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### KDU Library

Being an academic library, the KDU library caters to around 5000 users, both staff and students, of the university. Specially, the library has clearly identified the assortment of user categories which consist of military and civil categories, and it is essential to enrich them in quality, updated and standard information sources. Engineering, Law, Management, Social Sciences, Humanities, Defence and Strategic Studies subject areas are covered by the main library. Rapid development of the library has extended its services among the faculties in different locations by establishing faculty libraries. The effort of KDU library network is targeted to achieve its goals with quality services and resources that correspond with user requirement in an e-environment, thereby supporting teaching, learning and research process of the university.

*“KDU library extended its wings by providing more opportunities to access information”*

### Allied Health Sciences library

The Allied Health Sciences library started to function at Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, Werahera. Currently the library caters to more than 700 users in both staff and undergraduate categories of the faculty. Mainly the subjects Nursing, Medical Laboratory Sciences, Physiotherapy, Radiography, Pharmacy and Basic Sciences are covered by the library collection.



### ***Medical Library***

The Medical library caters to medical staff and undergraduate users of the University by providing books, journals and other library materials related to medicine. It is located at the 3rd floor of the medical faculty building at Ratmalana premises and facilitates its user community by providing standard services in a positive learning environment.



### ***Southern Campus Library***

The Southern Campus Library mainly covers the subjects of Spatial sciences, Architecture and Information Technology. The library is located at Sooriyawewa and caters to around 500 users both staff and undergraduates in civil and military categories. It provides different services to users by fulfilling their information needs.



***Easy access & retrieval in a systematic way***

#### **Koha Library Management System**

Koha library Management system has been installed in order to enhance the quality and effectiveness of the library services by providing easy retrieval of information sources. The project will be completed with implementation of security system with security gate, tattle tape and book drop.

#### **Dspace Digital library**

The KDU library e-repository has been developed using Dspace digital library software in order to provide easy access for e-resources of the library and to manage resources in electronic format. The e-repository consists of collections of theses, past papers, photo collection and research papers.

## Matching user demand with new technology

### Subscription on Data Bases

#### IEEE

IEEE Xplore Digital Library has been subscribed under the consortia subscription with UOM, SLIIT and CINEC. The database provides access to IEEE journals, transactions, letters, magazines and conference proceedings, IET journals and conference proceedings, IEEE Standards and IEEE educational courses.

#### LEXIS NEXIS

Database provides legal, government, business and high-tech information sources and the KDU library has subscribed it to fulfil the law-related information needs of users.

#### Turnitin

Having identified the academic integrity of the online environment, the library has subscribed for the Turnitin antiplagiarism software in order to maintain quality of academic work done by the staff and students.



## Joining hands for a better tomorrow

### Outreach Services

#### Book Donation and Art competition

KDU library conducted a book donation programme and art competition at G/Welhengoda Sri Gunarathana Maha Vidyalaya, Ahangama on 29<sup>th</sup> November 2016 as its annual outreach service. The art competition was held among grade one to five students under the theme “books are our friends” in order to cultivate reading habits among students. Prizes and certificates were awarded to winners of the competition. Books were also donated to the school library in celebration of the reading month. Academic and non-academic staff (both civil and military) helped tremendously to make the event a success.



## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

### Book Publication

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### Research publications

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**Wijesekara, PK (2016)**, Investigating Information Gaps of the Safety of Fisher's life, that Impact on the Economic Efficiency in Offshore Fishery in Sri Lanka, Fourth International Conference on Agriculture, Animal Sciences, Aquaculture and fisheries, 28-29 December, Colombo, Sri Lanka.



## *Professional Development through achievements*

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### ***Achievements***

Ms.TC Ranawella, Actg. Librarian participated in the International Conference on Knowledge, Resources and Library Technologies as a session chair at Bharathidasan University, Thiruchirappali, Tamilnadu, India on 24-25 February 2017.

Mr. V Alagarathnam, Assistant Librarian participated in the International Conference on Knowledge, Resources and Library Technologies as a rapporteur at the Bharathidasan University, Thiruchirappali, Tamilnadu, India on 24-25 February 2017.

### ***Completion of Postgraduate Degree***

Ms. MP Rajapaksha, Assistant Librarian attached to the Medical library has earned her Masters in Social Sciences (Library and Information Sciences) at University of Kelaniya. Her research title is “Use of web-based library services in universities in Sri Lanka”.

### ***Completion of CTHE***

Ms. UD Hiruni Kanchana, Assistant Librarian attached to the Allied Health Sciences Library has completed the Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE) at General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University.

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*Awareness of use of information will increase usage.*

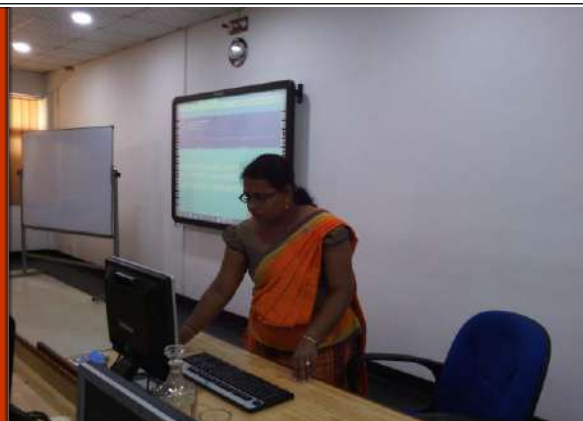
### **Training session on IEEE**

One day training session on IEEE Xplore Digital library was organized by the library for both academic staff and students of the Faculty of Engineering on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at the KDU computer laboratory. The aims of the workshop were to make participants aware on IEEE to obtain its maximum usage.



### **Workshop on TURNITIN and Database searching**

A workshop on Database searching and Turning Antiplagiarism Software was held on 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 at the computer laboratory for KDU library staff members. TC Ranawella, MP Rajapaksha and UDH Kanchana were the resource persons of the workshop. The main aim of the workshop was to improve awareness on e-resources available at the library and to provide more effective user services.



*Way to build interrelationship with pleasure*

### **Annual get together of the KDU library**

The Annual get together of KDU library staff was held on 06<sup>th</sup> July 2016 at Fisherman Villa Beach Hotel, Wadduwa. Academic, para-professional and non-academic staff members of the main library and branch libraries participated in the event.



*Monthly Guest Lectures organized by the KDU library*

A Monthly guest lectures series is organized by the library to enrich its user community with boundless knowledge in multidisciplinary aspects. Renowned subject specialists in different fields were invited for the monthly guest lectures to share their knowledge and experience with undergraduates and other members of the university. The monthly event is tremendous place for undergraduates to experience life and the world.



Professor Raj Somadeva  
Guest Lecture on  
“Modern History of Sri  
Lanka”



Prof Diyanath S  
Samarasinghe  
Guest Lecture on  
“Improving our wellbeing”



Dr. Nirosh Jayaweera  
Guest Lecture on  
“Current Trend in Aircraft  
Manufacturing”



Professor Daya Rohana  
Athukorala  
Guest Lecture on  
“Emotional Wellbeing”



Dr Harshini Rajapakse Guest  
Lecture on  
“Music and Welbeing”



Professor (Dr)  
GD Sumanapala  
Guest Lecture on “Success in  
life through Education”



Dr Darshi De Saram  
Guest Lecture on  
“Effective Communication for  
Correct Decisions”

## Something more than information services

### “Gee Rasavindana Miyasi Sandawa”

“Gee Rasavindana Miyasi Sandawa” was organized by the library in collaboration with the Media Unit of the University on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at the university FGS Auditorium. The event was a wonderful musical evening that provided opportunity to refresh mind. The program was conducted by Mr. Sisira Mahagama, Cultural Promotion Officer and his troupe of Ministry of Internal Affairs, Wayamba Development and Cultural Affairs. Rear Admiral Jagath Ranasinghe USP, psc, the Vice Chancellor of KDU, Deputy Vice Chancellors, academic members, tri forces officers, non-academic staff and students attended the event.



### NEW APPOINTMENTS



Maj. CSK Rajasinghe, RSP SLLI has been appointed as the library officer with effect from 18<sup>th</sup> May 2016.



Ms. KD Nilmini Priyadarshani has been appointed to the post of Library Information Assistant Grade III of Main library, KDU with effect from 01<sup>st</sup> November 2016.



Ms. AG Anuradha Kawshalya has been appointed to the post of Library Information Assistant Grade III of Main library, KDU with effect from 11<sup>th</sup> November 2016.

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