

A Guide to Resources and Services of Institute Libraries in University Sector in Sri Lanka



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A Guide to Resources and Services of Institute Libraries in University Sector in Sri Lanka, with recommendations to develop a mechanism to improve the cooperation among them.

1. Introduction

In Sri Lanka there are number of academic institutions affiliated to National Universities. Basically they function separately and some institutions are situated in faraway places from the mother University. Even though the institutes have libraries to fulfill the information requirements of their users, the libraries as well as the librarians of the institutes have a different environment and different problems that are not addressed by the main bodies.

It was observed too that with the problems that the institute libraries face due to lack of space and limited resources, it is important to share resources and services. Therefore, Sri Lanka Library Association (SLLA) has decided to appoint a committee to prepare a guide to resources and services of institute libraries in University Sector in Sri Lanka and to develop a mechanism to improve the cooperation among them under the Strategic Plan 2016-2022. The Committee consists of five (05) members namely Ms. RMSN. Ratnayake/IHRA (Convener), Dr. RD. Ananda Tissa/GWAI, Ms. MK Geethani Attanayake/PGIPBS, Dr. C Kumari Gamage/IIM and Ms. MPP Dilhani/PGIM.

Under the Universities Act no: 16 of 1978, the Universities in Sri Lanka were established and the institutes attached to them were established under section 24A. There are 16 National Universities in Sri Lanka namely Buddhist and Pali University of Sri Lanka, University of Colombo, Eastern University, Gampaha Wickramarachchi University of Indigenous Medicine, University of Jaffna, University of Kelaniya, University of Moratuwa, Open University of Sri Lanka, University of Peradeniya, Rajarata University of Sri Lanka, University of Ruhuna, Sabaragamuwa University of Sri Lanka, South Eastern University of Sri Lanka, University of Sri Jayawardanapura, Uva Wellassa University of Sri Lanka, University of Visual Performing Arts and Wayamba University of Sri Lanka.

There are 18 institutes attached to these 16 Universities.

Eight of them are attached to the University of Colombo namely Institute of Agro – Technology and Rural Sciences. (UCIARS), Institute of Bio – Chemistry, Molecular Biology and Bio-Technology (IBMBB), Institute of Human Resource Advancement (IHRA), Institute of Indigenous Medicine (IIM), Postgraduate Institute of Indigenous Medicine(PGIIM), National Institute of Library and Information Science (NILIS), Postgraduate Institute of Medicine (PGIM) and School of Computing(UCSC).

Swami Vipulananda Institute of Aesthetic Studies (SVIAS) is attached to Eastern University.

Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology (PGIAR) and Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (PGIPBS) are attached to University of Kelaniya.

Institute of Technology. (ITUM) is attached to University of Moratuwa.

Open University of Sri Lanka has Postgraduate Institute of English. (PGIE)

University of Peradeniya has 03 postgraduate institutes. They are Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHSS) and Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS).

Postgraduate Institute of Management(PIM) is attached to University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

The only institute that is not attached to one of the State Universities is the National Centre for Advance Studies in Humanities and Social Sciences (NCAS). Out of these 18 Institutes, 08 institutes namely PGIM, PGIAR, PGIPBS, PGIE, PGIA, PGIHSS, PGIS and PIM offer only postgraduate degrees and rest of the institutes except NCAS offer undergraduate as well as postgraduate degrees.

From these 18 Institutes, 12 have separate libraries while 06 institutes namely UCIARS, PGIE, PGIA, PGIHSS, PGIS and NCAS do not have separate libraries. From these 06 institutes, 04 of them are catered by main libraries or faculty libraries. Therefore, only two institutes do not provide library facilities (UCIARS and NCAS).

Each and every institute has been setup with specific aim. Each institute has a unique mix of goals, programs, and expectations influenced by its history and its current mission. As a result, the library serving the institute is unique. Even though the institutes are attached to Universities, they are different from the Universities and the Faculties with their aims, objectives, organizational structure and activities.

PGIA (1975), **PGIM** (1976), **IIM**(1977), **IHRA**(formally Institute of Workers' Education-IWE) (1975) and **PGIPBS**(1979) were the institutes established in 1970s. Basically **PGIA**, **PGIIM**, **PGIM** and **PGIPBS** provide only postgraduate programs while **IHRA** provides both undergraduate and postgraduate programs. From these institutes, **IHRA** (IWE) was established targeting giving Education to employed personnel preferably engaged in Trade Union activities. Therefore, each and every institute has its uniqueness in its objectives, organization and designed programs.

2. Aim and Objectives

The purpose of this project was to recommend a mechanism to improve the cooperation among the institute libraries of Universities in Sri Lanka.

Specific objectives are;

1. To develop a database / directory on the resources and services available in the institute libraries.
2. To find out the strengths and weaknesses of the institute libraries in the University sector.
3. To help each other to overcome the barriers faced by the libraries attached to the institutes.

2.1. Develop a Database/Directory on the Resources and Services available

As a mandatory requirement of collaboration among institute libraries, the committee has compiled a directory containing the information about the affiliated University, areas of specialization, main programs conducted, organization of the library, types of library users, available information sources, available services and contact details of all the institutes. Mainly a questionnaire was used to collect information about the institutes. To avoid missing data,

respondents losing interest, and low response rate, the questions were short, clear and unambiguous. The questionnaire was pre-tested to clarify any anomalies that may cause misrepresentation among the respondents. Pre-testing was done with few Senior Assistant Librarians of the institutes. It was sent to the Directors/Senior Assistant Librarians/ Assistant Librarians in these 18 institutes related to National Universities in Sri Lanka on March 2019 and was revised in 2021.

2.2. Barriers to resource sharing

Table 1 reveals that the challenges/barriers or obstacles militating on resource sharing in the University libraries. Barriers are divided into six subthemes. Literature gathered according to the subthemes namely technology challenges, financial challenges, informational challenges, social and personal challenges, infrastructure challenges and legal, political and administrative barriers.

Table 1: Barriers to resource sharing

No.	Barriers to resource sharing	Examples
1.	Technology challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • lack of requisite skills in ICT • lack of well-developed ICT infrastructure Tanvir (2005), Nwalo (2008), (Fatoki, 2005). Nok (2006)
2.	Financial challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lack of finance and poor finance management Nwalo (2008), Aina (2001), Tanvir (2005), Odini (1991), Eshijo (2011) Debagha (2012)
3.	Informational challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Difficulty in the importation of books and journals from abroad due to the high rise in foreign exchange. (Fatoki, 2005). • Computer literacy Nok (2006)
4.	Social and personal challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Telephone calls, local transportation, courier services, and other expenses take time and money. • Inadequate access to current union catalogues and other resources • Outside of one's library, non-print materials are not permitted. Nwalo (2008). Debagha (2012)
5.	Infrastructure challenges	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Erratic Internet services, lack of hardware and software Fatoki, (2005). Eshijo (2011)
6.	Legal, political and administrative barriers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Copyright, jurisdictions, and initial dual operations, and resultant economic burden • Lack of firm national policy of libraries, Eshijo (2011), Debagha (2012) Sridhar, (1995) Eshijo (2011)

2.3. Resources

While dedicating the IFLA standards on Collections, it says “The library’s collection should be of sufficient size and scope to support the University’s total instructional needs and to facilitate the University’s research programmes.” (Lynch, p.123). It further says “Most items in the library’s collection should be readily available for consultation in the library and should be available to authorized clientele within the context of the library’s purpose, goals and objectives.”(Lynch, p.122) As academic libraries, the institute libraries also have specific collections.

Main subject areas of the institutes which have separate libraries are given below.

Table 2: Subject Specialization.

	Institute	Main Subject Areas.
01.	IBMBB	Molecular Biology, Bio -Chemistry, Bio -Technology
02.	IHRA	Labour Education, Human Resource Management, Service Management
03.	IIM	Ayurveda, Unani and Indigenous Systems of Medicine
04.	NILIS	Library Information Sciences
05.	PGIM	Medicine &Dentistry
06.	UCSC	Computer Science
07.	SVIAS	Aesthetic Studies
08.	GWAI	Ayurveda
09.	PGIAR	Archaeology and Related Discipline
10.	PGIPBS	Buddhist Studies
11.	ITUM	Mechanical, Electrical, Marine, Polymer, Textile
12.	PIM	Management

As per IFLA standards, “The library’s collection should include required and assigned readings, reference and bibliographic materials, basic journals and serials, as well as any other library materials students are expected to consult regularly in the course of their studies or in

the preparation of their theses or dissertations.”(Lynch, p.123) All the institute libraries have books, periodicals and theses/dissertations among their collections.

All the libraries have special collections such as ola leaf manuscripts (IIM, GWAI and PGIAR), handwritten manuscripts (IIM, SVIAS and GWAI), research paper collections (IBMBB) and medicinal plant collections (IIM).

Table 3: Special collections

		IBMBB	IHRA	IIM	NILIS	PGIM	UCSC	SVIAS	GWAI	PGIAR	PGIPBS	ITUM	PIM
01.	Books	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
02.	Periodicals	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
03.	Theses / Dissertations	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
04.	E-Resources	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓			✓
05.	Ola Leaf Manuscripts			✓					✓	✓			
06.	Hand Written Manuscripts			✓				✓	✓				
07.	Quick Reference Materials		✓	✓	✓	✓			✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
08.	Research Paper Collection	✓											
09.	Medicinal plants Collection			✓									

2.4. Services

As per IFLA guidance, the services provided by the library should be related clearly to the purposes to the University. It points out that “The library’s services should be designed to promote and facilitate effective use of recorded information in all formats by all of the library’s clientele.” (Lynch, p.122)

Table 4: Services provided by the institute libraries

		IBMB	IHRA	IIM	NILIS	PGIM	UCSC	SVIAS	GWAI	PGIA	PGIPB	ITUM	PIM
01.	Lending Service	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
02.	Reference Service	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
03.	ILL Service			✓		✓				✓	✓	✓	✓
04.	SDI Service			✓		✓	✓						
05.	User Awareness program		✓	✓		✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
06.	Photocopy Service	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
07.	Network Facilities	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓				✓	✓
08.	Internet Searching	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			✓	✓
09.	Printout Service					✓					✓		
10.	Binding					✓					✓		

In spite of PGIM library, the other institute libraries provide open access facility to their readers.

According to the table, all the libraries provide both reference and lending services. As IFLA standards describes, “Services offered by the library should include reference and information services, which are available at adequately identified and designated points during established service hours, and specialized and in-depth assistance to individuals in the use of the library’s resources.” (Lynch, p.122) Further it says “Terms of loan and access to the library’s collections for all user categories should be described. Circulation procedures should be effective and efficient.” (Lynch, p.122)

Inter library loan services are provided by IIM, PGIM, PGIAR, PGIPBS, ITUM and PIM while user awareness programs are conducted in IHRA, IIM, PGIM, SVIAS, GWAI, PGIAR, PGIPBS, ITUM and PIM. IBMBB, IHRA, IIM, PGIM, UCSC, SVIAS, GWAI, PGIAR, PGIPBS, ITUM and PIM provide photocopy service.

Network facilities are available only in IBMBB, IHRA, IIM, PGIM, UCSC, SVIAS and ITUM, while internet facilities are provided by IBMBB, IHRA, IIM, PGIM, UCSC, GWAI, PGIPBS, ITUM and PIM.

Only PGIM and PGIPBS provide printing and binding facilities.

3. Recommendations

3.1. Cooperation

Even though the first institutes were established in 1970s, still there is no cooperation among them. According to the Standard 10 of University Library Standards of IFLA, “Consistent with its statement of purpose, the University Library should engage with other libraries in cooperative activities relating to collection development, resource sharing, the development of union catalogues, the preservation and conservation of library materials.” (Lynch, p.125) Building up a mechanism for collaboration among institute libraries has become a main visible finding of this study.

3.2. Building up a Network among Institute Libraries

It is mandatory to build up a network among institute libraries. As a basic need of building up a network among the institute libraries, the researcher has compiled a directory that contains the information about the affiliated University, areas of specialization, main programs conducted, organization of the library, types of library users, available information sources, available services and contact details of all the institutes.

3.3. Building up a relationship with relevant university or universities

Through a collaboration with the relevant university library, an institute will be able to use the services of the university library such as lending and reference services as well as photocopy and binding services etc. In addition to that, the institute libraries can be benefitted by the resources such as books and other library materials, equipment and human resources that the university library has. Recently, the University of Colombo, which has 08 institutes has built up a mechanism for communication with its institutes through the library committee meeting. This may be an elementary platform for the institute libraries to build up a relationship with the university and this can be applied to other institutes too.

3.3.Resource Sharing

Usman (2006) stated that the formalized arrangement of resource sharing made by the International Federation of Library Association (2002) is a common feature of collaboration between two or more libraries, especially when geographical and political borders separate the participants. PGIM, IIM and GWAI are basically specialized for Medical Sciences. Therefore, they can share their databases and numerous other collections: e.g. IIM has a Medicinal Plant Collection that may be used by PGIM and GWAI too. Management is the broad subject area of IHRA and PIM. IHRA has collections on Labour Economics, Trade Unionism and Human Resource Management. PIM has a Socio Economic Data Collection. These two institutes can exchange their materials and databases. Personnel exchange, interlibrary lending, and collaborative financing of mutually beneficial projects such as access to electronic resources were recognized as potential areas of cooperation by the libraries. Inadequacy of current

resources, inadequate security of materials, unfriendly attitudes of parent bodies, lack of policies, inflation, and uncertain budgetary allocations are among the issues studied by Edoka (2000), Nwazuoke (2001) and Ejedafiru (2003).

As a result of shrinking library budgets, rising information resource prices and increasing clientele information needs, many libraries have been forced to engage in resource sharing. As a result, resource sharing is an effective strategy for the library to meet its never-ending information requirements. There are various sorts of resource sharing. The libraries, whether deliberately or unconsciously, participate in one or more of them. Many hurdles impede resource sharing, as do many other great programs, but there are solutions to overcome them. Libraries will be able to overcome obstacles and continue to serve their customers if they recognize the benefit of resource sharing to their patrons. Some of the ways for overcoming obstacles include proper preparation, having enough money, and having a resource sharing policy in place. Resource sharing appears to be the quickest and most cost-effective way for a library to demonstrate its environmental relevance in this technological age.

The success of any resource sharing activities in Sri Lanka can be achieved by considering the following suggestions:

- There is a need for a national authority to design resource sharing efforts and ensure that they are carried out properly. According to a study by Ikem and Nwalo (2002), university libraries in Nigeria were willing to create a consortium to address the issues of providing effective access to information resources to their growing user community. University Grants Commission (UGC), University Library Consortium in Sri Lanka, Sri Lanka National Library and Documentation Services Board, Sri Lanka Library Association and other professional groups should all be members of such an organization. The entities will play a vital role in designing an approved nationwide resource sharing program and activities.

- Improving information and communication technology is crucial. This is because when new ICTs are deployed, resource sharing activities become more vital, especially when the digitization process has become the hallmark of a useful library. Librarians in Sri Lanka must also be willing to change their attitudes and embrace the available ICTs.
- Professional organizations and others should make an effort to educate professionals of the institutes by organizing conferences and utilizing other platforms to promote awareness about the importance of library resource sharing.

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The University of Colombo Institute of Agro-Technology and Rural Sciences (UCIARS) was established as an Institute with blended distance mode of teaching to provide opportunities of higher education to farming community across barriers of age, space, time and academic background, under Section 24 A and Section 18 of the Universities Act no 16 of 1978 and the University of Colombo Institute of Agro technology and Rural Sciences Ordinance No. 02 of 20082. The Order under Section 24 A came into operation with effect from 23rd August 2008. *

There is no separate library for the institute.

Affiliated University:	University of Colombo
Area of specialization:	Agriculture
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02. Institute of Bio-Chemistry, Molecular Biology and Bio Technology, University of Colombo

The Institute of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (IBMBB) was established as an independent Institute of the University of Colombo with a view to provide for instruction, training, research and development and consultancy in such branches of Biochemistry, Molecular Biology and Biotechnology as may be approved by the Commission upon the recommendation of the Institute and the University. *

Affiliated University:	University of Colombo
Area of specialization:	Molecular Biology, Bio Chemistry, Biotechnology
Main programs conducted:	MPhil/PhD Programs
	MSc Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MSc in Molecular Life Sciences • MSc in Cellular and Molecular Immunology • MSc in Bioinformatics (This Course is currently paused and expect to resume in future)
	Short Courses <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Training Course in Molecular Biological Techniques • Training Course in Gene Cloning and Recombinant Protein Expression • Training Courses in Immunological Techniques • Training Courses in Stem cells and Cell Biology
	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop on NMP spectra • Workshop on DNA identification • Workshop on Next Generation Sequence data analysis
Organization of the library:	Classification System: UDC Cataloging System: AACR 2
Library users:	Undergraduate / Postgraduate students Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, E – Resources Journals and Magazines, Research Papers Collection, Posters Collection, Abstract books, Annual Reports, Conference books, Hand books, Convocation books, Past Papers Collection
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03. Institute of Human Resource Advancement, University of Colombo.

The history of Institute of Human Resource Advancement (IHRA), University of Colombo runs into nearly four decades when its predecessor; Institute of Workers Education (IWE) was established in 1975 under the Ordinance No.11 of 1979 which was amended by Ordinance No. 01 of 2006. IHRA is the only government funded institute related to a National University in Sri Lanka which provides a first degree (Bachelor of Labour Education) to the employed people. *

Affiliated University:	University of Colombo
Area of specialization:	Labour Education, Human Resource Management, Service Management.
Main programs conducted:	Undergraduate Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Labour Education Degree
	Masters Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Business Management (MBM) • Master of Human Resource Management (MHRM) • Master of Science in Service Management (MSc SM)
	Executive Diploma Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Diploma in Human Resource Management (EDHRM) • Executive Diploma in Service Management (EDSM) • Executive Diploma in Project Management (EDPM)
	Diploma Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma in Service Management (DSM) • Diploma in Drugs Abuse Management Studies (DDAMS) • Diploma in Tamil as an Additional Language (DTAL) • Diploma in Management (DIM) • Diploma in Labour Education (DLE)
	Certificate Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate Course in English Language (CCEL) • Certificate Course in English for Teachers (CCET) • Certificate Course in Spoken English (CCSE) • Certificate Course in Computer Application (CCCA)
	Organization of the library:
Library users:	Undergraduate / Postgraduate students, Academic / Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, E – Resources, Information Networks, Quick Reference Materials, English Collection, Human Resource Management Collection, Service Management Collection, Thesis Collection, Past Papers Collection.
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04. Institute of Indigenous Medicine, University of Colombo

The Institute of Indigenous Medicine (IIM) is the premier Higher Educational Institute in Sri Lanka that provides instructions in Ayurveda, Unani and Indigenous system of medicine at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. The college of Ayurveda was first started in the Island, subsequently upgraded and affiliated to the University of Colombo in the year 1977 as the Institute of Indigenous Medicine. IIM produces Medical professionals to meet the challenging needs of primary health care, general health care problems, health promotions and disease prevention. *

Affiliated University:	University of Colombo
Area of specialization:	Ayurveda , Unani and Indigenous Systems of Medicine
Main programs conducted:	Undergraduate Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Ayurveda Medicine and Surgery • Bachelor of Unani Medicine and Surgery
	Masters Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • MD in Ayurveda
	Diploma Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Diploma Course on Pharmacy
	Certificate Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate Course on Massage Therapy • Certificate Course on Pharmacy • Certificate Course on Coffin Therapy
Organization of the library:	Classification System: DDC Cataloging System : AACR2
Library users:	Undergraduate / Postgraduate students, Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, E – Resources, Information Networks, Ola Leaf Manuscripts, Hand Written Manuscripts, Quick Reference Materials, Medicinal plants collection.
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Affiliated University:	University of Colombo
Area of specialization:	Ayurveda , Unani and Indigenous Systems of Medicine
Main programs conducted:	Postgraduate Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Postgraduate Diploma in Ayurveda Medicine • Postgraduate Diploma in Unani Medicine • MD (Ayu)
Organization of the library:	Classification System: DDC Cataloging System : AACR2
Library users:	Postgraduate students, Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, E – Resources, Information Networks, Ola Leaf Manuscripts, Hand Written Manuscripts, Quick Reference Materials, Medicinal plants collection.
Available Services:	Lending Service, Reference Service, ILL Service, SDI Service, User Awareness programs, Photocopy Service, Network Facilities, Internet Searching.
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06. National Institute of Library and Information Sciences, University of Colombo

The National Institute of Library and Information Sciences (NILIS), University of Colombo was established in 1999. The purpose of the institute is to provide postgraduate and general training facilities in the Library and Information Science field with special attention to the school/teacher librarianship.
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Affiliated University:	University of Colombo
Area of specialization:	Library Information Sciences
Main programs conducted:	MPhil/PhD Programs
	Masters Programs Masters in Library Science (MLS) Masters in Teacher Librarianship (MTL) Masters in Information Management (MIM)
	Postgraduate Diploma Programs Postgraduate Diploma in Library and Information Science (PGLIS) Postgraduate Diploma in Teacher Librarianship (PGTL)
	Diploma Programs Diploma in Library and Information Management (DLIM) Intermediate Course in Library and Information Management (ILIM) Preliminary Certificate in Library and Information Management (PLIM) Diploma in School Librarianship (DSL) Diploma in Public Librarianship (DPL)
	Certificate Programs Certificate Course in School Librarianship (CSL) Certificate Course in Public Librarianship (CPL)
	Organization of the library:
Library users:	Undergraduate / Postgraduate, students Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Print & non-print materials.
Available Services:	Lending Service, Reference Service.
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07. Postgraduate Institute of Medicine, University of Colombo

Postgraduate Institute of Medicine was established under the University of Ceylon Act No.1 of 1976. The PGIM is the only institute in Sri Lanka that is responsible for the specialist training of Medical doctors. It is internationally recognized and several of its training programs have 'equivalence' recognition by the Royal Colleges of the UK.*

Affiliated University:	University of Colombo
Area of specialization:	Medicine
Main programs conducted:	Postgraduate, Diploma, Certificate
Organization of the library:	Classification System: NLM Cataloging System: AACR2
Library users:	Postgraduate students Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, E – Resources, Information Networks, Quick Reference Materials, WHO Collection, Report Collection, Sri Lanka Collection.
Available Services:	Lending Service, Reference Service, ILL Service, SDI Service, User Awareness programs, Photocopy Service, Network Facilities, Internet Searching.
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08. University of Colombo School of Computing

In September 2002, University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC) was established by merging The Institute of Computer Technology (ICT Ordinance 1987.09.21) and The Department of Computer Science both of the University of Colombo, as the first centre of higher learning of computing in Sri Lanka. The number of students admitted to these programs may be increased in the coming years. A total of 200 students were admitted by the three M.Sc programs in Computer Science, Information Technology and Advanced Computing which started in the year 2002. Computer Science course modules are also conducted for first, second, third and fourth year students of the Physical and Bio Science streams of the Faculty of Science, University of Colombo. The vision of the UCSC is to be a center of international repute in training in Information and Communication Technologies (ICT). *

Affiliated University:	University of Colombo
Area of specialization:	Computer
Main programs conducted:	Undergraduate Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • B.Sc. in Computer Science • B.Sc. in Information Systems • B.Sc. in Software Engineering
	Masters Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Master of Computer Science • Master of Information Technology • Master of Information Security
	Certificate Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certificate course in Java • Certificate course in Advanced Java • Web design
Organization of the library:	Classification System: DDC Cataloging System : AACR2
Library users:	Undergraduate / Postgraduate students, Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, E – Resources, Information Networks.
Available Services:	Lending Service, SDI Service, Photocopy Service, Network Facilities, Internet Searching.
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09. Swami Vipulanadha Institute of Aesthetic Studies Eastern University

Swami Vipulananda College of Music and Dance (SVCMD) was established on 29th May 1982 at RKM / Swami Vipulananda Mani Mandapam / Kalladi Uppodai, Batticaloa by the Ministry of Regional Affairs and Hindu Culture in memory of Swami Vipulananda (1892 – 1947), an accomplished Monk of the Ramakrishna order and great savant of Batticaloa, who excelled not only in Science but also in Tamil and Fine Arts. From July 1986 onwards, Lectures and Practical classes of Dance and Music were started functioning at the New Building Complex of SVCMD at Ramakrishnapuram, Nochchimunai, Batticaloa. (Present Building Complex of SVIAS) *

Affiliated University:	Eastern University
Area of specialization:	Aesthetic Studies
Main programs conducted:	Undergraduate Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• BFA in Music, Dance, Drama & Visual Art
Organization of the library:	Classification System: DDC Cataloging System : AACR2
Library users:	Undergraduate students, Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, Hand written Manuscripts.
Available Services:	Lending Service, Reference Service, User Awareness programs Photocopy Service.
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10. Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology, University of Kelaniya.

An Ordinance made in 1985 by the University Grants Commission under the Universities Act, No. 16 of 1978 established the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology (PGIAR) and the Ordinance, which is cited as the Postgraduate Institute of Archaeology Ordinance, No.2 of 1985 came in to force on the 1 January 1986.

Since its inception the PGIAR has been playing a pivotal role in Sri Lankan archaeology and archaeology education; the PGIAR has contributed to every aspect of archaeology-scene in the country, and has helped defining the future of archaeology and archaeology education. *

Affiliated University:	University of Kelaniya
Area of specialization:	Archaeology and related discipline
	MPhil, PhD. Programs
Main programs conducted:	Masters Programs
	Postgraduate Diploma Programs
	Certificate Programs
Organization of the library:	Classification System: Special Cataloging System : AACR2
Library users:	Postgraduate students, Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, E – Resources, Ola Leaf Manuscripts, Quick Reference Materials.
Available Services:	Lending Service, Reference Service, ILL Service, SDI Service, User Awareness programs, Photocopy Service.
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11. Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, University of Kelaniya.

The Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies (**PGIPBS**) of the University of Kelaniya was known as the Vidyalankara Institute of Buddhist Studies since its inception on 23rd November 1975 until 30th December 1979. Then, it was affiliated to the Vidyalankara Campus of the University of Ceylon (Sri Lanka). Its present name, status, and structure derived from the Postgraduate Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies Ordinance No.8 of 1977, which came into operation on 1st January 1980. In terms of this Ordinance, the Institute functions as an organization within the University of Kelaniya, under the direction and control of a Board of Management (executive authority) constituted to represent both academic and administrative personnel. All matters relating to curriculum development, courses of study, teaching, and research and the conduct of examinations is under the purview of the Faculty Board (academic authority) subject to the approval of the Board of Management and the University Senate. The Institute has three Departments of Study: Buddhist Sources, Buddhist Thought, and Buddhist Culture. The Head of each Department gives general direction to studies and research in the respective area. Teaching and supervision of research functions are managed by a panel of lecturers and academic supervisors drawn mainly from the faculties of Humanities and Social Sciences of local and foreign universities. Coursework and research can be pursued either in Sinhala or in English and the Institute welcomes both local and foreign students. *

Affiliated University:	University of Kelaniya
Area of specialization:	Buddhist Studies
Main programs conducted:	MPhil, PhD. Programs
	Masters Programs
	Postgraduate Diploma Programs
Organization of the library:	Classification System: DDC Cataloging System : AACR2
Library users:	Postgraduate students, Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, Quick Reference Materials.
Available Services:	Lending Service, Reference Service, ILL Service, SDI Service, User Awareness programs, Photocopy Service, Internet Searching, Binding/Printing
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12. Institute of Technology, University of Moratuwa.

The Institute of Technology was established in 2000 primarily to conduct NDT and other similar level courses at the University of Moratuwa. But the history of the NDT program dates back to the period of Ceylon Technical College Maradana established in 1893. The origin of the NDT program had been at Maradana Technical College, as the Junior Technical Officers (JTO) course. The J.T.O course was later transferred to the Institute of Practical Technology (IPT) at Katubedda, when this institute was formed in 1960, with aid from the Government of Canada. *

Affiliated University:	University of Moratuwa
Area of specialization:	Mechanical, Electrical, Marine Polymer, Textile
Main programs conducted:	Undergraduate Program <ul style="list-style-type: none">National Diploma in Technology
Organization of the library:	Classification System: DDC Cataloging System : AACR2
Library users:	Undergraduate students, Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, Information Networks, Quick Reference Materials.
Available Services:	Lending Service, Reference Service, ILL Service, SDI Service, User Awareness programs, Photocopy Service, Network Facilities, Internet Searching.
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13. Postgraduate Institute of English, Open University.

It is the only tertiary level institution responsible for the English language in Sri Lanka. The PGIE is an institute based at the Open University of Sri Lanka (OUSL) and like OUSL, conforms to the Distance Education mode of teaching/learning. Currently the PGIE conducts the only Master's degree in Teaching English as a Second Language available in Sri Lanka. The PGIE also conducts courses in English as continuing professional education, and workshops and short courses related to English and the teaching of English. In addition, it is involved in spearheading research on English and especially English Language Teaching in Sri Lanka There is no separate library for the institute.

There is no separate library for the institute.

Affiliated University:	Open University
Area of specialization:	English
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* Website: <http://www.ou.ac.lk/home/index.php/ousl/faculties-institutes/post-graduate-institute-of-english/home>

14. Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture, University of Peradeniya.

The Postgraduate Institute of Agriculture (PGIA), University of Peradeniya was established in 1975 with the main objective of developing in-country capacity for postgraduate education in agriculture and to provide appropriately trained scientific personnel for a rapidly expanding agricultural sector of the country.

Over the past three decades it has achieved substantial progress and has emerged as a “Centre of Excellence” in higher education in agricultural sciences in the country. *

Affiliated University:	University of Peradeniya
Area of specialization:	Agriculture
Main programs conducted:	MPhil, PhD. Programs
	Masters Programs in Agriculture Biology, Agriculture Economics, Soil Science, Plant protection, Food Science and Technology, Crop Science, Business Administration, Bio Statistics, Animal Science, Agriculture Extension, Agriculture Engineering.
Organization of the library:	Classification System: DDC Cataloging System : AACR2
Library users:	Postgraduate students, Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, E – Resources, Information Networks, Ceylon Collection, Map collection, YDA Senanayake Collection, H.P.M. Gunasena Collection, Yogarathnam Collection, Earl de Silva Collection
Available Services:	Lending Service, Reference Service, ILL Service, User Awareness programs, Photocopy Service, Network Facilities, Internet Searching.
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15. Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences, University of Peradeniya.

The Postgraduate Institute of Humanities and Social Sciences (PGIHS) is a National Institute of higher learning established for the purpose of providing, promoting and developing higher education in the Humanities and the Social Sciences. It conducts postgraduate degree and diploma programs and short-term training courses in disciplines and specializations falling under the Humanities and the Social Sciences. At present, the annual intake of the PGIHS is about 800 students and about 500 students complete their respective study programs annually.

There is no separate library for the institute.

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16. Postgraduate Institute of Science, University of Peradeniya.

The Postgraduate Institute of Science (PGIS) is a National Institute established by the Ministry of Education and Higher Education in 1996, by an ordinance made by the University Grants Commission under section 18 with section 24A of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978, for the purpose of providing, promoting and developing higher education in science.

There is no separate library for the institute.

Affiliated University:	University of Peradeniya
Area of specialization:	Science
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Web Address:	http://www.pgis.pdn.ac.lk/

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* Website: <http://www.pgis.pdn.ac.lk>

17. Postgraduate Institute of Management, University of Sri Jayewardenepura.

The Postgraduate Institute of Management (PIM) is a self-financed and semi-autonomous body affiliated to the University of Sri Jayewardenepura. It is located in a spacious location in Borella, Colombo 08. It aims to promote advanced education and professionalism in management in Sri Lanka through the provision of postgraduate instruction, training, research, and development in the various branches of management and administrative studies. Today, it serves the national interests of professional management education and training, providing challenging opportunities for learning and skills development to thousands of senior-level managers and administrators, in becoming the “*nation’s management mentor*”.

The PIM, established in 1986 by an Ordinance under the Universities Act 16 of 1978, is one of the eight postgraduate institutes in the university system of Sri Lanka. It’s the only higher education entity in the government sector that is ISO 9000:2008 certified. It is a member of the Association of the Advanced Collegiate Schools of Business (AACSB), and pursues to get accredited by this premier global body. *

Affiliated University:	University of Sri Jayawardanepura
Area of specialization:	Management
Main programs conducted:	PhD. Programs
	Masters Programs <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Master of Business Administration
Organization of the library:	Classification System: DDC Cataloging System : AACR2
Library users:	Postgraduate students, Academic, Non-academic staff
Available Information Sources:	Books, Periodicals, Theses / Dissertations, E – Resources, Information Networks, Quick Reference Materials. Socio Economic Data Collection
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18. The National Centre for Advanced Studies.

The NCAS is a National Centre in Sri Lanka set up by Ordinance in October 2005 under Section 24A of the Universities Act No. 16 of 1978 for the purpose of promoting advanced studies and research mainly in the fields of Humanities and Social Sciences.

The Centre was set up after a few years of discussion and study at the University Grants Commission (UGC), initiated by Professor Senaka Bandaranayake, involving several senior professors in the relevant fields, to address the needs and requirements of human resource development, advanced research studies and academic publications in humanities and social sciences as well as related fields.

Area of specialization:	Humanities & Social Sciences
Library users:	Postgraduate students, Academic, Non-academic staff
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