

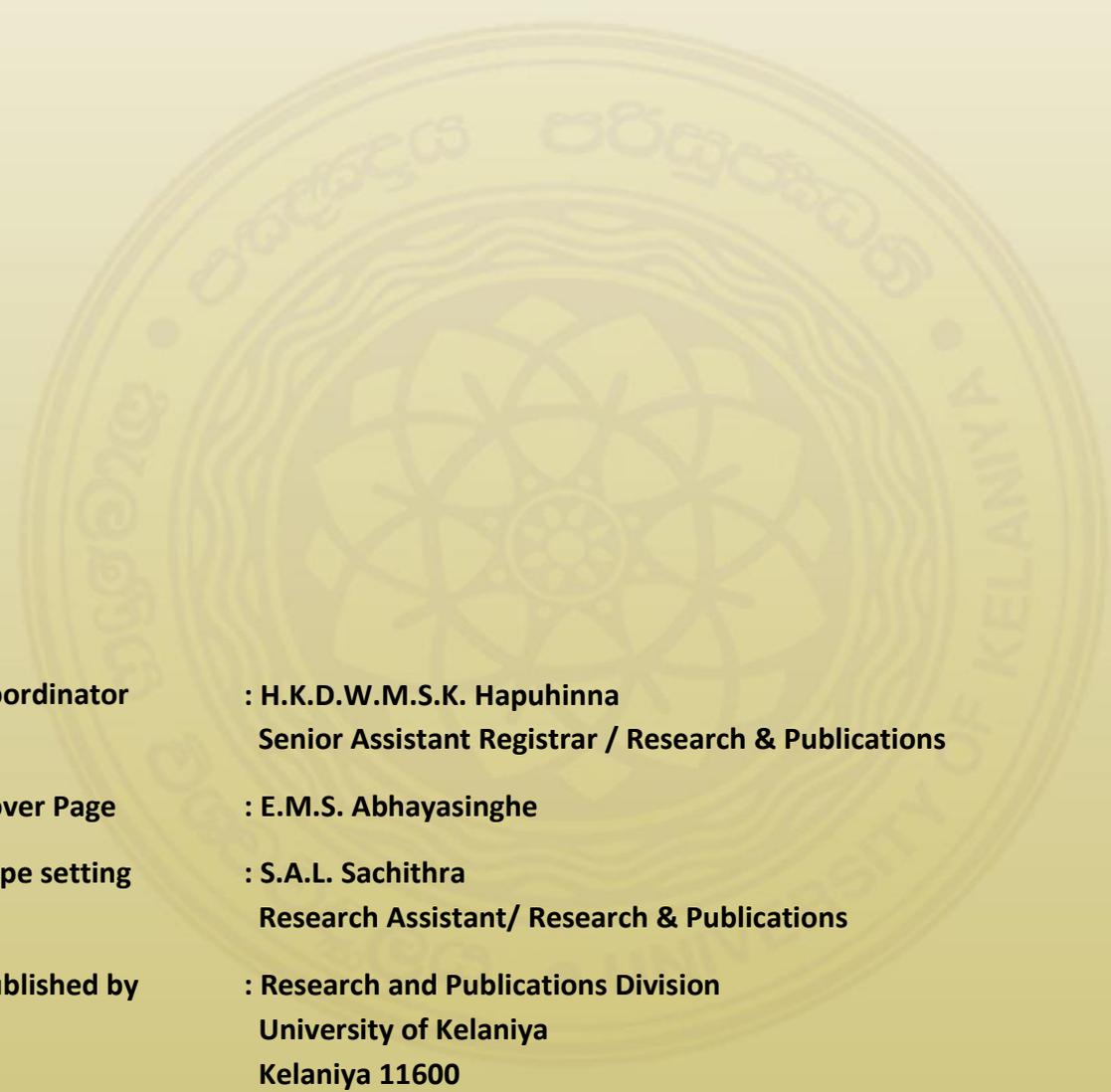


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## VICE-CHANCELLOR'S MESSAGE



2020 was an exceptionally difficult year for the University of Kelaniya, not only because of the COVID19 pandemic but also because the University had a prolonged period of transition in leadership. However, that period of transition is now behind us, and I hope that before the end of 2021, the COVID19 pandemic will also be behind us.

As we put the past behind us, and move forwards, I would like to invite every member of the staff of our University to join me on a journey towards excellence in what we

do. As one of the largest universities in Sri Lanka, one which is funded by our country's Treasury, it is our duty to offer high quality tertiary education at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. However, while there are many things that we do well, there is also much room for improvement.

We need to work together, to build our University's reputation, so that when students apply for admission to the degree programmes that we offer, they will list Kelaniya as their first preference. We need to work together to build our University's reputation with regard to research output, so that we are listed in international university rankings. Over the past few years, we have steadily increased our research publications in internationally reputed journals. Earlier this year when SciMago updated their 2020 rankings, Kelaniya was named 2<sup>nd</sup> among the six ranked Sri Lankan universities. I am certain we have the potential to sustain this advance so that by 2023, we will be listed among the top 500 Asian Universities.

I ask everyone of you, regardless of whether you are on our academic or our non-academic staff, to resolve that you will carry out your duties just a little bit better in 2021 than you did in 2020. In doing so, you too will contribute to our University's journey towards excellence.

The VC Awards Ceremony is held every year on the 1<sup>st</sup> of January to recognize and reward those who have made exceptional contributions over the past year to that journey. The University administration has, over the years, steadily improved the process of selection of awardees. This year has been no exception – the VC Awards Committee implemented a recommendation made by the Research Council, to ascertain the quality of research publications by applicants, and exclude publications in predatory journals. I thank the Librarian and his staff most sincerely for assisting the VC Awards Committee in this regard. I also sincerely thank the Deputy Registrar/Academic Establishments and her staff, and the Senior Assistant Registrar/Research & Publications and her staff for all the hard work that they have put in over the last month, to make this event possible. The staff of the Media & Communications Unit and the ICT Centre made it possible for the virtual ceremony to be shared via live streaming.

I congratulate all those who are due to receive awards today and hope that they will continue to do more of the same. At the same time, I hope that next year, we will be able to hold the VC awards ceremony with the physical participation of much larger numbers and recognize and reward the work of even more employees of the University of Kelaniya.

Prof. Nilanthi de Silva  
Vice Chancellor

## **VICE-CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS CEREMONY – 2020**

### **A BRIEF INTRODUCTION**

Long Service Awards and Vice-Chancellor's Awards Ceremony - 2020 is organized to appreciate the service of all the academic and non-academic staff members of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2020. This is an annual event organized by the University of Kelaniya since 2007 and presented annually on the 01<sup>st</sup> working day of the year. The intention of this ceremony is to recognize the contributions made in terms of outstanding contributions and dedication made for the university, receive of local and international awards won by the staff members, long service awards etc.

In keeping with the challenges faced by the entire world due to covid-19 pandemic, the Vice Chancellor's awards ceremony was altered this year in keeping with the health regulations. Accordingly, Vice Chancellor's Awards Ceremony - 2019, is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, 01<sup>st</sup> of January 2020 at Sri Dharmaloka hall as a virtual ceremony with a live screening in the University web.

This awards ceremony recognizes the contribution of academic and non-academic staff members in the University of Kelaniya as well as of the 3 affiliated institutes namely: Postgraduate Institute of Archeology, Postgraduate Institute of Pali & Buddhist Studies and Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, thus alternative the entire community of the University of Kelaniya.

Adding the uniqueness of the ceremony this year, a new award is introduced as the outstanding creative production. In addition, Emeritus Professors are also recognized in the same manner the top 10 researchers are recognized.

It is a pleasure to state that academics from 5 faculties namely Commerce and Management Studies, Humanities, Medicine, Science, and Social Sciences, the Library and the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute have won places under both Early Career and Senior Researcher Categories. In addition, all 3 places have been secured for Early Career Researcher Award as well as for the Outstanding Senior Researcher Award in the Faculties of Medicine and Science.

These awards show that despite the challenges of the time, the staff of the University of Kelaniya and the affiliated institutes have continued to excel in their respective disciplines. Accordingly, with added uniqueness every year, this ceremony is an ideal ground for the university staff to reap the harvest of their talents, as well as commitments and contributions they have made.

# 1. LONG SERVICE AWARDS

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## 1.1. Award of a Bronze Medal and Certificate for 25 Years of Continuous and Meritorious Service

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**Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies**  
**Faculty of Humanities**

Ven. Prof. Makuruppe Dhammananda Thero joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.09.1995. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 11.03.2004. Ven. Prof. Dhammananda Thero was promoted to Professor on 27.11.2009 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 27.11.2017 in the Department of Pali & Buddhist Studies in the Faculty of Humanities.



**Ven. Dr. Maduruoye Dhammissara Thero**  
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**Prof. N.P. Sunil Chandra**  
**Department of Medical Microbiology**  
**Faculty of Medicine**

Prof. N.P. Sunil Chandra joined University System as Senior Lecturer (Gr. II) on 10.04.1995. He was appointed to Professor (Chair) on 05.09.1997 and currently serves as Senior Professor (Chair) on 05.09.2005 in the Department of Medical Microbiology in the Faculty of Medicine.



**Prof. A.R. Wickramasinghe**  
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Prof. A.R. Wickramasinghe joined University System as Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 01.08.1995. He was promoted to Professor (Chair) on 01.01.2004 and currently serves as Senior Professor (Chair) on 01.01.2012 in the Department of Public Health in the Faculty of Medicine.



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**Examinations & Student Welfare Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Ms. T.G. Ranepura joined University system as Stenographer (Gr. I) on 01.03.1995. Ms. T.G. Ranepura was promoted to Staff Assistant (Stenographer) on 01.01.1997 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant since 01.01.2002 in the Examinations & Student Welfare Division.



**Ms. E.M.K. Ramyalatha**  
**Accounts Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Ms. E.M.K. Ramyalatha joined University system as Clerk (Gr. II) on 01.03.1995. She was then promoted to Clerk (Gr. I) on 01.01.2000. Ms. E.M.K. Ramyalatha was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerk) on 01.01.2003 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant since 01.01.2008 in the Accounts Division.



**Ms. M.D.B.C. Samarasinghe**  
**Accounts Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Ms. M.D.B.C. Samarasinghe joined University system as Book keeper (Gr. II) on 01.03.1995. She was then promoted to Book keeper (Gr. I) on 01.04.2004. Ms. M.D.B.C. Samarasinghe was promoted to Staff Assistant (Book keeper) on 01.04.2009 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant (Book keeper) since 01.04.2014 in the Accounts Division.



**Ms. W.M.M.G.S. Mahakumbura**  
**Library**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Ms. W.M.M.G.S Mahakumbura joined University system as Library Assistant (Gr. III) on 01.03.1995. She was then promoted to Library Assistant (Gr. II) on 01.01.1998 and on 01.01.2003 she was promoted to Library Assistant (Gr. I). Ms. W.M.M.G.S Mahakumbura was promoted to Staff Assistant (Library Service) on 01.01.2008 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant since 01.01.2013 in the Library.



**Ms. G.A.C. Ranjanie**  
**Examinations & Student Welfare Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Ms. G.A.C. Ranjani joined University system as Typist (Gr. II) on 01.03.1995. She was then promoted to Typist (Gr. I) on 01.01.2002. Ms. G.A.C. Ranjani was promoted to Staff Assistant on 15.08.2006 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant since 15.08.2011 in the Examinations & Student Welfare Division.



**Ms. N.B.A.N.S.R.S. Thalangalla**  
**Department of Shalya Shalakya**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Ms. N.B.A.N.S.R.S. Thalangalla joined University system as Typist (Gr. III) on 01.03.1995. She was then promoted to Typist (Gr. II) on 01.01.2000 and on 01.01.2003 she was promoted to Typist (Gr. I). Ms. N.B.A.N.S.R.S. Thalangalla was promoted to Staff Assistant on 17.06.2005 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant since 17.06.2010 in the Department of Shalya Shalakya.



**Mr. A.W.A.D.M. Abesekara**  
**Accounts Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Mr. A.W.A.D.M. Abesekara joined University system as Clerk (Gr. III) on 01.03.1995. He was then promoted to Clerk (Gr. II) on 20.08.2002 and on 20.08.2005 he was promoted to Clerk (Gr. I). Mr. A.W.A.D.M. Abesekara was promoted to Staff Assistant on 20.08.2010 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant since 20.08.2015 in the Department of Accounts Division.



**Ms. H.A.S. Geethika Kumari**  
**Examinations & Student Welfare Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Ms. H.A.S. Geethika Kuamari joined University system as Typist (Gr. III) on 01.03.1995. She was then promoted to Typist (Gr. II) on 01.04.2002 and on 01.04.2007 she was promoted to Typist (Gr. I). Ms. H.A.S. Geethika Kuamari promoted to Staff Assistant (Typist) on 01.04.2012 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant since 01.04.2017 in the Examinations & Student Welfare Division.



**Ms. L.B. Deepani Balasuriya**  
**Department of Cikitsa**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Ms. L.B.D. Balasuriya joined University system as Typist (Gr. III) on 01.03.1995. She was then promoted to Typist (Gr. II) on 01.01.1996 and on 01.01.2001 she was promoted to Typist (Gr. I). Ms. L.B.D. Balasuriya promoted to Staff Assistant (Typist) on 01.01.2006 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant since 01.01.2011 in the Department of Cikitsa.



**Ms. P.A.J.T.D. Fernando**  
**Accounts Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Ms. P.A.J.T.D. Fernando joined University system as Typist (Gr. III) on 01.03.1995. She was then promoted to Typist (Gr. II) on 01.01.2000 and on 26.08.2004 she was promoted to Typist (Gr. I). Ms. P.A.J.T.D. Fernando promoted to Staff Assistant (Typist) on 26.08.2009 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant since 26.08.2014 in the Accounts Division.



**Ms. G.D.L. Abhayarathne**  
**Department of Ayurveda Basic Principles**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Ms. G.D.L. Abeyarathne joined University system as Technical Officer (Trainee) on 01.03.1995. She was then promoted to Technical Officer (Gr. II -B) on 01.03.1998 and on 01.01.2000 she was promoted to Technical Officer (Gr. II -A). Ms. G.D.L. Abeyarathne promoted to Technical Officer (Gr. I) on 16.02.2003 and on 16.02.2007 she was promoted to Staff Technical Officer (Gr. II) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Gr. I) since 16.02.2012 in the Department of Ayurveda Basic Principles.



**Mr. H.P.A.N. Hewapathira**  
**Information & Communication Technology Centre**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Mr. H.P.A.N. Hewapathira joined University system as Labourer (Gr. III) on 01.03.1995. He was then promoted to Store Keeper (Gr. III) on 14.05.1999 and on 14.02.2004 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Trainee). Mr. H.P.A.N. Hewapathira promoted to Technical Officer (Gr. II -B) on 14.02.2007 and on 14.02.2010 He was promoted to Technical Officer (Gr. II -A) and on 14.02.2014 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Gr. I) and currently serves as Staff Technical Officer (Gr. II) since 14.02.2018 in the Information & Communication Technology Centre.



**Mr. S.A.S.R. Subasinghe**  
**Accounts Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Mr. S.A.S.R. Subasinghe joined University system as Clerk (Gr. III) on 01.03.1995. He was then promoted to Clerk (Gr. II) on 01.01.2000. Mr. S.A.S.R. Subasinghe was promoted to Clerk (Gr. I) on 16.09.2003 and currently serves as Staff Management Assistant since 15.09.2017 in the Accounts Division.



**Mr. K.H.P. Sisira Kumara**  
**Shroff**  
**Faculty of Medicine.**

Mr. K.H.P. Sisira Kumara joined University as Labourer (Gr. III) on 07.09.1995. He was then Promoted to Shroff (Gr. III) on 05.12.1996. Mr. Sisira Kumara was promoted to Shroff (Gr. II) on 05.12.2006 and 05.12.2009 he was promoted to Shroff (Gr. I). And Currently Serves as Staff Assistant (Shroff) in the Faculty of Medicine.



**Mr. M.M.J. Silva**  
**Library**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Mr. M.M.J. Silva joined University system as Labourer (Gr. III) on 01.03.1995. He was then promoted to Labourer (Gr. II) on 16.11.2002 and on 13.06.2005 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Trainee). Mr. M.M.J. Silva was promoted to Technical Officer (Gr. II -B) on 13.06.2008 and on 13.06.2011 he was promoted to Technical Officer (Gr. II -A) currently serves as Technical Officer (Gr. I) since 13.06.2015 in the Library.



**Mr. S. Waidyarathna**  
**Department of Medical Microbiology**  
**Faculty of Medicine.**

Mr. S. Waidyarathna joined the University as a Laborer (Gr. III) on 28.02.1992. He was appointed as Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 01.07.1997 and promoted as Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 01.07.2005, then he was promoted as Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.07.2012. Mr. S. Waidyarathna was appointed as Trainee Technical officer on 01.11.2017. Currently he serves as a Trainee Technical officer attached to the Department of Medical Microbiology in the Faculty of Medicine.



**Mr. H.A.S. Hettiarachchi**  
**Administration Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Mr. H.A.S. Hettiarachchi joined University system as Labourer (Gr. III) on 01.03.1995. He was then promoted to Telephone Operator (Gr. II) on 14.05.1999. Mr. H.A.S. Hettiarachchi was promoted to Telephone Operator (Gr. I) on 02.03.2012 and currently serves as Telephone Operator/ Receptionist Officer (Super Grade) since 02.03.2017 in the Administration Division.



**Mr. M.H.G. Rathnayake**  
**Maintenance Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Mr. M.H.G. Rathnayake joined University system as Labourer (Gr. III) on 01.03.1995. He was then promoted to Electrician (Gr. II) on 25.02.2000. Mr. M.H.G. Rathnayake was promoted to Electrician (Gr. I) on 25.02.2009 and currently serves as Electrician (Special Grade) since 25.02.2015 in the Maintenance Division.



**Mr. K.A.A.K. Jayaweera**  
**Examinations & Student Welfare Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Mr. K.A.A.K. Jayaweera joined University system as Ronieo Machine operator (Gr. II) on 01.03.1995. He was promoted to Ronieo Machine operator (Gr. I) on 01.09.2001 and currently serves as Ronieo Machine operator (Special Grade) since 01.09.2008 in the Examinations & Student Welfare Division.



**Mr. L.D.M. Sanjeewan**  
**Library**

Mr. L.D.M. Sanjeewan joined University as Works Aide (Gr. III) on 15.12.1995. He was then promoted to Library Attendant (Gr. II) on 15.02.1999 and on 15.02.2009 he was promoted to Library Attendant (Gr. I). Mr. L.D.M. Sanjeewan was promoted to Library Information Assistant (Gr. III) on 01.11.2011. And currently serves as Library Information Assistant (Gr. II) in the Library.



**Mr. K.A.U.P. Saman Kumara**  
**Security Division**

Mr. K.A.U.P. Saman Kumara joined University as Security Guard (Lower Grade) on 15.08.1988. He was then promoted to Security Guard (Higher Grade) on 01.01.1996 and on 01.01.2012 he was promoted to Security Guard (Supra Grade). And currently serves as Security Guard (Supra Grade) in the Security Division.



**Ms. H.A.P. Perera**  
**Department of Public Health**  
**Faculty of Medicine**

Ms. H.A.P. Perera joined the University as a Health Service Labourer (Lower Grade) on 15.06.1992. She was appointed as a Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 01.12.2005. She was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 01.12.2011 and she was promoted Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.12.2016. And currently he serves in the Department of Public Health of the Faculty of Medicine



**Mr. M.A.P. Marasinghe**  
**Department of Parasitology**  
**Faculty of Medicine**

Mr. M.A.P. Marasinghe joined the University as a Labourer on 27.10.1995. He was appointed as a Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 01.12.2003. He was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 01.12.2011 and he was promoted Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.12.2016. And currently he serves in the Department of Parasitology of the Faculty of Medicine.



**Mr. J.K. Hewathilake**  
**Administration Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Mr. J.K. Hewathilake joined University as Driver (Gr. II) on 01.03.1995. He was promoted to Driver (Gr. I) on 01.01.1998 and currently serves as Driver (Special Grade) since 01.09.2003 in the Administration Division.



**Ms. M.J. Weerasinghe**  
**Health Center**

Ms. M.J. Weerasinghe joined the University as a Labourer (Gr. III) on 15.02.1991. She was appointed as a Health Service Attendant (Lower Grade) on 02.01.1996. She was then promoted to Health Service Attendant (Higher Grade) on 01.01.2004 and she was promoted Health Service Attendant (Special Grade) 01.01.2011. After she was promoted Health Service Attendant (Special Grade I) 01.01.2016. She was retired from the University service with effect from 14.10.2020.



**Mr. H.N. Chandrasiri**  
**Works Department**

Mr. H.N. Chandrasiri joined University as Labourer (Gr. III) on 01.11.1994. He was then promoted to Labourer (Gr. II) on 01.11.2004 and on 01.11.2009 he was promoted to Labourer (Gr. I). Mr. H.N. Chandrasiri was promoted to Labourer Special Grade on 01.11.2016. And currently serves in the Works Department.



**Mr. B.L. Rajapaksha**  
**Works Department**

Mr. B.L. Rajapaksha joined University as Labourer (Gr. III) on 05.08.1992. He was then promoted to Labourer (Gr. II) on 05.08.2004 and on 09.04.2013 he was promoted to Labourer (Gr. I). And currently serves in the Works Department.

## 1.2. Award of a Silver Plated Medal for 30 Years of Continuous and Meritorious Service

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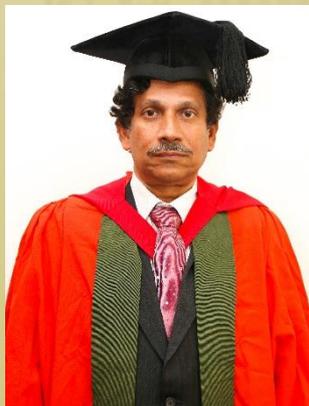
**Ven. Prof. Kahapola Sugatharathana Thero**  
**Department of Sanskrit & Eastern Studies**  
**Faculty of Humanities**

Ven. Prof. Kahapola Sugatharatana Thero joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 12.03.1990. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 01.08.1997 and on 01.08.2003 Ven. Prof. Sugatharatana Thero was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. He was promoted to Professor on 02.02.2007 and Ven. Prof. Sugatharatana Thero was then promoted to Professor (Chair) on 18.02.2013 and currently serves as Senior Professor (Chair) on 02.02.2015 in the Department of Sanskrit & Eastern Studies in the Faculty of Humanities.



**Prof. (Ms.) P.A. Paranagama**  
**Department of Chemistry**  
**Faculty of Science**

Prof. (Ms.) P.A. Paranagama joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.08.1990. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 01.08.1995 and on 01.08.2001 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. She was promoted to Professor on 30.07.2003 and she was then promoted to Senior Professor on 30.07.2011 and currently serves as Senior Professor (Chair) on 15.03.2012 in the Department of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science.



**Prof. S.R.D. Kalingamudali**  
**Dean**  
**Faculty of Science**

Prof. S.R.D. Kalingamudali joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.08.1990. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 01.08.1995 and on 01.08.2001 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01.09.2006. He was promoted to Professor on 10.09.2007 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 10.09.2015 in the Department of Physics and Electronics in the Faculty of Science.



**Prof. N.A.K.P.J. Seneviratne**  
**Department of Chemistry**  
**Faculty of Science**

Prof. N.A.K.P.J. Seneviratne joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.08.1990. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 23.02.1998 and on 23.02.2004 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. He was promoted to Associate Professor on 01.01.2007 and he was then promoted to Professor on 24.02.2009 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 24.02.2017 in the Department of Chemistry in the Faculty of Science.



**Prof. R.M.P.F. Rathnayake**  
**Department of Fine Arts**  
**Faculty of Humanities**

Prof. R.M.P.F. Rathnayake joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02.04.1990. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 20.05.1999. He was promoted to Professor on 30.11.2009 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 30.11.2017 in the Department of Fine Arts in the Faculty of Humanities.



**Prof. J.K.D.R. Rathnayake**  
**Department of Sinhala**  
**Faculty of Humanities**

Prof. J.K.D.R. Rathnayake joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 02.04.1990 He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 01.01.1996 and on 01.01.2002 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. and currently serves as Professor on 17.11.2009 in the Department of Sinhala in the Faculty of Humanities.



**Prof. (Ms.) N.N. Gunasekera**  
**Department of Modern Languages**  
**Faculty of Humanities**

Prof. N.N. Gunasekera joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 11.12.1990. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 11.12.1995. She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 11.12.2001 and she was promoted to Professor on 26.11.2009 and currently serves as Senior Professor on 12.12.2017 in the Department of Modern Languages in the Faculty of Humanities.



**Prof. W.U. Chandrasekara**  
**Department of Zoology and Environmental Management**  
**Faculty of Science**

Prof. W.U. Chandrasekara joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.08.1990. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 16.01.1997 and on 16.01.2003 he was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I and currently serves as Professor on 13.02.2012 in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management in the Faculty of Science.



**Dr. N.P.W.B.V.K. Senanayake**  
**Department of Mathematics**  
**Faculty of Science**

Dr. N.P.W.B.V.K. Senanayake joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.08.1990 He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 26.04.1999 and currently serves as Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 26.04.2005 in the Department of Mathematics in the Faculty of Science.



**Mr. K.D. Jayanayake**  
**Library**

Mr. K.D. Jayanayake joined University as Library Assistant Gr. III on 01.15.1990. He was promoted to Library Assistant Gr. II on 01.01.1997 and on 15.01.2002 he was then promoted to Library Assistant Gr. I. Mr. K.D. Jayanayake was promoted to Staff Assistant (Library Service) on 15.01.2009 and currently serves as Assistant Registrar on 01.10.2013 in the Library.



**Ms. A.M.D.T.I. Chandani**  
**Library**

Ms. A.M.D.T.I. Chandani joined University as Library Information Assistant (Gr. III) on 15.01.1990. She was then promoted to Library Information Assistant (Gr. II) on 01.01.1997 and on 15.01.2002. She was promoted to Library Information Assistant Gr. I. Ms. A.M.D.T.I. Chandani was promoted to Staff Assistant (Library Service) on 15.01.2007. And currently serves as Senior Staff Assistant (Library Service) in the Library.



**Mr. W.A.S. Kumara**  
**Library**

Mr. W.A.S. Kumara joined University as Library Information Assistant (Gr. III) on 15.01.1990. He was then promoted to Library Information Assistant (Gr. II) on 01.01.2001 and on 15.01.2003 he was promoted to Staff Assistant (Library Service). Mr. W.A.S. Kumara was promoted to Senior Staff Assistant (Library Service) on 15.01.2015. And currently serves as Senior Staff Assistant (Library Service) in the Library.



**Mr. Y.R.W. Premawardhana**  
**Security Division**

Mr. Y.R.W. Premawardhana joined University as Security Guard (Lower Grade) on 03.04.1989 and currently serves as Security Guard (Lower Grade) in the Security Division.



**Mr. K.C.R. Fernando**  
**Academic Division**

Mr. K.C.R. Fernando joined the University as a Labourer (Gr. III) on 06.11.1989. He promoted to Labourer (Gr. II) on 01.01.1998, Labourer (Gr. I) on 01.01.2002, Labourer (Special Gr.) on 01.01.2009 and Office Aide on 01.01.2014. Currently he serves in the Academic Division.

### 1.3. Award of a Gold Plated Medal for 35 Years Continuous and Meritorious Service

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**Prof. W.A. Weerasooriya**  
**Department of Library and Information Science**  
**Faculty of Social Sciences**

Prof. W.A. Weerasooriya joined Colombo University as Assistant Librarian on 28.06.1985 He was promoted to Senior Assistant Librarian on 22.07.1992.

Prof. W.A. Weerasooriya joined Kelaniya University as Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 01.01.1988 He was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 01.01.2000 and on 27.11.2009 he was then promoted to Professor and he was promoted to Senior Professor on 27.11.2017 in the Department of Library and Information Science in the Faculty of Social Sciences.



**Prof. (Ms.) R.P.C. Ranjani**  
**Department of Finance**  
**Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies**

Prof. (Ms.) R.P.C. Ranjani joined University as Lecturer on 15.10.1985 She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 15.07.1992, She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I on 15.07.1998 and on 18.08.2011 She was then promoted to Professor and currently serves as Senior Professor of Finance on 20.08.2018 in the Department of Finance in the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies.



**Ms. P.J.D.P. Martin**  
**Bursar Office**

Ms. P.J.D.P. Martin joined University as Stenographer (Gr. II) on 03.05.1985. She was then promoted to Stenographer (Gr. I) on 18.01.1992 and on 03.03.1996 she was promoted to Staff Assistant (Stenographer). Ms. P.J.D.P. Martin is currently serves as Senior Staff Assistant (Stenographer) 01.03.2001 in the Bursar Office.



**Ms. A.M.D.N. Jayawardhana**  
**Library**

Ms. A.M.D.N. Jayawardhana joined University as Library Information Assistant (Gr. III) on 15.07.1985. She was then promoted to Library Information Assistant (Gr. II) on 01.01.1993 and on 01.01.1998 She was promoted to Library Information Assistant (Gr. I). Ms. A.M.D.N. Jayawardhana was promoted Staff Assistant (Library Service) on 01.01.2003. And currently serves as Senior Staff Assistant (Library Service) in the Library.



**Ms. H.A.K.C. Damayanthi**  
**Administration Division**  
**Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute**

Ms. H.A.K.C. Damayanthi joined University system as Clerk (Gr. III) on 03.10.1985. She was then promoted to Clerk (Gr. 11) on 01.01.1992 and on 01.01.1997 she was promoted to Clerk (Gr. I). Ms. H.A.K.C. Damayanthi was promoted to Staff Assistant (Clerk) on 01.01.2002 and currently serves as Senior Staff Management Assistant 01.01.2007 in the Administration Division.



**Mr. W.A. Nissanka**  
**Information & Communication Technology Center**

Mr. W.A. Nissanka joined the University as a Casual Labourer on 18.04.1985. He was appointed as a Labourer (Gr. III) on 02.05.1985. After he was appointed as a Laboratory Attendant (Lower Grade) on 01.11.1993. He was then promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Higher Grade) on 01.11.1999 and he was promoted Laboratory Attendant (Supra Grade) on 01.11.2004. Mr. Nissanka was promoted to Laboratory Attendant (Special Grade) on 01.11.2009. And currently he serves in the Information & Communication Technology Center of the Faculty of Science.



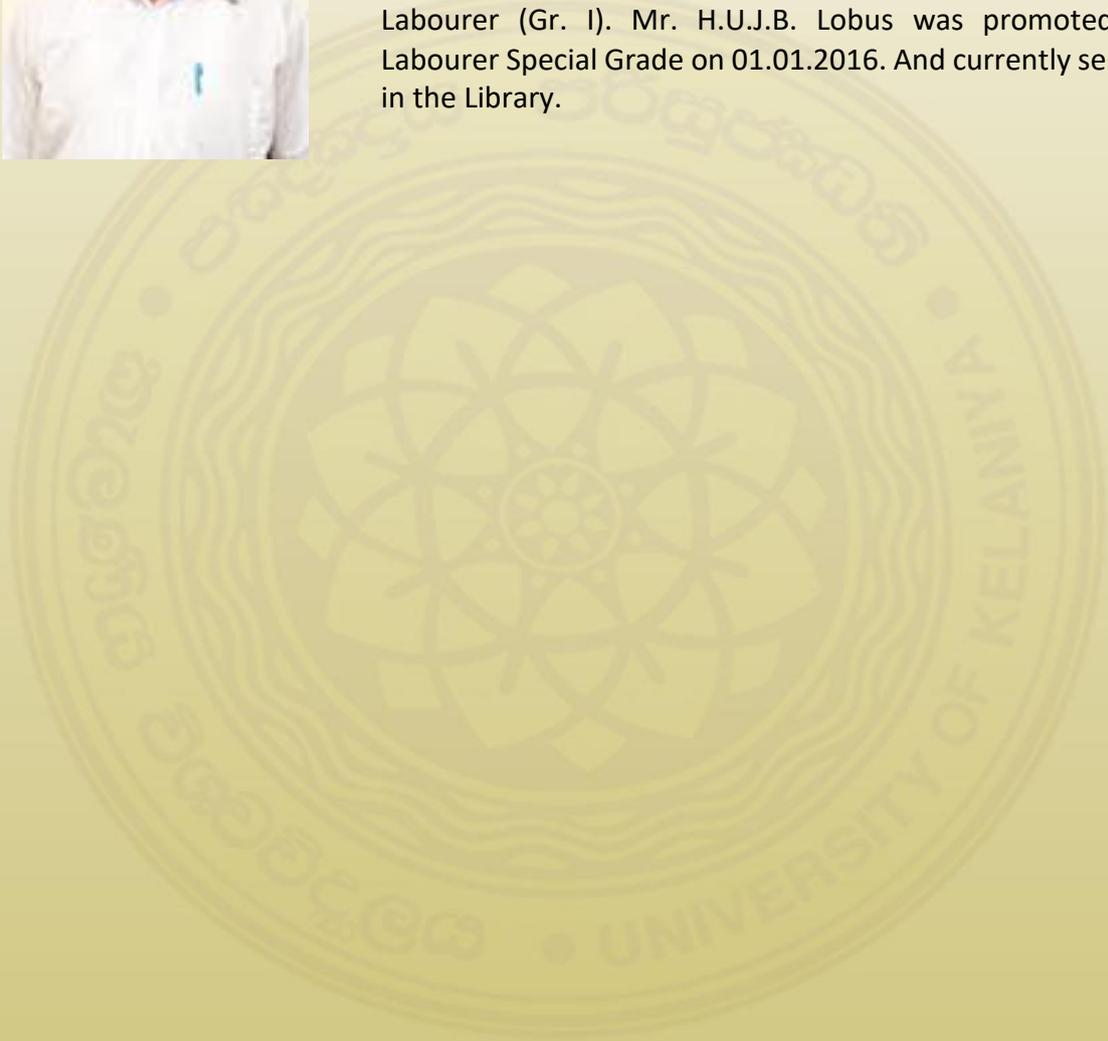
**Mr. M.D. Weerasingha**  
**Academic Division**

Mr M.D. Weerasingha joined the University as a Labourer (Gr. III) on 06.12.1985. He promoted to Labourer (Gr. II) on 01.01.1995, Labourer (Gr. I) on 01.01.1999, Labourer (Special Grade) on 01.01.2006 and Office Aide on 01.01.2011. Currently he serves in the Academic Division.



**Mr. H.U.J.B. Lobus**  
**Library**

Mr. H.U.J.B. Lobus joined University as Labourer (Gr. III) on 08.12.1983. He was then promoted to Labourer (Gr. II) on 01.01.1997 and on 01.11.2009 he was promoted to Labourer (Gr. I). Mr. H.U.J.B. Lobus was promoted to Labourer Special Grade on 01.01.2016. And currently serves in the Library.



#### 1.4. Award of a Wall Plaque for 40 Years of Continuous and Meritorious Service

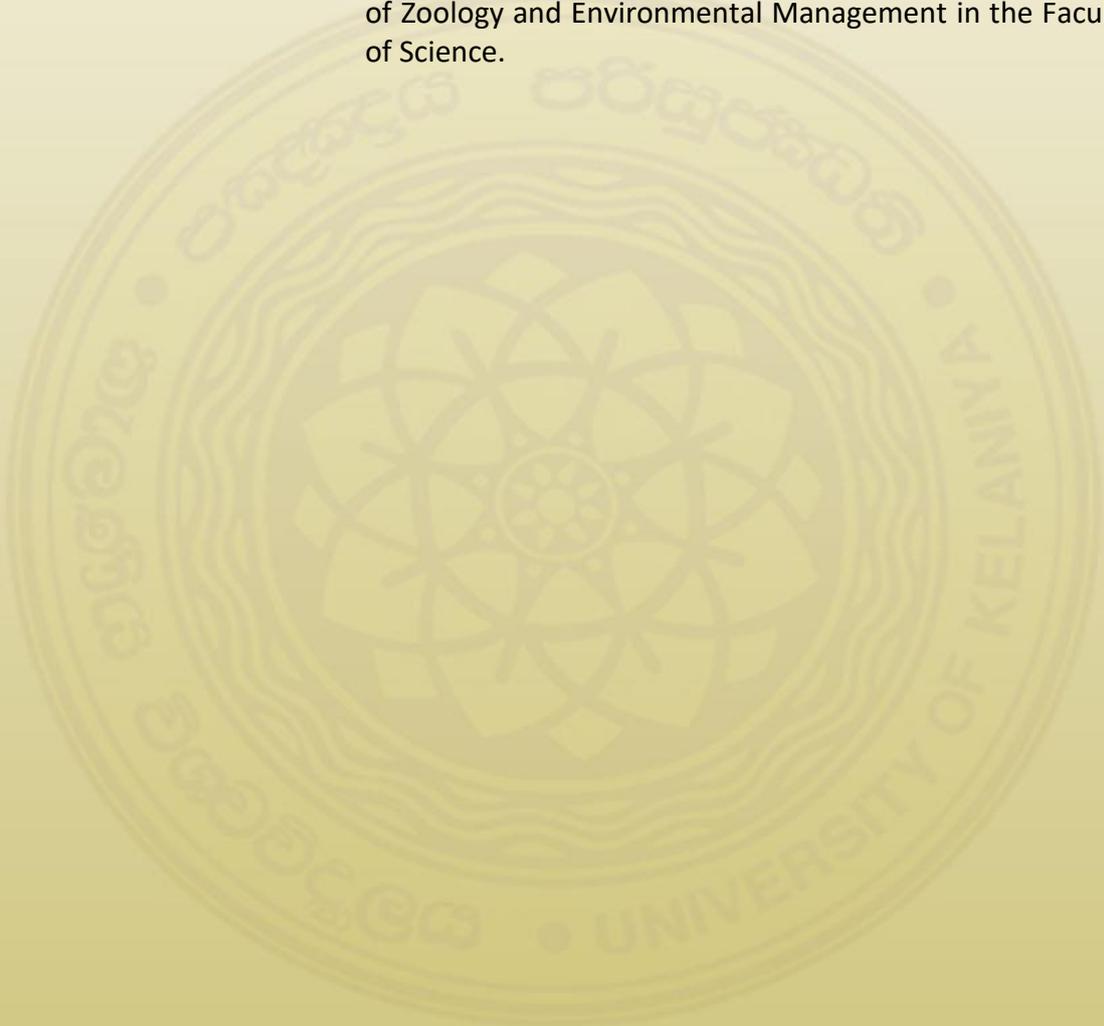
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**Prof. (Ms.) Asoka Pathiratne**

**Department of Zoology and Environmental Management  
Faculty of Science**

Prof. (Ms.) A. Pathiratne joined University as Lecturer (Probationary) on 01.08.1980 She was promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. II on 02.06.1986 and on 27.07.1992 she was then promoted to Senior Lecturer Gr. I. She was promoted to Professor on 27.07.1999 and she was then promoted to Senior Professor on 27.07.2007 and currently serves as Senior Professor (Chair) on 16.05.2019 in the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management in the Faculty of Science.



## 2. EMERITUS PROFESSORS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA



**Prof. K.M.P. Kulasekara**



**Prof. Mangalika Hettiarachchi**



**Prof. L.R. Jayasekara**



**Prof. U.S. Amarasinghe**



**Prof. K.A.K.D.D.D. Jayasuriya**



**Prof. J.R.P. Jayakody**

### **3. FELICITATION OF TOP 10 RESEARCHERS IN THE UNIVERSITY OF KELANIYA**



**Prof. H.J. de Silva**  
**Faculty of Medicine**



**Prof. A.R. Wickramasinghe**  
**Faculty of Medicine**



**Prof. N.R. de Silva**  
**Faculty of Medicine**



**Prof. K.T.A.A. Kasturiratne**  
**Faculty of Medicine**



**Prof. A. Pathmeswaran**  
**Faculty of Medicine**



**Dr. (Ms.) D.A.D.A. Daranagama**  
**Faculty of Science**



**Prof. H.A. de Silva**  
**Faculty of Medicine**



**Prof. A.P. de Silva**  
**Faculty of Medicine**



**Prof. B.A.H.R. Premaratna**  
**Faculty of Medicine**



**Prof. U.S. Amarasinghe**  
**Faculty of Science**

## 4. VICE CHANCELLOR'S AWARDS

### 4.1. Medals for The Vice Chancellor's Award for Brought Honor to The University by Winning Prestigious National or International Awards



**Ms. M.I.P. Kumari**  
**Instructor in Physical Education**  
**Department of Physical Education**

Ms. M.I.P Kumari, Graduated from Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka in February 2016 with a First-Class Honors Degree. Awarded special university colours for the achieving excellence in Academics and Sports, and able to secure the Silver medal for Sri Lanka in Taekwondo at the South Asian Games, Kathmandu 2019. Currently she serves as an Instructor in Physical Education, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya.

## 4.2. The Outstanding Early Career Researchers

### 4.2.1. Faculty of Medicine

#### *a. First Place*



**Dr. E.P.D.S. Ediriweera**  
**Department of Medical Education**

Dr. Dileepa Ediriweera is a Senior Lecturer (Gr. II) at the Health Data Science Unit, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He won the 1<sup>st</sup> place of the Vice Chancellor's Award for the Outstanding Early Carrier Researcher in the Faculty of Medicine for the year 2020.

Dileepa received his primary and secondary education from De Mazenod College, Kandana and obtained his MBBS degree from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He holds a Master of Science degree in Biostatistics from the University of Peradeniya, a Master of Science degree in Biomedical Informatics from the University of Colombo and a Diploma in Computer System Designing from the National Institute of Business Management, Sri Lanka. He served in the Ministry of Health, Sri Lanka for five years and joined the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya in 2013.

Dileepa won the Commonwealth Split-site PhD Scholarship to continue his PhD research at the Lancaster University, United Kingdom. His PhD research involves evaluating the spatiotemporal patterns and the effects of global climate change on the neglected tropical diseases and through this, he developed snakebite and soil-transmitted helminths risk maps for Sri Lanka. His PhD research on snakebite has been awarded three President's Awards for Scientific Publications, and his work on soil-transmitted helminths contributed to change the national deworming guidelines in Sri Lanka and was recognized as a highly commended article at the Taylor & Francis Commonwealth Scholar Best Journal Article Prize 2020.

Dileepa has co-authored more than 40 scientific publications in peer-reviewed journals and 60 conference abstracts. In recognition of his contribution to research, he has been awarded four President's Awards for Scientific Publications, Dr. E.M. Wijerama award, Dr. S.E. Seneviratna award, Wilson Peiris Prize and Kumaradasa Rajasuriya award by the Sri Lanka Medical Association, Dr. Henry Rajaratnam award by the Ceylon College of Physician, best overall oral paper award and A.E. Senevirathne award by the College of Surgeons of Sri Lanka and best research paper prize by the College of Pathologists of Sri Lanka, Senate honours for carrying out high-quality research and Vice-Chancellor's Award for bringing honour to the university by winning prestigious national or international awards by the University of Kelaniya.



**b. Second Place**



**Dr. W.M.M.L. Chandradasa**  
**Department of Psychiatry**

Dr. Miyuru Chandradasa is a Consultant Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist attached to the Colombo North Teaching Hospital in Ragama [ලමා සහ යොවුන් මනස පිළිබඳ විශේෂඥ වෛද්‍ය]. He is a medical specialist in behavioural, emotional and learning issues of children, adolescents and youth. He is, in addition, a Senior Lecturer at the Faculty of Medicine of the University of Kelaniya.

He formerly worked as a Senior Honorary Lecturer at the Monash University in Australia. Dr. Chandradasa has postgraduate qualifications in psychiatry from Sri Lanka, Australia and the United Kingdom. He is the first Board-Certified Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist of the University of Kelaniya and only such specialist for the District of Gampaha.

Dr. Chandradasa obtained the qualification of Doctor of Medicine in Psychiatry from the University of Colombo in Sri Lanka in 2015 [MD Psychiatry], Member of the Royal College of Psychiatrists in the United Kingdom in 2018 [MRCPsych] and Advanced Certificate in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry from the University of Melbourne in Australia in 2018 [Child Psych AdvCert].

Dr. Miyuru Chandradasa is the sole psychiatrist to have won the Bobby Somasundaram Gold Medal at the entrance examination [2012], the Andrew Sims Gold Medal at the exit exam and Peter & Mable Cooray Gold Medal for best research in psychiatry as a postgraduate trainee. As a child psychiatrist, he has won numerous senate and vice-chancellor awards for his research related to child mental health in Sri Lanka.

Dr. Chandradasa is interested and conducts research in character development, transcultural psychiatry and child mental health. During the last 5 years (2016 – 2020), he has published 48 full papers in peer-reviewed journals including 26 PubMed indexed publications. He presented the prestigious Dr SC Paul Oration of the Sri Lanka Medical Association in 2020. This is the oldest oration of the SLMA which is the oldest professional medical association in Asia and Australasia.

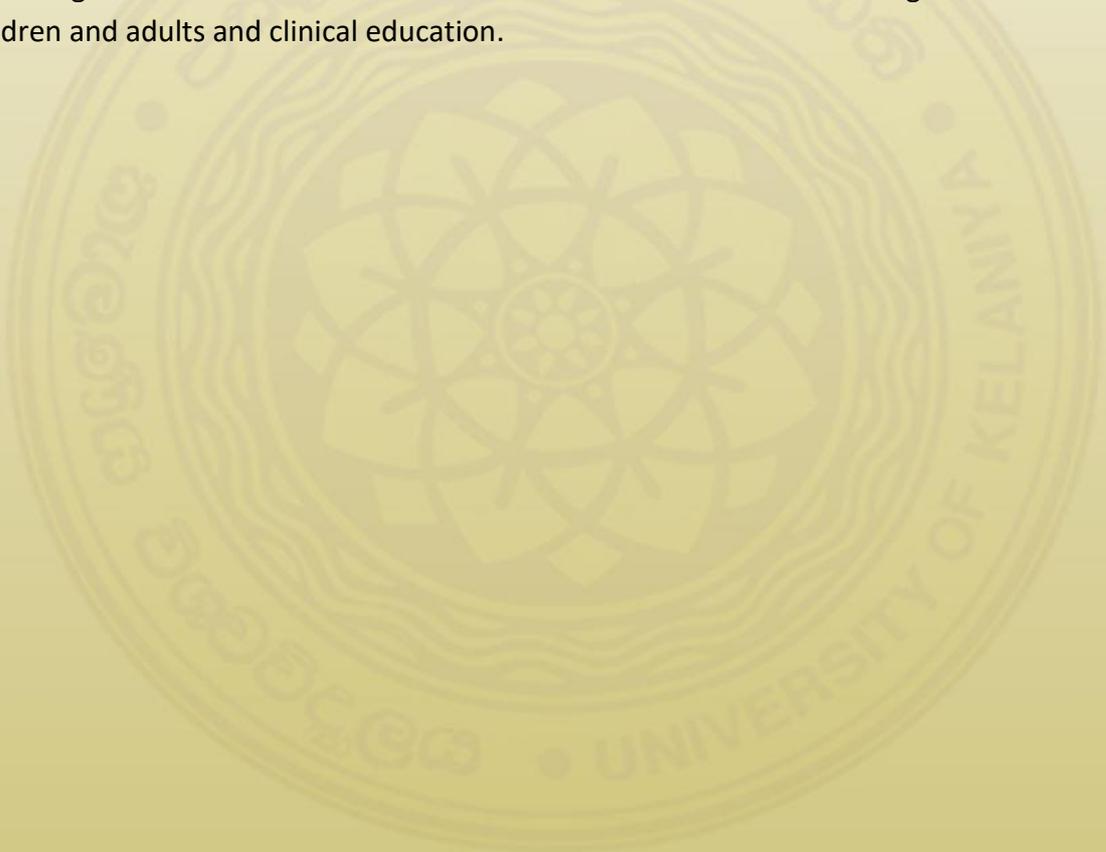
Dr. Miyuru Chandradasa is the current Editor of the Sri Lanka College of Child & Adolescent Psychiatrists and a former Secretary. He is, furthermore, a review Editor of the prestigious Frontiers in Psychiatry and Frontiers in Paediatrics journals.

**c. Third Place**



**Ms. P.T.N.I. Dharmarathna**  
**Department of Disability Studies**

Ms. Isuru Dharmarathna is a lecturer specialised in speech-language therapy at the Department of Disability Studies since 2015. She is a fellow of the Higher Education Academy, UK and is a recipient of the Commonwealth scholarship for MSc in Clinical Education at the University of Edinburgh, UK. She has recently completed her doctoral thesis on feeding disorders in children at the University of Auckland, New Zealand and is waiting for oral examination. Her research interests are swallowing disorders in children and adults and clinical education.



## 4.2.2. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

### *a. First Place*



**Ms. S.I. Wijenayake**  
**Department of Marketing Management**

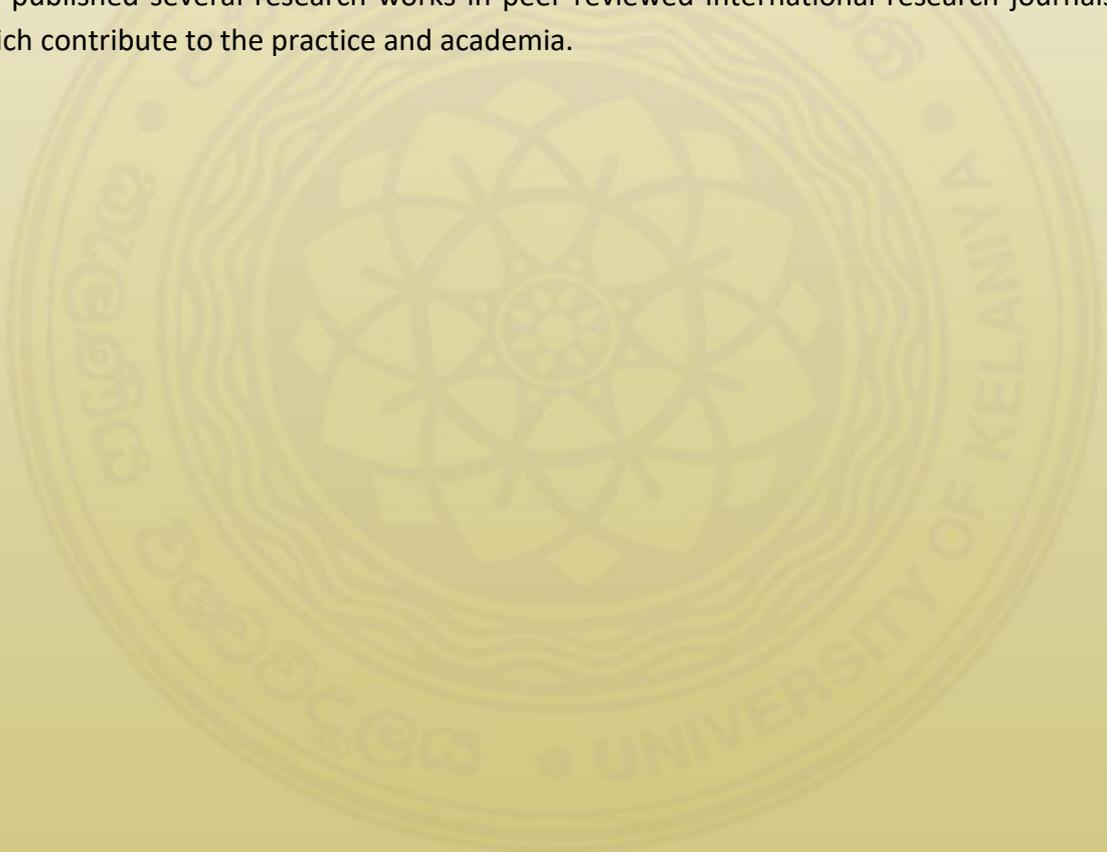
Shanika Wijenayake, a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Marketing Management, has completed many outstanding publications in internationally recognized journals including Services Marketing Quarterly, International Journal of Sports Marketing and Sponsorship and Management Science Letters. She possess expertise in quantitative data analysis; specifically, in Structural Equation Modeling. Wijenayake has won several senate awards for her publications in indexed journals and she has been recognized as a best reviewer for her contribution to the academia. She serves as a reviewer to the esteemed journals such as Asia Pacific Journal of Marketing and Logistics, Management Research Review and Journal of Islamic Accounting and Business Research.

***b. Second Place***



**Mr. W.A.D.N.R. Gunawardane**  
**Department of Marketing Management**

Nisal Gunawardane is attached to the Department of Marketing management, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies University of Kelaniya as a lecturer. He obtains his Bachelor of Marketing (Special) Degree from the Department of Marketing Management University of Kelaniya and Completed the masters degree at Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) attached to University of Sri Jayawardenapura. Mr. Gunawardane is a research supervisor for undergraduate, postgraduate and masters degree programs. Further, he works closely with the private sector for research and consultancy works. He has published several research works in peer reviewed international research journals which contribute to the practice and academia.



### 4.2.3. Faculty of Science

#### *a. First Place*



**Ms. A.M.C.H. Attanayake**  
**Department of Statistics & Computer Science**

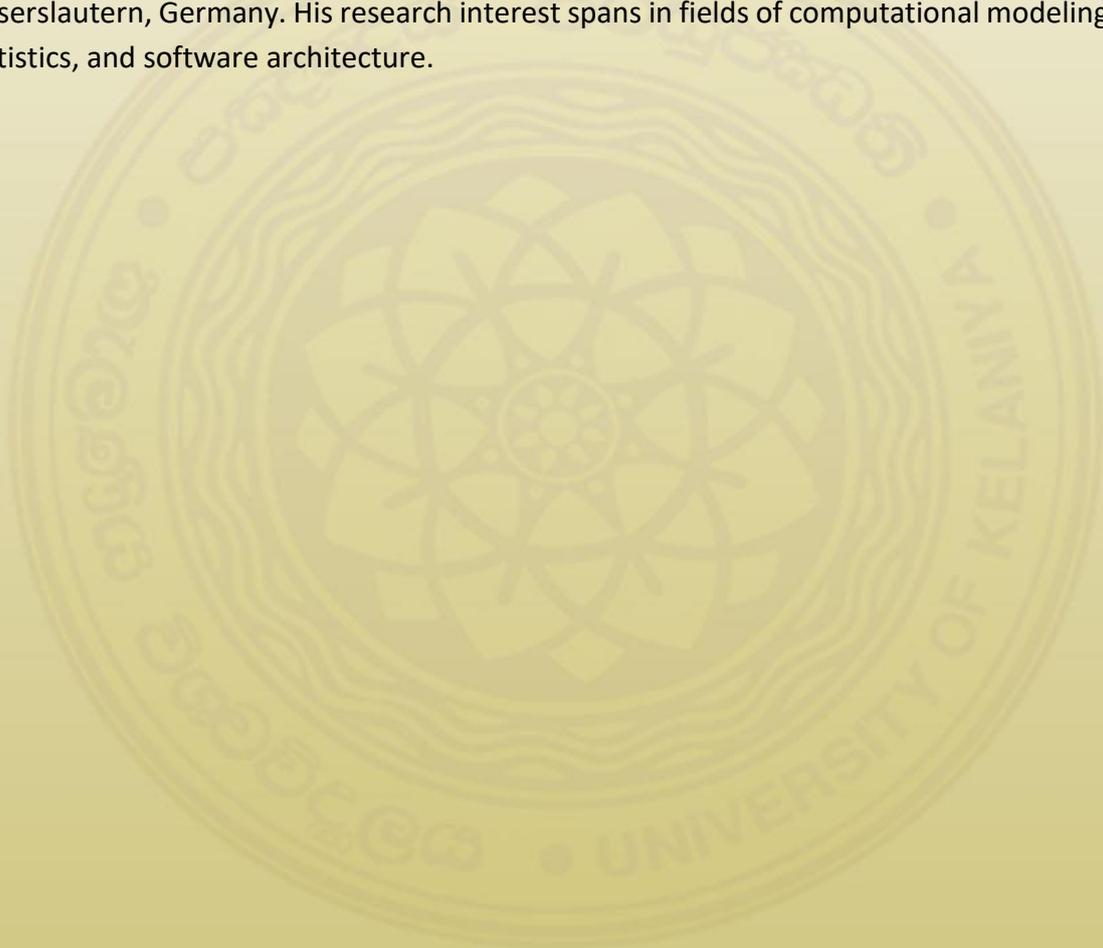
Ms. A.M.C.H. Attanayake is a Senior Lecturer attached to the Department of Statistics & Computer Science, University of Kelaniya. She obtained her B.Sc. (Hons) in Statistics & Computer Science from the University of Kelaniya with a first class honors. She obtained her M.Sc. in University of Moratuwa. She is currently reading for her PhD. Her main research interest is mathematical and statistical modelling of infectious diseases. She has awarded in the best post- graduate research projects in 2016 organized by the Institute of Applied Statistics, Sri Lanka. She won senate honours and monetary prizes several times for conducting high quality researches. She has more than 15 research publications in reputed journals.

***b. Second Place***



**Dr. U.P. Liyanage**  
**Department of Statistics & Computer Science**

Dr. U.P. Liyanage is working as a senior lecturer (Grade - II) at the Department of Statistics & Computer Science, University of Kelaniya, since 2016. He has completed his doctoral studies in mathematical modeling and simulation engineering at the University of Kaiserslautern, Germany. His research interest spans in fields of computational modeling, statistics, and software architecture.

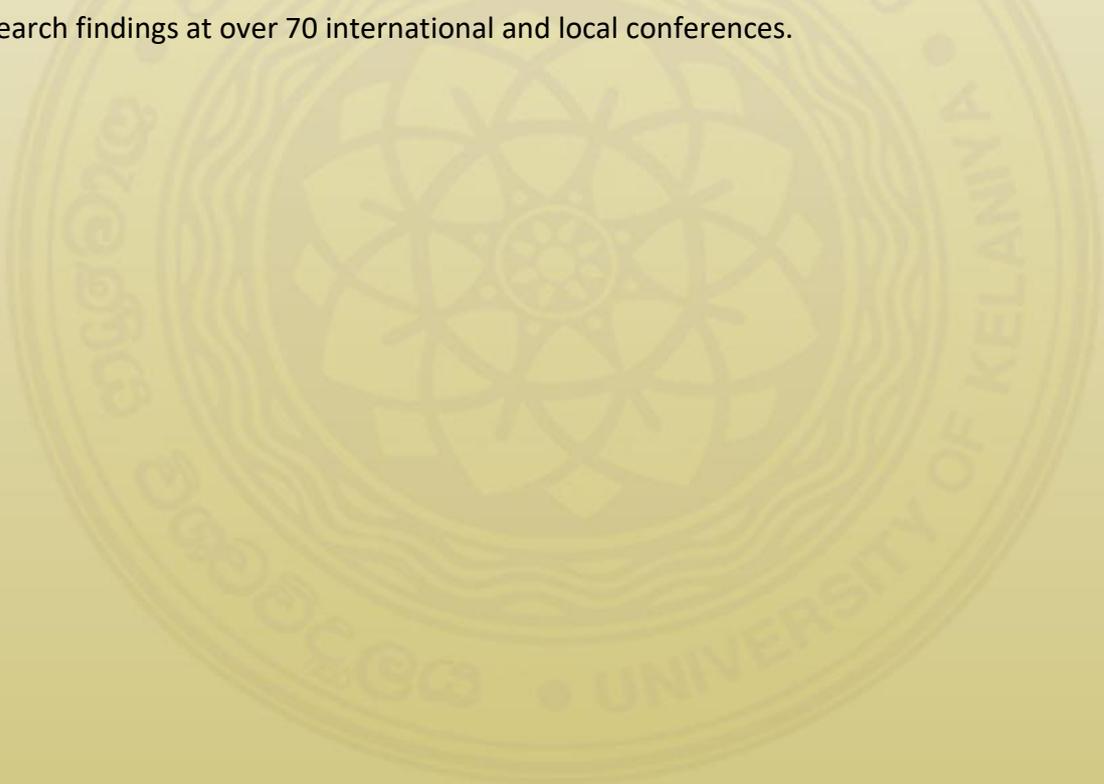


**c. Third Place**



**Dr. K.M.D.C. Jayathilaka**  
**Department of Physics and Electronics**

Dr. K.M.D.C. Jayathilaka is currently a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Physics and Electronics, Faculty of Science, University of Kelaniya. His research findings have contributed to improve the efficiency of solar cells in a low cost manner as they can be used practically in a more efficient way. His current focus is on photovoltaic and gas sensing semiconductor thin films. His work so far has contributed to 28 publications in indexed and other prestigious international journals. In addition, he has published several research papers in peer reviewed international and local journals and presented his research findings at over 70 international and local conferences.



#### 4.2.4. Faculty of Social Sciences



**Dr. (Ms.) H.R.S. Sulochani**  
**Department of Social Statistics**

Dr. Sanika Sulochani Ramanayake is working as a Senior Lecturer at Department of Social Statistics in University of Kelaniya. She obtained her Bachelor of Arts Special degree in Social Statistics 1st class, Honours from University of Kelaniya (2006). And she completed Master of Arts in Economics (Honors) from SunMoon University –Korea (2009). She obtained her Ph.D. in Economics from Seoul National University – Korea (2013) and received Brain Korea scholarship for her PhD studies.

Prior to this appointment as a senior lecturer she was a senior researcher at Hector Kobbekaduwa Agrarian Research Institute, and a visiting lecturer at General Sir John Kottelawela Defence University Southern Campus in Sri Lanka. Prior to these appointments she was a Post-Doctoral researcher at International Development Research Centre (IDRC) Canada affiliated to Indira Gandhi Institute of Development Research (IGIDR) Mumbai (From 2016-2018) and Post-Doctoral researcher at Seoul National University and Inha University which funded by Social Science Korea (SSK) program in South Korea (from 2013-2016). She delivered speeches at Bank of Canada, Korea Development Institute, International Development Research Canada (IDRC), Asia Research Institute in National University of Singapore, Bandaranaike International Diplomatic Training Institute (BIDTI), and Punjab University, India as an invitee.

Dr. Ramanayake has published more than 20 international journal articles and present research papers in 26 International conferences. And her most recent publications appeared in International Journal of Finance & Economics (SSCI Index, ABDC Rank B) and Millennial Asia (SCI, Scopus Indexed). She also published her articles in European Journal of Development Research, Journal of the Asia Pacific Economy, and South Asia Research Journal. And published a Book chapter in Innovation Policy, System and Management by Cambridge University Press, UK. Her research interests include Economic Growth & Development, Business Innovation, Gender-gap and Inequality, International Trade, Migration, Exchange rate, Middle-income-trap, and Developing countries.

Currently Dr. Ramanayake is working as a Chief Editor in Statica International Journal of Academic Research, Department of Social Statistics, University of Kelaniya and member of Review panel in number of International and national journals namely: Applied

Financial Economics, Seoul Journal of Economics, Journal of Business Science and Technology, International Economic Journal, Journal of Social Statistics.

Making a note of her achievements in her early professional career and potential for the future contribution to the field of research the University of Kelaniya is pleased to confer the recipients of the Early Career Researcher in the Faculty of Social Sciences 1st Place.

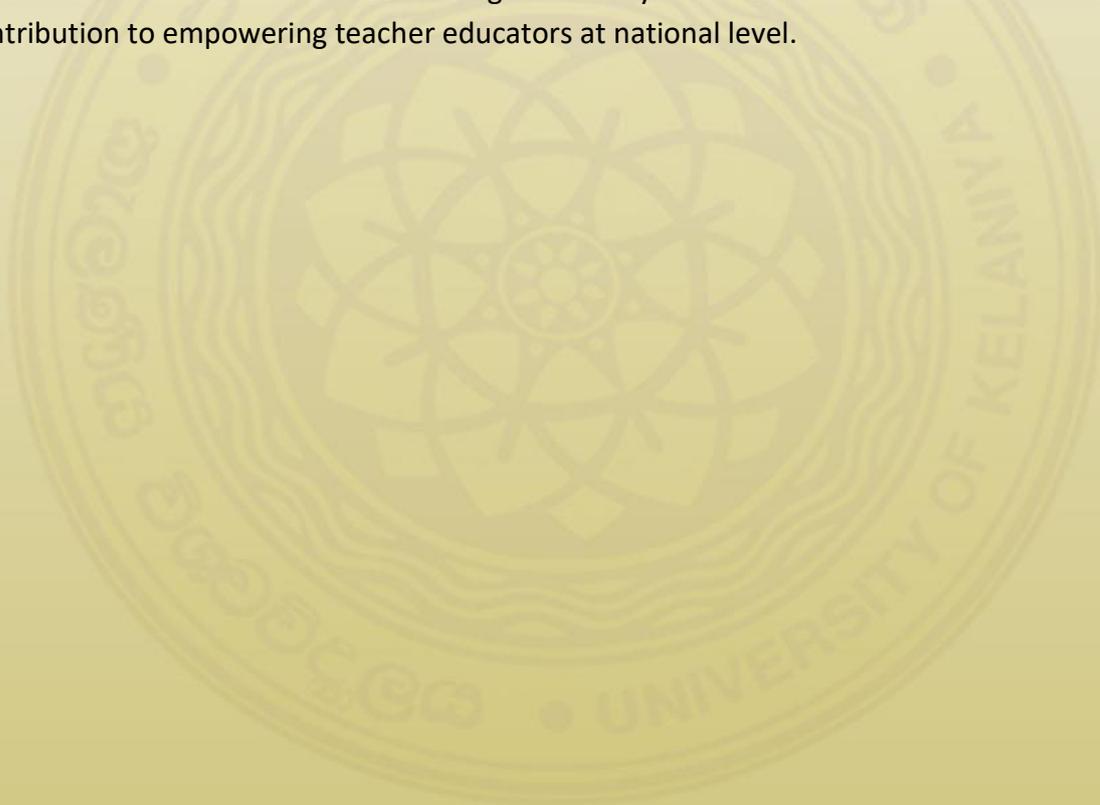


#### 4.2.5. Faculty of Humanities



**Dr. S.M. Assella**  
**Department of English**

Dr. Shashikala Assella is being nominated for the Vice Chancellor's award in the field of "The Outstanding Early Career Researcher in the Faculty of Humanities- 1<sup>st</sup> place" for her critical contribution to the study of Sri Lankan diasporic women's writing through internationally peer reviewed publications in *Alien Domiciles: Diasporic Inquiries into South Asian Women's Narratives* (2020) and *Women Writers of the South Asian Diaspora: Interpreting Gender, Texts and Contexts* (2020), for her academic presentations at the first South Asian Twitter conference on Digital literary studies and Humanities and her contribution to empowering teacher educators at national level.



## 4.2.6. Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute

### *a. First Place*



**Dr. N.S. Abegunasekara**  
**Department of Ayurveda Basic Principles**

Dr. Nadeesha Sewwandi Abegunasekara currently works as a Lecturer (Probationary) at the Department of Ayurveda Basic Principles, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya. She is working there as probationary lecturer since June 2019.

She has obtained her first degree which is Bachelor of Ayurveda Medicine and Surgery with 1st Class (Honours) from Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya. Also she has earned a Diploma in advanced English for administration and academic purposes, from Department of English, Faculty of Arts, University of Colombo. This year, she has been awarded AYUSH scholarship for the Academic Year 2020-21 granted by Indian Council for Cultural Relations, India.

Her areas of teaching for undergraduates are Human physiology, Introduction to Biochemistry and Immunology. Her major research interests are Ayurveda, clinical medicine, and allied health sciences.

She has published nearly 35 research articles in both local and international journals including conference proceedings. Also, she has published one book and one book chapter published by reputed publisher. She has participated many national and international workshops seminars and conferences.

**b. Second Place**



**Dr. G.V.P. Samaranayake**  
**Department of Ayurveda Basic Principles**

Dr. G.V.P. Samaranayake is a Lecturer (Probationary), attached to the Department of Ayurveda Basic Principles, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya since 2019.

She graduated from the same institute with a first-class honor in Bachelor of Ayurveda Medicine and Surgery (BAMS) Degree in 2015 and earned her Post Graduate Diploma in Shalya Tantra (PGD in Shalya Tantra) from Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute and Post Graduate Diploma in Toxicology from faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo.

Further, she has completed Attorney-at-Law from Sri Lanka Law College. She obtained her Instrumental Esraj Vadya Gandarva Visharada Degree from the Bhathkanda Sangeetha Vidyapith, Lucknow in 2009.

Her research interests are Human Anatomy, Ayurveda Shalya & Shalakyta Tantra, Toxicology and Forensic Medicine. She has over 45 publications under her name including 19 full papers indexed journals and 26 presentations at the national and international symposia.

She has authored a book in the field of Medical Jurisprudence by local reputed publisher. She has served as the editorial member and reviewer in 2 international journals.

Dr. Samaranayake has been recipient of University of Kelaniya – Vice Chancellors Awards – 2019, The Outstanding Early Career Researcher in the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute as well.

**c. Third Place**



**Mr. A.K.H. Dharmapriya**  
**Department of Ayurveda Basic Principles**

Mr. A.K.H. Dharmapriya, graduated with BA honours in Sanskrit from the faculty of Humanities, University of Kelaniya winning the M.H.F. Jayasooriya gold medal in 2005 and completed his Masters in Linguistics from the University of Kelaniya in 2011. He obtained Prācīna Paṇḍita from the Prācīna Bhāṣopakāra Samāgama, Ministry of Education and Vidyānidhi from Vidyodaya Piriveṇa in 2002.

He is a Senior Lecturer in Sanskrit at the Department of Ayurveda Basic Principles of Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute. Currently he is the head of this department. He is also working as the web master, academic warden and Co-ordinator, ICTC of the institute at present.

In addition, he has contributed at national level in curriculum formation, compilation of teachers' guides and preparation of prototype papers of G.C.E. A/L examination. He is a committee member of *Rājya Nekath Kamituwa* of department of cultural affairs.

He has published a number of research papers both at national and international levels. His research interests include Sanskrit language, linguistics, Eastern philosophy, Astrology and Astro-counseling, spiritualism and Astro-architecture.

#### 4.2.7. Library



**Dr. M.I.G.S. Sampath**

Dr. M.I.G. Suranga Sampath works as a Senior Assistant Librarian of the Library, University of Kelaniya. He earned his B.Sc. Special Degree in Mathematics with honors from University of Ruhuna in 2008. He obtained his MSc in Library and Information Science in 2014 from University of Kelaniya. In 2014, he received the Chinese Government Scholarship to pursue his postgraduate degree and, he completed PhD in the field of Probability and Mathematical Statistics from Huazhong University of Science and Technology (HUST), Wuhan, China in 2019.

During 2020, he has published one research paper in Science Citation Indexed journal and one book chapter in the springer book series "Communications in Computer and Information Science (CCIS)". Dr. Sampath received the Vice-Chancellor's award as the Outstanding Early Career Researcher of the Library, University of Kelaniya in 2020. Also, he received one Senate Award for his research papers published in Science Citation Indexed journals in 2020. Further, he presented his research findings at the 23rd International Conference on Distributed Computer and Communication Networks: Control, Computation, Communications in Moscow, Russia. He has worked as a scientific reviewer for several international conferences and he is a reviewer of a few peer reviewed, Science Citation Indexed journals.

### 4.3. The Outstanding Senior Researchers.

#### 4.3.1. Faculty of Medicine

##### a. *First Place*



**Prof. P.A.D.H.N. Gunathilake**  
**Department of Parasitology**

Prof. P.A.D.H. Nayana Gunathilake is a Professor and the Head of the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. His research interests include Parasitological and Molecular biological aspects of vector borne disease pathogens. He has over 178 publications under his name, including 54 full papers in indexed journals and 124 abstracts at national and international symposia. He has over 343 citations with a h-index of 12 and i-10 index of 18 in the Google Scholar. During the year of consideration, Prof. Gunathilake had 16 full papers in peer-reviewed journals indexed in the Science Citation Index, 12 abstracts at scientific conferences, 71 Genbank submissions and 2 book chapters. During this period, he has reached over 140 google scholar citations, 3 recognized national awards, 16 Senate honors for Scientific publications published in the Science Citation Indexed journals in 2019/2020 and produced 3 Ph.D graduates as the supervisor. He has served as the Editorial member, Associate editor and reviewer in 5 international journals in 2020.

**b. Second Place**



**Prof. D.S.G. Mettananda**  
**Department of Paediatrics**

Prof. Sachith Mettananda graduated MBBS from University of Colombo in 2004 with First Class Honours, nine distinctions and the Gold Medal for the best performance in final MBBS. He qualified MD Paediatrics from University of Colombo and was Board Certified as a Specialist in Paediatrics in 2013. In 2012, he won the Commonwealth Scholarship Award to read for a DPhil in Clinical Laboratory Sciences at University of Oxford which he completed in 2015. He was elected as a Fellow of Royal College of Paediatrics and Child Health in the UK and a Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians of Edinburgh in 2020. He joined the University of Kelaniya in 2006 and was promoted to the post of Professor in Paediatrics in 2019. In 2020 Prof Mettananda authored 14 indexed publications, 2 book chapters and the textbook titled '*A Guide to Paediatric Red Blood Cell Disorders*'. He delivered many guest lectures including the prestigious SLMA Oration in 2020. He has an h-index of 13 and is currently an editorial board member of BMC Pediatrics, Ceylon Medical Journal and Sri Lanka Journal of Child Health.

### **c. Third Place**



**Prof. H.T.C.S. Abeysena**  
**Department of Public Health**

Chrisantha Abeysena is a Senior Professor in Community Medicine, in the Department of Public Health, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. He served in the Ministry of Health for 4 years till he joined the Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya in January 1997.

He obtained MBBS from the Faculty of Medicine, University of Colombo in 1992 and completed MSc in Community Medicine in 1995, MD in community Medicine in 2000 from the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) and Postgraduate Diploma in Applied Statistics from the Faculty of Science, University of Sri Jayawardenepura in 2000. He completed his post MD training at the Department of Epidemiology and Preventive Medicine in the Monash University, Australia. He was Board certified as a specialist in Community Medicine in 2003. He obtained his MA in International Relations, from the University of Colombo in 1998. He also obtained MA in Buddhist Studies from the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, in 1994, He also obtained BA in Christian Studies from the Pontifical Urbaniana University in 2003. He is a fellow of the Royal Society of Public Health and fellow of College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka.

He served as the Chairperson of the Board of Study in Multidisciplinary Studies related to Health, University of Kelaniya, Chairperson of the Board of Study in Community Medicine, in the Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, and as an examiner for more than 55 postgraduate exams in the PGIM. He successfully supervised more than 30 MSc, MPhil, MD dissertations and thesis. He has been a resource person for more than 75 conferences and symposia.

Professor Abeysena was the President of the College of Community Physicians of Sri Lanka in 2016/2017. He is the coordinator of the South Asian Cochrane Network, and pioneered the practice of promoting evidence based medicine in Sri Lanka. He is also a member of the International Guidelines Network. He had been awarded the Outstanding Senior Researcher of the Faculty of Medicine in 2018 and 2019 as well.

### 4.3.2. Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies

#### a. *First Place*



**Dr. D.M.R. Dissanayake**  
**Department of Marketing Management**

Dr. D.M.R. Dissanayake, Senior Lecturer (Grade 1), attached to the Department of Marketing Management made his research excellence in the year 2020 by contributing to various avenues. He has published 7 journal articles that include indexed journals and peer reviewed journals as well. In additions, he has published abstracts and proceedings in the local and international conferences held during the year 2020. Dr. Dissanayake has contributed as a session chair and discussant to three international conferences held in Sri Lanka whilst served as a reviewer for three international conferences held in 2020. In addition, his research contribution was featured as an editorial member to local and international journals. He serves as the chief editor for Sri Lanka Journal of Marketing and he is in the editorial boards of another 5 journals that include three international indexed journals.

His postgraduate research supervising service rendered in the year 2020 was a commendable role. He contributed as the supervisor to complete two doctoral dissertations and 11 master level dissertations. Additionally, he served for few research workshops organized by local institutes as a resource person. Dr. Dissanayake was an active committee member for two international research conferences organized by the University of Kelaniya during the year 2020. His research impact on academia and community is another remarkable evidence for his calibre. He has received more than 315 Google Scholar Citations with 10 h-indexes and 10 i10-indexes in Google Scholar whilst 353 citations are reported in the Google Research Gate. In addition, Dr. Dissanayake actively participated as a consultant and industry research expert for 3 corporate sector companies and two public sector advisory roles during the year 2020.

## **b. Second Place**



**Dr. Ruwan Abeysekera**  
**Department of Finance**

Dr. Ruwan Abeysekera is the Head of the Department of Finance of Commerce and Management Faculty. Further, he is a Senior Lecturer Grade 1. Dr Abeysekera obtained his BSc (Hon) Degree in Industrial Management with a First class from the University of Kelaniya. He won the prestigious Ceylon Tobacco Gold medal for the best student in Industrial Management Special Degree programme and Hayleys Award for best undergraduate research. Dr. Abeysekera completed his MBA from the University of Colombo with a merit pass winning the CIMA subject price for Accounting and MIS subject. He won a full scholarship to pursue his PhD from Bournemouth University in the UK. He obtained his PhD in 2015. His expertise is in Entrepreneurship in the Microfinance sector. He is an expert in the case study method of qualitative research. His research interests include microfinance, entrepreneurship, HRM and Marketing. He is one of the highly cited researchers in the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies.

He has published his research findings in peer-reviewed indexed journals and has 18 publications to his credit. Some of these journals are indexed in Scopus and ABS databases. Further, he took part in 14 in local and foreign conferences to present his research findings. Moreover, he serves in the editorial boards and review panels in reputed journals.

During the year 2020, he has published nine research articles in peer-reviewed indexed journals. Moreover, he presented his findings at the ICBI conference in 2020. Further, he has produced one DBA and six MBA graduates by successfully supervising their theses.

### **c. Third Place**



**Dr. Dilrukshi Yapa Abeywardhana**  
**Department of Accountancy**

Dr. Dilrukshi Yapa Abeywardhana is one of the senior lecturers attached to the Department of Accountancy, Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. She obtained BCom (Honours) and MSc in Management degrees from University of Sri Jayawardhanapura in 1999 and 2005 respectively. Subsequently, she completed Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree in Economics at the University of Birmingham in the United Kingdom in 2012. Her Ph.D. research focused on Financing Decision of Small and Medium size Enterprises (SMEs) in the UK. During her PhD study in the UK she contributed to the University of Birmingham as a Lecturer in Open Economy Macro Economics and as a Research Assistant at the Department of Economics.

Dr. Abeywardhana has been teaching Fundamentals of Corporate Finance, Management Accounting, Advanced Corporate Finance, Advanced Management Accounting, International Finance and Financial Risk Analysis to undergraduates and post-graduate students. Her teaching and research experience spans over 20 years and published several research papers in nationally and internationally indexed journals. In addition to that, she presented research papers at International conferences in Australia, UK, France, India, and Sri Lanka. Dr. Abeywardhana won the best paper award for the paper titled “The impact of Population Ageing on Economic Growth in South Asia” in 2017 in Paris, France. Further, she was awarded the Outstanding Senior Researcher in the Faculty of Commerce and Management Studies in 2019. She is interested and conducts research in Capital Structure, Ageing population and financial markets.

Dr. Abeywardhana rendered services to the Faculty of Commerce & Management Studies as a Director to the Centre for Management Research (CMR), Coordinator of the Master of Business (Accounting/Finance) programme and Quality Assurance specialist. She works as a resource person to the Quality Assurance and Accreditation Council (QAAC) of the University Grant Commission, Sri Lanka to review study programmes offered by the national universities. With her wealth of experience in the field of Finance she authored books, and book chapter which are useful for undergraduates, graduate students as well as those who are interested to learn financing practices.

### 4.3.3. Faculty of Science

#### *a. First Place*



**Prof. (Ms.) L.D. Amarasinghe**  
**Department of Zoology & Environmental**  
**Management**

Prof. L.D. Amarasinghe, Professor in Zoology, is currently attached to the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management. She obtained her PhD from the University of London in 1993. She is a Fellow Biologist of the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka (IOBSL) and the President of the IOBSL for 2020/2021.

Her research area covers Applied and Medical Entomology, Parasitology and Nematology of the core discipline of the subject – Zoology and has authored two text books on these subjects.

She has so far supervised more than 30 undergraduates on their final year research projects in the disciplines of Medical Entomology, Parasitology and Plant Nematology and produced one PhD and two MPhil graduates. She has earned more than 40 research publications in peer reviewed journals indexed in Science citation index, Scopus, Clarivate Analytics, SCiMago Master, Elsevier and earned more than 60 abstracts in national and international conference proceedings.

She has received several Senate honours for publishing her research in Science citation indexed Journals in the year 2018/2019. She is among the top 500 scholars of the University of Kelaniya during the period from 2014-2019 with a Google scholar ranking, *h*-index -8. She has over 200 citations to her research.

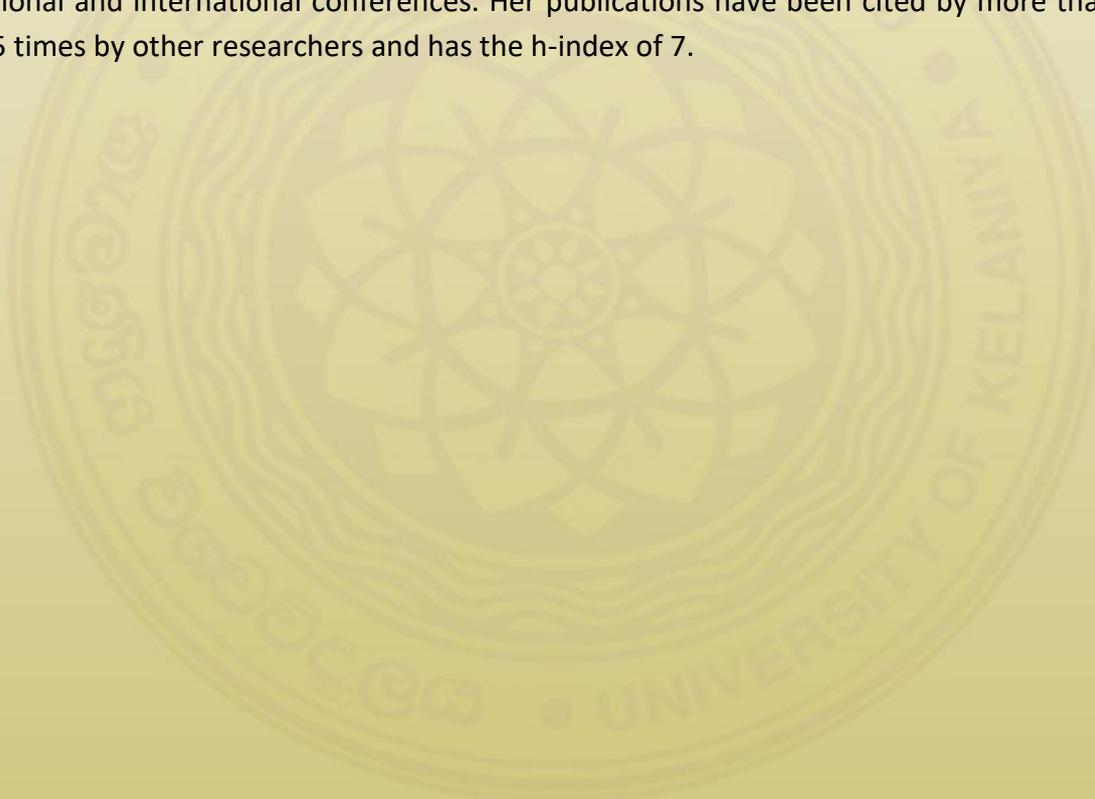
She serves as a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee to review the Work Programme on Entomology/Nematology at the Tea Research Institute from 2018 and Advisory Committee on Conservation and Preservation of the National Library and Documentation Services Board of the Ministry of Education for the last several years.

***b. Second Place***



**Dr. (Ms.) C.S.K. Rajapakse  
Department of Chemistry**

Dr. C.S.K Rajapakse is a Senior Lecturer (Grade I) in the Department of Chemistry. She graduated with BSc (Honours) in Chemistry in 2003 from the University of Peradeniya and obtained her PhD in 2010 from the City University of New York, USA. Her research interests are the exploration of novel bioactive compounds from natural sources and novel sorbents from low-cost materials for water treatment. She has authored fifteen peer reviewed research papers, two text books and presented more than 40 abstracts at national and international conferences. Her publications have been cited by more than 595 times by other researchers and has the h-index of 7.



**c. Third Place**



**Prof. (Ms.) N. Jayathilaka**  
**Department of Chemistry**

Prof. Nimanthi Jayathilaka earned her B.Sc. (Honors) degree in Cell and Molecular Biology from University of Wisconsin, Superior, U.S.A in 2003 and earned her Ph. D. degree from the University of Southern California, U.S.A in Genetics, Molecular and Cell Biology in 2011. In December 2012, she joined University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka as a senior lecturer in Chemistry and was promoted to the position of Professor in Molecular Biology and Biochemistry in 2016. Currently, she is investigating early molecular markers of disease severity in dengue, as well as the absorption of phenolic antioxidants by coconut oil in cellular and animal model systems.

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#### 4.3.4. Faculty of Social Sciences

##### *a. First Place*



**Prof. M.G. Kularatne**  
**Department of Economics**

M.G. Kularatne (Ph.D), Professor in Economics at the Department of Economics, and the former Director of the Research Centre for Social Sciences (RCSS) at the Faculty of Social Sciences, Past presidents of Sri Lanka Association for fisheries and Aquatic Resources (SLAFAR) and Sri Lanka Association of Advancement of Sciences (SLAASS)- Section F . He was awarded his B.A. (Honours) Degree in Economics from the University of Peradeniya in Sri Lanka and had proceeded to complete his Master of Science (M.Sc.) Degree in Socio-Economic Information for Natural Resources Management at The Faculty of Geo-information, Science and Earth Observation at the University of Twente, in The Netherlands. Moreover, he has earned his Ph.D. in Environmental Economics from the Queensland University of Technology (QUT) in Australia. Professor Kularatne has also conducted nationally important multidisciplinary researches and presented their results to the policy makers in the national and international platforms and has furthermore disseminated his research findings through electronic media for the benefit of the general public. Professor Kularatne is the main researcher of introduction of Environmental Recycling system (ERS)-High tech Japanese solution for solid waste management in Sri Lanka.

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## ***b. Second Place***



**Dr. (Ms.) S.A.D.H.N. Suraweera**  
**Department of Library and Information Science**

Dr. Namali Suraweera is a Senior lecturer and Head of the Department of Library and Information Science, Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka. She has completed her Bachelor of Arts Degree (2005) and Master of Social Sciences (2009) in Library and Information Science in University of Kelaniya. She earned her PhD in Information Management in 2015 from School of Information Management in Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. She has over 15 years of contribution to the profession and research. She has also served as a lecturer in E-Learning and as a Contact for Academic Technologies (CAT) in Centre for Academic Development (CAD) in Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand.

Dr. Namali has contributed over 40 papers to learned journals and international conferences. She qualified for the title “Digital Teaching and Learning Technologist” by successfully completing a course at Victoria University of Wellington, New Zealand. She has actively involved in the establishment of National E-Learning Resource Centre (NELRC) in University of Kelaniya and served as a first Director of NELRC from 2016-2018 and until 2020 she provided her service to the NELRC as a Consultant of Instructional Designing.

Dr. Namali won Vice Chancellor’s award twice and received number of scholarships and fellowships including PhD scholarship, 12th APNG Camp Fellowship, and IFLA Grants. Further, she received “Asia Library Leaders Promising Professional Award -2016” and won number of best paper awards for her research publications at national and international conferences. She delivered number of keynote speeches at national and international conferences. She is a member of editorial board of The Internet and Higher Education: A Quarterly Review of Innovations in Post-secondary Education, ELSEVIER, Moreover, she has given her contribution as a resource person for conducting AHEAD workshops on Digital Teaching and Learning in different faculties in University of Kelaniya as well as in other Universities.

Her main teaching and research interest include information literacy, e-learning, digital/multimedia technologies, digital teaching and learning, educational and social and cultural theories.

**c. Third Place**



**Dr. (Ms.) A.W.A.P.L. Wanigasooriya**  
**Department of Library and Information**  
**Science**

Dr. (Ms.) A.W.A.P.L Wanigasooriya is a Senior Lecturer (Grade I) attached to the Department of Library and Information Science, Faculty of Social Sciences. She has graduated from University of Kelaniya and earned her PhD. From Wuhan University, China. Her expertise area is Cataloguing. She wrote three books, edited two books, and worked as an editorial board member more than seven journals. Published over 30 articles in peer-reviewed journals and national and international conference proceedings. Dr. Wanigasooriya is a faculty coordinator of Centre for Student with Disabilities of University of Kelaniya. In national level, she is serving as director board member of the National Library of Sri Lanka.

#### 4.3.5. Faculty of Humanities

##### *a. First Place*



**Prof. (Ms.) K.L.K.N.C. Premawardhena**  
**Department of Modern Languages**

Neelakshi Chandrasena Premawardhena is Senior Professor in the Department of Modern Languages. She is attached to University of Kelaniya since 1994 and teaches German and Linguistics to undergraduate and postgraduate students. Prof. Premawardhena has the experience of serving in many national and international committees on research, administration and education, and serving as International Chair for Asia, Associate Editor, Member of Editorial Boards, Reviewer and Chairperson of many international conferences and journals.

Among the highlights of the research activities in 2020 are three chapters published by Springer in Series Advances in Intelligent Systems and Computing, a joint webinar presentation on Online Course Design for Student Centered Learning with Prof. C. N. Gunawardena of New Mexico University, USA, number of citations, supervision of 11 Master thesis in Linguistics, Associate Editor of Scopus indexed International Journal for Emerging Technologies in Learning, International Chair for Asia of the 23rd International Conference on Interactive Collaborative Learning, Tallinn, Estonia and 13th International Conference on Interactive Mobile Communication Technologies and Learning Thessaloniki, Greece.

**b. Second Place**



**Prof. (Ms.) C.D.S. Wettewe**  
**Department of English Language Teaching**

Chamindi Dilkushi Senaratne Wettewe is a professor attached to the Department of English Language Teaching at UOK. She obtained her PhD from the Radboud University, Nijmegen, in the Netherlands. She was Head of Department (2010-2014) and Director of Staff Development Centre (2014-2017). She joined the National Centre for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences and Humanities (NCAS) in 2019 and served as the Senior Research Fellow till 2020. She was consultant to many national level language projects by the Ministry of Higher Education in 2011 and co-ordinated English programmes. She is currently a consultant of the first ever pre-university Online English Language Program conducted by the University Grants Commission. At present, she serves as the Director of the Career Guidance Unit of the UOK. She has published extensively in the field of Contact Linguistics and Sociolinguistics and is the author of Sinhala-English Code Mixing in Sri Lanka, a sociolinguistic study, (published by the Netherlands Graduate School of Linguistics-LOT), Discourse Strategies of Sri Lankan bilinguals and many other books.

#### 4.3.6. Library



**Dr. C.C. Jayasundara**

Dr. C.C. Jayasundara, the Librarian of the University of Kelaniya won the Vice Chancellor's award 2020 for the Outstanding Senior Researcher in the Library. Dr. Jayasundara obtained his Bachelor's degree in Statistics from the University of Ruhuna with first class honours and joined University of Colombo as an Assistant Librarian. After a short period at the university, he proceeded to the University of Sheffield, UK on a commonwealth postgraduate scholarship (open stream) to complete his MSc in Information Management with specialization in health informatics. His research at Sheffield was "Use of Artificial Neural Networks, Genetic Algorithms and Standard Statistical techniques to predict psychological outcomes of patients admitted to Accident and Emergency Department in Sheffield". He completed PGC in English Linguistics from Birmingham City University UK and Doctor of Literature and Philosophy from UNISA. He is a Certified Professional Librarian of the Australian Library and Information Association with a specialism of Academic Research. He worked as a Sri Lankan Country Coordinator of the International Network for the Availability of Scientific Publications (INASP), Oxford in UK. His contribution to postgraduate Library Science education in Sri Lanka is remarkable. He functioned as the Programme Coordinator and a visiting lecturer of the Master of Library and Information Science programme at University of Colombo. The pivotal role he played in the introduction and progress of the Postgraduate Diploma in Information Systems Management and Masters in Information Systems Management at the Faculty of Graduate Studies, University of Colombo is outstanding. He has taught and supervised students in many postgraduate and undergraduate programmes at University of Colombo, Open University of Sri Lanka, Fiji National University and Sri Lanka Institute of Development Administration (SLIDA) and he functioned as an invited course writer of the BLIS (Honours) (English medium) programme of the OUSL. He has won several awards for publishing higher grade journals commended by the Australian Research Council (ARC). He is a past president of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka and has also served as the Editor of the Journal of the University Librarians Association (JULA), which is indexed in LISA and EBSCO Host. His research interests include theoretical and computational research in information Management, applied librarianship and modeling user behaviour. The Google Scholar citation of Dr. Jayasundara is 193 with h-index of 7 and i10 index of 5.

### 4.3.7. Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute

#### *a. First Place*



**Dr. K.P.P. Peiris**  
**Department of Shalya-Shalakya**

Dr. K. Priyani Padmashika Peiris is working as a Senior Lecturer grade I attached to the Department of Shalya – Shalakya, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya. She obtained BAMS (2<sup>nd</sup> class upper division) Degree from Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo in 1991 and MS(Ayu.)- Shalakya degree in 1998 from Banaras Hindu University, India. Subsequently, she completed Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) - Ayu degree in Shalakya at Gujarat Ayurveda University, India in 2011. Her postgraduate and Ph. D research works focused on Ayurveda Periodontology.

Dr. K.P.P. Peiris is the current Head of the Department of Shalya – Shalakya. She is the coordinator of the Institute Research Committee and member of the Ethics Review Committee. Her teaching and research experience spans over 25 years and has published several research papers in national and international journals. She presented research papers at International conferences in Singapore, India and Sri Lanka and also, she authored two books.

Dr. K.P.P. Peiris won the best Presenter award twice in India at the International symposiums organized by "The Association of Shalaki" India.

She works as a resource person to the Quality Assurance Council (QAC) of the University Grants Commission, Sri Lanka to review study programs offered by the national universities.

Dr. K.P.P. Peiris has extended her service as a keynote speaker in several international conferences held in Sri Lanka and India whilst contributing as the session chair for international research conferences. She is a reviewer for local and international conferences serving as per requested.

She has published nearly 60 research papers in local and international journals including conference proceedings. Her overall Google Scholar, Research Gate Citations include 220 citations, and there are 196 Google Scholar Citations including 4h- index and 2i10- index.

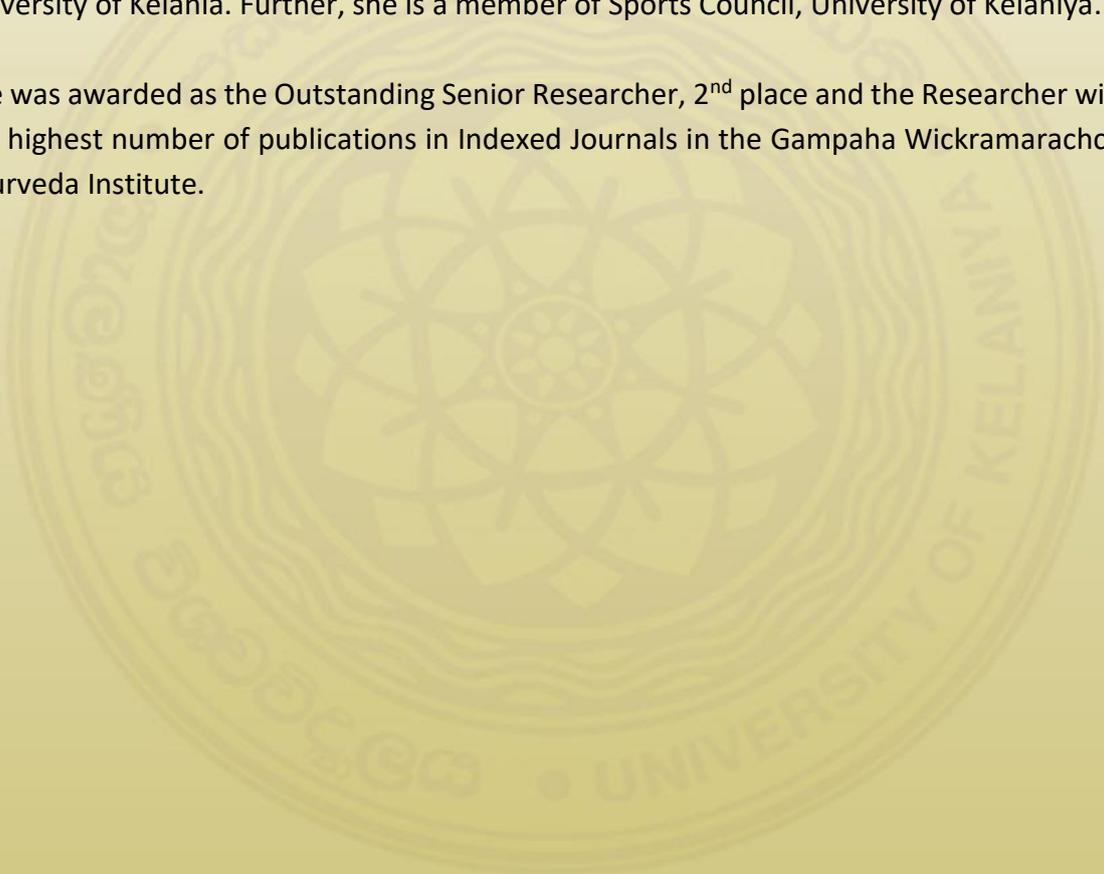
**b. Second Place**



**Dr. K.G.C. Dissanayake**  
**Department of Cikitsa**

Dr. K. G. C. Dissanayake is a Senior Academician at Department of Cikitsa, Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute, University of Kelaniya. As well, she is serving to the Volunteer Forces of Sri Lanka Army in the military rank of Major. She is also a visiting lecturer of University of Sri Jayawardanapura, Eastern University, University of Jaffna, University of Kelania. Further, she is a member of Sports Council, University of Kelaniya.

She was awarded as the Outstanding Senior Researcher, 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the Researcher with the highest number of publications in Indexed Journals in the Gampaha Wickramarachchi Ayurveda Institute.

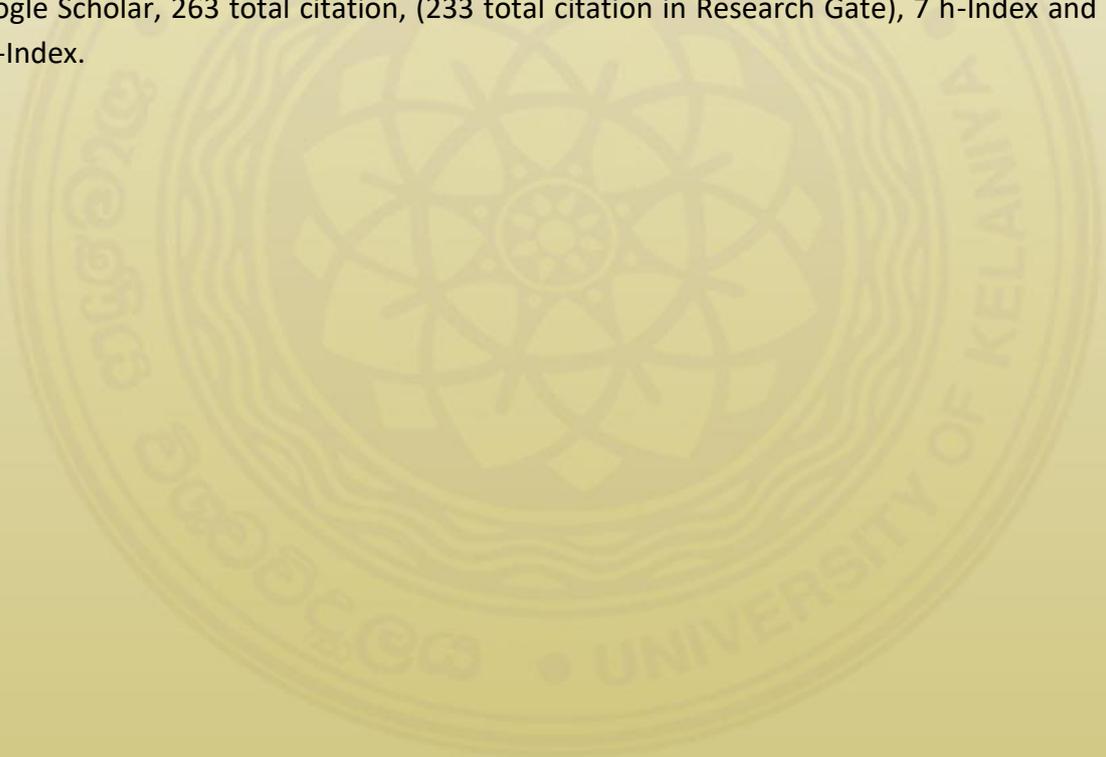


#### 4.3.8. The Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology



**Dr. Rathnasiri Premathilake**

Since 2003, T.R. Premathilake (PhD, Stockholm) engaged the research in the field of Quaternary Palaeoecology in understanding vegetation history, monsoonal climate changes and anthropogenic activities in southern most Asia and southeast Asia during the late Quaternary time in association with several international and national institutions and scholars. With the background of these contexts, research publications and administration have been progressed in attending research publications, conferences, workshops and research student training programs in South Asia. This is witnessed by the peer reviewing activities in number of research journals with the Google Scholar, 263 total citation, (233 total citation in Research Gate), 7 h-Index and i10-Index.



## 4.4. The Recipients of the Highest Amount of (External) Research Grants

### 4.4.1. Faculty of Science



**Prof. N.A.K.P.J. Seneviratne**  
**Department of Chemistry**

Professor Kapila Seneviratne received his Bachelor's Degree in Chemistry from University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka in 1990. He graduated with a Ph.D. in Chemistry from Wayne State University, USA in 1997 and did his Postdoctoral studies in the Department of Chemistry, University of British Columbia, Canada. Prof. Seneviratne is also a Commonwealth Fellow at University of Leeds, UK and a Fulbright Fellow at University of Massachusetts, Amherst, USA. His research interests are chemical and nutritional properties of edible oils and bioavailability of phenolic antioxidants. Currently, he serves as a Senior Professor in the Department of Chemistry, University of Kelaniya.



**Dr. A.L.A.K. Ranaweera**  
**Department of Physics & Electronics**

Dr. Aruna Ranaweera is a Senior Lecturer at the Department of Physics and Electronics, Faculty of Science. Recently, he formed a new group for Research, Innovation and Commercialization of Consumer Electronics for futuristic Smart Cities and the group have been awarded a research grant worth 40 million LKR under AHEAD/RIC scheme and several other grants. He is supervising several research projects all of which are directed towards innovative electronics products with commercialization potential. The project titled “Auto Removing Regulator for Liquefied Petroleum Gas Cylinders and Electricity Cut Off System at Gas Leakages” co-supervised by him has recently accepted for patent by NIPO, Sri Lanka.



#### 4.4.2. Faculty of Social Sciences



**Prof. M.M. Gunatilake (Advisor)**  
**Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences**



**Dr. (Ms.) G.K.R. Jayaweera (Team Leader / Coordinator)**  
**Department of Economics**



**Dr. N.P.D. Padmakanthi (Deputy Coordinator)**  
**Department of Economics**



**Dr. (Ms.) D.P.C.D. Dharmadasa (Team Member)**  
**Department of Economics**



**Ms. M.Y.N. Mendis (Team Member)**  
**Department of Political Sciences**

Social protection consists of policies and programs designed to reduce poverty and vulnerability by promoting efficient labour markets, reducing people's exposure to risks, and enhancing their capacity to manage economic and social risks, such as unemployment, exclusion, sickness, disability and old age. Social protection is important for the present world where there are many prevailing socio economic issues such as poverty, hunger, income inequality, high unemployment rate and seasonal and unexpected pandemics like COVID-19. Considering the severity of these socio-economic issues, UN declare Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) which targets to overcome these issues by 2030. Some of these goals are zero poverty, no hunger, higher economic growth and decent work. To achieve these sustainable development goals by 2030, social protection may play a vital role.

An outstanding research team from the Faculty of Social Sciences who study this link between social protection and sustainable development goals in Sri Lanka received LKR 10 million from the Accelerating Higher Education Expansion and Development (AHEAD) operations (DOR HEMS Projects) of the Ministry of Higher Education, funded by the World Bank. This study is highly relevance to Sri Lanka, as the country is yet to be achieved important SDGs such as zero poverty, no hunger, decent work, stable economic

growth, despite the fact that some of the socio-economic indicators look decent and improved over the time. The existing social protection system in Sri Lanka is in line with some of the SDGs and therefore, recognizing the objectives of social protection can be considered as a partial solution for achieving SDGs in Sri Lanka.

Findings of this study will shed lights on the areas, which need policy attention to enhance the Social Protection system in Sri Lanka and add knowledge to the related field. In addition, this research project will contribute to enhance the research culture of the Faculty of the Social Sciences.

There are several key persons behind this project, and one of them is the Dean, Faculty of Social Sciences; Professor M.M.Gunatilake, who plays a vital role for the smooth running of this research project. Other members of the research team include academic staff members from the Department of Economics and the Department of Political Science of the University of Kelaniya. To name them, Dr. Roshini Jayaweera, Coordinator of the project, Dr. N.P Dammika Padmakanthi, Deputy Coordinator, Ms. Yamuna Mendis, Head, Department of Political Sciences, and Dr. Champika Dharmadasa, Senior Lecturer, Department of Economics. The R2/AHEAD/DOR/HEMS of the Faculty of Social Sciences is a good example of teamwork where they all work together with their expertise to assess the Social Protection System in Sri Lanka and therein make better policy suggestions to promote the system inside the country.

Making a note of their achievements as a team and potential for the future contribution to the field of Social Protection, the University of Kelaniya is pleased to announce the recipients of the Highest amount of External Research Grants Award as a Group in the Faculty of Social Sciences.

## **4.5. The Researcher with the Highest Number of Publications in indexed Journals**

### **4.5.1. Faculty of Medicine**



**Prof. P.A.D.H.N. Gunathilake**  
**Department of Parasitology**

Prof. P.A.D.H. Nayana Gunathilake is a Professor and the Head of the Department of Parasitology, Faculty of Medicine, University of Kelaniya. During the year of consideration, Prof. Gunathilake has published 16 full papers in Science Citation Indexed Journals such as Parasite & Vectors, Infectious Diseases of Poverty, BioMed Research International, Journal of Vector Borne Diseases, Biological Control and Journal of Tropical Medicine with the impact factor ranging from 2.0 – 3.5.

#### 4.5.2. Faculty of Science



**Prof. (Ms.) L.D. Amarasinghe**  
**Department of Zoology and Environmental**  
**Management**

Prof L.D. Amarasinghe, Professor in Zoology, is currently attached to the Department of Zoology and Environmental Management. She obtained her PhD from the University of London in 1993. She is a Fellow Biologist of the Institute of Biology, Sri Lanka (IOBSL) and the President of the IOBSL for 2020/2021.

Her research area covers Applied and Medical Entomology, Parasitology and Nematology of the core discipline of the subject – Zoology and has authored two text books on these subjects.

She has so far supervised more than 30 undergraduates on their final year research projects in the disciplines of Medical Entomology, Parasitology and Plant Nematology and produced one PhD and two MPhil graduates. She has earned more than 40 research publications in peer reviewed journals indexed in Science citation index, Scopus, Clarivate Analytics, SCiMago Master, Elsevier and earned more than 60 abstracts in national and international conference proceedings.

She has received several Senate honours for publishing her research in Science citation indexed Journals in the year 2018/2019. She is among the top 500 scholars of the University of Kelaniya during the period from 2014-2019 with a Google scholar ranking, *h*-index -8. She has over 200 citations to her research.

She serves as a member of the Scientific Advisory Committee to review the Work Programme on Entomology/Nematology at the Tea Research Institute from 2018 and Advisory Committee on Conservation and Preservation of the National Library and Documentation Services Board of the Ministry of Education for the last several years.

### 4.5.3. Faculty of Social Sciences



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Overweight and obesity and pharmacology in Ayurveda are the interesting fields of her research studies and published more than 35 research articles in indexed journals and scientific proceedings. In 2008, she has been awarded as the best presenter at an International Seminar on Alternative Systems of Medicines, India.

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#### **4.6. The Researcher with the Most Publications from University (Internal) Research Grants in the University**



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## 4.7. The Best Innovators/Inventors in the University

### *a. First Place*



**Prof. N.A.K.P.J. Seneviratne**  
**Department of Chemistry**  
**Faculty of Science**

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**b. Second Place**



**Prof. S.R.D. Kalingamudali**  
**Dean**  
**Faculty of Science**

Professor Sudath Kalingamudali is a Senior Professor in Electronics and the Dean of the Faculty of Science. His main research interests are designing and developing electronic circuits for various electronic applications. He has published over 50 research papers.

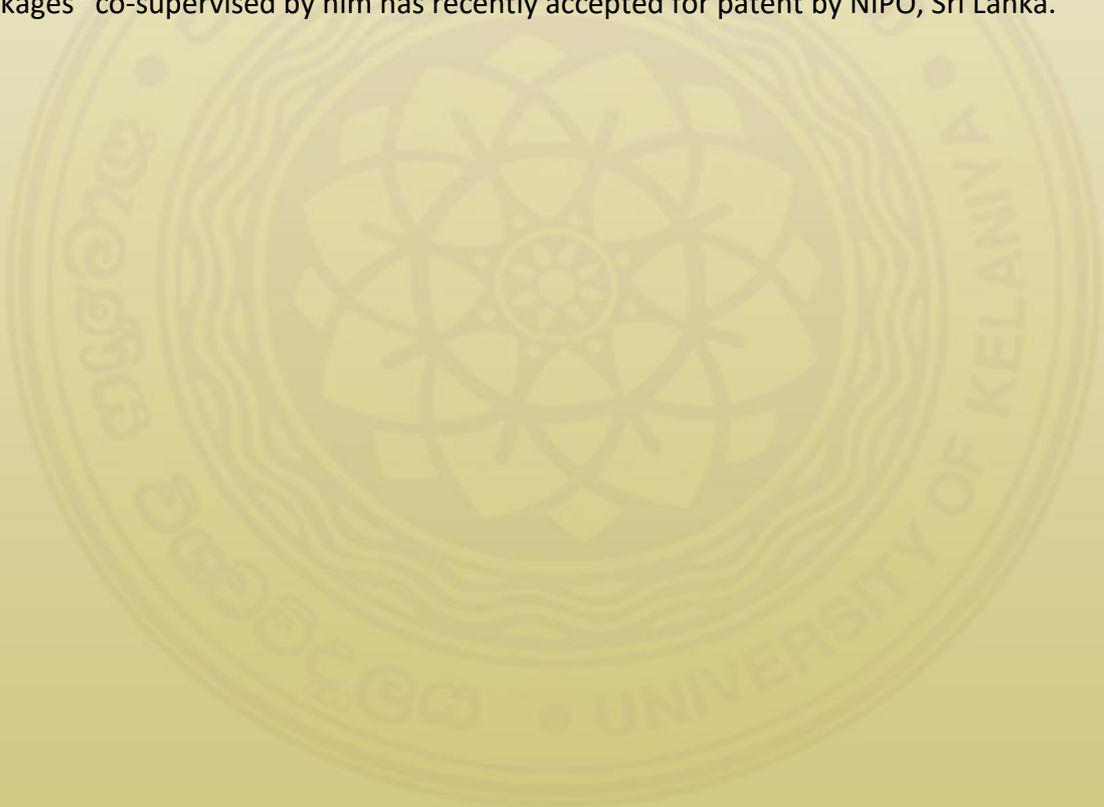
The patented “Auto Removing Regulator for Liquefied Petroleum Gas Cylinders and Electricity (GSM) CUT-OFF System at Gas Leakages” was developed as one of the final year undergraduate group projects where Professor Kalingamudali one of the project supervisors.

The prototype industrial design consists of a GSM module and microcontroller based auto removing regulator for LPG Cylinders and Bluetooth technology-based Electricity CUT-OFF system in the event of an accidental gas leakage.



**Dr. A.L.A.K. Ranaweera**  
**Department of Physics & Electronics**  
**Faculty of Science**

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#### **4.8. The Most Successful Directors of the Centre/ Unit/ Committee of the University**



**Prof. (Ms.) K. L. K. N. C. Premawardhena**  
**Acting Director**  
**Centre for International Affairs**

Neelakshi Chandrasena Premawardhena is Senior Professor in the Department of Modern Languages and Acting Director, Centre for International Affairs at University of Kelaniya. She has been privileged to be the inaugural Director of the Centre for International Affairs of University of Kelaniya in 2011.

Among the highlights of the contribution to International Affairs in 2020 are securing new mobility grants of over 138,000 Euro including EU funded Erasmus+ grants for 9 staff and 10 students on outgoing mobility, 9 staff and 3 doctoral student incoming mobility, an equipment grant worth over 9400 Euro from Erasmus+ TOOLKIT Project and receiving 6 incoming staff mobility from Europe. Despite the hindrances caused by the Covid pandemic, number of virtual events were organized including the Erasmus Alumni Day, National Workshop on Global Outlook for Sri Lankan Universities, finalizing three Erasmus+ Virtual Staff Mobility and initiating several joint research projects through Erasmus alumni.



**Dr. (Ms.) M.R.K.N. Yatigammana**  
**Director**  
**National E-Learning Resource Centre (NELRC)**

Dr. Yatigammana has been working as the Director/NELRC on voluntary basis since 2017. She made the NELRC truly a research and development center and promoted the University of Kelaniya under her leadership. She has conducted e-Learning training programs and has been the consultant for number of e-learning initiatives in Sri Lankan universities and other organizations. The University of Kelaniya has become the only National University in Sri Lanka to respond to the Covid-19 emergency in education by releasing NeLCon Studio on 20th March 2020 by timely identification of the need and leading the development team at the NELRC by Dr. Yatigammana.



#### **4.9. The Academic with the Most Outstanding Creative Production in the University**



**Dr. Gamini Wijayarathna**  
**Dean**  
**Faculty of Computing & Technology**



**Dr. (Ms.) M.R.K.N. Yatigamma**  
**Director**  
**National E-Learning Resource Centre (NELRC)**

#### **NeLCon Studio by National E-Learning Resource Center**

The NeLCon Studio is the response of the National E-Learning Resource Center to the situation created by the Easter Sunday attack in April 2019. When the Covid-19 pandemic outbreak in March 2020, the initial version was ready for launch. NeLCon is capable of synchronized image transitions with the audio explanation. The ID3tag area has been used to embed multiple images and text into MP3 which has not been used for e-learning or other industries so far except the limited use in the music industry. NeLCon Studio makes the MP3 a Multimedia Learning Object for the first time in the world.