’s, MPhil, and PhDs to create a dynamic intellectual climate for its students.

10.3.3. Overview of Organizational Structure

The academic and administrative head of the Faculty is the Dean/ FGS. The Faculty has a Deputy Registrar for its administrative functions and formally established a finance division with a Senior Assistant Bursar to streamline the financial activities of the fee-levying programs at the postgraduate level.

10.3.4. Programmes Offered by the Faculty

The FGS offers over 60 postgraduate programs under broader areas of subject disciplines in the following Boards of Study (BoS):

- i. BoS in Commerce & Business Management
- ii. BoS in Computing
- iii. BoS in Digital Learning
- iv. BoS in Humanities
- v. BoS in Medical Sciences
- vi. BoS in Multidisciplinary Studies
- vii. BoS in Science
- viii. BoS in Social Sciences
- ix. BoS in Technology

Amidst many barriers and the country's economic crisis, the FGS could secure a total student enrolment of over 2650 for the year 2024.

10.3.5. Highlights of the Year 2024

Establishment of the First-ever Master of Medical Statistics Program in Sri Lanka

The first-ever Master of Medical Statistics program in Sri Lanka, developed by the Board of Study in Multidisciplinary Studies, addresses the growing demand for skilled professionals in healthcare data analysis and interpretation. The curriculum is aligned with the Sri Lanka Qualification Framework (SLQF Level 09) and International Education Standards (IES), ensuring graduates are well-prepared to excel in both local and global healthcare environments. The program was approved by the University Grants Commission (UGC) of Sri Lanka in 2023 and designed to meet the highest academic standards. The inauguration of the Medical Statistics program was held on the 25th of August 2024 at the prestigious “Cosmic” by Citrus, Lotus Tower in Colombo, and Dr. Palitha Mahipala, Secretary to the Ministry of Health, delivered the keynote speech, expressed his pride in witnessing the commencement of such a groundbreaking initiative in the country.

Establishment of the First-ever PhD by Publication Program in Sri Lanka

The first-ever PhD by Publication program, developed by the Board of Study in Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya, offers a unique path to a doctoral degree. This program allows candidates to submit a collection of their published research papers as their thesis, highlighting their academic contributions and research expertise. The program recognizes and validates the scholarly achievements of candidates through the publication of high-quality research papers, enhances the academic and professional credentials of researchers, enabling them to make significant contributions to their fields, fosters an environment of academic excellence and innovation, encourages candidates to engage in cutting-edge research that addresses real-world challenges and support the professional development of researchers by facilitating the dissemination of their work within the academic community and beyond. The required criteria that need to be fulfilled to obtain the degree are as follows: The publications (a journal article) included in the thesis must be published or accepted for scholarly publication after being peer-reviewed in the following mentioned journal.

a) at least one article in a journal listed in.

- i) Citation Indices (Science Citation Index Expanded or Social Sciences Citation Index or Arts and Humanities Citation Index)
- ii) Association of Business Schools (ABS) -(4* and 4), or
- iii) Australian Business Deans Council (ABDC) journal list - (A or A*) or
- iv) One article in Scopus-indexed (Q1 or Q2) journals

AND

b) two articles in Scopus indexed (Q3 or Above) journals*

The launch ceremony of the program was held on the 24th of October 2024 at the Lotus Tower, Colombo.

10.3.6. Research

a) The Annual International Postgraduate Research Conference (IPRC) – 2024

The Faculty of Graduate Studies of the University of Kelaniya successfully hosted the 24th International Postgraduate Research Conference (IPRC) on 29th November under the theme of “Research and Innovation for Economic Development”. The event served as a platform for academics, researchers, postgraduate students, and industry experts to share their insights on the transformative potential of research and development. Mr. Rajitha Kariyawasan, a leading industrialist, delivered the keynote address on “R&D and Innovation for Economic Development. The Chief Guest, Senior Prof. Kapila Seneviratne, Chairman of the University Grants Commission, alongside Senior Prof. Nilanthi De Silva, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kelaniya, as the Guest of Honor and Senior Professor Sudath R.D. Kalingamudali, Acting Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies graced the event with their presence, offering valuable insights and support. The event was further enriched by the presence of the Deans of the Faculties, Council Members, Registrar, Librarian, Heads of Departments, Professors, and other academic staff, who also joined the occasion. Plenary sessions featuring sharing expertise and insights on various aspects of research and innovation were carried out by three plenary speakers. Dr. Patrick MacNamara, the Executive Director of the United States-Sri Lanka Fulbright Commission, gave his tremendous plenary speech on “Transdisciplinary Research, Creativity, and Innovation for Economic Development”. Ms. Chathini Uduwana, the Country Head and Vice President of Typefi Systems, gave her insightful speech on “Bridging Boundaries: Multidisciplinary Innovation for Economic Growth”, and Dr. B. Satyavara Prasad, Assistant Professor at Banaras Hindu University, gave his precious speech on “Concepts in Percussion Accompaniment in South Indian Carnatic Classic Music.” Accordingly, nineteen (19) parallel sessions were successfully held in six locations, and the conference attracted around 250 abstract submissions, of which 143 were accepted, and 132 were presented. A vibrant community of academics from the University of Kelaniya and visiting experts contributed to the success of the event.

b) The Journal of Multidisciplinary and Translational Research” (JMTR)

The official journal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies after its rebranding in the year 2023, marking a significant milestone in the academic landscape of the University of Kelaniya. Previously, the journal was known as the “Journal of the Faculty of Graduate Studies”, which was renamed the “Journal of Multidisciplinary and Translational Research” (JMTR), reflecting the emergence towards a broader scope and commitment to fostering multidisciplinary research. Established as a pioneering platform in academia, JMTR aims to draw substantial interest from scholars locally and globally, owing to its dedication to bridging disciplinary boundaries and promoting translational research. This open-access, peer-reviewed journal is published biannually by the Faculty of Graduate Studies, reporting complex, cross-disciplinary challenges. JMTR's reputable standing is underscored by its inclusion in key indexing platforms, including Google Scholar, the International Standard Serial Number (ISSN), and Sri Lanka Journals Online (SLJOL) under the National Science Foundation. Additionally, the journal is in the process of applying for indexing in Crossref, DOAJ, and Scopus, a step that would further enhance its reach and impact within the global academic community. JMTR consistently demonstrates a commitment to high-quality scholarship and academic rigour. Volume 9, Issue II (December 2024) of JMTR was published as the latest issue of the journal.

c) The International Research Symposium on Traditional Medicine- AyurEx Colombo 2024

The Faculty of Graduate Studies successfully organized the 2nd International Research Symposium on Traditional Medicine in collaboration with the Department of Ayurveda of the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka, from the 3rd to 5th of May 2024 under the theme “One Health for Sustainable and Healthy Living of humans, animals, and ecosystems”. The symposium brought together a diverse group of scholars, practitioners, and experts in the field of traditional medicine, creating a platform for the exchange of knowledge and insights on sustainable healthcare systems. The event's focus on the interconnectedness of human, animal, and environmental health echoed the global call for a greater approach to health and well-being. The Guest of Honour, Professor Nilanthi de Silva, Vice-Chancellor of the University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, delivered an inspiring address, underscoring the importance of integrating traditional medicine with modern health practices for sustainable health solutions. The Chief Guest, Dr. Susil Premajayantha, Minister of Education, Sri Lanka, highlighted the role of education in promoting traditional medicine and its contributions to the country's healthcare system. The keynote address was delivered by Professor Vaidya Rabinarayan Acharya, Director General of the Central Council for Research in Ayurvedic Sciences (CCRAS), who emphasized the critical role of Ayurvedic research in addressing contemporary health challenges and the importance of collaboration between nations to advance traditional medicine. The Symposium was Chaired by Senior Professor P.A. Paranagama and Co-Chaired by Senior Professor N.A.K.P.J. Senevirathne, and the event was co-organized by Dr. Dammika Abeygunawardana, Commissioner General of the Department of Ayurveda, Sri Lanka.

d) Pre-Conference Workshop: Advanced Analytical Instrumentation for the Analysis and Authentication of Medicine and Plant Extracts

As an introductory phase of the flagship event AyurEx 2024, a pre-conference workshop was held on April 24, 2024. This workshop was a collaborative effort between the Faculty of Graduate Studies (FGS) and the CKDu Information and Research Centre, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. The inauguration of the workshop was conducted by Senior Professor N. A. K. P. J. Seneviratne, Dean of the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Kelaniya, and Dr. Dammika Abeygunawardana, Ayurveda Commissioner, Department of Ayurveda, Ministry of Health. The event was coordinated by Professor W.A.P.J. Premarathne. The workshop was focused on "Advanced Analytical Instrumentation for the Analysis and Authentication of Medicine and Plant Extracts," covering key techniques such as HPLC, ICP-MS, and GC. Participants engaged in comprehensive sessions on sample preparation, analysis, and troubleshooting, supplemented by theoretical knowledge essential for mastering these advanced analytical methods. The expertise of resource persons provided participants with a thorough understanding of the methodologies and practical applications of these analytical techniques. A diverse group of over 80 participants attended the workshop, benefiting from hands-on training and expert guidance. At the conclusion of the workshop, participants were awarded certificates in recognition of their active participation and newly acquired skills.

10.3.7. Digitalization

a) Voucher and budget management system

The FGS successfully implemented the first-ever online budget and voucher system in the state universities to facilitate efficient and effective management of the processes related to postgraduate program budgets and vouchers. Continuous improvements to the system were carried out throughout the year to strengthen the services.

b) MPhil/PhD System and implementation of total payment solution

Financial and regulatory approval was obtained from the Council to digitalize the MPhil and PhD degree-related processes. Accordingly, the requirement specification, planning and development of the system commenced in early 2023. Further, as a subsystem to the MPhil/PhD system, a series of discussions were held with the People's Bank to introduce a total payment solution package for the stakeholders. It includes online and offline real-time payment updates, corporate banking, QR-based payments, the introduction of Point of Sales (POS) machines, etc. The process was planned to launch last year but delayed in granting access from the ICT centre and providing approval by the Finance divisions, the work could not be completed within the projected time.

c) Management Information System of the coursework degree programs

The system was introduced in 2016, and the FGS launched the enhanced version of the Management Information System (MIS) on the 7th of November 2024 at the Senate Room, designed to optimize user interaction and expedite administrative tasks. The updated MIS includes advanced functionalities that simplify procedures, provide automated notifications via email and SMS, and offer user-friendly interfaces that benefit students, program coordinators, and other stakeholders alike. Dr. Gamini Wijayarathne from the Department of Software Engineering, Faculty of Computing and Technology, served as the Chief Consultant for this project. The 16-digit code was launched in 2021, and it resulted in a reduction in unidentified income from postgraduate programs for the years 2023-2024.

10.3.8. Academic collaboration with foreign partners

a) MBA offered in Bangladesh

The University of Kelaniya has had its partnership with the Cambrian International Study Centre (CISC), Bangladesh, since 2019. With this collaboration, the MBA program is offered in Bangladesh, and four batches were recruited up to 2024. A landmark moment stems from an agreement, the First graduate of the Postgraduate programs for Bangladeshi students, Mrs. Nahida Akter, was awarded the Master of Business Administration (MBA) Degree during the University's 145th Convocation, held on the 25th of September 2024 at the Bandaranaike Memorial International Conference Hall (BMICH) in Colombo.

b) MPhil/PhD Programs offered in Bangladesh

In November 2022, a separate agreement was signed with the same institute to offer MPhil and PhD programs of the FGS, University of Kelaniya. By the end of 2024, five MPhil/PhD students were registered out of 32 applications received from Bangladesh. The rest of the applicants are in the process of registration.

c) Collaborative Agreement between the University of Kelaniya (UoK) and the Kyoto College of Graduate School for Informatics (KCGI), Japan

As part of the ongoing collaboration between the University of Kelaniya and Kyoto College of Graduate School for Informatics on an agreement which was established in 2019 to further strengthen the partnership and promote academic and research development, a team from KCGI visited the University of Kelaniya in 2024 and discussed continuing efforts to advance the initiatives, further develop the partnership, explore new opportunities for cooperation, and ensure the success of joint academic projects as well as strengthening the collaboration.

10.3.9. Management guide for postgraduate degree programs

The Postgraduate Management Guide was developed to streamline and standardize management processes for postgraduate programs. This guide serves as a comprehensive manual, addressing each stage of the postgraduate management process with precision and clarity. By offering structured guidelines, the guide minimizes inconsistencies and enables coordinators to move beyond reliance on past practices. The guide ensures operational continuity and a smooth transition for both new and experienced coordinators alike by covering the entire spectrum of postgraduate program coordination from initial appointment to final administrative tasks. Key contributors to the guide include Senior Professor N.A.K.P.J. Seneviratne as Editor-in-Chief, along with Editorial Board members Dr. Prabhashini Wijewantha from the Department of Human Resource Management, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, and Mr. K. B. S. L. Wijeratne, Deputy Registrar of FGS. The guide was launched on 07th of November 2024.

10.3.10. Development of guidelines and policies

Although the FGS has published guidelines for postgraduate programs, directions for some of the key areas were missing. Therefore, from time to time, the FGS prepared guidelines and submitted them to the Faculty Board and Senate for approval. The guidelines and policies included directions for the students, supervisors, examiners, and other relevant stakeholders. Accordingly, the following policies, guidelines, forms, formats, and templates were developed and obtained approval.

- Conducting online examinations for students residing overseas and for other valid reasons.
- Availability of MPhil/ PhD and other postgraduate programs on a full-time basis.
- Request approval for the alternation of the name for the Journal published by the Faculty of Graduate Studies.
- Notification of Faculty Board decision- Inconsistent in information and contradiction on the student handbooks/ prospectus developed by the program coordinators.
- Conducting online examinations for students residing overseas and for other valid reasons.
- Expediting the issuance of awaiting/ pending results/ graduate records.
- Issuing examination results-related documents by the coordinators of postgraduate programs.

10.3.11. Skills Development Program 2024

The Skills Development program for MPhil/PhD students was successfully completed during the year. Apart from the MPhil and PhD students at the University, many external candidates participated in the program. The program aimed to improve postgraduate students' skills in information literacy, research methodologies, scientific writing, and statistical analysis. There were 418 applicants from several streams. 89 from Commerce & Business Management, 18 from Computing, 79 from Humanities, 58 from Science, 99 from Social Sciences, 35 from Medical Sciences, etc. Out of 418, 125 candidates were registered, and 74 students successfully completed the program after facing the evaluation session.

10.3.12. By-laws for postgraduate programs

A formal guide and a committee were appointed to prepare by-laws for postgraduate programs. Accordingly, the first draft was completed by the end of 2024.

10.3.13. Conducting Research to meet United Nation's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)

All MPhil/PhD projects were aligned to meet the sustainable development goals introduced by the United Nations. A mechanism was established to identify the relevant SDG covered by the particular research at the time of submission of higher degree research applications and the proposal defense.

10.3.14. Infrastructure Development

Due to the growing demands and expansion of the FGS's activities, a new extension to the FGS building was constructed in 2023. It was furnished, office equipment was purchased in the year 2024, and the new office space was utilized for the operations of the FGS.

Senior Professor S.R.D. Kalingamudali
Acting Dean / Faculty of Graduate Studies

10.4. Faculty of Humanities

10.4.1. Vision

To become a Centre of Excellence in the field of Humanities.

10.4.2. Mission

To strengthen human resources through education and research in the fields of language, arts, and religion.

10.4.3. Overview of Organizational Structure

The Faculty of Humanities of the University of Kelaniya is composed of an exquisite blend of cultures, traditions, and languages that reflects its multi-linguistic, multi-cultural approach to the study of culture and civilization, and it is composed of the following departments:

- Department of Drama, Cinema, and Television
- Department of English
- Department of English Language Teaching
- Department of Fine Arts
- Department of Hindi Studies
- Department of Linguistics
- Department of Modern Languages
- Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies
- Department of Sanskrit & Eastern Studies
- Department of Sinhala
- Department of Western Classical Culture & Christian Culture
- Education Unit

10.4.4. Programs of Study Offered by the Faculty

Table 40: Students by program of study of the Faculty of Humanities

No	Program of Study	Overall Student Numbers			
		2022/23	2021/22	2020/21	2019/20
1	Bachelor of Arts General Degree Programme	529	556	525	169
2	Bachelor of Arts in Business and Academic Chinese	-	-	-	66
3	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Film and Television Studies	57	57	63	67
4	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Buddhist Culture	-	13	-	12
5	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Buddhist Philosophy	-	12	2	14
6	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Buddhist Psychology	-	-	-	10
7	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Christian Culture	-	3	5	4
8	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Computer Studies	-	-	-	4
9	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Drama and Theatre	-	-	-	13
10	Bachelor of Arts Honours in English	-	5	11	15
11	Bachelor of Arts Honours in French	-	-	8	8
12	Bachelor of Arts Honours in German	-	-	-	22
13	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Hindi	-	11	13	11

Table 40: (continued).

14	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Image Arts	-	-	-	7
15	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Japanese	-	-	-	16
16	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Korean	-	-	-	15
17	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Linguistics	-	-	-	13
18	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Literary Criticism	-	5	2	1
19	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Performing Arts (Dancing)	-	-	-	33
20	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Pali	-	5	12	7
21	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Performing Arts (Music)	-	12	6	12
22	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Russian	-	7	8	2
23	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Sanskrit	-	8	11	9
24	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Sinhala	-	-	-	76
25	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Teaching English as a Second Language	38	38	47	39
26	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Translation Studies	28	28	41	28
27	Bachelor of Arts Honours in VāstuShāstra	-	-	-	32
28	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Visual Arts (Arts, Computer Design)	-	-	-	19
29	Bachelor of Arts Honours in Western Classical Culture	-	6	8	2
Total		652	766	762	726

10.4.5. Details of the Academic Staff Members of the Faculty

At the end of 2024, the Faculty of Humanities had 116 academic staff in the permanent cadre and 75 in the temporary cadre. Close to half the academic staff (45.38%) have doctoral degrees, while about one-quarter (23.53%) hold the rank of Professor or Senior Professor. Female staff members account for 56 of the 116 academic staff (47.06%).

10.4.6. Research

These Conferences organized by the Faculty / Departments in 2024

- The Humanities Undergraduate Research Symposium 2023 was held on the 20th of February 2024.
- The National Conference on Sinhala Studies (NCSS) 2023 was held on the 24th of October 2024.

10.4.7. Partnerships with Industry and Other Stakeholders in Relevant Fields

A Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) has been signed between the Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies and the Buddha Dhamma Centre at the University of Hong Kong.

Dr. Sudath Senarath
Dean/ Faculty of Humanities

10.5. Faculty of Medicine

10.5.1. Vision

To be a global leader in health professions education, research, and healthcare promoting holistic and sustainable health and well-being.

10.5.2. Mission

To foster a dynamic and inclusive learning environment for developing healthcare professionals committed to advancing education, pioneering research, and delivering compassionate healthcare while promoting sustainable development and enhancing community well-being nationally and globally through collaboration, innovation, and ethical practices.

10.5.3. Organizational structure

The Faculty consists of 17 departments: Anatomy, Biochemistry, Physiology, Parasitology, Clinical Microbiology, Pathology, Pharmacology, Forensic Medicine, Public Health, Family Medicine, Psychiatry, Paediatrics, Medicine, Surgery, Gynaecology and Obstetrics, Medical Education, and Disability Studies.

The Molecular Medicine Unit and Rickettsial and Vector-Borne Disease Laboratories provide diagnostic services and conduct research on infectious diseases. Several other laboratories, including those specializing in Infertility, Gastrointestinal Disorders, Autonomic Function, Haematology, Histopathology, Cytopathology, and Microbiology, primarily offer diagnostic services while also contributing to clinical research. Additionally, the Natural Product Screening Laboratory, Clinical Trials Unit, and Biodosimetry Laboratories serve as dedicated research centers.

The Faculty also operates several specialized healthcare facilities that provide tertiary care of excellence, including Lama Piyasa (Child Protection Unit), the Thalassaemia Centre, the Stroke Unit, the Ayati Centre, and the Colombo North Centre for Liver Disease. The Health Data Sciences Unit, established in 2021/2022, enhances information technology skills and supports faculty research activities.

To foster student engagement and well-being, a Student Affairs Division has been established to oversee extracurricular activities, student counselling, career guidance, and welfare services. Furthermore, the 'Peace Point' Student Wellbeing Centre was launched, staffed by two full-time student counsellors, to support students dealing with academic stress and personal challenges.

10.5.4. Programs of Study and Students

The five-year MBBS programme follows an organ system-based, integrated curriculum, structured into three study phases, each concluding with a bar examination. The curriculum consists of five key components: Information Technology and English, Basic and Applied Sciences, Professional Development and Family Medicine, Community Health, and the Clinical Skills Strand. The MBBS programme has been accredited by the Sri Lanka Medical Council's Accreditation Unit, which is recognized by the World Federation for Medical Education

(WFME). It was rated “very satisfactory – satisfactory” in all eight assessed standards and received a “Good” grade based on its percentage-weighted score.

The Faculty also offers the BSc in Speech & Hearing Sciences (SHS), the first approved professional training programme in Sri Lanka for Speech & Language Therapy and Audiology. This four-year programme, structured on a course unit system, provides students with comprehensive clinical training. The Ayati Centre, a key training facility, has registered over 14,000 clients, supporting SHS students as well as other allied health professionals. In addition, students gain clinical exposure at several Ministry of Health teaching hospitals.

In 2024, the 29th batch of MBBS students (2016/2017 intake) and the 12th batch of BSc (SHS) students graduated. A total of 203 students from the 34th batch (2022/23 intake) registered for the MBBS programme and commenced academic activities on 30th January 2023. Eighty-two students from the 16th batch of the BSc (SHS) programme began their orientation programme on 26th June 2023, along with 41 students from the second batch of the Occupational Therapy degree programme. As of December 2023, the total undergraduate student population stands at 1,664, comprising 1,207 MBBS students, 334 SHS students, and 123 Occupational Therapy students, including 25 Bhutanese students. This represents an increase of 124 students compared to 2023, with 73 additional MBBS students, 29 in the SHS programme, and 36 in the Occupational Therapy programme.

The Faculty offers several postgraduate programmes, including the Master of Public Health (Epidemiology) and research-based PhD and MPhil degrees in medical sciences. It also serves as a training hub for MD trainees from the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, supporting multiple medical specialties. The 7th batch of the Master of Public Health (Epidemiology) programme was registered in 2024.

Additionally, the Faculty collaborates with the Centre for Distance and Continuing Education to offer two external degree programmes, the BSc in Occupational Therapy and the BSc in Physiotherapy, with the third batch of 24 students currently enrolled in the BSc Physiotherapy programme. The Faculty, in partnership with the Faculty of Social Sciences, also offers a Higher Diploma in Crime Investigation for police officers, now in its second batch. Furthermore, a Diploma in Paramedical Sciences for Emergency Medical Technicians was introduced in collaboration with the Suwasariya Foundation and the Ministry of Health, providing specialized training for emergency medical staff.

10.5.5. Academic staff

The Faculty has 126 permanent academic staff members, approximately 40 temporary staff, and over 50 visiting staff, including consultants, speech therapists, audiologists, and occupational therapists affiliated with teaching hospitals. Despite some recruitments in 2024, the retirement of two senior academics, including Chair Professors, along with the resignation of four academic staff members and restrictions on new recruitments, resulted in no significant improvement in the number of permanent staff.

The academic staff consists of 53 Senior Professors/Professors (42%), 48 Senior Lecturers/Lecturers (confirmed) (38%), and 25 Probationary Lecturers/Lecturers (unconfirmed) (20%). As of December 2024, the cadre chair positions in 14 departments remain filled.

10.5.6. Research

The Faculty takes great pride in its research excellence, consistently ranking among the top medical faculties in Sri Lanka. In 2024, it was recognized among the top 1,000 medical schools worldwide and ranked within the top three medical faculties in Sri Lanka by the Times Higher Education ranking. Furthermore, four senior faculty members were named among the top 2% of researchers worldwide by Stanford University, reflecting the institution's strong research impact.

The Faculty has made significant contributions to the university's e-repository, with 202 research outputs in 2024 alone, including 181 journal articles, 19 conference abstracts, 02 book chapters. The majority of the journal articles are indexed I Scopus.

In 2024, the Faculty secured 9 internal research grants from the University of Kelaniya, amounting to LKR 3,250,000. Additionally, more than 20 external research grants were in operation, with funding from several prestigious organizations, including the World Health Organization (WHO), National Science Foundation (NSF), International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA), National Research Council (NRC), and the National Institute for Health and Care Research (NIHR) in the United Kingdom. The Faculty's research portfolio also includes projects related to Thalassaemia, Biomass, Global Health Challenges, LEAPS, Child Fund, BTI, child sex tourism (ELBS), and food environment research, with funding from organizations such as the Cerebral Palsy Alliance (Australia) and the Research Foundation of Cerebral Palsy Alliance. These research efforts highlight the Faculty's ongoing commitment to advancing medical knowledge and addressing critical global health challenges.

10.5.7. Infrastructure development and digitalization

The construction of the liver transplant hospital, which began in 2021, faced delays due to the economic and fuel crisis but was resumed with the support of donors. The facility is expected to be operational by early 2024. This model hospital, owned by the University of Kelaniya, operates in close collaboration with the Ministry of Health and the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. Other construction projects undertaken during the year primarily involved minor additions, refurbishments, and rehabilitation work to improve existing infrastructure.

The Faculty also maintains a land area under an MOU with the trustees of the adjacent Child Development Center, which has now been developed into a fully-fledged vegetable garden. Efforts are also underway to transform this space into an area for outdoor leisure and aerobic exercises, promoting student and staff well-being.

Significant progress has been made in the digitalization of administrative processes, particularly in the timetabling of student educational activities and the scheduling of examinations and meetings. These initiatives have streamlined administrative workflows, reducing the workload for academic and non-academic staff, enhancing efficiency, and improving auditing processes. The Health Data Sciences Unit (HDSU) has played a key role in developing these software programs in-house, eliminating additional costs for the university. Further digital advancements include the development of a vehicle management system and a hostel allocation system, both created using internal human resources.

Additionally, the Departments of Pathology and Anatomy have initiated museum and laboratory sessions for external educational institutions, generating additional revenue while enhancing their educational outreach.

10.5.8. Future Prospects

The Faculty has initiated a project to introduce a fee-levying consultancy service for patients, aimed at enhancing the Faculty's social responsibility while also strengthening the faculty development fund. This service is scheduled to commence in 2025.

Efforts to attract more foreign students to the MBBS programme appear to be yielding positive results, with a noticeable increase in the number of qualified foreign applicants for the upcoming intake.

The Faculty also plans to modernize the strategic approach of the library, transforming it into a comprehensive knowledge center and a hub for supporting research.

Additionally, student learning facilities will be upgraded to enrich the educational experience, ensuring that students have access to an improved learning environment.

The Faculty remains committed to continuous curriculum enhancement through quality assurance (QA) processes and necessary revisions, ensuring that the planned and delivered curricula remain relevant and aligned with evolving educational and professional standards.

Professor Madawa Chandratilake
Dean / Faculty of Medicine

10.6. Faculty of Science

10.6.1. Mission

The mission of the Faculty of Science at the University of Kelaniya is to produce highly motivated graduates and postgraduates capable of making significant contributions to national development and the well-being of humanity. The faculty also aims to conduct research and provide advisory and consultancy services in various scientific disciplines, fostering a better understanding of the environment to promote sustainable use and conservation of natural resources.

10.6.2. Introduction of the Faculty

The Faculty of Science, established in 1967, is one of the seven faculties at the University of Kelaniya. Currently, the Faculty of Science comprises eight academic departments: Chemistry, Industrial Management, Mathematics, Microbiology, Physics and Electronics, Plant and Molecular Biology, Statistics & Computer Science, and Zoology and Environmental Management. Additionally, it includes two units, namely the Software Engineering Teaching Unit and the Sports & Exercise Science Unit.

The Faculty offers five, three-year Bachelor of Science Degree Programmes and twenty four-year Bachelor of Science Honours Degree Programmes. The annual intake is 1,136 students, with 221 and 362 students admitted to the Biological Science and Physical Science streams of the BSc degree programme, respectively. Students are also enrolled through separate windows for specific Honours programmes such as 60 for BSc Honours in Applied Chemistry, 80 for BSc Honours in Electronics and Computer Science, 109 for BSc in Environmental Conservation and Management, 119 for BSc Honours in Management and Information Technology/Information Technology, 76 for BSc in Physics and Electronics, 59 for BSc Honours in Software Engineering, and 50 for BSc Honours in Sports Science.

The total enrolment for the Academic Year 2022/2023 was 991 students. In 2024, the Department of Physics and Electronics introduced the BSc Honours in Electronics programme and began enrolling students for the Computer Science and Electronics specialisation of the BSc Honours in Electronics and Computer Science programme.

The Faculty underwent programme reviews, as clusters, in 2024 for its BSc and BSc Honours degrees in Biochemistry, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Computer Studies, Mathematical Physics, Mathematics, Microbiology, Molecular Biology and Plant Biotechnology, Physics, Statistics, and Zoology.

The final report for the cluster, which included the BSc (Physical Science Stream), BSc Honours in Mathematical Physics, BSc Honours in Mathematics, and BSc Honours in Physics, has been received. The overall performance was rated as Very Good, with a total score of 85.62%, earning an "A" grade.

The Faculty currently offers 12 postgraduate programmes (10 MSc and 2 Master's), which include appropriate early exit and fallback options for Master's and/or Diploma qualifications. Additionally, the Faculty offers a Diploma Programme. It serves 3,176 undergraduates, supported by 139 academic staff, 3 academic support staff, and 83 non-academic staff members.

10.6.3. Highlights of the Year 2024

The Faculty of Science received the following awards in the year 2024.

a) The Sri Lanka Association for the Advancement of Science (SLAAS) Award for Innovation and Commercialisation, presented by the General Research Committee (GRC) of SLAAS, is a lifetime achievement award recognising Sri Lankan scientists for excellence in innovation and commercialisation. In 2024, this prestigious award was conferred upon Senior Professor SRD Kalingamudali during the 80th Annual Session of SLAAS.

b) Presidential Awards for Inventions (2017–2020):

- Bronze Medal (Applied Sciences and Technology): Senior Professor SRD Kalingamudali.
- Bronze Medal (Traditional Medicine): Senior Professor (Ms) JA Liyanage.
- Bronze Medal & Merit (Food Technology): Senior Professor NAKPJ Seneviratne and Professor (Ms) N Jayathilaka.

c) The Best Scientific Award in the Potential of Mangroves to Contain Climate Change track at the 2nd International Conference on Mangroves for Sustainability (ICMS) was conferred to Dr (Ms) KHWL De Silva.

d) The American Phytopathological Society Foundation Award (2024), the International Travel Fund, was awarded to Professor (Ms) RN Attanayake.

e) Professor (Ms) RN Attanayake was among the top 100 Asian Scientists in 2024.

f) The SLAAS Prestigious Award for Postgraduate Research, presented by the GRC of SLAAS for 2024, was conferred upon Mr Pubudu Jayasekara during the 80th Annual Session of SLAAS.

g) The following two Patents were granted by the NIPO, with the inventors being Dr JA Seneviratne, Professor ALAK Ranaweera, Professor KMDC Jayathilaka, Senior Professor LBDRP Wijesundera, and Senior Professor SRD Kalingamudali.

- Addressable, Reliable and Bidirectional Data Communication System for Internet of Things (IoT) and Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) Applications Based on Controller Area Network (CAN) Protocol to Monitor, Control and Visualise Real-time Data on a Local or Remote Dashboard (Patent No 22424)
- AI-based Smart LP Gas Level Indicator (Patent No 22121)

h) The following Faculty members received the National Science Foundation (NSF) Support Scheme for Supervision of Research Degrees (SUSRED) Award 2023.

- Senior Professor (Ms) PA Paranagama
- Senior Professor Sudath RD Kalingamudali
- Senior Professor NAKPJ Seneviratne
- Professor (Ms) N Jayathilaka
- Professor (Ms) DSM de Silva
- Professor (Ms) KPRN Attanayake
- Professor ALAK Ranaweera
- Professor (Ms) IVN Ratnayake

- Professor (Ms) WMAP Halmillawewa
- Professor MP Deeyamulla
- Dr (Ms) HM Herath
- Dr (Ms) RP Wanigatunga

The Faculty secured eight new research grants in 2024, totalling LKR 3.36 M (University-funded) and USD 22,513 (World Academy of Science). Ongoing grants include LKR 2.15 M (University) and LKR 3.5 M (National Research Council).

The Faculty has successfully concluded two international conferences. The International Conference on Applied and Pure Sciences-ICAPS 2024, organised by the Faculty of Science, was held on 11 October 2024, focusing on "Fostering Multidisciplinary Research towards Innovation, Invention, and Commercialisation". The 7th International Research Conference on Smart Computing and Systems Engineering, organised by the Department of Industrial Management, took place on 4 April 2024.

The Microcontrollers and Embedded Electronics Laboratory, associated with the course BECS 31421, has been equipped with PIC microcontrollers, motor drivers, breadboards, power supplies, and other essential electronic equipment. The Department of Zoology and Environmental Management has developed a laboratory for Occupational Health and Safety and a display laboratory for Geological Studies. Additionally, the construction of a new lecture theatre complex for the Faculty is underway, enhancing facilities for Student-Centered Learning activities within the Faculty of Science.

The Department of Industrial Management successfully partnered with CODETerriers, CrowdSnap, Hirdaramani, MAS-Stretch Line, Pagero, and Seylan Bank for workshops, student research, student development projects, and tech talks.

10.6.4. Academic Collaborations with International Partners

- The Department of Industrial Management has initiated a research collaboration with Yamaguchi University, Japan.
- The Department of Zoology and Environmental Management signed an MoU between the University and Nalanda University, India.
- Professor (Ms) RN Attanayake of the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology is collaborating on ongoing research with Colorado State University and the University of Georgia, USA.
- Professor (Ms) DADA Daranagama of the Department of Plant and Molecular Biology is collaborating on ongoing research with Chiang Mai University, Thailand, and the Centre for Yunnan Plateau Biological Resources Protection and Utilization, Qujing Normal University, China.

Due to the dedication and hard work of both staff and students, the Faculty of Science at the University of Kelaniya has emerged as a Centre of Excellence in Tertiary Education in Sri Lanka. The Faculty has cultivated an environment encouraging freedom of thought, innovation, and creativity. Graduates from the Faculty of Science, equipped with these qualities, are poised to make significant contributions to global progress and the well-being of humanity.

In alignment with its mission, the Faculty of Science has been providing exceptional services to prepare and produce scholars and professionals with the skills, capabilities, and attitudes necessary to drive the economy, support civil society and government, and make critical decisions in the interest of humankind.

Senior Professor S.R.D. Kalingamudali
Dean / Faculty of Science

10.7. Faculty of Social Sciences

10.7.1. Vision

To maintain excellence by nurturing independent thought, critical analysis, awareness of social responsibility, respect for cultural diversity, and ethical values through multi-disciplinary and inter-disciplinary collaboration with a commitment to the development of Sri Lanka and South Asia in general.

10.7.2. Mission

To advance and promote the socio-economic, political, cultural, and academic development of Sri Lankan society through teaching, research, innovation, and intellectual leadership.

10.7.3. Overview

The Faculty of Social Sciences is one of the oldest and the largest faculty in the University of Kelaniya. Although it was instituted as a separate Faculty in the academic year 1981/82, the history of the Faculty goes back to the origin of Vidyalkara University.

In its initial stage, Vidyalkara University, the predecessor to the University of Kelaniya, comprised several faculties, among them the Faculty of Arts, which later divided into two, namely, the Faculty of Social Sciences and the Faculty of Humanities. Due to their common origin, these two faculties continue to maintain a strong and interconnected relationship.

The academic staff of the departments represents a fine blend of academicians and professionals. While the traditional disciplines of History, Archeology, Geography, Philosophy, Economics, and Sociology strengthen the academic content of the faculty, the other departments like Mass Communication, International Studies, Library & Information Science, Social Statistics, Sport Science & Physical Education have opened their doors to professionals. The Faculty of Social Sciences at the University of Kelaniya was the first to house the Department of Mass Communication and the Department of Sport Science & Physical Education in a university in Sri Lanka.

The Faculty currently consists of and delivers its services under the following 13 academic departments.

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| 1. Department of Archaeology | 8. Department of Sociology |
| 2. Department of Economics | 9. Department of Social Statistics |
| 3. Department of History | 10. Department of Sports Science and Physical Education |
| 4. Department of International Studies | 11. Department of Geography |
| 5. Department of Library and Information Science | 12. Department of Mass Communication |
| 6. Department of Philosophy | 13. Department of Information Technology |
| 7. Department of Political Science | |

The Faculty offers Bachelor's degrees in 18 subject areas. Students enrolled can either follow the general degree program or the Honors degree program in a specific subject stream based on academic excellence. The Faculty of Social Sciences offers postgraduate degree programs for students to complete a one-year Master's degree program in Arts and a two-year Master in Social Sciences degree program. Moreover, researchers and academia can enroll and work on their Master of Philosophy and Doctor of Philosophy degrees.

10.7.4. Diploma Courses Offered by the Faculty

1. Diploma in GIS
2. Diploma in Disaster Management
3. Diploma in History
4. Diploma in International Studies
5. Diploma in Information Management and Technology
6. Diploma in Library and Information Science
7. Diploma in Mass Communication
8. Diploma in Public Relations and Media Management
9. Diploma in Counselling
10. Diploma in Correction and Rehabilitation for Prison Officers (DCRP)
11. Diploma in Sport Management
12. Diploma in Physical Education and Sport Management
13. Diploma in Information Technology (for internal undergraduates on the basis of free of charge)
14. Higher Diploma in Library and Information Science
15. Higher Diploma in Communication and Public Relations
16. Higher Diploma in Correction and Rehabilitation
17. Higher Diploma in Physical Education and Sport Management
18. Postgraduate Diploma in Public Relations and Media Management

10.7.5. Master's Degree Programs Offered by the Faculty⁸

The Faculty of Social Sciences offers the following one-year and two-year programmes through the Faculty of Graduate Studies:

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| 1. MA and MSSc in Archaeology | 6. MA and MSSc in Philosophy |
| 2. MA and MSSc in Economics | 7. MA and MSSc in Political Science |
| 3. MA and MSSc in History | 8. MA and MSSc in Sociology |
| 4. MA and MSSc in Library and Information Science | 9. MA and MSSc in Geography |
| 5. MA and MSSc in Mass Communication | |

⁸ The existing curricula of Master's degree programmes are being revised at the moment. Therefore, the names of the two degree programmes will be changed by the next year.

10.7.6. Highlights of the Year 2024

There was a modest improvement in the publication output of the academic staff within the faculty in the year 2024.

Notably, the following symposia, workshops, seminars, meetings, and discussions were held during the year 2024, and they were organized by the Departments of Archaeology, Geography, Library and Information Science, Mass Communication, Sociology, Sport Science and Physical Education, and the RCSS.

- Undergraduate Research Symposium of Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya (URSS-2024).
- International Seminar on Social Issues and Challenges in Current Scenario: A Multi-Disciplinary Approach (ISSICCS 2024).
- 3rd International River Congress (IRC-).
- 5th Annual Meeting with Kanazawa and Chukyo Universities in Japan
- National Workshop on "Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Library Professionals".
- Mendeley Workshop Series – 01.
- China-Sri Lanka Academic Exchange Workshop by the Department of Geography.
- "MACO Social Bridge" by the Department of Mass Communication.
- Inaugural Workshop on Climate Change Action
- Cross-Cultural Academic Exchange between the University of Kelaniya and Chukyo University, Japan.
- Polonnaruwa Archaeology and Anthropology Urban Landscape Project (PAAULP) 2024.
- Special Guest Lecture on "Why Masculinity?: Exploring Men, Desire, and UK Sex Clubs"

Moreover, the revised curricula of postgraduate degree programs (MA/ MSSC) were submitted to the UGC for approval.

10.7.7. Awards

Snr. Prof. Prishanta Gunawardhana has been awarded the best original academic and research text of the year 2023 for the book of 'Low-Density Urbanism' at the State Literary Awards 2024.

10.7.8. Future Prospects

The Faculty of Social Sciences plans to update the curricula for all undergraduate degree programs in 2025. Additionally, there is an anticipation of seeking opportunities to form academic partnerships with international universities. Furthermore, encourage all the faculty's academic staff to engage in research aligned with Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and publish their research findings in high-impact scholarly journals in the upcoming year, 2025.

Professor M.M. Gunatilake

Dean / Faculty of Social Sciences

10.8. The Library

The year 2024 marked an important period for the University of Kelaniya library, characterized by noteworthy events that unfolded throughout the year. Through a series of impactful activities, the library successfully provided an exceptional information service to the academic community, supporting the university's endeavours in teaching, learning, and research. This report highlights the library's achievements, initiatives, and contributions throughout the year.

The annual budget allocation for the library in 2024 was Rs. 6,000,000.00, which was utilized for the purchase of books, periodicals, and databases. The library acquired 128 printed books and 4 e-books at a cost of Rs. 517,756.01. The library renewed subscriptions to key databases such as EBSCO Host, JSTOR, and Research4Life, spending Rs. 7,833,966.81. The amount for purchasing books and periodicals was granted by the university utilizing treasury funds. Users were provided with remote access to the databases via the Shibboleth gateway.

In 2024, the library received 263 books as donations from 63 donors, with a total value of Rs. 355,240.00. These donations spanned various disciplines, including arts, humanities, sciences, and social sciences.

The Subject Liaison Librarians played a crucial role in elevating the quality of academic publications by assisting in reviewing submissions for VC awards (56 applications), professorship applications (06 applications), and Senate awards. Their expertise contributed significantly to maintaining the standard of research endeavours.

The Subject Liaison Library Service worked closely with all six faculties, offering a range of services such as answering user queries, conducting training sessions, and providing writing assistance. In 2024, subject liaison librarians responded to 252 discipline-based user inquiries through various channels and supplied 92 articles and book chapters via the Document Delivery Service. Additionally, they organized 55 user education programs and 02 public webinars, contributing to the academic development of the university community. The library's bookshop, established to sell books authored by the university's academic staff, sold 84 books valued at Rs. 58,425.00 during 2024.

To support the enhancement of writing skills, the library invested in a premium Grammarly subscription at a cost of USD 3,600 in 2024 and for 600 users, catering to various categories of university members. Furthermore, the library facilitated the acquisition of Turnitin, a plagiarism detection tool, for academic purposes, benefiting 2,500 users at a cost of USD 11,001.78. The usage statistics of the library for the year 2024 are summarized in Table 41.

Table 41: Usage statistics of the library

Section/Service	Statistics
Number of visits made by the members who used the Lending Services	157,954
Number of books returned	42,518
Number of books borrowed	40,701
Number of visits made by the members who used the Reference Services	303,808
Number of visits made by the members who used the Permanent Reference Materials	4,855
Number of visits made by the members who used the Periodicals	4,586
Number of visits made by the members who used the Information Commons	147,011
Number of visits made by the members who used the Library Museum	364
Number of visits made by the members who used the Sri Lankan Collection	10,958
Number of visits made by the members who used the Interactive & Collaborative Learning Unit	3,511

Technological advancements:

Technological advancements were a key focus in 2024. The implementation of the KOHA Library Management System expanded the services of the library by introducing an in/out system to monitor user entry and exit. This system facilitated the collection of user statistics on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis, providing valuable insights into library usage patterns.

Within the Technical Services section, the library processed 1,334 books, issued 44 ISBNs, and issued 18 ISSN for publications by academic staff members and university-printed publications.

Furthermore, the library added 1,712 research outputs, including 11 theses and dissertations, to the university's institutional repository. 82 past papers of the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, 632 past papers of the Faculty of Humanities, 74 past papers of the Faculty of Medicine, 393 past papers of the Faculty of Science, and 364 past papers of the Faculty of Social Sciences were uploaded into the Past Paper Repository during 2024.

Postgraduate Library, attached to the Faculty of Science, completed the automation process of all library books through the KOHA Library Management System in 2024. A total of 7,944 users have visited the library in 2024.

A noteworthy endeavor focused on fostering inclusivity within the library was the implementation of the audiobook project. This ambitious project successfully converted 80 key texts into audio formats, specifically designed to support visually impaired students. In an effort to further tailor resources to meet the needs of these students, the library meticulously curated a collection of 50 subject-specific readings. These resources were selected to provide enriched academic support, ensuring that visually impaired students received equitable access to essential learning materials.

The launch of the library's mobile app marked a significant advancement in enhancing the accessibility and convenience of library services for both students and staff. By the close of 2024, the app had attracted over 10,450 users, reflecting its widespread acceptance and utility. The app integrates several useful features, including remote access to the KOHA system, the online catalogue, the e-Repository, subscribed databases, as well as e-books and e-journals. Additionally, the "Ask a Librarian" function facilitates direct communication with library staff, ensuring that help is readily available. The app's "Notification" feature is particularly beneficial, as it keeps the library community updated with the latest news, events, and essential announcements, reinforcing the library's role as a hub of information. The newly established interactive and collaborative learning area specifically designed for undergraduates equipped with advanced digital resources that support a wide range of academic activities, including research, individual learning, and group collaboration with 03 information saloons, each capable of accommodating up to 21 students, providing a comfortable and conducive environment for academic engagement was utilized by over 3,500 students in 2024, illustrating its effectiveness in meeting the academic and collaborative needs of the student body. This initiative not only enhanced the physical infrastructure of the library but also significantly contributed to the academic success and engagement of the students.

Research and publications:

The library hosted the 2nd Multidisciplinary Desk Research Conference (DRC 2024) on the 25th of October 2024, at the Faculty of Computing and Technology, University of Kelaniya.

The conference was conducted to advance research endeavours grounded in secondary data and secondary information sources. The conference encompassed a comprehensive array of disciplines, spanning Agriculture, Arts and Humanities, Commerce and Management Studies, Science, Technology, Medicine, and Social Sciences. A total of 97 full papers were presented during 9 parallel technical sessions conducted in both English and Sinhala languages. A remarkable highlight of the event was the launch of the 2nd volume of the biannual journal titled "The Journal of Desk Research Review and Analysis" (ISSN: 3030-7007, e-ISSN: 3030-7015), consisting of two issues. This momentous occasion not only showcased the diversity of research topics but also marked the establishment of a scholarly platform dedicated to desk research methodologies. Library academic staff members published 4 journal articles, 2 book chapters, and 10 conference papers during the year.

Medical Library:

In 2024, the medical library recorded an impressive 12,440 number of visits. Several key initiatives were undertaken, including adding 74 past papers to the University Past Paper Repository and 140 academic staff publications to the Research Repository. Further, the medical library launched a major renovation project to create a new student study area, a Research Hub, and an IT Hub with a student-friendly study area. The project successfully established the new student study area and the Research Hub, which are enhancements to serve the students and the academic community better.

On the 1st of April 2024, the medical library hosted the Library Award Ceremony in collaboration with the Faculty's Library Student Affairs Committee, aligned with the International Day of Sport for Development and Peace. The event featured awards for the Best Library User of 2024, Breast Cancer Awareness Poster Competition, and Online Library Quiz, alongside a guest lecture on "How to Prevent Injuries During Sports and Physical Exercises" and the launch of the publication of Medical Library News, Volume 02.

The Medical Library Development Fund received a donation of Rs. 700,000.00 to enhance infrastructure. The library also received approval from the Library Committee to weed out 1,611 outdated textbooks from the library collection, ensuring that the resources remain relevant and up to date. The medical library scheduled to conduct a "Short course on basics in research for health professionals", which was recommended by the Faculty Library Committee and approved by the Faculty Quality Assurance Committee and the Faculty Board.

Other activities and achievements:

In recognition of its efforts, the library won several awards at the Vice-Chancellor's Awards Ceremony 2024 as follows. The library won the "Best Website of the University" (02nd place) award at the Vice-Chancellor's Awards Ceremony 2024 and Mr. K.S. Munasinghe, Assistant Librarian collected the award as the Webmaster of the library. In addition, Library staff received the following awards at the Vice-Chancellor's Awards Ceremony 2024. Ms. C.M. Abeygunasekara, Senior Assistant Librarian of the Library, received Gold Plated Medals and Certificates for 35 years of continuous service under the Long Service Awards category at the Vice-Chancellor's Awards Ceremony 2024. Mr. M.W.A.D.N. Wijesooriya, Staff Assistant (Library Services) and Ms. P.W.P. Withanage, Staff Assistant (Library Services) of the library, received Bronze Plated Medals and Certificates for 25 years of continuous service under

the Long Service Awards category at the Vice-Chancellor's Awards Ceremony 2024. Mrs. K.S. Gajasinghe, Staff Assistant (Library Services) received a Gold Medal and certificate under the category, Vice-chancellor's Awards for Executive Officers, Academic Support Staff, and Non-academic Staff in 2024. Mr. G.L.N.C. Kumarasiri, Library Information Assistant Grade I of the Main Library; and Mr. A.S.P. Ahangama, Library Information Assistant Grade III of the Main Library received plaques and certificates under the category, Vice-chancellor's Awards for Executive Officers, Academic Support Staff and Non-academic Staff in 2024.

As part of its Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, the library organized a community outreach project for 85 residents at the "Welcome Village" elderly home in Makandura, Badalgama, on November 22, 2024. The program included a variety of activities such as a book donation drive, the establishment of a community library, a health camp in collaboration with staff and students from the Faculty of Medicine, a mobile salon, a cleaning campaign, and the distribution of gift packs. Additionally, the event featured an almsgiving ceremony and an entertainment program for the residents. The total cost of the project amounted to Rs. 149,188.00.

Between January and March 2024, the library conducted a 22-day training program for 17 students from the Department of Library and Information Science, University of Kelaniya, as part of their library internship program. Additionally, six external degree graduates from the same department completed a six-month training program at the library, further enhancing their professional skills and practical experience.

On March 20, 2024, the library hosted a French Language Day (Francophone Day) celebration at its premises. The event was graced by a distinguished delegation from the French Embassy and Alliance Française in Colombo as special guests. The celebration drew enthusiastic participation from academic and non-academic staff, undergraduates, school students, and other individuals with an interest in the French language and culture.

The Library, University of Kelaniya, has indeed left an indelible mark in 2024 through its commitment to excellence, inclusivity, and innovative initiatives that enrich the academic experience for students and faculty alike.

Dr C.C. Jayasundara
Librarian

10.9. Centre for Distance & Continuing Education

10.9.1. Introduction

The Centre for Distance and Continuing Education (CDCE) operates under circular provisions laid down in the UGC circular no. 932 and by the laws of the University. Accordingly, it functions under a Director who is directly responsible to the Vice-Chancellor. Three Deputy Directors are manning the three divisions, such as Registrations and Examinations, Learning Resources, and Training. The academic and administrative decisions will be taken by the Boards of Studies and the Management Committee of the CDCE with the approval of the Senate and the Council of the University as applicable.

10.9.2. Mission

Our mission is to achieve excellence in providing learners with opportunities to develop knowledge, attitudes, and skills to serve the world with respect for dignity of life.

10.9.3. Degree Programs Offered by the CDCE

CDCE has 32 years of history and a Bachelor of Arts (General) Degree program has been offered from the beginning. It is also the most in demand external degree program (EDP) at the CDCE. However, a new syllabus for the Bachelor of Arts degree has been introduced by UGC in 2021. This syllabus is more significant than the previous old syllabus.

Currently, external degree programs are offered by five faculties:

1. Faculty of Humanities and Faculty of Social Sciences
 - Bachelor of Arts - BA (External) – 3 years
2. Faculty of Science
 - Bachelor of Science - BSc. (External) – 3 years
3. Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies
 - Bachelor of Commerce - BCom. (External) – 4 years
 - Bachelor of Business Management - BBMgt. (External)] – 3 years
4. Faculty of Medicine
 - Bachelor of Science in Physiotherapy (External) – 4 years
 - Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy (External) – 3 years

10.9.4. New Registration

As per the instruction of UGC, new registration was suspended after the 2016 academic year, and with the issuance of the UGC circular No. 01 / 2021 regarding the Restructuring of the Bachelor of Arts (External) Degree programme, CDCE has taken action to restructure the curriculum of this degree programme. In 2024, new students were registered for the fourth batch of the revised Bachelor of Arts Degree programme with other degree programmes for the academic year 2023 and it was a remarkable achievement to register the students who completed the most recent G.C.E. Advanced Level as soon as the release of results and soon after internal registrations. Further new applications were called for the fifth batch

of the revised Bachelor of Arts Degree programme with other degree programmes for the academic year 2024.

In 2024, the academic calendar was introduced and as per the academic calendar, academic activities commenced as follows.

Table 42: Details of New Registrations

No	Degree Programme	Commencement Date	First-year Exam
01	Bachelor of Business Management	01.05.2024	April 2025
02	Bachelor of Commerce	01.05.2024	April 2025
03	Bachelor of Business Management 3 rd year (Lateral Entry)	01.04.2024	March 2025 (3 rd year)
04	Bachelor of Arts	01.08.2024	July 2025
05	Bachelor of Science	01.08.2024	December 2024 (1 st semester)

The CDCE provides an opportunity (as mentioned above in item No. 03) to register directly to the third year of the Bachelor of Business Management Degree programme, who have completed Diploma and Higher Diploma courses at the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies of the University of Kelaniya as lateral entry. The third-year academic activities of these students also commenced on 01.04.2024.

10.9.5. Orientation

Student Orientation programmes for the newly registered students for the academic year 2023 were held as follows to educate students regarding registration procedures, academic activities, examinations, and the facilities given by CDCE.

1. Bachelor of Arts (General) External Degree

Table 43: Details of Student Orientation Programme 1

Centre	Place	Date	Time
Kurunegala	Town Hall, Kurunegala	02.10.2024	From 8.00 am to 4.00 pm
Kelaniya	K.C.P. Hall, Kadawatha	04.10.2024	From 8.00 am to 4.00 pm
Galle	Weligama Town Hall	05.10.2024	From 8.00 am to 4.00 pm
Monaragala	District Library Auditorium, Monaragala	06.10.2024	From 8.00 am to 4.00 pm

2. Bachelor of Commerce (Special) External Degree

3. Bachelor of Business Management (General) External Degree

4. Bachelor of Science (General) External Degree

Table 44: Details of Student Orientation Programme 2,3,4

Centre	Place	Date	Time
Kelaniya	K.C.P. Hall, Kadawatha	03.10.2024	From 8.00 am to 4.00 pm

10.9.6. Examinations

17 exams were held in 2024 as follows and several actions have been taken including a conference marking system to expedite the releasing process of the results.

Table 45: Details of Examinations held in 2024

No.	Exam Name	Month	Subjects
01	BCom 1 st year – 2022	March	07
02	BCom 2 nd year – 2021	April	06
03	BBMgt 1 st year – 2022	April	07
04	BBMgt 2 nd year – 2021	April	06
05	BBMgt 3 rd year – 2021	April	06
06	BCom 3 rd year – 2021	August	06
07	BCom 4 th year – 2021	August	06
08	BA 2 nd year – 2021 (New)	August	34
09	BA 3 rd year – 2021 (Old)	September	35
10	BSc 3 rd year 1 st Semester - 2022	September	08
11	BA 2 nd year – 2021 (Old)	October	34
12	BA 1 st year – 2022 (New)	November	34
13	BA 1 st year – 2021 (Old)	November	34
14	BA 2 nd year – 2022 (New)	December	34
15	BCom 2 nd year – 2022	December	06
16	BBMgt 2 nd year – 2022	December	06
17	BSc 1 st year 1 st Semester – 2023	December	07
Total			276

10.9.7. Convocation

In the year 2024, 5670 graduands of the CDCE participated in the convocation as follows. Most of the students participated in the Convocation within three months after releasing the final results is a significant event in the year 2024.

Table 46: Details of Convocations

Date	Session	No. of Graduands
4 th January 2024	Session 1	521
	Session 2	520
	Session 3	516
21 st August 2024	Session 2	522
	Session 3	530
25 th September 2024	Session 3	520
3 rd December 2024	Session 1	500
	Session 2	500
	Session 3	500
12 th December 2024	Session 1	526
	Session 2	515
Total		5670

10.9.8. Lactation Room

A Lactation room was opened at CDCE in 2022 to provide privacy to breastfeeding mothers (students) who are coming to the CDCE for examinations and other purposes and it was further modified with additional facilities in the year 2024.

10.9.9. E-Library

CDCE has decided to build a new E-library for the centre to provide efficient service to the students to fulfill the current requirements. Students are registered at CDCE from all over the Country and they are unable to visit the CDCE frequently for their academic purposes. Nevertheless, by using E-Library they have the reliability to read recommended readings online. A variety of books are available for students' reference in the CDCE e-library in 2024.

10.9.10. Online Learning

In 2024, CDCE has further developed significantly to teach the Learning Management System (LMS) by modifying Zoom lectures and seminar videos on LMS pages as a solution for the COVID-19 pandemic situation. Nevertheless, CDCE has decided to use this method continuously hence it is providing the best progress for the Centre.

10.9.11. Student Support and Information through Emails

CDCE has taken steps to attend to student matters by quickly responding to the queries raised by the students via email and providing them with the information they require via email.

10.9.12. Revamping the CDCE Website

The website of the CDCE was revamped in 2024 to be more attractive and clearer. The students are given updated information more clearly through the revamped CDCE website and has given the opportunity for the students to access information when required. As a result, CDCE won the Vice Chancellor's Award for the best website at the University of Kelaniya in the year 2024.

10.9.13. Appointment of Program coordinators and Subject Coordinators to streamline academic functionality

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10.9.14. Meetings

The following meetings were conducted in the year 2024.

1. Meetings with Deputy Directors – 12
2. Meetings with Academic Coordinators – 08
3. Meetings with Subject Coordinators – 02
4. Progress review meeting with the staff of the CDCE – 12

10.9.15. Leasing Land with building

To avoid the long-term difficulties faced by the CDCE in parking vehicles of the University and others, CDCE has taken action to obtain the adjoining land on lease to allocate for the vehicle parking and provide the waiting area facilities to the students and their Parents during the examinations.

10.9.16. Updating Computer Lab

As per the restructured curriculum of the Bachelor of Arts degree programme, Career Based English (CBEN) is one of the compulsory subject in all three years. Assessment of these subjects by Assignments, Written Exams, and Practical Exams.

To facilitate the practical exams for this subject, CDCE purchased 100 desktop computers and 20 Laptop computers and updated the computer lab of the CDCE in 2023. Further, action is being taken to increase the bandwidth of the internet connection to avoid delays during the practical examinations.

10.9.17. Fall back option

A proposal for Fallback qualifications for Bachelor of Arts (External) Degree, Bachelor of Business Management (External) Degree, and Bachelor of Commerce (External) Degree was approved by the Council at its 387th meeting held on 22.08.2024.

10.9.18. Reappointment of the Director / CDCE

Ven. Dr. Dodamkumbure Dhammadassi Thero, Senior Lecturer Grade I, Department of Pali and Buddhist Studies assumed duties as the Director of the Center for Distance and Continuing Education (CDCE), the University of Kelaniya in the second term from 11.08.2024.

10.9.19. Financial Activities

In 2024, CDCE prepared a separate budget for each degree programme. And the operating activities of each degree programme are indicated by preparing each programme-wise income and expenditure statement. CDCE is operated under a sound and transparent financial management mechanism and all the procedures stipulated in the UGC circulars, Ministry of Finance guidelines, and other relevant regulations are adhered. Relevant approvals from the university Finance committee and the Council are obtained as required.

All the Financial Functions of the CDCE are carried out through an in-house developed MIS. All the collection from students is obtained from the bank through the CDCE current account by using a unique 16-digit transaction code and all the payments are processed online via the MIS.

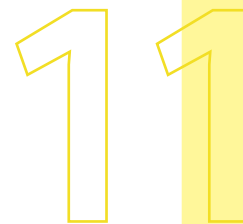
CDCE reported the revenue of LKR. 324 Mn in 2024 from the functioning of the above examinations and new registrations whereas the total cash inflow to the CDCE during the year 2024 was LKR. 364 Mn.

Ven. Dr. Dodamkumbure Dhammadassi Thero
Director/ Centre for Distance & Continuing Education





SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT



11.1. Policy Statement

- The University conducts its activities to comply with relevant environmental legislation and regulations existing in the country.
- The Institutional Framework for Sound Environmental Management is strengthened by the University through capacity building, legislative instruments, and improved inter-institutional coordination and linkages.
- The University environment and the environmental impact of the institution's activities are managed through a pre-defined Environmental Management System that is continuously updated and maintained.
- The environmental impact of the institution's activities is continuously assessed and reported through an appropriate and institutionalized monitoring framework based on a comprehensive set of indicators and necessary improvements are made.
- The Framework for setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets is provided by the University.
- The University's Environmental Policy is accessible to the public and every stakeholder should clearly understand the institution's Environmental Policy, and his/her obligations under this policy and abide by the contents of the Environmental Management System.
- The Economic Value of environmental services is recognized so as to assure the sustainability of such services for the benefit of the University.

11.2. Strategies

- Reduce waste generation by promoting efficient use, Reuse, and Re-cycle (3R)
- Implement composting processes for organic wastes.
- Collect metals, glasses, plastic/polythene, and paper and establish a mechanism to dispose of them through registered recyclers regularly.
- Facilitate the proper disposal of electronic waste by creating continuous disposal.
- Channel to responsible recyclers.
- Establish standardized chemical waste collection and storage from the laboratories and transport them to registered companies.
- Introduce the autoclaving method for the disposal of bio-hazardous waste.
- Promote sustainable construction principles in new constructions and refurbishments and practice green building principles in new constructions.
- Reduce the negative impact of climate change through the implementation of various projects including a Carbon Management Plan
- Minimize environmental impact through environmentally friendly procurement plans.
- Prevent pollution by managing and reducing emissions to air and discharges to water.

- Practice rainwater harvesting.
- Promote wastewater collection, treatment, and reuse for gardening purposes.
- Promote the efficient use of energy.
- Create and enhance wildlife habitats by formulating and implementing a Biodiversity Action Plan.
- Promote respectful behavior towards the environment among the university community and society by using environmental education as a primary tool.

11.3. Activities and Research Relevant to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals

In the year 2024, the staff of the University of Kelaniya have been engaged in several activities and research related to sustainability. Throughout the year, a series of impactful activities and research initiatives were undertaken, focusing on SDG areas. A summary of the activities and publication count is presented below.



SDG 01: No Poverty

Activities:

We are pleased to announce the successful completion of Dirisawi 3.0, organized by the Poverty and Hunger Avenue of the Leo Club of the University of Kelaniya on April 22, 2024, at Attalapitiya, Bandarawela. This event aimed at addressing critical issues of poverty and hunger in the region.

Number of Research: 12



SDG 02: Zero Hunger

Activities:

The University of Kelaniya organized a donation drive to provide dry foods and essentials to the communities of Kokmaduwa and Thammannawa, helping to combat malnutrition and support a healthier future. Furthermore, the 'Prayama' project showcased UOK Leoism, promoting community engagement. The 'Helabojun' Canteen, which opened on August 6, 2024, at the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences, offers nutritious and affordable meals to students and staff, further enhancing the university's commitment to fostering a healthier environment.

Number of Research: 24



SDG 03: Good Health & Well-Being

Activities:

Health awareness campaigns, including sessions on Diabetes Eye Screening and blog articles for key health observances such as World AIDS Vaccine Day, World Hypertension Day, and World Autism Awareness Day, were carried out by the University of Kelaniya. Moreover, the impactful "Mind U" project, along with "Luminaria 2.0" and "Hasarella", showcased UOK Leoism and promoted community well-being. Furthermore, the "Suvātrā" Health Camp, organized by the 5th batch of the Higher Diploma in Communication & Public Relations of the Department of Mass Communication, was held on October 19 at the Lassakanda Sri Samantabhadhrarama Temple in Eratne, Ratnapura.

Number of Research: 191



SDG 04: Quality Education

Activities:

The "Janajaya Vidyalaya Moratuwa" IT laboratory project, led by Team Gajaba of the TogetherSL initiative by Rotaract District 3220, provided students with modern digital learning resources. Moreover, the "Pradiṭṭa 2024" book donation program, organized by the university, enhanced educational access for schoolchildren. Furthermore, the university introduced the Higher Diploma in Business Accounting and Master of Arts in Sinhala, offering advanced academic opportunities for students. Skill-building workshops like "Academic Integrity and Efficiency", conducted by the Research Library and Information Centre, and "Boost Your Career with Social Etiquette" supported students and academic staff.

Number of Research: 30



SDG 05: Gender Equality

Activities:

Awareness sessions, global Rotaractor engagement, and impactful initiatives like "Femina" and "DefendHer" actively promoted gender equality. A guest lecture further provided critical insights into gender dynamics, fostering meaningful discussions. Collaborations with the UNDP and the Canadian High Commission strengthened institutional efforts, reinforcing commitments to gender equity. Additionally, a nationwide study on Sexual and Gender-Based Violence was launched, bringing together experts from forensic medicine, public health, and sociology to generate evidence-based findings and shape progressive national policies. Capacity-building workshops, self-defense training sessions, and university-led advocacy campaigns further empowered individuals to challenge gender-based inequalities and drive social change.

Number of Research: 16



SDG 06: Clean Water & Sanitation

Activities:

The University of Kelaniya in collaboration with the National Water Supply and Drainage Board, ensuring safe water access for the communities of Thammenawa. A blog article on World Water Day, written by university students, raised awareness about global water issues. The installation of a water purification system at Kiwula Prathamika Vidyalaya, Anamaduwa, led by the university, contributed to improving health and hygiene for the local school community. The Aquatic Club initiated a water filter installation project for local households, further supporting the university's commitment to safe water access. Additionally, the "Diya Dahara" project, executed by UOK Leoism, aimed to increase awareness and action on clean water issues. The 3rd International River Congress, organized by the university, highlighted the importance of preserving water resources for future generations.

Number of Research: 44



SDG 07: Affordable & Clean Energy

Activities:

Team "Reclaim" of the University of Kelaniya secured second place at the Climate Tank Accelerator, showcasing their innovative approach to climate action. A blog article on "International Energy Conservation Day" highlighted the importance of energy-saving practices, while the project "Aduren Eliyta" demonstrated the university's commitment to energy awareness. Additionally, the first-ever designed Sri Lankan prototype solar panels were exhibited, highlighting the university's leadership in advancing clean energy solutions for the community.

Number of Research: 24



SDG 08: Decent Work & Economic Growth

Activities:

The University of Kelaniya has initiated key programs to empower students and graduates. The Youth-Led Green and Inclusive Businesses Programme, organized by the Career Guidance Unit (CGU) with the British Council, aimed to promote sustainable business practices among undergraduates. A workshop series for the Pre-Career Fair organized by the CGU, including a session on "Interviews and CV Writing Skills" by MAS Holdings, helped students enhance their career prospects. Additionally, events like the Graduate Entrepreneur Exhibition & Sale (GEES) - 2024 and DCF Job Fair 2024 provided opportunities for students to explore entrepreneurship and career development.

Number of Research: 162



SDG 09: Industry, Innovation, Infrastructure

Activities:

Significant strides in technological innovation and research were achieved in 2024, with several key events. The National Workshop on AI for Library Professionals, held in December, focused on AI applications in library services, guided by Dr. P. Venkata Rao. The International Research Conference on Smart Computing and Systems Engineering, in April, brought global researchers together, featuring keynotes from renowned experts. May saw the opening of the Building Complex - Faculty of Computing and Technology, a major milestone in infrastructure development. The China-Sri Lanka Academic Exchange Workshop in November fostered collaboration in geography and social sciences between Sri Lanka and China.

Number of Research: 51



SDG 10: Reduced Inequalities

Activities:

In 2024, the University of Kelaniya introduced key initiatives to promote inclusivity, such as the ENGAGE Leadership Course for students with disabilities, which concluded with a ceremony in March. The university also celebrated World Hindi Day and showcased the creativity of differently abled students through art exhibitions. Additionally, awareness efforts on International Girls in ICT Day and International Day of People with Disabilities aimed to empower vulnerable groups.

Number of Research: 02



SDG 11: Sustainable Cities & Communities

Activities:

The University of Kelaniya advanced its commitment to sustainability and cultural exchange in 2024 through initiatives such as the Annual E-Waste Collection Drive, the launch of its first Sustainability Report, and the "TreeID" Project, which catalogs campus plant species using QR codes. Academic and cultural engagement was also fostered through the China-Sri Lanka Academic Exchange Workshop, a guest lecture on Social Impact Assessment (SIA), and the screening of the documentary "Minarets", highlighting Sri Lankan Muslim music traditions.

Number of Research: 06



SDG 12: Responsible Consumption & Production

Activities:

In 2024, the University of Kelaniya's Centre for Sustainability Solutions (CSS) and the Electronics Design and Innovation Centre (EDIC) collaborated to conduct the Annual E-Waste Collection Drive, promoting proper disposal and recycling of electronic waste. This initiative aimed to reduce environmental pollution by encouraging responsible e-waste management within the university community and beyond. Additionally, the Leo Club of the university launched the "Waste to Worth" project, focusing on raising awareness about the environmental hazards of e-waste and promoting sustainable waste management through the 3R principles—Reduce, Reuse, and Recycle.

Number of Research: 108



SDG 13: Climate Action

Activities:

The Environmental Conservation and Management Society organized the "SURAKIMU SIRI PA" project for the university community to promote sustainable environmental practices. The University of Kelaniya participated in the Climate Tank Accelerator and Climate Change Accelerator programs to support innovative solutions for climate change mitigation. The university also conducted an awareness workshop under the project "Fostering Climate Change Action Ambassadors: Empowering Youth for Climate Resilience" for students to empower them to take climate action. Additionally, the University of Kelaniya signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Geo-Analytical Research Center, Georgia to collaborate on climate research. Finally, the university hosted an awareness session on the "Impact of the Automotive Industry on the Environment" for the community to educate them on reducing environmental harm.

Number of Research: 17



SDG 14: Life Below Water

Activities:

The Aquatic Club of the University of Kelaniya, in collaboration with the Centre for Sustainability Solutions, organized the Beach Clean-Up Programme to reduce marine pollution and raise awareness about preserving coastal environments. Conducted in partnership with the Centre for Beach Cleanup, Sri Lanka, and other environmental organizations, the initiative successfully mobilized volunteers to restore Uswetakeiyawa Beach to a cleaner state. Additionally, the project "NaCl+H₂O" emphasized the significance of waterbody conservation, reflecting the university's commitment to environmental stewardship. The Organizing Committee of "Swabhasamudra" played a key role in advocating for ocean conservation,

particularly highlighting the threats posed by plastic pollution to vital marine ecosystems, such as Papahānaumokuākea, a globally significant marine sanctuary.

Number of Research: 16



SDG 15: Life on Land

Activities:

The University of Kelaniya has contributed significantly to environmental sustainability with initiatives like tree planting campaigns such as "Spade to Shade 5.0" and the global effort "Growing Together". Projects like "EcoAura," "Pibiduma," and "Haritha Piyaman" reflect the university's commitment to nature conservation. Furthermore, blog articles on key environmental days like World Elephant Day and World Forestry Day raise awareness and promote biodiversity. Moreover, this collaborative effort is showcased in the first phase of the project "Swabhasamudra 2.0", where five dedicated teams united, demonstrating remarkable teamwork.

Number of Research: 26



SDG 16: Peace, Justice & Strong Institutions

Activities:

The University of Kelaniya has demonstrated leadership in promoting peace, justice, and strong institutions through activities like the Inter-University Human Rights Debate Competition 2024. Projects such as "Suraksha" and "Ekaaloka" highlight the university's commitment to social impact. Additionally, blog articles on World Day for International Justice, International Day of UN Peacekeepers, and Press Freedom Day contribute to raising awareness about human rights. The International Seminar on Social Issues and Challenges in Current Scenario further emphasizes the university's role in addressing pressing social issues.

Number of Research: 07



FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2024

12.1. Statement of Financial Performance

Table 47: Statement of financial performance

For the year ended 31 st December	Note	2024 (LKR)	2023 (Restated) (LKR)	2023 (Audited) (LKR)
REVENUE				
Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions				
Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions - Current				
Government Grants - Recurrent	5	5,342,998,483	4,781,740,843	4,781,740,843
Student Scholarships and Grants - Mahapola		327,768,750	273,360,500	273,360,500
Student Scholarships and Grants - Bursary		105,332,000	166,264,000	166,264,000
Grant - STHRD Project		90,675,145	33,229,570	33,229,570
Grant - AHEAD Project		941,905	753,899	753,899
External Research Grant		86,421,162	108,103,203	108,103,203
Donations from Endowment funds		-	-	5,829,896
Total Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions - Current		5,954,137,445	5,363,452,014	5,369,281,910
Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions - Capital				
Capital Investment from Treasury funds		273,922,949	206,471,419	206,471,419
Capital Investment for CNCLD Building		3,581,407	90,753,747	60,918,242
Capital Investment from AHEAD for Additional Intake		-	82,429,776	82,429,776
Capital Investment from IT Infrastructure Development Fund		1,701,600	5,174,520.43	5,174,520.43
Capital Grant - AHEAD Project		745,967	136,080,281	136,080,281
Capital Grant - STHRD Project		414,481,149	2,120,440,538	2,120,440,538
Donations		960,813,476	1,163,442	1,163,442
Total Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions - Capital		1,655,246,548	2,642,513,724	2,612,678,219
Total Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions		7,609,383,993	8,005,965,738	7,981,960,129
Revenue from Exchange Transactions				
Interest from Investments		508,041,053	761,153,339	761,153,339
Income from Centre for Distance and Continuing Education		324,481,289	286,832,794	286,832,794
Income from Self-Financial Activities / Special Services		585,148,281	493,574,608	493,574,608
Internal Income	6	741,920,187	821,057,275	821,057,275
Total Revenue from Exchange Transaction		2,159,590,810	2,362,618,016	2,362,618,016
Total Revenue		9,768,974,802	10,368,583,754	10,344,578,145

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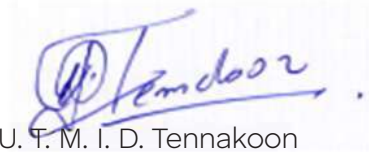
For the year ended 31 st December	Note	2024 (LKR)	2023 (Restated) (LKR)	2023 (Audited) (LKR)
OPERATION RESULTS				
Recurrent Revenue				
Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions - Current		5,954,137,445	5,363,452,014	5,369,281,910
Revenue From Non-Exchange Transactions		2,159,590,810	2,362,618,016	2,362,618,016
Total Revenue		8,113,728,255	7,726,070,030	7,731,899,926
Expenses - Current (Non-Capital)				
Personal Emoluments	7	4,855,266,267	4,260,421,693	4,260,421,693
Traveling Expenses	8	432,919	2,395,888	2,395,888
Supplies	9	171,734,464	204,101,403	204,101,403
Maintenance Expenses	10	141,294,225	72,520,733	72,520,733
Contractual Services	11	858,460,480	754,992,714	754,992,714
Other Recurrent Expenses	12	137,680,187	215,401,054	215,401,054
Expenses from Development fund	13	346,770,694	312,746,755	312,746,755
Project Expenditure	14	91,617,050	33,983,468	33,983,468
Expenditure on Centre for Distance and Continuing Education	15	136,864,152	195,289,620	195,289,620
Expenditure on Fee - levying Courses / Special Services		354,210,484	243,127,634	243,127,634
Provision for Gratuity		302,204,506	327,026,673	327,026,673
Expenses - Bursary		105,332,000	166,264,000	166,264,000
Expenses- Mahapola		327,768,750	273,360,500	273,360,500
External Research Grants		86,421,162	108,103,203	108,103,203
Loss on translation of foreign exchange		7,712,250	3,580,159	3,580,159
Total Expenditure		7,923,769,589	7,173,315,498	7,173,315,498
Current Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period		189,958,665	552,754,532	558,584,428
Non-Exchange Revenue - Capital Grant		1,655,246,548	2,642,513,724	2,612,678,219
Expenses – Current (Capital)				
Recurrent Expenditure from capital grant	16	55,229,704	19,740,843	19,740,843
Depreciation		1,061,882,593	819,714,031	827,960,564
Amortization of Intangible Assets		10,931,919	9,574,101	1,327,568
Total Expenses – Current (Capital)		1,128,044,216	849,028,975	849,028,975
Surplus/(Deficit) for the Period After Accounting for Capital Grant		527,202,331	1,793,484,749	1,763,649,244
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) FOR THE PERIOD		717,160,997	2,346,239,282	2,322,233,673

12.2. Statement of Financial Position

Table 48: Statement of financial position

As at 31 st December	Note	2024 (LKR)	2023 (Restated) (LKR)	2023 (Audited) (LKR)
ASSETS				
NON-CURRENT ASSETS				
Property Plant and Equipment	17	20,655,714,688	15,513,311,203	15,526,169,769
Library Books and Cloaks				6,547,941
Capital Work in Progress	18	668,955,602	5,146,670,869	5,146,670,869
Intangible Assets	19	36,833,283	19,406,505	-
Financial Assets	20	4,774,640,397	3,764,140,209	3,764,140,210
Total Non-Current Assets		26,136,143,971	24,443,528,786	24,443,528,788
CURRENT ASSETS				
Inventories	21	45,668,309	52,125,107	52,125,107
Sundry Debtors and Receivables	22	267,989,337	382,597,397	382,597,396
Advances to Staff	23	1,349,064	826,680	826,680
Advances and Prepayments	24	37,634,837	44,078,242	44,078,242
Cash and Cash Equivalents	25	515,735,342	922,727,669	922,727,669
Total Current Assets		868,376,889	1,402,355,095	1,402,355,095
TOTAL ASSETS		27,004,520,861	25,845,883,882	25,845,883,883
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES				
Equity				
Accumulated Fund - Surplus/ (Deficit) - Capital	26	10,140,949,835	9,613,747,503	9,583,912,000
Capital Grants Unspent	27	62,884,873	88,648,322	118,483,827
Cabinet Approved Building Project	28	2,264,066	1,665,966	1,665,966
Revaluation Surplus		8,298,179,471	8,298,179,471	8,298,179,471
Retained Earning		2,645,226,085	2,904,199,772	2,904,199,771
Sub Total		21,149,504,331	20,906,441,035	20,906,441,035
Income Received in Advance	29	1,206,806,861	1,129,108,545	1,129,108,545
RESERVES & RESTRICTED FUNDS				
Internal Restricted Funds	30	2,087,705,995	1,710,386,041	1,710,386,041
Endowment Funds	31	45,900,802	38,151,004	38,151,004
Research Grants	32	191,951,593	123,827,638	123,827,638
Sub Total		2,325,558,389	1,872,364,683	1,872,364,683
NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Provision for Retiring Gratuity	33	1,818,772,941	1,507,316,311	1,507,316,311
CURRENT LIABILITIES				
Deposit Refundable	34	110,987,826	135,666,147	107,003,047
Operational Expenses & Other Payables	35	392,890,513	294,987,163	323,650,262
Sub Total		503,878,338	430,653,309	430,653,309
TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		27,004,520,861	25,845,883,883	25,845,883,883

These Financial statements have been prepared & presented in compliance with Public Sector Accounting Standards issued by the institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka.



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The Council Members are responsible for the preparation & presentation of these Financial Statements. Signed for and on behalf of the Council.



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Council Member



Prof. W. M. C. B. Wanninayake
Council Member

University of Kelaniya
July 01, 2025

12.3. Statement of Cash Flow

Table 49: Statement of cash flow

For the year ended 31 st December	2024 (LKR)	2023 Restated (LKR)
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES		
Surplus/(Deficit) from Operating activities	189,958,665	552,754,532
Adjustments		
Gain on sale of Property Plant and Equipment		(227,185)
Provision for Non Moving, Slow Moving & Obsolete Stock	2,924,420	348,060
Interest From Investments	(508,041,053)	(761,153,339)
Provision For Gratuity	302,204,506	327,026,673
Government Grant-Rehabilitation and Maintenance	(55,228,483)	(19,740,843)
Income Contributed to University Funds/Non Monetary Adjustment	(1,346,913,717)	(1,047,116,662)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities before Working Capital Changes	(1,415,095,661)	(948,108,764)
(Increase)/Decrease in Inventories	3,532,378	535,925
(Increase)/Decrease in Sundry Debtors and Receivables	47,667,804	(421,422)
(Increase)/Decrease in Advances to the Staff	(522,384)	562,950
(Increase)/Decrease in Advances and Pre Payments	6,443,405	64,901,885
Increase/ (Decrease) in Operational Expenses & Other Payables	97,903,350	115,588,367
Increase/(Decrease) in Deposits Refundable	(24,678,321)	6,272,833
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities After Working Capital Changes	(1,284,749,430)	(760,668,226)
Gratuity Payment	(139,286,177)	(75,033,026)
Net Cash Flow from Operating Activities	(1,424,035,607)	(835,701,252)
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES		
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	(174,661,660)	(510,570,691)
Proceeds from Sale of Property, Plant and Equipment	-	916,500
Interest From Investments	574,981,310	771,624,917
Loans given	13,219,109	(6,094,592)
Capital Work in Progress	(197,203,620)	(171,344,383)
Investments	(1,023,719,297)	(206,761,379)
Restricted Funds and Grants	1,051,895,686	10,250,212
Net Cash Flow from Investing Activities	244,511,528	(111,979,417)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES		
Government Grant - Capital	303,071,000	413,647,687
Utilization of External Funds	469,460,752	773,092,422
Net Cash Flow from Financing Activities	772,531,752	1,186,740,109
Net Increase/ (Decrease) in Cash and Cash Equivalents	(406,992,327)	239,059,440
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the beginning of the year	922,727,669	683,668,229
Cash and Cash Equivalents at the end of the year	515,735,342	922,727,668

12.4. Statement of Changes in Equity

Table 50: Statement of changes in equity

For the year ended 31 st December	Capital Grants Unspent	Accumulated Surplus/(Deficit) Current	Cabinet Approval Building Projects	Revaluation Surplus	Retained Earnings	Reserves & Restricted Funds	Total
Balance as at 01st January 2023	101,342,610	7,820,262,755	1,227,570	8,298,179,471	2,731,495,331	2,699,706,341	21,652,214,078
Prior Year Adjustment	-	-	-	-	(6,745,572)	-	(6,745,572)
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	-	-	-	-	2,346,239,282	-	2,346,239,282
Transfers / Net Movements	17,141,217	-	438,396	-	(102,500,000)	(93,297,929)	(178,218,316)
Funds Transfer to MBBS Grant	-	-	-	-	(63,954,994)	63,954,994	-
Funds Transfers from Fee-levying Courses	-	-	-	-	(318,998,674)	318,998,674	-
Fund Transfers to Library Funds	-	-	-	-	(6,281,251)	6,281,251	-
Fund transfers to Endowment Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Actual (Gain)/Loss on PV-DBO	-	-	-	-	118,430,400	-	118,430,400
Classification as per SLPSAS 11 - Accumulated Fund - Capital	-	1,793,484,749	-	-	(1,793,484,749)	-	-
Balance as at 31st December 2023	118,483,827	9,613,747,504	1,665,966	8,298,179,471	2,904,199,772	2,995,643,331	23,931,919,872
Balance as at 01st January 2024	118,483,827	9,583,912,000	1,665,966	8,298,179,471	2,904,199,770	3,001,473,227	23,907,914,263
Prior Year Adjustment	(29,835,504)	29,835,504	-	-	76,962,552	-	76,962,552
Restated Balance as at 01st January 2024	88,648,323	9,613,747,504	1,665,966	8,298,179,471	2,981,162,322	3,001,473,227	23,984,876,813
Surplus / (Deficit) for the Year	-	-	-	-	717,160,997	-	717,160,997
Transfers / Net Movements	(25,763,450)	-	598,101	-	(60,246,438)	213,781,861	128,370,074
Funds Transfer to MBBS Grant	-	-	-	-	(78,869,363)	78,869,363	-
Funds Transfers from Fee-levying Courses	-	-	-	-	(230,937,796)	230,937,796	-
Fund Transfers to Library Funds	-	-	-	-	(7,303,003)	7,303,003	-
Fund transfers to Endowment Funds	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Actual (Gain)/Loss on PV-DBO	-	-	-	-	(148,538,302)	-	(148,538,302.00)
Classification as per SLPSAS 11 - Accumulated Fund - Capital	-	527,202,331	-	-	(527,202,331)	-	-
Balance as at 31st December 2024	62,884,873	10,140,949,835	2,264,067	8,298,179,471	2,645,226,085	3,532,365,250	24,681,869,582

12.5. Notes, comprising a Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Other Explanatory Notes -2024

12.5.1. Corporate Information

A. Reporting Entity

The University of Kelaniya, located in Dalugama, Kelaniya, Sri Lanka, is a fully Government-owned higher educational institution established under the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 and its subsequent amendments. The University operates under the Ministry of Education.

B. Nature of Operations and Principal Activities

The University of Kelaniya comprises seven faculties, including the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, Faculty of Humanities, Faculty of Social Sciences, Faculty of Science, Faculty of Medicine, Faculty of Computing & Technology, and the Faculty of Graduate Studies.

The University's vision is "To become a centre of excellence in the creation and dissemination of knowledge for sustainable development." The mission of the University is "To nurture intellectual citizens through creativity and innovation, who contribute to national development."

The University's core activities include teaching, learning, and research. Its strategic goals are:

- To create a high-quality and flexible teaching and learning environment.
- To develop highly qualified faculties and staff to achieve the University's strategic goals.
- To foster a multi-disciplinary research culture of global standing.
- To improve the image of the university by widening the range of economic and social engagements.
- To Develop an excellent system of governance through efficient and effective administration and financial management.

C. Date of Authorization of Financial Statements

The Financial Statements were authorized for issuance by the University Council at its meeting held on 28 February 2025.

D. Responsibility for Financial Statements

The University Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the Financial Statements in compliance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS). The Management ensures that adequate internal controls are in place to prevent material misstatements, whether due to fraud or error. The Financial Statements consist of the following components:

- Statement of Financial Position
- Statement of Financial Performance
- Statement of Changes in Net Assets/Equity

- Cash Flow Statement
- Statement of Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts
- Notes, including a Summary of Significant Accounting Policies and Other Explanatory Notes

E. Reporting Period

The financial period of the University covers twelve months, from 1 January 2024 to 31 December 2024.

12.5.2. Basis of Preparation of Financial Statements

A. Statement of Compliance

The Financial Statements have been prepared in compliance with the Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS), Volumes I, II, and III, as issued by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of Sri Lanka (CA Sri Lanka) and adopted by the University Grants Commission (UGC) through Finance Circular Letter No.2/2018. The accounting policies applied are consistent with those used in the previous financial year. However, in areas where SLPSAS does not provide specific guidance, Sri Lanka Accounting Standards (LKAS) have been applied.

B. Basis of Measurement

The Financial Statements have been prepared on a historical cost basis, except for Property, Plant, and Equipment (PPE) measured at fair value and Retirement Benefit Obligations measured using the actuarial valuation method. The specific policies related to these measurements are explained in the succeeding year.

C. Going Concern

The Financial Statements have been prepared on the assumption that the University is a going concern. The University Council has assessed its ability to continue operations in the foreseeable future and is not aware of any material uncertainties that could affect its going concern status. There are no plans to liquidate or cease operations.

D. Accrual Basis of Accounting

The Financial Statements (except for the Statement of Cash Flows) have been prepared on an accrual basis of accounting.

E. Functional and Presentation Currency

The Financial Statements are presented in Sri Lankan Rupees (LKR), which is the University's functional and presentation currency.

F. Materiality and Aggregation

Each material class of similar items has been presented separately in the Financial Statements. Items of a dissimilar nature or function are presented separately if material, otherwise, they are aggregated.

G. Comparative Information

Comparative financial information, including quantitative, narrative, and descriptive data, is disclosed where relevant. The presentation and classification of the previous year's Financial Statements have been adjusted for comparability where necessary.

H. Offsetting

Assets, liabilities, income, and expenses are not offset unless required or permitted under SLPSAS.

I. Foreign Currency Transactions

Transactions in foreign currencies are translated into the functional currency (LKR) using the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transaction. Any foreign exchange gains or losses resulting from the settlement of transactions or the year-end remeasurement of monetary items are recognized in the Statement of Financial Performance.

12.5.3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

A. Application of SLPSAS

The University of Kelaniya has applied Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards (SLPSAS) in the preparation and presentation of its Financial Statements for the year 2024.

B. Changes in Accounting Policies

No significant changes in accounting policies were made during the reporting period. The University continued to apply previously adopted policies except the following.

During the reporting period, a change was made to the revaluation frequency of certain Property, Plant, and Equipment. Previously, these assets were revalued once every five years; however, the revaluation frequency has now been extended to once every seven years.

After initial recognition, the following classes of Property, Plant, and Equipment (Lands, Buildings, Cloaks, and Motor Vehicles), whose fair value can be measured reliably, have been carried at revalued amounts. These amounts represent the fair value at the date of revaluation, less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. This change aligns with the University's financial management practices and ensures compliance with valuation requirements.

C. Significant Accounting Judgments, Estimates, and Assumptions

The preparation of the Financial Statements requires Management to make judgments, estimates, and assumptions that affect reported amounts of income, expenses, assets, and liabilities, as well as the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the reporting date. These estimates are reviewed periodically and adjusted as necessary.

D. Assets and Basis of Valuation

i. Property, Plant & Equipment (PPE)

The University accounts for Property, Plant & Equipment (PPE) in accordance with SLPSAS 07 – Property, Plant & Equipment, ensuring proper recognition, measurement, and reporting

of its tangible and intangible assets. PPE includes Lands, Buildings & Improvements, and Infrastructure, which cover essential facilities such as Water & Electricity Supply Infrastructure and Drainage & sewage systems. The category of Computer Equipment/Accessories includes IT-related assets essential for academic and administrative functions. Furniture, Fixtures, Machinery, and Equipment, including Laboratory and Teaching Equipment, play a critical role in supporting education and research. The Motor Vehicles category ensures transportation needs, while Cloaks, Library and Educational Materials, such as Library Books & Periodicals, contribute to academic knowledge dissemination. Intangible Assets, including Online Journals and Academic Software, are recognized for their contribution to digital learning and research. Lastly, Miscellaneous Assets, covering Sports Equipment and Other Assets, support various operational and academic activities. This classification framework aligns with the University's financial policies, promoting transparency and accountability in asset management.

ii. Recognition, Measurement, and Reporting Threshold for Non-Financial Assets

Property, Plant, and Equipment (PPE) is recognized when it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the University, and the cost of the asset can be reliably measured. Initial recognition is at cost, which includes the purchase price, and any directly attributable costs incurred to bring the asset to its intended use. Subsequent to initial recognition, PPE is measured at cost, less accumulated depreciation and impairment losses.

To enhance efficiency in asset management, a reporting threshold of LKR 15,000 has been introduced. Assets valued below this threshold are not classified as PPE, except for Library Books, Periodicals, and Furniture, which are recorded regardless of value.

iii. Subsequent Costs

The cost of replacing a component of an item of PPE is recognized in the carrying amount of the asset if it is probable that future economic benefits will flow to the University, and the cost can be reliably measured. The carrying amount of the replaced component is derecognized following the University's derecognition policy.

Repair and maintenance costs related to PPE are recognized as an expense in the Statement of Financial Performance when incurred.

iv. Derecognition

An item of PPE is derecognized upon disposal or when no future economic benefits are expected from its use. Gains or losses on derecognition are determined as the difference between the net disposal proceeds and the amount of the asset and are recognized in the Statement of Financial Performance. However, gains on derecognition are not classified as revenue.

v. Depreciation

Depreciation is recognized in the Statement of Financial Performance on a Straight-Line Basis on each component of an item of Property, Plant and Equipment other than Freehold Land. Depreciation of an asset begins when it is available for use and ceases at the earlier of the date that the asset is classified as held for sale and the date that the asset is derecognized.

The estimated useful lives for the current and comparative periods are as follows:

Table 51: Estimated useful lifetime of assets

Assets Category	Estimated useful life
Buildings & Improvements	20 Years
Computer Equipment & Accessories	5 Years
Furniture, Fixtures, Machinery, and Equipment	
- Furniture	10 Years
- Fixtures, Machinery, and Equipment	5 Years
Infrastructure	10 Years
Motor Vehicles	5 Years
Cloaks, Library and Educational Materials	5 Years
Miscellaneous Assets	
- Other Assets	5 Years
- Sports Equipment	4 Years

The assets' residual values and useful life are reviewed and adjusted if appropriate, at the end of each reporting period, as the asset carrying amount is written down immediately to its recoverable amount if the asset's carrying amount is greater than its estimated recoverable amount.

Gains and losses on disposals are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount, and Gain/ (Loss) is recognized in the Statement of Comprehensive Income.

v. Heritage Assets

The University of Kelaniya processes several Heritage Assets such as Historical Artefacts found during an archaeological excavation carried out by the Department of Archeology, the Faculty of Social Sciences. A collection of old coins and books in the Main Library and a collection of ancient Ola leaf manuscripts maintained by the Department of Library and Information Sciences. These assets are not valued as the archaeological value cannot be established.

vi. Cost Model

Property Plant and Equipment except the revalued classes of assets are carried at its cost less accumulated depreciation. Lands are not depreciated and are carried at its Cost/ Revalued amount.

vii. Revaluation Model

After initial recognition below classes of Property, Plant and Equipment (Lands, Buildings, Cloaks, and Motor Vehicles) whose fair value can be measured reliably have been carried at revalued amounts, which is fair value at the date of revaluation less any subsequent accumulated depreciation and subsequent accumulated impairment losses. These classes of assets are revalued at a frequency of once every seven years.

The carrying value of Property, Plant & Equipment and Intangible Assets are reviewed at each reporting date to determine whether there is any indication of impairment; if any such indication exists, then the assets recoverable amount is estimated. An impairment loss is recognized if the carrying amount of an asset exceeds its recoverable amount. Impairment losses are recognized in the statement of Financial Performance.

Details of Revaluation of assets are as follows:

Table 52: Revaluation of assets

Assets	Date of revaluation	Revalued by	Carrying value of assets	Revalued amount of assets	Revaluation surplus
Lands	31.12.2018	Department of Valuation	1,155,750,767	4,204,580,000	3,048,829,232
Lands	01.01.2019	- do -	-	700,210,000	700,210,000
Buildings	31.12.2018	- do -	2,845,249,161	5,375,839,000	2,530,589,838
Buildings	01.01.2019	- do -	-	118,599,000	118,599,000
Cloaks	31.12.2018	- do -	884,446	12,020,320	11,135,874
Motor Vehicles	01.01.2018	- do -	27,838,603	114,940,000	87,101,397
Lands	31.12.2020	- do -	58,514,788	547,160,000	488,645,213
Buildings	31.12.2020	- do -	39,826,218	62,850,000	23,023,783
Total					7,008,134,337
Revaluation surplus Balance as at 01.01.2018					1,121,260,134
Revaluation surplus Balance as at 31.12.2024					8,129,394,471

ix. Investments

Investments represent investment in treasury bills, fixed deposits and saving accounts. These investments have been accounted for in compliance with SLFRS 09 - Financial Instruments. The investment in fixed deposits and saving accounts have been classified at amortized cost as per SLFRS 09. They are initially measured at fair value and subsequently measured at fair value less amortized cost by using an effective interest rate as required by SLFRS 09.

x. Staff Loans

The staff loans include Distress Loans, Computer Loans, Special Distress Loans, Vehicle Loans, Staff Loans and Vice-Chancellor Fund Loans. The staff loans have been classified as financial assets at amortized cost as per SLFRS 09. An impairment loss in any staff loan has been recognized in the expected cost method as stipulated in SLFRS 09.

xii. Capital Work-In-Progress

Capital expenses incurred on PPE which are not completed as of the reporting date are shown by Capital Work-In-Progress, and cost incurred on Capital Work-In-progress is transferred to Property, Plant and Equipment when it is available for use.

xii. Intangible assets

Online journals have been recognized as intangible assets when it is probable that future economic benefits that are attributable to the assets will flow into the enterprise and the cost of the asset can be measured reliably. Intangible assets acquired are stated at cost less accumulated amortization and accumulated impairment losses. These costs are amortized over a period of 5 years.

xiii. Current Assets

Current Assets classified in the Statement of Financial Position are those which are expected to be realized in or consumed in the University's normal operating cycle, expected to be realized within twelve months after the reporting date or Cash or a Cash equivalent.

xiv. Inventories

Inventories are stated at cost and determined on a First in, First Out (FIFO) basis. Inventories mainly comprise stationery and spare parts. Inventories are for consumption and not for resale.

xv. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash and Cash equivalents are defined as Cash in hand, demand deposits and short-term highly liquid investments readily convertible to known amounts of Cash and subject to insignificant risk of change in value. For Cash Flow Statement, Cash & Cash equivalents include Cash in hand and deposits in banks. Investments with a short-term maturity of six months or less from the date of acquisition are also treated as Cash equivalents. The Cash Flow Statement is prepared based on the indirect method.

E. Accounting for Government Grants for Capital Expenditure**i. Recurrent Grant**

Recurrent grants are recognized in the Statement of Financial Performance on a Cash basis. The cost of rehabilitation of PPE and capital grants for construction and new work are recognized either as work in progress or Capital Assets where necessary.

ii. Capital Grants

Government Grants for the Capital expenditure has presented in the Financial Statements in accordance with the SLPSAS – 11 – Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions.

F. Contribution to Capital Outlay from Outside Grants

The value of Property, Plant & Equipment purchased out of generated funds & various project funds were shown as "Contribution to Capital Outlay from Outside Grants".

G. Internally Restricted Funds

Internally restricted funds include funds committed for specific purposes. Development funds represent the cumulative position of University/Faculties/ Department Funds with net unspent balances at the year end.

H. Endowment Funds

Endowment funds include restricted donations received by the University and investment returns generated from endowment funds, which are used in accordance with the various purposes established by the donors.

I. Taxes**i. Income Tax**

University is not liable to pay income tax on its income from the ordinary course of the business according to the prevailing tax regulations.

ii. Value-Added Tax

University is exempted from paying Value Added Taxes according to the prevailing tax regulations.

iii. Advanced Personal Income Tax (APIT)

The University currently remits APIT deducted from the monthly salaries of the employees who are liable for payment of income tax, which is not a part of the University expenditure. Hence, payment of APIT is not accounted for in the accounts of the University.

iv. Social Security Contribution Levy (SSCL)

The University currently remits 2.5% of SSCL according to the monthly income earned by the University as per the Social Security Contribution Levy of Act No. 25 of 2022.

v. Withholding Tax (WHT)

Current WHT rates on certain payments are deducted according to sections 84A and 85 of the Income Tax Act as amended in effect from January 02, 2023

J. Employee Benefits

i. Definitions

Short-Term Employee Benefits

Short-term employee benefits are recognized as expenses when the related service is provided. A liability is recorded for the amount expected to be paid if the University has a present legal or constructive obligation due to an employee's past service and if the obligation can be estimated reliably.

Defined Contribution Plan

Employees are eligible for contributions to the University Provident Fund (UPF), Employees' Trust Fund (ETF), and University Pension Fund, in compliance with the applicable statutes and regulations. The University of Kelaniya makes fixed contributions based on basic emoluments, cost-of-living allowances, academic allowances, and monthly compensation allowances to these funds. The University has no further legal or constructive obligation beyond these contributions. This obligation falls under SLPSAS 19 on Employee Benefits, and contributions are recognized in profit or loss as the related service is provided.

Defined Benefit Obligation

Under the Gratuity Act No. 12 of 1983, the University incurs a defined benefit obligation for eligible employees. This post-employment benefit obligation falls within the scope of SLPSAS 19 – Employee Benefits.

Measurement of Defined Benefit Obligation

The defined benefit obligation is recorded at its present value in the Statement of Financial Position as of the reporting date. The calculation is performed annually by a qualified actuary using the Projected Unit Credit (PUC) method. Re-measurement of the defined benefit liability, including actuarial gains and losses, is recognized immediately in the Statement of Financial Performance. The University accounts for the increase in liability arising from

employee service during the year (current service cost) in the Statement of Financial Performance.

The discount rate is derived based on an approximation of the long-term interest rate, which was 11% per annum in 2022 and 11.5% per annum in 2021. The defined benefit obligation is not externally funded.

Accounting Estimates

The actuarial valuation requires assumptions about discount rates, future salary increases, and mortality rates. Due to the complexity and long-term nature of these obligations, the defined benefit liability is highly sensitive to changes in these assumptions. All assumptions are reviewed at each reporting date.

ii. Actuarial Valuation of Retirement Gratuity

An actuarial valuation was conducted as of 31 December 2024 by Actuarial & Management Consultants (Pvt) Ltd, a firm of professional actuaries. The summarized valuation report is as follows:

Key Assumptions:

Table 53: Actuarial Valuation of retirement gratuity

Assumption	2024	2023
Financial Rate of Discount	11% p.a.	13% p.a.
Salary Escalation Rate		
Academic Staff	10.00% p.a.	12.00% p.a.
Non-Academic Staff	8.00% p.a.	10.00% p.a.
Demographic		
Mortality Table	A 1967/70 Mortality Table issued by the Institute of Actuaries, London	
Retirement Age		
Academic Staff	65 Years	65 Years
Non-Academic Staff	60 Years	60 Years
Staff Turnover Rate		
Academic Staff	1.00% p.a. up to age 54, then zero	
Non-Academic Staff	0.50% p.a. up to age 54, then zero	
Disability Rate (Academic & Non-Academic)	10% of the Mortality Table	

Sensitivity Analysis of Present Value of Defined Benefit Obligation (LKR)

The sensitivity analysis demonstrates that changes in the discount rate and salary escalation rate have a significant impact on the present value of the defined benefit obligation.

Scenario	Amount (LKR)
A one percentage point increase (+1%) increase in the discount rate	1,684,136,053
A one percentage point decrease (-1%) in the discount rate	1,974,401,893
A one percentage point increase (+1%) in the salary increment rate	1,974,258,663
A one percentage point decrease (-1%) in the salary increment rate	1,682,061,294

K. Liabilities and Provisions

Current Liabilities

Current Liabilities are stated at their book value.

Provisions

Provisions are recognized when the University has a present obligation as a result of a past event, and it is probable that an outflow of resources embodying economic benefits will be required to settle the obligations and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation. The Provisions are shown under the accrued expenditure. The University arrives at an estimate on the basis of evaluations of the most likely outcome. All known provisions have been accounted for in preparing these Financial Statements.

L. Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

A contingent liability is a possible obligation that arises from past events whose existence will be continued by the occurrence or non- occurrence of one or more uncertain future events beyond the control of the program or a present obligation that is not recognized because it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required to settle the obligation.

A contingent liability also arises in extremely rare cases where there is a liability that cannot be measured reliably. The uncertainty does not recognize a contingent liability but discloses its existence in the Financial Statement.

A contingent asset is a possible asset that arises from past events whose existence will be confirmed by the occurrence or non-occurrence of one or more uncertain future events beyond the control of the University. The University does not recognize contingent assets but discloses its existence where inflow of economic benefits is probable but not virtually certain.

M. Revenue Recognition

i. Exchange Transactions

The income of research grants, miscellaneous projects & other grants, self-financing activities including academic assignments, and all other revenues have been recognized on an accrual basis.

ii. Non - Exchange Transactions-Capital

Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions-Capital is presented in the Financial Statements in accordance with SLPSAS 11. Accordingly, Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions-Capital grants is recognized as income in the Statement of Financial Position and transferred to the Accumulated Fund-Surplus Capital account. It is shown as a reserve account in the Statement of Financial Position as a cumulative amount.

iii. Finance Income

Interest income is recognized on an accruing basis using an effective interest rate method according to SLFRS 09 due to the absence of SLPSAS.

iv. Expenditure Recognition

Expenses incurred in carrying out all activities of the University are recognized on an accrual basis and charged to the Statement of Financial Performance.

iv. Statement of Cash Flow

The Cash Flow Statement has been prepared by using the Indirect Method in accordance with the SLPSAS 2 - Cash Flow Statements whereby gross cash receipts and gross cash payments of operating activities, finance activities and investing activities have been recognized. Cash and cash equivalents comprise short term, highly liquid investments that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash and are subject to an insignificant risk of changes in value.

12.5.4. Explanatory Notes

A. Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Project

The Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) Operation, a World Bank-funded initiative, played a crucial role in enhancing higher education in Sri Lanka from 2018 to 2023. Implemented under the Ministry of Education, the project supported universities under the University Grants Commission (UGC), SLIATE, ATIs, and non-state higher education institutions offering government-approved degree programs.

Key Strategic Areas of the AHEAD Operation

The project focused on three strategic result areas:

- i. Increasing Student Enrollment – Prioritizing disciplines contributing to economic development.
- ii. Improving the Quality of Higher Education – Enhancing Learning, Teaching, and Assessment (ELTA), English Language Skills Enhancement (ELSE), Professional Development, and Quality Assurance.
- iii. Promoting Research, Development, and Innovation (RDIC) – Encouraging a research-driven, innovation-oriented, and commercialization-focused culture.

Role at the University of Kelaniya

At the University of Kelaniya, the Operations Technical Secretariat (OTS) managed finance, procurement, administration, and coordination of project activities under the oversight of the Operations and Monitoring Support Team (OMST) of the Ministry of Education and the UGC.

Achievements at the University of Kelaniya

The University of Kelaniya successfully secured 20 grants totaling LKR 929.7 million, distributed across the following areas:

Result Area 1: Increasing Student Enrollment (LKR 142 million)

Six grants were awarded to departments in Medical Education, Industrial Management, Chemistry, Mathematics, Physics, Statistics, and Computer Science.

Result Area 2 (i): Improving Higher Education Quality (LKR 673 million)

- Faculty-level initiatives in the Faculties of Commerce and Management Studies, Humanities, and Science.
- Department-level grants for the Departments of Accountancy, Commerce and Financial Management, Industrial Management, and Plant & Molecular Biology.
- A special IT for Arts program equipment grant received in 2022.

Result Area 2 (ii): PhD Scholarships (LKR 176.5 million)

As part of the AHEAD initiative, 24 academic staff members were awarded PhD scholarships to pursue studies at international universities.

Result Area 3: Promoting Research, Development, and Innovation (LKR 160 million)

- Development-Oriented Research (DOR) projects in the Faculties of Humanities, Science, and Social Sciences.
- Research, Innovation, and Commercialization (RIC) grants for the Departments of Chemistry and Physics.
- Funding for the University Business Linkage Cell to enhance university-industry collaboration.

The AHEAD Operation significantly strengthened higher education at the University of Kelaniya, contributing to research advancement, faculty development, and improved academic infrastructure. The project officially concluded on May 31, 2024.

B. Science and Technology Human Resources Development Project (STHRDP)

The Science and Technology Human Resources Development Project (STHRDP), funded by the Asian Development Bank (ADB), supports the government's initiative to develop technology faculties at the University of Kelaniya, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, and Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, as well as the Faculty of Engineering at the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. The project aims to nurture a new generation of technology-oriented graduates equipped with market-relevant skills and an entrepreneurial mindset to meet industry demands.

This project addresses the lack of financing for technology degree programs, which are in high demand among students and industry stakeholders. To bridge this gap, it focuses on establishing an innovative technology learning and research environment, implementing high-quality, industry-relevant education programs, and strengthening industry linkages and international collaborations. Additionally, the project aims to enhance faculty management capacity and support the development of new higher education initiatives. Key efforts include upgrading curricula to meet international standards, developing academic staffing, providing competitive industry and foreign university grants, and fostering capacity-building opportunities to ensure graduates are equipped with market-relevant skills and knowledge.

Project Funding and Financial Summary as of 31 December 2024

The Science and Technology Human Resources Development Project (STHRDP) has a total funding allocation of USD 165 million, with USD 145 million contributed by the Asian

Development Bank (ADB) and USD 20 million from the Government of Sri Lanka. The ADB funding comprises USD 83.02 million from Ordinary Capital Resources (OCR) Loans and USD 61.98 million from Concessional OCR Lending. Under this project, the Faculty of Computing and Technology at the University of Kelaniya has been allocated USD 29.2 million, while an additional USD 10 million is available for the four participating universities through a competitive proposal basis.

As of 31 December 2024, the total estimated project cost for the Science and Technology Human Resources Development Project (STHRDP) was LKR 4.76 billion, while actual disbursements reached LKR 7.76 billion. Major disbursements included LKR 6.61 billion for the construction of the faculty building complex, LKR 804.8 million for procurement of goods, including LKR 25.72 million for recurrent expenses, LKR 6.36 million for short-term training programs, and LKR 78.76 million for long-term training. Additionally, LKR 227.47 million was allocated for competitive research grants, while LKR 24.78 million was used to provide equipment to other faculties.

The faculty building complex, constructed at an estimated cost of LKR 3.69 billion, was completed in 2024, with total disbursements of LKR 6.61 billion from 2020 to 2024. The final phase was completed in 2024, marking the official commencement of its use, with LKR 1 million capitalized in 2023 and the remaining balance in 2024. The state-of-the-art facility, spanning 30,000 square meters across six buildings, includes more than 25 science and engineering laboratories and a 1,000-seat auditorium. Designed with sustainability in mind, it incorporates solar panels, windmills, and an advanced Building Management System to enhance energy efficiency. Expected to achieve Platinum Green Certification, the complex reinforces the University of Kelaniya's commitment to eco-friendly, modern technology education.

C. Pending Legal Cases

As of 31 December 2024, the University of Kelaniya is involved in several ongoing legal cases, primarily related to landownership disputes, employment matters, contractual obligations, and financial recoveries. The University Council, in collaboration with legal advisors, continues to monitor these cases and take necessary measures to mitigate potential risks.

The pending legal cases as of 31 December 2024 are as follows:

Table 54: Pending Legal Cases

Land Ownership Disputes
District Court Marawila – Case No. 1538/L
Filed by a third party against the University and the Registrar, claiming ownership of Dummaladeniya land in Wennappuwa, which belongs to the University. The value of the claim in 2009 was LKR. 4,005,000.
District Court Gampaha – Case No. 1225/L
Filed by external parties against the University, Vice-Chancellor, and Registrar, contesting the title to part of the Ragama Medical Faculty property. The land in question is state-owned and was handed over to the University by the Divisional Secretary, Jaela. The value of the claim in 2007 was LKR. 1,000,000.
Employment-Related Disputes
District Court Gampaha – Case No. 6411/M
Filed by a former academic staff member of Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine (GWAI) against the former Senior Assistant Internal Auditor of the University, alleging damages caused due to actions taken based on an audit investigation. The compensation claim is LKR. 50,000,000.

Table 54: (Continued)

Labour Tribunal – Case No. LT/31/68/2020
Filed by a retired Sub-Warden, who was interdicted by the University on 03.10.2017 and whose employment was terminated by the University Council at its 478th meeting on 11.02.2020. The claimant is seeking reasonable compensation, but the case is currently pending in court.
Supreme Court Fundamental Rights Case – Case No. SC/FR 285/24
Filed by Dr. C.D. Chathuranga, a former Senior Lecturer in Grade II in the Department of Social Statistics, Faculty of Social Sciences, who was deemed to have vacated his post by the University Council. The petitioner is claiming LKR. 100,000,000 in compensation.
District Court Mahara – Case No. 182/2023 MR
Filed by Professor (Mrs.) Prashanthi Narangoda, claiming LKR. 500,000,000 in compensation.
Financial Recoveries from Employees
District Court Colombo – Case No. 3785/16/DMR
Filed by the University against a staff member and two sureties for violating an agreement related to study leave. The University is seeking to recover the LKR. 3,233,788
District Court Colombo – Case No. 2515/19
Filed by the University against a staff member and two sureties for violating an agreement related to study leave. The University is seeking to recover LKR. 8,472,381
District Court Colombo – Case No. 2514/19
Filed by the University against a staff member and two sureties for violating an agreement related to study leave. The University is seeking to recover LKR. 7,194,539
District Court Colombo – Case No. 2514/19
Filed by the University against the sureties of an academic staff member who violated the agreement related to study leave. The University is seeking to recover LKR. 7,194,538.80.
Contractual Disputes
District Court Mahara – Case No. 228 MR
Filed by Iron Arms, alleging a violation of a tender contract and claiming LKR. 13,326,000.

The University Council, in consultation with legal advisors, continues to actively address these cases to safeguard the University's interests, ensuring compliance with legal and financial reporting obligations.

D. Related Party Disclosures

The University carried out transactions in the ordinary course of business on an arm's length basis with parties who are defined as Related Parties as per the Sri Lanka Accounting Standard –LKAS 24 on "Related Party Disclosures".

And there were no transactions entered into by the University with the organizations where Council members are Key Management Personnel of those organizations.

E. Presentation of Budget

The budget of the University is prepared based on the accrual basis of accounting. The classification basis adopted in the budget is the nature of expenditure, which is the same method followed in the presentation of financial statements of the University as well. The

classification of income and expenditure is done by the University as per the guidelines issued by the Treasury. Since the budget and financial statements are prepared on the accrual basis of accounting, the need for reconciliation of budget and actual amounts does not arise. The budget covers the fiscal period from January 01 to December 31, 2024, and includes all Faculties, Centers, Divisions and Units of the University. A statement of comparison of budget and actual amounts is shown in a separate annexure.

F. Bond Violators

A sum of LKR 462,996,552 has been due from 43 Bond violators as of 31st December 2024.

G. Events After Reporting Date

No events after the reporting date have been reported after the reporting date.

12.5.5. Notes to the Financial Statements

Table 55: Notes to the financial statements

For the Year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
5	Government Grants for Recurrent Expenditure		
	Personal Emoluments	4,837,770,000	4,387,000,000
	Other Recurrent	450,000,000	375,000,000
	Rehabilitation & Improvements	55,228,483	19,740,843
	Total	5,342,998,483	4,781,740,843

For the Year ended 31 December		Sub Schedule No.	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
6	Internal Income			
	Tuition Fees (Undergraduate - Foreign)		92,787,485	74,196,208
	Tuition Fees (Postgraduate)		22,960,560	17,385,399
	Examination Fees (Undergraduate)		9,762,579	13,903,651
	Examination Fees (Postgraduate)		640,491	186,000
	Registration Fees (Undergraduate - Local)		30,601,271	17,028,896
	Registration Fees (Postgraduate)		-	241,537
	Interest from Loans		5,583,562	5,886,119
	Other Internal Income	6.1	137,588,965	138,687,411
	Transfer from Development Funds		441,995,274	553,542,053
	Total		741,920,187	821,057,275

For the Year ended 31 December		Sub Schedule No.	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
6.1	Other Internal Income			
	Rent from Properties		7,360,917	6,574,095
	Sale of Produce		178,007	101,795
	Sale of Publications		57,675	161,100
	Library Fines		684,152	824,865
	Ancillary Activities - Hostels		4,991,530	4,376,270
	Miscellaneous Income	6.1.1	124,316,684	126,649,286
	Total		137,588,965	138,687,411

For the Year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
6.1.1	Miscellaneous Income		
	Certificate Fees	14,398,930	13,564,637
	Cloak Hiring & Fines	195,787	266,800
	Convocation Fees	32,843,925	26,551,700
	Postgraduate Library Income	-	36,000
	Application & Other Fees	7,858,903	12,891,315
	Provident Fund Charges	17,508,286	21,986,030
	Library Cards & Identity Cards	9,000	9,500
	Other Miscellaneous Income	51,501,853	51,343,304
	Total	124,316,684	126,649,286

Table 55: (Continued)

	For the Year ended 31 December	Sub Schedule No.	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
7	Personal Emoluments			
	(a) Academic			
	Salaries & Wages		995,745,964	981,217,315
	University Provident Fund		268,505,484	217,461,998
	University Pension Fund		145,041,494	122,854,569
	Employees' Trust Fund		100,981,508	68,131,491
	Cost of Living Allowance		206,188,861	93,432,364
	Academic Allowances		1,503,951,070	1,198,152,062
	Special Allowance (20%)		155,284,005	154,443,231
	Research Allowance		266,795,320	268,956,170
	Visiting Lecturers Fees		38,133,718	36,105,195
	Additional Allowance - 2022		60,736,865	59,062,609
	Other Allowances		25,850,781	27,559,848
	Total	(a)	3,767,215,072	3,227,376,851
	(b) Non-Academic			
	Salaries & Wages		433,651,855	452,281,350
	University Provident Fund		63,903,243	59,826,624
	University Pension Fund		45,884,665	42,178,086
	Employees' Trust Fund		21,957,692	20,409,238
	Acting Allowances		1,051,782	768,743
	Over Time		45,842,330	46,160,463
	Holiday Payments		1,676,904	1,794,563
	Cost of Living Allowance		156,422,978	77,043,364
	Special Allowances (20%)		76,978,034	81,361,128
	Research Allowance		10,693,540	7,823,895
	Additional Monthly Allowance (20%)		173,174,889	183,128,190
	Other Allowances		9,742,830	10,530,131
	Additional Allowance -2022		47,070,454	49,739,068
	Total	(b)	1,088,051,195	1,033,044,842
	Total (a)+(b)		4,855,266,267	4,260,421,693
8	Travelling Expenses		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
	Domestic		432,919	721,010
	Foreign		-	1,674,878
	Total		432,919	2,395,888
9	Supplies		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
	Stationery & Office Requisites		47,536,961	64,550,205
	Fuel & Lubricants		29,433,165	37,475,199
	Uniform & Tailoring Charges		3,366,590	10,204,454
	Mechanical & Electrical Goods		2,773,072	1,817,816
	Chemical & Glassware		12,868,151	18,618,462
	Medical Supplies		4,415,010	4,915,614
	Other Supplies		71,341,516	66,519,652
	Total		171,734,464.44	204,101,403

Table 55: (Continued)

	For the Year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
10	Maintenance Expenses		
	Vehicles	21,590,335	26,630,505
	Plant, Machinery & Office Equipment	115,047,374	43,545,691
	Building & Structures	3,260,633	1,733,610
	Furniture	37,700	403,195
	Others	1,358,183	207,733
	Total	141,294,225	72,520,733
	For the Year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
11	Contractual Services		
	Transport	67,970	127,844
	Telecommunication	94,770,613	64,516,558
	Postal Charges	2,194,080	2,760,270
	Electricity	293,687,021	291,090,420
	Security Services	136,421,482	103,987,887
	Water	64,579,347	54,093,217
	Cleaning Services	191,689,517	112,143,343
	Rent & Hire Charges	24,287,866	27,203,547
	Rates and Taxes to Local Authorities	10,283,739	22,995,851
	Printing, Advertising etc.	25,547,576	55,502,498
	Others	14,931,270	20,571,277
	Total	858,460,480	754,992,714
	For the Year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
12	Other Recurrent Expenses		
	Special Services - Council & Committees	6,380,546	7,487,001
	Special Services - Professional & Other Fees	105,040	119,500
	Workshops, Seminars	11,920	193,925
	Academic Research	1,484,564	4,666,744
	Staff Developments	1,662,500	3,079,017
	Holiday, Warrants & Season Tickets	4,513,450	5,839,458
	Entertainment Expenses	4,715,975	5,220,006
	Awards & Indemnities	197,500	112,500
	Contribution & Membership Fee	3,290,473	6,393,231
	Convocations	13,575,124	16,055,164
	Examinations	71,728,045	141,744,536
	Others - Newspapers, Magazines etc.	7,012,715	10,984,389
	Course Materials for Students	776,376	-
	Field Trips	7,361,952	6,278,461
	Students Development Initiatives	14,859,182	7,221,721
	Bank Charges	4,826	5,400
	Total	137,680,187	215,401,054

Table 55: (Continued)

For the Year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
13	Expenditure from Development Funds		
	Personal Emoluments	104,619,469	65,834,744
	Travelling Expenses	1,079,159	-
	Supplies	23,996,655	23,422,849
	Maintenance Expenses	37,256,592	79,802,623
	Contractual Services	29,035,528	15,814,927
	Other Recurrent	150,783,292	127,871,612
	Total	346,770,694	312,746,755
For the Year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
	Sub Schedule No.		
14	Project Expenses		
	STHRD Project Expenses	90,675,145	33,229,570
	AHEAD Project Expenses	941,905	753,899
		91,617,050	33,983,468
For the Year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
14.1	STHRD Project Expenses		
	Procurement of Goods - Recurrent	6,255,941	-
	Short Term Training	3,142,583	202,500
	Long Term Training	17,653,837	33,027,070
	Research Grant	63,622,783	
	Total	90,675,144.58	33,229,569.50
For the Year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
14.2	AHEAD Project Expenses		
	Recurrent Expenses	941,905	753,899
	Total	941,905	753,899
For the Year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
15	Expenditure on Centre for Distance and Continuing Education		
	Travelling Expenses	-	210
	Supplies	10,370,766	9,944,684
	Maintenance Expenses	7,127,067	11,328,753
	Contractual Services	32,629,984	44,227,160
	Convocations	21,792,524	19,135,365
	Examinations	30,727,506	81,808,971
	Other Recurrent Expenditure	34,216,304	28,844,477
	Total	136,864,152	195,289,620
For the Year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
16	Recurrent Expenditure from Capital Grant		
	Rehabilitation and Improvement	55,100,845	16,031,086
	Human Capital Development	128,859	3,709,757
	Total	55,229,704	19,740,843

Table 55: (Continued)

17	Property, Plant & Equipment										LKR
	Description	Lands	Buildings & Improvements	Computer Equipment/ Accessories	Furniture, Fixtures, Machinery, and Equipment	Infrastructure	Motor Vehicle	Library and Educational Materials	Miscellaneous Assets	Total	
Cost/Revalued Balance											
	Balance as at 01 January 2023	5,838,290,257	10,017,425,819	901,734,105	3,220,446,741	139,116,885	167,935,000	382,279,782	458,891,076	21,126,119,663	
	Additions / (Disposals) During the Year										
	Additions - Treasury Grant	-	5,071,773	48,359,078	5,884,794	-	-	265,562	7,356,465	66,937,672	
	Additions - Generated Funds	-	6,430,032	32,791,658	42,698,229	1,713,757	-	3,145,182	3,914,806	90,693,663	
	Additions - Research Grant	-	14,043,755	2,131,600	854,369					17,029,724	
	Additions - STHRD	-		46,736,036	182,434,379	28,506,386	-	-	19,741,174	277,417,975	
	Additions - AHEAD	-	-	280,000	450,967	-	-	-	15,000	745,967	
	Donations received during the year	-	-	-	599,916	-	-	355,241	284,451	1,239,608	
	Work In Progress Capitalized During the Year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
	STHRD Project		4,633,349,939							4,633,349,939	
	CNCLD Building		1,116,871,532							1,116,871,532	
	Balance as at 31 December 2024	5,838,290,257	15,793,192,849	1,032,032,477	3,453,369,394	169,337,027	167,935,000	386,045,766	490,202,971	27,330,405,743	
Provision for Accumulated Depreciation											
	Balance as at 01 January 2023		1,750,455,217	397,831,121	2,608,904,956	75,275,897	33,587,000	375,731,842	371,022,427	5,612,808,460	
	Depreciation Charge for the year	-	624,769,926	169,019,561	185,834,765	9,125,864	33,587,000	6,724,992	32,820,484	1,061,882,593	
	Balance as at 31 December 2024	-	2,375,225,144	566,850,682	2,794,739,721	84,401,762	67,174,000	382,456,834	403,842,911	6,674,691,053	
Net Carrying Amount											
	Balance as at 31 December 2023	5,838,290,257	8,266,970,602	503,902,984	611,541,785	63,840,988	134,348,000	6,547,939	87,868,649	15,513,311,203	
	Balance as at 31 December 2024	5,838,290,257	13,417,967,705	465,181,795	658,629,674	84,935,266	100,761,000	3,588,932	86,360,060	20,655,714,688	

Table 55: (Continued)

	As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
18	Capital Work in Progress		
	Balance at the beginning of the year	5,146,670,868	5,140,139,094
	Add		
	Additions during the Period	312,932,336	1,990,949,435
	Less		
	Amount Capitalized during the Period	4,790,647,602	1,984,417,660
	Balance at the end of the Period	668,955,602	5,146,670,869
	Ten Storied Building FCMS	15,013,438	15,013,438
	CNCLD Building	-	150,273,423
	New Lecture Theatre Complex, Faculty of Science	491,619,432	294,415,812
	STHRD Project Building	-	4,524,645,464
	4-Storey Building as Pannarama Hostel	65,457,463	65,457,463
	Six Storied Examination Building Complex	96,865,269	96,865,269
	Total	668,955,602	5,146,670,868
	As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
19	Intangible Assets		
	Cost/Revalued Balance as at 1 st January	81,421,681	64,740,903
	Additions During the Year	28,358,698	16,680,778
	Balance as at 31st December	109,780,378	81,421,681
	Accumulated Amortization Balance as at 1 st January	62,015,176	50,206,942
	Opening balance transferred to computer software	-	(15,409,235)
	Restated balance as at 1st January	62,015,176	34,797,707
	Amortization for the Period	10,931,919	27,217,469
	Balance as at 31st December	72,947,095	62,015,176
	Net Carrying amount as at 1st January	19,406,505	14,533,961
	Net Carrying amount as at 31st December	36,833,283	19,406,505
	As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
20	Financial Assets		
	Investment	4,639,705,257	3,615,985,960
	Distress Loans	123,294,311	136,835,877
	Staff Loans	126,480	163,880
	Transport Loans	7,222,602	6,935,824
	Computer Loans	3,782,525	3,752,465
	Special Distress Loan	509,222	244,320
	Vice Chancellor's Fund Loan	-	221,883
	Total	4,774,640,397	3,764,140,209
	As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
21	Inventories		
	Inventories University	43,668,150	45,746,162
	Inventories Medical Faculty	12,429,515	13,883,880
	Provision for Non moving, slow moving & Obsolete Stock	(10,429,355)	(7,504,935)
	Total	45,668,309	52,125,107

Table 55: (Continued)

As at year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
22	Sundry Debtors & Receivables		
	Interest	118,132,690	185,072,947
	Bursary	37,356,000	99,993,500
	Receivables from President Fund (CKDU)	26,730,317	26,730,317
	Others	11,357,439	1,909,222
	Sundry Debtors	2,372	-
	Dialog Tower Rent	792,000	79,200
	People's Bank Branch Rent	22,500	22,500
	ATM machine Rent PB	20,000	15,000
	ATM machine Rent BOC	14,000	-
	Mobitel Tower	798,600	-
	Receivable from Treasury for Capital Funds	72,740,419	68,774,711
	Additional Student Intake	23,000	-
	Total	267,989,337	382,597,397
23	Advances to Staff	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
	Festival Advances	620,003	632,503
	Salary Advances	627,225	104,741
	Special Advances	101,836	89,436
	Total	1,349,064	826,680
As at year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
	Sub Schedule No.		
24	Advances & Prepayments		
	Advances for Supplies & Services	19,889,438	26,648,456
	Other Advances & Deposits	1,787,003	1,125,621
	Prepayments	12,261,676	12,607,445
	Deposits	3,696,720	3,696,720
	Total	37,634,837	44,078,242
24.1	Advances for Supplies & Services	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
	Research Advance	7,249,586	4,188,510
	International Conference Advance	811,656	5,070,942
	Miscellaneous Advance	10,420,925	11,910,351
	Statutory Boards & Local Authorities	96,920	96,920
	Capital Advance	1,310,350	5,381,732
	Total	19,889,438	26,648,456
24.2	Other Advances & Deposits	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
	External Research Advance	1,245,000	255,031
	Generated Fund Advance	125,000	92,429
	Advance for Gender Studies Programme	92,277	370,171
	Research Centre Development Fund Advance	24,408	39,003
	Other	300,318	368,987
	Total	1,787,003	1,125,621

Table 55: (Continued)

As at year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
24.3	Prepayments	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
	Service Agreements	12,261,676	12,607,445
	Total	12,261,676	12,607,445
24.4	Deposits	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
	Fuel Deposit	3,660,000	3,660,000
	BMICH Deposit	-	-
	Others	36,720	36,720
	Total	3,696,720	3,696,720
25	Cash and Cash Equivalents	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-1-0667549	13,953,944	11,151,484
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-8-0667616	96,688	35,824,143
	People's Bank - A/C No. 316-1-001-2-4564262	3,172,954	4,854,557
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-8-0668084	53,207,212	126,273,197
	Peoples' Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-5-0667552	10,274,213	6,005,660
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-6-0667716	14,890,676	22,533,571
	People's Bank - A/C No. 316-1-001-0-4564263	1,312,432	4,411,359
	People's Bank - A/C No. 316-1-001-9-4564819	106,226,150	61,785,801
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-8-0669229	69,722,834	89,754,917
	Peoples' Bank - A/C No. 796-4-021-9-0227539 (NRFC A/C)	21,541	25,924
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-4-021-1-0667549 (US\$ Account)	2,762,402	3,671,687
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-002-2-0015067	2,212,031	2,649,123
	Peoples' Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-8-0017238	12,294,740	8,824,513
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-4-0009867	137,452,601	422,512,013
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-3-0667553	37,197,897	117,510,905
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-002-0-0027655	100,000	100,000
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-1-0027655	100,000	100,000
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-4-0036795	25,000	25,000
	People's Bank - A/C No. 055-1-001-9-0045504	50,693,554	4,695,344
	P/B.Kelaniya- Saving Account	18,472	18,472
	Total	515,735,342	922,727,669
As at year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
26	Accumulated Fund - Surplus/ (Deficit) - Capital		
	Balance as at 01 st January	9,613,747,503	7,820,262,755
	Add		
	Capital Investment During the year		
	Capital Investment from Treasury Funds	273,922,949	206,471,419
	Rehabilitation and Improvements	12,272,132	60,224,606
	Acquisitions of Assets	61,650,817	35,820,672
	Construction Projects	200,000,000	110,426,141
	Capital Investment for CNCLD Building	3,581,407	90,753,747
	Construction Projects	3,581,407	90,753,747
	Capital Investment from AHEAD for Additional Intake	-	82,429,776
	Rehabilitation and Improvements	-	799,806

Table 55: (Continued)

	Acquisitions of Assets	-	81,629,970
	Capital Investment from IT Infrastructure Development Fund	1,701,600	5,174,520
	Acquisitions of Assets	1,701,600	5,174,520
	Capital Grant AHEAD	745,967	136,080,281
	Acquisitions of Assets	745,967	136,080,281
	Capital Grant STHRD	414,481,149	2,120,440,538
	Acquisitions of Assets	305,776,673	300,835,486
	Construction Projects	108,704,476	1,819,605,052
	Donations	960,813,476	1,163,442
	Donations for CNCLD Building	959,573,869	-
	Furniture	884,367	47,381
	Library Books	355,240	1,116,061
	Total Capital Investment During the year	1,655,246,548	2,642,513,723
	Balance as at 31 December	11,268,994,051	10,462,776,478
	Total Expenditure - Capital	1,128,044,216	849,028,975
	Restated Balance as at 31 December	10,140,949,835	9,613,747,503
	As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
27	Capital Grant Unspent		
	Balance as at 01st January	88,648,322	101,342,609
	Add		
	Fund Received During the year	303,071,000	248,528,000
	Fund Received from UGC	-	165,119,687
		391,719,322	514,990,296
	Less		
	Rehabilitation and Improvement	(57,300,011)	(75,331,318)
	Acquisition of fixed assets	(74,848,412)	(146,121,011)
	Construction projects	(196,557,167)	(201,179,888)
	Human Capital Development	(128,859)	(3,709,757)
	Sub Total	(328,834,449)	(426,341,974)
	Restated / Balance as at 31 December	62,884,873	88,648,322
	As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
28	Cabinet Approved Building Project Fund		
	Balance as at 01 st January	1,665,966	1,227,570
	Add		
	Fund/Interest Received	598,101	438,396
	Total	2,264,066	1,665,966
	As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
29	Income Received in Advance		
	Fee - Levying Courses - Diploma & Certificates	222,615,703	206,563,548
	Fee - Levying Courses - Postgraduate	532,898,479	438,297,332
	Fee - Levying Courses - Others	14,938,344	11,970,650
	Other Internal Programmes	24,295,221	36,020,884
	External Examination - Examination Fee	342,917,736	356,274,253

Table 55: (Continued)

External Examination - Seminar Fee		50,094,278	57,334,778
Others		19,047,100	22,647,100
Total		1,206,806,861	1,129,108,545

As At year ended 31 December	Sub Schedule No.	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
30 Internal Restricted Funds			
University Funds	30.1	1,251,451,187	1,142,051,194
Funds Received for Special Purpose	30.2	799,240,436	533,781,505
Other Reserves	30.3	37,014,371	34,553,341
Total		2,087,705,995	1,710,386,041

30.1 University Funds	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
University Development Fund	173,234,890	262,014,162
ICT Development Fund	576,590	464,040
Centre for Sustainability Solution	4,169,176	4,648,253
Research Centre Development Fund-Commerce & Management	27,042,352	26,976,966
Research Centre Development Fund-Humanities	17,389,460	13,481,838
Research Centre Development Fund-Science	12,681,415	9,642,061
Research Centre Development Fund-Social Sciences	25,937,144	22,550,916
Research Centre Development Fund-Medicine	1,725,714	1,491,474
Research Service Centre Fund - Science	1,037,537	1,195,924
Research Council Fund	27,762,276	22,597,367
Social Science Faculty Development Fund	107,206,462	102,135,995
Science Faculty Development Fund	21,726,377	16,908,696
Medical Faculty Development Fund	180,727,228	135,006,300
Commerce & Management Studies Faculty Development Fund	103,782,554	78,515,129
Humanities Faculty Development Fund	32,981,387	26,843,019
Faculty of Computing and Technology Development Fund	18,240	330,777
Faculty of Graduate Studies Development Fund	24,512,931	26,940,766
Ola Leaf Library Fund	6,585,613	6,846,258
Department Development Funds	259,580,004	240,663,931
Department Development Funds - Faculty of Medicine	7,299,794	6,471,451
Centre For International Affairs	1,030,773	1,030,773
Communication and Media Unit	634,328	1,872,495
Library deposit for Main Library	3,097,034	2,398,120
Library deposit for Faculty Libraries	3,705,969	3,947,132
CDCE Fund	181,947,245	117,344,805
Central Business Incubator	207,280	552,340
Molecular Medicine Unit Fund	3,079,380	3,246,360
Research Council Fund - Faculty of Medicine	714,015	823,845
Internet / Wi Fi Deposit Fund	8,983,000	5,110,000
University Welfare Fund	575,000	-
International Fellowship Fund	5,000,000	-
Improving Students Activity	116,803	-
Library Fund	2,000	-
Sports Development Fund	6,331,217	-
Industry Interaction Cell	50,000	-
Total	1,251,451,187	1,142,051,194

Table 55: (Continued)

As at year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
30.2	Funds Received for Special Purpose		
	Vice Chancellor's Fund	57,259,439	58,601,093
	Bond & Agreements Violation Fund	522,890,071	328,488,151
	Interest of Bonds & Agreement Violations	105,119,987	82,780,558
	Gratuity Fund	54,815,714	54,815,714
	CKDU Information Research Centre Fund	160,976	110,976
	CNCLD Project Fund- Medical Faculty	54,578,197	5,632,831
	Staff Development Programme	2,946,024	3,352,182
	Others	1,470,028	-
	Total	799,240,436	533,781,505
30.3	Other Reserves	2024 (LKR)	2023(LKR)
	Staff Development Fund - UGC	1,620,144	2,314,601
	Presidency Exhibition Fund	89,778	89,778
	Career Guidance Unit Deposit	910,217	1,024,574
	Glass Blowing Unit Deposit	1,577,292	1,486,107
	Centre for Gender Studies Deposit	2,936,742	3,891,463
	Funds Received from Mahapola Trust Fund	2,810,403	2,810,403
	International Conferences	11,668,909	9,736,882
	Other Deposits	15,400,886	13,199,534
	Total	37,014,371	34,553,341
As at year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
	Sub Schedule No.		
31	Endowment Funds		
	Prize Funds	6,935,691	5,935,691
	Scholarship Funds	15,653,831	13,219,661
	Income Balance - Prize Funds	11,395,553	9,816,138
	Income Balance - Scholarship Funds	11,915,726	9,179,514
	Total	45,900,802	38,151,004
As at year ended 31 December		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
31.1	Prize Funds		
	Balance as at 01 January	5,935,691	5,449,691
	Add: Donations Received During the year	1,000,000	556,000
	Less: Adjustments	-	(70,000)
	Balance as at 31 December	6,935,691	5,935,691
Prize Funds		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
	Medha Sri Ariyawanse Prize Fund	2,500	2,500
	P.A.P.A. Chandrasekara Prize Fund	2,833,944	2,833,944
	Prof. F.R. Jayasuriya Prize Fund	15,000	15,000
	Dr. P.D. Kannangara Prize Fund	15,900	15,900
	Dept. of Ind.Mgt. Prize Fund	108,347	108,347
	Prof. D.J. Wijeratne Foundation Prize Fund	142,000	142,000
	Rev.Pandith Mudukatuwe Sri Ganarama Prize Fund	50,000	50,000
	Rev. Dr. K. Anuruddha Prize Fund	50,000	50,000

Table 55: (Continued)

Derick De Souza Memorial Prize Fund	36,000	36,000
Rev. K. Wangeesa Prize Fund	60,000	60,000
Buddhadasa Galappaththi Prize Fund	10,000	10,000
Rev. Sik Vin Sin Prize Fund	100,000	100,000
Prof. A.S. Dissanayaka Prize Fund	275,000	275,000
Prof. Carlo Fonseka Prize Fund	106,000	106,000
Eastsmen Kodak Prize Fund	50,000	50,000
Prof. S.B.P. Wickramasooriya Prize Fund	75,000	75,000
Family Medicine Prize Fund	200,000	200,000
Prof. J.K.P. Ariyaratne Prize Fund	100,000	100,000
Deshabandu Sirisumana Godage Prize Fund	50,000	50,000
Martin Wickramasinghe Prize Fund	100,000	100,000
BOC Award Prize Fund	1,000,000	1,000,000
Prof.Senaka Bandaranayake Prize Fund	56,000	56,000
Prof.Lal Chandrasena Prize Fund	500,000	500,000
Mastercard Gold Medal Prize Fund	1,000,000	-
Total	6,935,691	5,935,691
As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
31.2 Scholarship Funds		
Balance as at 01 January	13,219,661	7,875,765
Add: Donations Received During the year	2,434,170	5,273,896
Less: Adjustments	-	70,000
Balance as at 31 December	15,653,831	13,219,661
Scholarship Funds		
P.P. Jayawardena Scholarship Fund	15,000	15,000
Peter Silva Scholarship Fund	5,000	5,000
Dr. Chithra Fernando Scholarship Fund	200,000	200,000
Hawanpola Sri Rathanasara Scholarship Fund	100,000	100,000
Linus Silva Scholarship Fund	10,000	10,000
Agnus Peduru Scholarship Fund	132,063	132,063
Mary's Friends Scholarship Fund	100,000	100,000
Rathnakara Scholarship Fund	100,000	100,000
Prof. H.H. Costa Memorial Scholarship Fund	500,000	500,000
S. Jayawardena Scholarship Fund	200,000	200,000
Linus Silva/Agnus Peduru Scholarship Fund	54,274	54,274
Prof. Shelton Gunaratne Memorial Scholarship Fund	1,181,062	1,181,062
Rajamanthree Scholarship Fund	150,000	150,000
Student Trust Scholarship Fund (HRM)	700,000	700,000
Prof P. Ranasinghe Scholarship Fund	200,000	200,000
W.S. Karunathilake Scholarship Fund	650,000	650,000
K.M.P. Kulasekara Scholarship Fund	100,000	100,000
Lakshmi and Dharmasena Memorial Scholarship Fund	1,239,168	1,239,168
Prof. Dilushi Sandaken Hettiarachchi Scholarship Fund	615,584	615,584
Prof.Sudath Kalingamudali & His Family Scholarship Fund	2,756,681	2,322,511
Emeritus Prof.Mangala Ilangasinghe Scholarship Fund	175,000	175,000
Plant & Molecular Biology Scholarship Fund	70,000	70,000
Dr.P.T. De Silva Scholarship Fund	3,500,000	3,500,000

Table 55: (Continued)

Rev. Dr. Walpola Piyananda Schorlarship Fund	800,000	800,000
Prof.N.K. Dangalla Scholarship Fund	100,000	100,000
Nanda Pali Amare Piduma Scholaship Fund	1,000,000	-
Ven.Kunegoda Piyatissa Swarna Mudrikawa Scholarship Fund	1,000,000	-
Total	15,653,831	13,219,661
As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
31.3 Income Balance - Prize Funds		
Balance as at 01 January	9,816,138	7,613,546
Add: Interest Income received during the year	2,282,246	2,462,981
Less: Prize Awarded During the year	(702,830)	(66,500)
Adjustment	-	(193,890)
Balance as at 31 December	11,395,553	9,816,138
Income Balance - Prize Funds		
Dept.of Ind.Mgt. Prize Fund -Interest	68,599	43,149
Prof. F.R. Jayasuriya Prize Fund -Interest	20,652	18,999
Medha Sri Ariyawanse Prize Fund -Interest	7,143	10,036
Rev. K. Wangeesa Prize Fund -Interest	80,622	63,377
Rev. Sik Vin Sin Prize Fund -Interest	178,330	273,156
Rev. Dr. K. Anuruddha Prize Fund -Interest	319,021	314,404
Buddhadasa Galappaththi Prize Fund -Interest	40,975	33,644
Prof. D.J. Wijeratne Foundation Prize Fund -Interest	577,421	476,506
Derick De Souza Memorial Prize Fund -Interest	53,747	40,838
P.A.P.A. Chandrasekara Prize Fund -Interest	8,298,677	7,022,148
Prof. Carlo Fonseka Prize Fund -Interest	182,280	173,469
Prof. A.S. Dissanayaka Prize Fund -Interest	491,778	466,571
Prof. S.B.P. Wickramasooriya Prize Fund -Interest	83,329	63,399
Etsmen Kodak Prize Fund -Interest	132,870	106,568
Family Medicine Prize Fund -Interest	309,628	315,671
Prof. J.K.P. Ariyaratne Prize Fund -Interest	150,065	124,772
Dr. P.D. Kannangara Prize Fund-Interest	89,956	89,700
BOC Award Prize Fund -Interest	194,021	115,500
Deshabandu Sirisumana Godage Prized -Interest	20,719	14,500
Martin Wickramasinghe Prize Fund- Interest	41,438	29,000
Prof.Senaka Bandaranayake Prize Fund-Interest	23,205	16,240
Prof.Lal Chandrasena Prize Fund- Interest	7,952	4,490
Master Card Gold Medal Prize Fund - Interest	23,125	-
Total	11,395,553	9,816,138
As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
31.4 Income Balance - Scholarship Funds		
Balance as at 01 January	9,179,514	6,961,790
Add: Interest Income received during the period	3,826,811	3,585,074
Less: Prize Awarded During the period	(1,090,601)	(961,468)
Adjustments	-	(405,892)

Table 55: (Continued)

Balance as at 31 December		11,915,726	9,179,514
Income Balance - Scholarship Funds		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
Dr. Chithra Fernando Scholarship Fund -Interest		3,613,752	3,065,221
Peter Silva Scholarship Fund -Interest		37,543	31,424
P.P. Jayawardena Scholarship Fund -Interest		98,825	82,453
Linus Silva/Agnus Peduru Scholarship Fund -Interest		144,238	113,523
Agnus Peduru Scholarship Fund -Interest		109,154	70,864
Mary's Friends Scholarship Fund -Interest		224,885	220,965
S. Jayawardena Scholarship Fund -Interest		349,325	272,886
Rathnakara Scholarship Fund -Interest		249,238	199,266
Prof. H.H. Costa Memorial Scholarship Fund- Interest		454,108	355,798
Prof. Shelton Gunaratne Memorial Scholarship Fund- Interest		2,266,710	1,901,598
Rajamanthre Scholarship Fund -Interest		335,069	267,614
Hawampola Sri Rathanasara Scholarship Fund -Interest		349,567	302,029
Student Trust Scholarship Fund (HRM) -Interest		761,724	622,719
Prof P.Ranasinghe Scholarship Fund -Interest		338,674	244,218
W.S.Karunathilake Scholarship Fund -Interest		632,256	462,411
K.M.P.Kulasekara Scholarship -Interest		79,231	65,634
Laxmi & Dharmasena Scholarship -Interest		347,613	162,604
Prof.Dilrukshi Sandaken Hettiarachchi.Scholarship-Interest		222,007	80,422
Emeritus Prof.Mangala Illangasinghe -Interest		96,345	64,595
Prof.Sudath Kalimgamudali and His Family Scholarship -Interest		330,262	163,329
Plant & Molecular Biology Scholarship -Interest		233,861	220,162
Dr.P.T. De Silva Schorlership -Interest		443,779	170,406
Rev. Dr.Walpola Piyananda Schorlarship Fund -Interest		134,500	35,000
Prof.N.K. Dangalla Scholarship Fund -Interest		16,813	4,375
Nanda Pali Amare Piduma Scholaship Fund -Interest		23,125	-
Ven.Kunegoda Piyatissa Swarna Mudrikawa Scholarship Fund -Interest		23,125	-
Total		11,915,726	9,179,514
As at year ended 31 December	Sub Schedule No.	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
32 Research Grants			
Grants received from National Science Foundation (NSF)	32.1	89,748	2,436,984
Grants received from the Ministry of Science & Technology	32.2	1,641,769	2,259,416
Grants received from University Grant Commission	32.3	758,490	831,050
Grants received from Other Institutes	32.4	178,076,254	108,435,745
University Research Grants	32.5	11,385,332	9,864,443
Total		191,951,593	123,827,638
32.1 Grants received from National Science Foundation (NSF)		2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
Balance at the beginning of the year		2,436,984	4,664,735
Less: Payments during the year - Recurrent		(2,347,236)	(2,227,751)
Balance at the end of the year		89,748	2,436,984

Table 55: (Continued)

32.2	Grants received from the Ministry of Science & Technology	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
	Balance at the beginning of the year	2,259,416	1,263,557
	Add: Grants received during the year	50,000	2,010,000
	Less: Payments during the year - Recurrent	(667,648)	(1,014,142)
	Balance at the end of the year	1,641,769	2,259,416
32.3	Grants received from University Grants Commission (UGC)	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
	Balance at the beginning of the year	831,050	1,633,850
	Add: Grants received during the year	-	700,000
	Less: Payments during the year - Recurrent	(72,560)	(1,502,800)
	Balance at the end of the year	758,490	831,050
32.4	Grants received from Other Institutes	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
	Balance at the beginning of the year	108,435,745	152,510,727
	Add: Grants received during the year	163,980,723	58,215,109
	Less: Payments during the year - Recurrent	(77,310,490)	(98,273,651)
	Less: Payments during the year - Capital	(17,029,724)	-
	Adjustment	-	(4,016,440)
	Balance at the end of the year	178,076,254	108,435,745
	As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
32.5	University Research Grants		
	Balance at the beginning of the year	9,864,443	10,406,583
	Add: Grants received during the year	7,544,117	4,542,720
	Less: Payments during the year - Recurrent	(6,023,229)	(5,084,860)
	Balance at the end of the year	11,385,332	9,864,443
	As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
33	Provision for Retiring Gratuity		
	Provision for PV/DBO as at 1 January	1,507,316,311	1,373,753,063
	Interest Cost for the Period	195,951,120	247,275,551
	Past Service Cost	-	-
	Current Service Cost for the Period	106,253,386	79,751,122
	Less: Payments made during the Year	(139,286,177)	(75,033,026)
	Actual (Gain)/Loss on PV-DBO	148,538,302	(118,430,400)
	Balance at the end of the period	1,818,772,941	1,507,316,311
	As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
34	Refundable Deposits		
	Tender Deposits	117,500	1,013,500
	Security Deposits	47,971,589	55,678,401
	Library Deposits	48,799,034	50,311,146
	Staff Security Deposits	61,784	59,066
	Sundry Deposits	14,037,918	28,604,033
	Total	110,987,826	135,666,147

Table 55: (Continued)

As at year ended 31 December	2024 (LKR)	2023 (LKR)
35 Operational Expenses & Other Payables		
Accrued Audit Fees	4,430,640	2,180,640
Accrued Expenses for Contractual Services	130,900,307	62,001,922
Accrued Expenses for Fee-Levying Courses	8,706,320	16,662,066
Accrued Maintenance Expenses	69,609,288	508,500
Accrued Other Recurrent Expenses	43,765,122	81,699,394
Accrued Other Supplies Expenses	1,775,610	4,034,397
Accrued Travelling Expenses	69,000	100,000
Accrued Statutory Payments	3,563,734	10,871,329
Commitment for Acquisition of Capital Assets	14,482,712	10,382,617
Accrued Personal Emoluments	53,530,517	26,262,802
Accrued Stores Supplies	16,506,398	8,081,845
Accrued Fuel & Lubricant Expenses	3,929,329	-
Others	41,621,536	72,201,650
Total	392,890,513	294,987,163

Additional Notes for Restated Financial Statements of 2023

I. In 2023, intangible assets were reported under Property, Plant & Equipment. However, in 2024, they are presented as separate notes in accordance with UGC Circulars No. 09/2022 and 649.

II. The amount of LKR 33,416,911.64 received for the CNCLD Building has been transferred to Accumulated Fund-Surplus(Deficio-Capital & Capital Grants Unspent accounts in the year 2024. However, LKR 29,882,504.56 of this amount relates to the year 2023.

III. The following ledger balances were included under Note No. 35 in the 2023 Financial Statements. However, in 2024, they are presented under Note No. 34 to correct a classification error made in 2023

Description	LKR
Staff Security Deposit Interest (16103004)	31,566.13
Staff Security Deposit (16103009)	27,500.00
Stamp Deposit (16102005)	64,175.00
Miscellaneous Deposit AC (16102001)	15,503,401.93
Misc. Deposit (309) MT (16102039)	99,433.60
Canteen Deposit At (16102113)	496,135.50
Mts. Deposits - FGS (16102116)	12,387,299.85
Refundable Cheque Deposit ME - F (16102014)	53,587.44
Total	28,663,099.45

12.5.6. Statement of the Comparison of Budget and Actual Amounts – 2024

Table 56: Statement of comparison of budgeted and actual amounts

Category / Object Title	LKR			
	Budget - 2024	Actual - 2024	Variance	% of Variance
	A	B	C	C/A * 100
INCOME				
Government Grants - Recurrent	5,287,770,000	5,287,770,000	-	
Government Grants - Capital	325,000,000	303,071,000	(21,929,000)	
Internal Income	1,180,001,000	1,717,595,536	537,594,536	
Transfer from Development fund	265,160,000	441,995,274	176,835,274	
Total Income	7,057,931,000	7,750,431,810	692,500,810	10%
EXPENSES				
Personal Emoluments				
Academic Staff	3,953,843,400	3,767,215,072	186,628,328	
Non-Academic Staff	1,096,808,794	1,088,051,195	8,757,599	
Total	5,050,652,194	4,855,266,267	195,385,927	3.87%
Travelling Expenses				
Domestic	700,000	432,919	267,081	
Foreign	2,000,000	-	2,000,000	
Total	2,700,000	432,919	2,267,081	84%
Supplies				
Stationery and Office Requisites	42,000,000	55,656,607	(13,656,607)	
Fuel & Lubricants	41,000,000	30,556,926	10,443,074	
Uniforms & Tailoring Charges	10,500,000	4,161,027	6,338,973	
Mechanical & Electrical goods	3,200,000	2,805,872	394,128	
Chemicals & Glassware	19,980,000	12,868,151	7,111,849	
Medical Supplies	5,060,000	4,415,010	644,990	
Other Supplies	21,476,000	71,641,638	(50,165,638)	
Total	143,216,000	182,105,230	(38,889,230)	-27%
Maintenance Expenditure				
Vehicles	33,000,000	24,167,503	8,832,497	
Plant, Machinery and Equipment	50,000,000	116,919,625	(66,919,625)	
Buildings and Structures	8,000,000	5,914,776	2,085,224	
Furniture	600,000	37,700	562,300	
Other	500,000	1,381,688	(881,688)	
Total	92,100,000	148,421,292	(56,321,292)	-61%

Table 56: (Continued)

Category / Object Title	Budget - 2024	Actual - 2024	Variance	LKR % of Variance C/A * 100
	A	B	C	
Contractual Services				
Transport	100,000	67,970	32,030	
Telecommunication	67,000,000	98,346,326	(31,346,326)	
Postal Charges	5,580,000	3,741,680	1,838,320	
Electricity	302,000,000	299,393,682	2,606,318	
Security Services	120,000,000	140,359,396	(20,359,396)	
Water	65,000,000	64,778,904	221,096	
Cleaning Services	125,000,000	191,689,517	(66,689,517)	
Rental & Hire Charges	26,000,000	24,527,866	1,472,134	
Rates and Taxes to Local Authority	32,500,000	19,783,158	12,716,842	
Printing, Advertising etc.,	23,000,000	33,393,833	(10,393,833)	
Other	5,000,000	15,008,132	(10,008,132)	
Total	771,180,000	891,090,464	(119,910,464)	-16%
Other Recurrent Expenditure				
Special Services - Council & Committ	4,000,000	6,692,546	(2,692,546)	
-Do- Professional & Other Fees	100,000	135,040	(35,040)	
Workshops, Seminars	26,000,000	32,076,714	(6,076,714)	
Academic Research & Publications	7,200,000	1,484,564	5,715,436	
Staff Development (Training for Teachers, Administrators & Other Employees)	4,500,000	2,080,315	2,419,685	
Holiday Warrants Season Tickets	5,800,000	4,558,850	1,241,150	
Convocation Expenses	36,200,000	35,367,648	832,352	
Entertainment Expenses	6,100,000	4,987,211	1,112,789	
Contributions & Membership Fees	2,500,000	3,310,473	(810,473)	
Examination Expenses	75,200,000	102,455,551	(27,255,551)	
Other	459,903,000	31,267,611	428,635,389	
Total	627,503,000	224,416,522	403,086,478	64%
Total Recurrent Expenditure	6,687,351,194	6,301,732,693	385,618,501	
Capital Expenditure				
Rehabilitation and Improvements	63,885,000	57,300,011	6,584,989	
Acquisition of Assets	76,710,000	74,848,412	1,861,588	
Construction Projects	182,500,000	200,000,000	(17,500,000)	
Human Capital Development Project	1,905,000	128,859	1,776,141	
Strengthenung Research	-	-	-	
Total Capital Expenditure	325,000,000	332,277,282	(7,277,282)	-2%
Total Expenditure	7,012,351,194	6,634,009,976	378,341,218	(0)



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August 2025

Vice Chancellor
University of Kelaniya

Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements and Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements of the University of Kelaniya for the year ended 31 December 2024 in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act No.19 of 2018

1. Financial Statements

1.1 Opinion

The audit of the financial statements of the University of Kelaniya for the year ended 31 December 2024 comprising the statement of financial position as at 31 December 2024 and the statement of financial performance, statement of changes in equity and cash flow statement for the year then ended, and notes to the financial statements, including information related to significant accounting policies, was carried out under my direction in accordance with the provisions of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 and the Finance Act, No. 38 of 1971, read in conjunction with Article 154(1) of the Constitution of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka and Section 107(5) of the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 and Section 108(1) of the Universities Act.. My report to Parliament in pursuance of provisions in Article 154(6) of the Constitution will be tabled in due course.

In my opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of the University as at 31 December 2024 and its financial performance and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards.

1.2 Basis for Opinion

I conducted my audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). My responsibilities, under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements section of my report. I believe that the audit evidence I have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion.

1.3 Other information included in the University's Annual Report.

The other information comprises the information included in the University's 2024 Annual Report but does not include in the financial statements and my auditor's report thereon, which I have obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report. Management is responsible

for the other information.

My opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and I do not express any form of assurance or conclusion thereon.

In connection with my audit of the financial statements, my responsibility is to read the other information identified above and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or my knowledge obtained in the audit or otherwise appears to be materially misstated.

If based on the work I have performed on the other information that I have obtained prior to the date of this auditor's report, I conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, I am required to report that fact. I have nothing to report in this regard.

1.4 Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with Sri Lanka Public Sector Accounting Standards, and for such internal control as management determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the University's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intend to liquidate the University or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the University's financial reporting process.

As per Section 16(1) of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, the University is required to maintain proper books and records of all its income, expenditure, assets and liabilities, to enable annual and periodic financial statements to be prepared of the University.

1.5 Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

My objective is to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes my opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, I exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. I also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for my opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the University's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- Conclude on the appropriateness of the management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the University ability to continue as a going concern. If I conclude that a material uncertainty exists, I am required to draw attention in my auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify my opinion. My conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of my auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the University to cease to continue as a going concern.
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

I communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that I identify during my audit.

2. Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

- 2.1 National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 includes specific provisions for following requirements.
- 2.1.1 I have obtained all the information and explanation that required for the audit and as far as appears from my examination, proper accounting records have been kept by the University as per the requirement of section 12(a) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.
- 2.1.2 The financial statements presented is consistent with the preceding year as per the requirement of section 6(1)(d)(iii) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.
- 2.1.3 The financial statements presented includes all the recommendations made by me in the

previous year as per the requirement of section 6(1)(d)(iv) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

2.2 Based on the procedures performed and evidence obtained were limited to matters that are material, nothing has come to my attention to make the following statements.

2.2.1 to state that any member of the governing body of the University has any direct or indirect interest in any contract entered into by the University which are out of the normal cause of business as per the requirement of section 12(d) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018;

2.2.2 to state that the University has not complied with any applicable written law, general and special directions issued by the governing body of the University as per the requirement of section 12(f) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018 except for;

	Reference to law/ Direction	Description
(a)	Financial Regulation 571 of the Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka	Action had not been taken to settle the security deposits total amounting to Rs.12,504,525 since more than 02 years and library deposits amounting to Rs.15,363,991 since more than 05 years
(b)	Section 04(ii) of Management Services Circular No. 02/2014 dated 11 February 2014	Although an interim research report including progress as per the action plan related to the project proposal should be submitted to the Committee for Research Management within 06 months from the date of commencement of a research, 29 non-academic executive officers who received Rs.10,693,540 as research allowances in the current year had not submitted interim research reports.
(c)	Paragraph 5 of the letter of the Secretary to the Treasury No. BD/HRD/126/214/19/2023 dated 18 January 2023	Action had not been taken to remit to the Treasury a total amount of Rs.717,291,990, including Rs.194,401,919 recovered during the current year due to bond violations.

2.2.3 to state that the University has not performed according to its powers, functions and duties as per the requirement of section 12(g) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

2.2.4 to state that the resource of the University has not procured and utilized economically, efficiently and effectively within the time frames and in compliance with the applicable laws as per the requirement of section 12(h) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

2.3 Other Matters

- (a) Although a space of 185.8 square meters was allocated in 2017 for the establishment of a library in the Faculty of Computer and Technology building, the proposed library had not been installed there. However, 709 books worth of Rs.7,935,048 had been procured for that library between the year 2019 and 31 December 2020 and those books had been kept in the main library of the university for almost 5 years without being used by the relevant students.
- (b) In the physical inspection conducted by the university on 31 December 2023, it was identified that 05 laptops worth of Rs.1,625,000 were missing out of the Computers and Laptops provided to the Teachers Collage through the Higher Education Expansion and Development Operations Acceleration Project. But formal investigation had not been conducted and no actions had been taken to recover the loss from those responsible persons.
- (c) A stock of stationery and maintenance materials worth of Rs.4,591,538, procured by the University between the year 2012 and year 2024 without properly identifying the requirement remained underutilized as of 31 December of the year under review.
- (d) As per the instructions of the Director (Infrastructure Development) of the Ministry of Education in the letter dated 21 June 2021, the construction of the 4-storey Pancharama Hostel building, which was scheduled to be completed within 18 months after the construction work commenced in the year 2020 had been suspended and the agreement had been cancelled by mutual consent of both parties. The amount of Rs.65,457,463 paid to the contractor due to the commencement of this construction without the necessary preliminary approvals for the construction was a financial loss to the government, but actions had not been taken to identify the responsible parties and recover it, or to evaluate whether this construction can be used for another construction.
- (e) A formal mechanism had not been implemented to recover the outstanding employee loans total amounting to Rs.77,823,917, which had been due for a period of 1 to 5 years.
- (f) A formal procedure had not been prepared to recover the total amount of Rs.436,728,258 which was due from the year 2017 to the end of the year under review from 40 lecturers who had breached their agreements.

G.H.D. Dharmapala
Auditor General (Acting)

COUNCIL OBSERVATION

My No:- UK/IA/04/HED/G/UOK/1/23/19

Your No:- HED/G/UOK/1/23/19

13 September 2025

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Report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements and Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements of the University of Kelaniya for the year ended 31 December 2024 in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018.

Clarifications relating to the Auditor General's Report on the financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2024 in terms of Section 12 of the National Audit Act No. 19 of 2018, are presented below with reference to your above even No. dated August 06, 2025.

2. Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

2.2.2. to state that the University has not complied with any applicable written law, general and special directions issued by the governing body of the University as per the requirement of Section 12 (f) of the National Audit Act, No. 19 of 2018, except for the following observations.

(a) Financial Regulations of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka

(a) Financial Regulation 571

Security Deposits of Rs.12,504,525

The relevant divisions have been informed regarding the security deposits, and action will be taken to credit them to income upon obtaining the approval of the Finance Committee and the Council based on the responses received from those divisions.

Library Deposits of Rs. 15,361,991

Analytical work is being carried out to credit this amount to the University income, and necessary adjustments are due to be made during the preparation quarterly accounts for quarter ending 30 September 2025.

(b) Section 04 (ii) of the Management Services Circular No. 02/2014 dated 11 February 2014.

For the year 2025, research allowances have been recommended for 27 administrative officers. Of these, 25 were recommended by the Research Allowance Management Committee for Administrative Officers, while 2 were recommended through the Research Allowance Management Committees of the respective faculties.

Among the 27 recommended research allowances, 15 relate to new research proposals submitted in 2025, of which final reports have been submitted for 11 research projects completed in 2024. Reminders have been issued to the relevant Administrative Officers to submit the final reports for the remaining 4 research projects carried out in 2024. Of the remaining 11 recommended research allowances, the recommendations have been made considering the progress of ongoing research projects, and progress reports for them have been submitted accordingly. One research project has been recommended after reviewing a research symposium publication related to a completed research project.

Although two administrative officers received research allowances for the year 2024, they have not submitted requests for allowances for 2025. Among them, one officer has submitted the final report for 2024, while the other has submitted a progress report for the year 2024.

The Research Allowance Management Committee for Administrative Officers has made its recommendations after considering the above-mentioned progress reports, final research reports, and proposals. Accordingly, the total number of administrative officers receiving research allowances is 29.

(c) Paragraph 5 of the letter No. BD/HRD/126/214/192023 dated 18 January 2023, issued by the Secretary to the Treasury.

Written instructions have not been received by the Payments Division for remitting the money recovered due to breach of bond to the Treasury.

2.3 Other Matters

(a) The Faculty of Computing and Technology had been functioning in rented buildings during the first five years of its establishment and was relocated in 2017 to a building situated at the 4th Mile Post, Peliyagoda. Although a certain space had been allocated within this rented building to provide library facilities for students, due to the lack of sufficient space for lecture halls, that limited space too had to be used for lecture purposes. Furthermore, the Faculty did not possess other necessary facilities for storing library books or an Assistant Librarian. Therefore, a section of the main library located at the Dalugama premises had been allocated for the academic activities of the students of the Faculty of Technology, and 709 books purchased for that purpose had been made available in that section of the main library for students' use.

Subsequently, the Faculty was relocated to the Bulugaha Junction premises in 2024. At present, the procurement and installation of library furniture for the library located on the 6th floor of the current Faculty of Technology academic building are in the final stage. Upon completion of this work, all books belonging to the Faculty, which are currently kept at the main library, will be made available for student use within the Faculty of Computing and Technology.

(b) In accordance with the preliminary investigation report submitted to the 529th meeting of the Council and the decision of the Council thereon.

i. Mrs. T.P. Dharmasooriya resigned from the university service on 04.01.2014, and she had submitted the relevant documents to the University Grants Commission for the release of her university provident fund. Accordingly, a sum of Rs. 2,041,645, representing the value and surcharge of five laptop computers, was deducted from Mrs. T.P. Dharmasooriya's university provident fund and transferred to the University.

ii. Mr. B.A.S.D. Ariyadasa resigned from service on 11.12.2023; however, he has not

submitted the required documents to the University for the release of his Provident Fund and pension. A reminder in this regard had been sent again to Mr. Ariyadasa by letter dated 13.06.2025.

- (c) Out of the total stock valued at Rs. 4,591,538.42 identified as underutilized, the slow-moving items valued at Rs. 3,869,575.11 and Rs. 8,100.00 stored at the Kelaniya and Ragama premises respectively are to be distributed to meet the requirements of various departments of the University. Although these stocks were not used continuously, they had been purchased based on the requests made by the respective departments.

The remaining stock valued at Rs. 713,863.31 was identified as belonging to the categories of non-moving, damaged, and obsolete items during the stock verification carried out on 16.12.2014. Action will be taken to dispose of those items upon obtaining the necessary approvals.

- (d) The construction work of the four-storey Hettiyawattha Pannarama Hostel, which commenced on 10 August 2020, had to be suspended due to the unwillingness of the Vidyalkara Pirivena and a Cabinet decision. As a result of the termination of the said contract, an additional amount of Rs. 4,029,430 had to be paid to the contractor.

With regard to the above matter, according to the Cabinet Memorandum submitted in 2023 by the Minister of Education (Memo No. 23/0296/607/26, relating to the Cabinet decision dated 08.03.2023), the Cabinet of Ministers had informed the Secretary to the Ministry of Finance to submit a detailed report, prepared and approved in consultation with the University.

A detailed report including matters such as the objectives of the project, financial background, social impact, effectiveness, and financial investment made by the University had been prepared by the committee appointed by the University and submitted to the Department of National Planning.

According to the Cabinet Decision dated 2023.03.08, the detailed project report prepared by the committee appointed by the University was submitted to the National Planning Department on 2024.04.19.

After analyzing the complete report and conducting a site inspection, the National Planning Department, by its letter dated 2024.07.30 (No. HRD/HE/PP/UOK/24), recommended the construction of a single-storey building for foreign monks of the University of Kelaniya at a cost of Rs. 245 million using the funds generated by the University.

The cabinet proposal was forwarded to the Secretary to the Ministry on 16.08.2024 to be submitted to the Cabinet of Ministers as follows:

- Taking into consideration the matters contained in the detailed report, to construct this hostel required for the accommodation of foreign monks as a single-storey building of 560 square meters at a cost of Rs. 245 million using the funds generated by the University.
- To make payments under the Measure & Pay basis through the Central Engineering Services (Pvt) Ltd, according to the rates approved by the Standing Technical Committee established under the Ministry of Urban Development and Housing.

A technical committee report, along with the recommendation of a structural chartered engineer confirming that the foundation of this building is strong enough to be used for future constructions, has been submitted to the Audit and Management Committee of the Ministry.

- (e) The employee loan balance of Rs. 77,823,917, which has remained outstanding during the period from Year 1 to Year 5, is inaccurate, and the details of the outstanding loan balance are as follows.

Type of the loan	Balance (Rs.)
Distress Loan	4,085,287.98
Employee Loan	9,360.00
Special Distress	40,833.00
Vehicle Loan	174,462.00
Computer Loan	70,500.00
Total	4,380,442.98

The outstanding loan balance as of 31.12.2024 remains as stated above. The reasons for non-recovery can be attributed to the non-release of provident funds, proceeding abroad without prior notice, vacation or and suspension of service. Once these issues are resolved, it will be possible to recover the above-mentioned outstanding loan balance.

- (f) As of 31.12.2024, the number of lecturers who breached agreements was 42, from whom an amount of Rs. 487,289,551.13 is recoverable. During the year 2024, the number of bonds fully settled was 07.

The amount recovered by the University during 2024 amounted to Rs. 189,733,429.09. Legal action has been taken against staff members who have defaulted on payments, and reminder letters are continuously issued to prevent delays in installment payments. Furthermore, steps are being taken to recruit an officer on an assignment basis to formalize the recovery of these outstanding amounts.

Senior Professor Nilanthi De Silva
Vice-Chancellor

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01. Secretary – Ministry of Education, Higher Education, and Vocational Education
02. Secretary – Ministry of Finance, Economic Development, Policy Planning, and Tourism
03. Chairman – University Grants Commission

AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT- 2024

Audit Committee Report - 2024

Composition of the Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the University, established as a sub-committee responsible for the Council consists of three non-executive members. The following officers were engaged in Audit Committee activities in the year 2024.

Members	Participation in the Committee in 2024 (Participation /Due to participation)
1. Mr.L.E. Susantha Silva (Chairman)	4/4
2. Ms. Mary T. Dikman	1/3
3. Emeritus Professor N.R. Arthanayake	4/4
4. Mrs. Subhashini Subasingha	0/1

The members of the National Audit Office were also invited to participate as observers.

Meeting

As per Public Enterprises Circular No .P.E.D./31, Committee meeting should be held at least four times a year. The Committee met four times in the year under review, and the internal and external audit reports were discussed at these meetings. The Committee reports were submitted to the University Council for information and necessary actions.

Main responsibilities

The main objective of the Audit Committee is to assist the Council for the efficient functions of the financial and it's related management activities of the University.

The main responsibilities are,

1. Review and Supervision of the financial statements, financial reporting and Continuation of the Audit Process.
2. Examine any matters related to the finance of the University and other related matters.

3. Approving the annual internal Audit Plans and Programmes.
4. Supervision of the Internal Audit Plan and Programme.
5. Investigate the external and internal audit reports and take follow up action on recommendations.
6. Review, Supervision and examination the compliance of the effective performance of the system controls.
7. Review performance at regular intervals for cost effectiveness and to eliminate wasteful expenditure Etc.
8. Ascertain whether statutes, regulations, rules and circulars are complied with.

Activities within the year.

The Committee was engaged in the following activities within the year under review.

1. Approval and Supervision of the annual internal audit plans and programmes.

The Committee approved and supervised the internal audit plan and programme for the year 2024. The Committee reviewed and supervised the effectiveness and performance of the internal audits, audit queries and the performance of the Internal Audit Division. In addition, the committee also performed the tasks of reviewing the audit risk assessments of the internal audit process.

2. Compliance with Laws and Regulations

The compliance with the relevant laws and regulations were reviewed with the reports submitted by the external and internal auditors. The Committee further followed up on the preparation and presentation of the annual accounts reports of the University and the settlement of statutory payments such as Gratuity, Pensions and the Provident Funds and, examined the progress of implementing the recommendations made to the university by the Committee on Public Enterprises.

3. Continuous review and Supervision on the violation of Contracts.

The Committee continuously reviewed and supervised the recovery process from the staff members who violated bonds. As a result, it was able to recover the complete bond amount from 7 persons and approximately Rs.189.7 million was recovered in the year under review. There were 36 bond violators at the beginning of the year 2024. 22 persons were paying the installments in cash and legal actions had already been taken to recover the relevant amounts from 02 persons. Reminders had been sent for 18 persons who had dues, informing them to pay the installments on time.

4. Review and strengthening of the internal control system.

Necessary recommendations had been made on the control of Fixed Assets, regulating the expenditure for contractual activities, lending library books, annual board of survey of stores/survey of fixed assets, recovering the unsettled advances, settling the unrecognized and settled loan balances and strengthening the internal controls. Further Committee continuously reviewed the action taken to correct the weaknesses pointed out by the Auditor General's Report and the Audit Queries issued during the year 2024.

5. Audit Committee Meetings

The Audit Committee meetings were held at four occasions within the year ended as at 31st December 2024. Most of the Audit Committee members actively participated in all the Committees. A representative of the Auditor General's Department participated in each Audit Committee meeting as an observer, and a Treasury representative also participated at the 01/2024 and 04/2024 Audit Committee meeting as an observer. Other staff members from the University were also invited when required. The secretary to the Audit Committee is Deputy Internal Auditor.

6. Stores verification

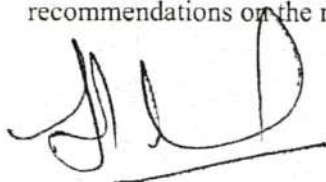
During the year 2024, in accordance with the quarterly account inspection, the main warehouses maintained in the university premises and the warehouse located in the Ragama Medical Faculty premises were verified as at October 14th, 2024 and as at December 16th, 2024. Stores verification reports were also issued in relation to each stores verification.

7. Quarterly Financial Statements Inspection

According to the decision of the Council, the internal audit division inspected university's quarterly financial statements from the year 2022. Accordingly, the financial statements prepared for 1st and 3rd quarters of the year 2024 and financial statements prepared for the year ended 2024.12.31 were inspected and the reports prepared in relation to those inspections were submitted to the Audit Committee and Council for recommendations. Furthermore, the report of the Auditor General on the Financial Statements and Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements of the University of Kelaniya for the year ended 31 December 2024 has given a true and fair opinion regarding the financial statements of Kelaniya University for the year ended 31 December 2024.

Conclusion

The Committee was satisfied with the success of the follow up activities based on the recommendations on the matters considered by the Committee in the year 2024.



Chairman,
Audit Committee,
University of Kelaniya