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## EDUCATION

**Master of Library and Information Science (MLS)**  
Faculty of Graduate Studies,  
University of Colombo, Sri Lanka

Aug 2000

Title of the Research: Study on the staff development needs and training facilities available in university libraries in Sri Lanka.

**B.Sc. (sp.)(in Industrial Management.)Hons**  
University of Kelaniya, Sri Lanka

May 1992 - Aug 2000

Industrial Management as the major specialization and Pure Mathematics as the subsidiary subject.

**Course on Library Automation**  
Received the best achievement certificate

Sri Lanka Library Association

1999

Received the best achievement certificate

**Certificate in Teaching in Higher Education (CTHE)**

Staff Development Centre,  
General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

2014



## SKILLS

Administrative skills ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Academic & Professional Skills ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Teaching Skills ■ ■ ■ ■ ■

Cataloguing & Classification ■ ■ ■ ■ ■



## SUMMARY

I began working for General Sir Kotelawala Defence Academy (KDA) on September 1st, 1994, as an assistant librarian. After earning a master's degree in library and information science (MLS) from the University of Colombo in August 2000, I was promoted to the post of Senior Assistant Librarian Gr-II. Since May 2013, I have been serving as Senior Assistant Librarian Gr-I at the same university. From February 2001 to December 2018 and November 2019 to May 2020, I served as the Acting Librarian of the KDU Library.



## EXPERIENCE

**Acting Librarian**

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

Nov 2019 - May 2021

Introduced around 950 e-books to the library collection. Started most of the services online. Automated the circulation System.

**Acting Librarian**

General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University

Feb 2001 - Dec 2018

I was responsible for making available to library members what they needed to learn and explore topics of interest. During my tenure as Acting Librarian, I created educational programs, subscribed to up-to-date databases with new research material, improved existing databases, and introduced new services such as photocopying library materials adhering to the copyright law, Inter-library Loans service, and document delivery service. Furthermore introduced an Online Public Access Catalogue, a separate library web page, an electronic Library News Letter, and a new security system with CCTV systems and security gates with tattle tapes, and also it extended the floor area of the main library and changed the layout and interior design to increase the seating capacity, introduced two branch libraries and one faculty library as a solution for the increased demand, also done during this period.

**Senior Assistant Librarian Gr I**

General Sir John Kotelawela Defence University

May 2013 - Present

Being the Faculty Liaison Librarian for three faculties (Engineering, Technology & Postgraduate), I provided information literacy and research instructions, worked with instructors to integrate information literacy and research skills into the curriculum, created and maintenance of Virtual Reading Rooms according to the faculty curriculum; cataloguing and classify of library materials relevant to



## LANGUAGES

English



Sinhala



## TEACHING AREA

- Referencing and Madeley Reference Manager
- Cataloguing & Classification
- Information Sources & Services Searching Techniques
- Digital information needs & seeking behaviour Information Retrieval
- Plagiarism prevention



## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Course on Library Automation**  
Sri Lanaka Library Association  
2005 - 2011

**Course on Library Automation (COLA)**  
Sri Lanka Library Association  
2015

**Visiting lecturer on the Intermediate Level (Level 2 Part I) of Diploma in Library and Information Science Programme**  
Sri Lanka Library Association  
2004 - 2008

**Visiting lecturer on the Intermediate Level (Level 2 Part I) of Diploma in Library and Information Science Programme**  
Sri Lanaka Library Association  
2015

**Resource person at Certificate in Teaching Higher Education Staff Development Centre, General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University**  
2014 - 2017

those faculties; and conducts library orientation programs for the newly enlisted students. Due to a lack of Academic Staff Members, apart from the above, I am handling the purchase matters of all libraries, managing the processing section and reader service of the main library; and coordinating the other faculty libraries by myself.

### Senior Assistant Librarian G II

**General Sir John Kotelawela Defence University**

*Aug 2000 - May 2013*

From February 2001 to October 2011, I am the only academic in the KDU Library (Then KDA). So, I handled all the activities of the Reader Service, Acquisition, Classification, Cataloguing, Processing and Periodicals Subscriptions and also maintained, the computerized catalogue, apart from the Librarian's duties.

### Assistant Librarian

**General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University**

*Sep 1984 - Aug 2000*

Other than the cataloguing and classification of library materials, design and develop a library database of books, using the library software (CDS/ISIS) This was the initial step of the library automation project of KDA. This database facilitates to print catalogue cards for the Manual Catalogue.

Cataloguing and classification also done



## RESEARCH & PUBLICATIONS

### Journal Articles

#### Peer Reviewed

[Ranawella TC. Rajapaksha MP. \(2017\) Use and User Satisfaction with Library Services and Resources at the Main Library of the General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University, Sri Lanka. Journal of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka; Volume 20 \(2\): 28-45](#)

[Ranawella TC.\(2006\), An Introduction to a Library material management and security control system-Radio Frequency identification \(RFID\) technology. Journal of the University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka; Volume 10: 29-39](#)

[Ranawella TC. Jayasinghe TN. \(2015\), A Case Study to Identify Factors Affected the Optimal Utilization of Library at the Naval and Maritime Academy, Sri Lanka. Sri Lanka Library Review Journal published by The Sri Lanka Library Association. Volume 29 \(Special Issue 55th Anniversary 1961-2015\); 103-114](#)

### Conference / Full Papers/ Abstracts

#### Peer Reviewed

[Ranawella TC.\(2016\) Internet Use and Its Impact on Library Usage by Trainees at Naval and Maritime Academy \(NMA\), Sri Lanka. Proceedings of the 1st International Conference on Library and Information Management \(ICLIM 2016\) 2016; 312-323](#)

[Ranawella TC. Kanchana UDH. Rajapaksha MP.\(2014\), Information Sources Used by Postgraduate Students in General Sir John Kotelawala](#)

Resource person in the Information Literacy Programmes conducted for undergraduate under their Research Methodology Unit annually for the final year students at Faculty of Computer Science.

General Sir John Kotelawala  
Defence University

2018 - Present



## COMMUNITY SERVICE AND LIBRARY OUTREACH PROGRAMS

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Conducted a lecture series in Mathematics for the Grade 10 and 11 students at Kandawala Vidyalaya, Ratmalana, in 2012

Book donation and Library Development Project at Kandawala Navodya Maha Vidyalaya, in December 2015.

Book donation Programme and arts competition under the theme of "Books are Our Friends" to commemorate the Reading Month and to improve the reading habit among the school children in November 2016 at Welhengoda Sri Gunarathana Maha Vidyalaya, Ahangama .

Book donation and Renovation of the library with a children friendly environment at Bulathsinhala Primary School in December 2017.

Constructed a new house for one of the library office labourers whose wife passed away due to a tragic accident and has 4 little daughters but did not have a place to live in 2019

[Defence University: a citation analysis of theses. NILIS Research Symposium \(NILIS14\): organized by the National Institute of Library & Information Science, University of Colombo, Sri Lanka 2014; 55-61](#)

[Ranawella TC.\(2018\),Turnitin Usage and its impact on Academic Integrity and Honesty of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University \(KDU\). 1st International Conference on Library and Information Science: from open library to open society, Sukhothai Thammathirat Open University, Thailand; 307- 322](#)

[Ranawella TC. Alagaratnam V. \(2017\), Research Ethics and anti-plagiarism software. A study on turnitin users of General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University \(KDU\). International Conference on Knowledge Resources and Library Technologies At: Department of Library and Information Science, Barathidasan University, Rhiruchirappalli, Tamilnadu, India; Volume 1: 347-350](#)

[Rajapaksha M. Ranawella TC. \(2014\), A survey on the use and users' satisfaction of library resources and services: a case study at the faculty of Engineering and Social Sciences, Sir John Kotelawala Defence University. 11th National Conference on Library and Information Science \(NACLIS\) Sri Lanka Library Association:: 28](#)

[Wijayanayake A. Umathevan M. Ranawella TC.\(2017\), Mobile Application for University Library Management System. National Conference of University Librarians Association of Sri Lanka \(NACULA 2017\); 16-18](#)

[Ranawella, TC. \(2021\), Impact of Librarian's Role in Promoting Academic Integrity within the University. Virtual International Conference on Library and Information Science \(VICLIS 2021\) .:10 Download](#)

[Ranawella, TC, \(2022\), Factors Influencing for Utilization of the Databases at Kotelawala Defence University . Virtual International Conference on Library and Information Science VICLIS 2022,:95](#)

### Published Articles

#### Not Reviewed

[Ranawella TC. \(2003\), Staff Development Needs in Sri Lankan University Libraries. SILHOUETTE 2002-2003. Magazine published by General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University; 134 - 138](#)

[Ranawella TC. \(2006\), Identification of Requirement for University Library Building. SILHOUETTE 2015-2016 Magazine published by General Sir John Kotelawala Defence University; 232-235](#)