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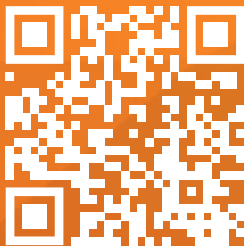


LK DOMAIN REGISTRY
Your Sri Lankan Identity in Cyberspace





SOCIAL EMPOWERMENT JOURNEY



The **LK Domain Registry** is a not-for-profit organization and is the sole administrator of the top-level “.lk” domain. It drives several high-impact social empowerment initiatives with the aim of driving the mandate of enhancing Internet usage to foster a better digital landscape within Sri Lanka, through its Partnership Division and e-Learning Division.

The **Partnership Division** orchestrates community and outreach initiatives that are geared towards empowering individuals to adeptly and securely harness an extensive range of technologies and resources to navigate the digital landscape confidently and safely.



The **e-Learning Division** over the last decade has driven the organization's mandate to create and facilitate an enabling and progressive ICT culture through enhancing and expanding ICT education, training, and awareness across Sri Lanka.

From **April 2018 - March 2023**, the two divisions have engaged with many policymakers, corporate leaders, educators, parents, school children, and the public at large.





LK DOMAIN REGISTRY

Since pioneering domain name registration in Sri Lanka over three decades ago, the LK Domain Registry is hailed today as a pivotal entity in the country's progressive and dynamic IT landscape. The Registry is particularly instrumental in administering the country code top-level domain (ccTLD) ".lk".

Established in 1990 as an independent national entity providing professional domain registration services, LK Domain Registry is the sole administrator of the top-level ".lk" domain. Engaged in developing progressive domain policies and at the forefront of implementing rapidly evolving technologies, the ".lk" domain

ensures a credible national identity for a plethora of Sri Lankan organizations aiming to establish their presence across the globe.

LK Domain Registry is dedicated to ensuring Sri Lanka continues to be at the forefront of Domain Name System (DNS) infrastructure, technology, and expertise. To this end, considerable emphasis is placed on enhancing and expanding training and educational opportunities, as the Registry strives to ensure a secure and dynamic cyberspace environment for cyber citizens eager to take the country's IT landscape to new and exciting heights.

OUR SERVICES



Domain
Registration



Annual Renewal of
Domain Names



Web Hosting



Email Service



INFORMATION FLOW IS WHAT THE INTERNET IS ABOUT. INFORMATION SHARING IS POWER. IF YOU DON'T SHARE YOUR IDEAS, SMART PEOPLE CAN'T DO ANYTHING ABOUT THEM. AND YOU'LL REMAIN ANONYMOUS AND POWERLESS.

- VINTON CERF

TRAINING AND AWARENESS

History

Established in 2009, the Training Division has conducted a number of initiatives under the able guidance of an expert team of industry veterans, with the far-reaching aim of ensuring equitable access to transformational technology, knowledge, and tools in order to ensure nationwide growth and development of ICT.

The training initiatives, which include island-wide Train the Trainer (TOT) programmes, have over the years trained countless educators and students in schools and vocational training centers across the country.

The training sessions focus on hands-on experience in addition to theoretical knowledge, encouraging experimentation and innovation with a view toward nurturing the next generation of ICT trailblazers.



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Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.

– Nelson Mandela



A series of training workshops (IT Yahamaga) was conducted by Sarvodaya-Fusion in collaboration with the Ministry of Education and facilitated by LK Domain Registry to ignite curiosity and passion and prepare the next generation of youth to take the reins of the future of ICT in Sri Lanka.

Targeting educators and students in semi-urban and rural communities, with over 25,000 students trained from 2018-2020, the project facilitated access to state-of-the-art technology, training, and resources, in order to expand youth horizons and introduce them to the world of opportunities made accessible through ICT.

IT Yahamaga 2018/2019



10012 Outreach Programmes
for STUDENTS



285 Outreach Programmes
for TEACHERS



125 Outreach Programmes
for PRINCIPALS

SuhuruSara



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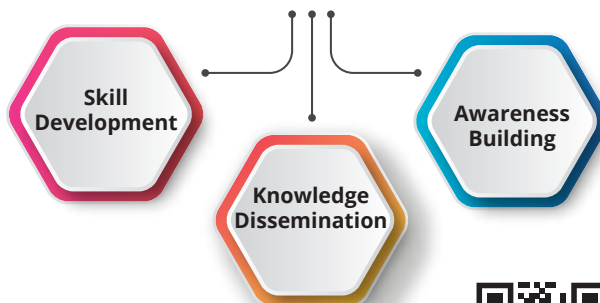
In 2023, the training division was rebranded as “SuhuruSara” to mark the next chapter in LK Domain Registry's efforts to empower Sri Lanka's Digital Future through island-wide ICT knowledge dissemination and skill development.

 suhurusara.lk

 www.facebook.com/suhurusara

 www.youtube.com/@suhurusaralk

Programmes conducted by SuhuruSara are focused on 3 key aspects



SuhuruSara programmes are delivered through four channels:

E-LEARNING

Self-learning through the SuhuruSara Learning Management System (LMS).

PARTNER DELIVERY

Through training delivery partners across the country.

HYBRID DELIVERY

Through instructor-led sessions facilitated by the SuhuruSara LMS.

DIRECT DELIVERY

Through in-house resources and dedicated resource persons.

The topics covered under SuhuruSara are:



Web Development



Database Management



Graphic Design

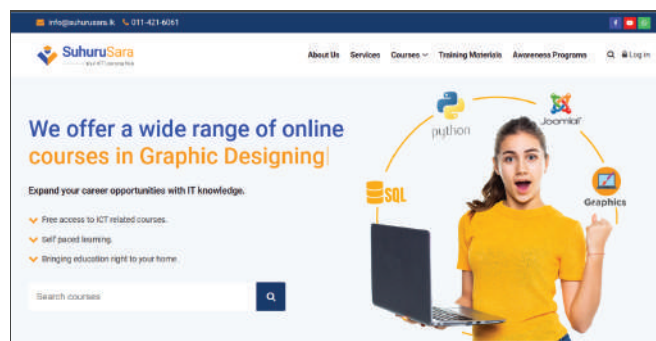


Programming

SuhuruSara Learning Management System (LMS)

In keeping with the inexorable shift of education to the online space, SuhuruSara programmes are now available as e-Learning Modules, extending their reach and accessibility to larger audiences irrespective of their location.






This learning management platform has an expanding catalog of a number of learner-centric programmes which are interactive and learner-friendly.



Statistics for the past 5 years through Direct Delivery training April 2018 to March 2023




Skill Development Programmes Participation



-  Joomla - 1123
-  Python - 682
-  Scratch - 374
-  Pascal - 383
-  PHP - 110






Awareness Building Programmes Participation



-  Internet for Education & Day to Day activities - 1138
-  Better Search Techniques - 989
-  Internet Safety - 166

General Programmes Participation



-  IT Yamamaga - 6710
-  IT for Parents - 80
-  Databases - 13
-  Internet & Applications - 90
-  UI/UX Design - 16

Training through Nenasala Centers and Web Competitions

The Nenasala Centre programme is conducted with the aim of disseminating training and skills development with greater efficiency and reaches throughout Sri Lanka. Under this training model, the LK Domain Registry Training Division conducted train the trainer programmes on Joomla Web Design and Python for Nenasala personnel, at the LK Domain Registry premises as well as online.



Web Competitions were conducted in 2019, 2020, 2021, and 2022 among students trained to display their newly acquired web design skills, attracting great interest and a significant number of applications. Subsequently, award ceremonies were held and prizes were given to the winners.

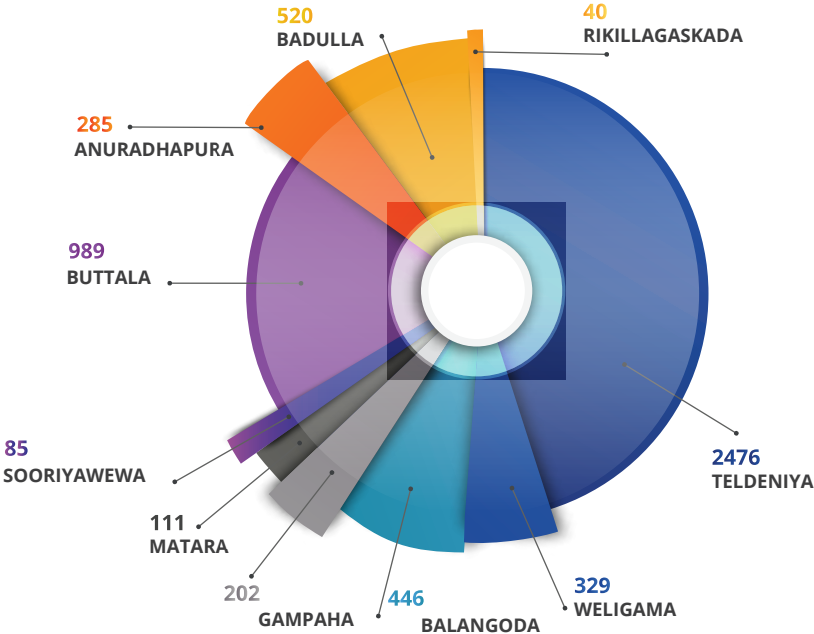


5483 +
STUDENTS



10
CENTRES

Number of Students Trained per Centre from April 2018 to March 2023





As schools across the country shut down and millions of children were deprived of education at the outset of the pandemic, timely intervention in the form of a joint collaboration between the Ministry of Education, LK Domain Registry, and WEBCOMMS Global (Pvt) Ltd., enabled the development and implementation of an agile ICT framework to mobilise and support learning continuity across Sri Lanka's school system.

Phase 1

Development of official websites for every school in Sri Lanka. LK Domain Registry played a pivotal role by funding the project and training Webcomms global trainers, who in turn conducted workshops for individual schools, training and guiding students to collaboratively design and develop a website for their school.

As of March 31, 2023, a total of nearly 700 websites were completed and handed over to many educational zones throughout Sri Lanka.

Phase 2

To build the leading and highest quality national e-learning platform "Student Assessment System" that will act as a catalyst for knowledge sharing and development. As a pilot initiative, we are in the process of creating activities and assessment tests aligned with the Grade 6 Mathematics syllabus of the National Curriculum with the contributions of experienced teachers and educators as well as mentors.

Educational zones throughout Sri Lanka



Launch of 300 School websites in Avissawella - December 2021

The launching of the website www.cyberlowatapiyapath.lk was done by Prof Gihan Dias, Domain Registrar and CEO of LK Domain Registry on December 10, 2021, at Purple Sun Resort Avissawella.



Launch of Graphic Design Course (Train the Trainer)



2022 School Web Competition held in Badulla - May 2023



LK Domain Registry conducts an Annual School Web Design Competition and annually holds an award ceremony.

For the fourth consecutive year, LK Domain Registry held the Annual School Web Competition among students trained from Nenasala Teldeniya, Nenasala Balangoda, Nenasala Buttala and Nenasala Anuradhapura in 2022. The award ceremony for the competition was held on 11th May 2023, at the Uva Management Development Institute, in Badulla.



International Training Programmes

As the primary international forum for advancing domain technology, the APTLD coordinates policy discussion, development activity, skills enhancement, and information exchange among domain name operators worldwide.

Members Meeting APTLD 71 in 2017



Prof. Gihan Dias, Chamara Disanayake and Chathuranga Gunatillake from TechCERT participated in the APTLD 71 meeting in Ho Chi Minh City, Vietnam from 28 Feb-3 March 2017. LK Domain Registry and TechCERT conducted a 2-day "How to secure your TLD infrastructure" training programme for APTLD participants. This marked the inaugural programme hosted by the LK Domain Registry for APTLD, and it received a positive response, leading to invitations for future engagements.



Members Meeting APTLD 77 in 2020



LK Domain Registry together with TechCert Sri Lanka was privileged to conduct a one-day workshop titled "Security Registry IT Systems and Security Incidents Management" at this event.

The objective of this pre-technical workshop was to enhance the knowledge of the technical staff of the member organisations, providing information and hands-on experience via a simulated attack scenario, focused on managing cyber-attacks targeting a domain registry system.





ICT HISTORY IN SRI LANKA

The History of ICT in Sri Lanka' is a project conceived by LK Domain Registry with the objective of documenting for posterity the milestones reached by inspirational individuals, their tireless efforts, and momentous events that contributed towards the implementation of ICT in Sri Lanka.

The innovation and dedication that laid the foundation for this revolution hail back to the early 1960s. A history spanning five decades is described through videos of these pioneers and write-ups sprinkled with personal reflections, nostalgic memories, and rare insights into the history of ICT in Sri Lanka. Documents supplied by interviewees, a gallery of photographs and updates add to the site's informational and research appeal.

The topics covered under the initiatives:

- ✓ Internet & Cyber-Security
- ✓ Education & Training
- ✓ Enabling Policy & Legal Environment
- ✓ Payment Systems
- ✓ Industry
- ✓ Language Technology

 www.ict-history.lk
 www.facebook.com/HistoryofICTinSriLanka



Books published under this initiative

“How ICT was enabled in Local Languages” written by Aruni Goonetilleke

The book covers the initiatives made from the 1970s up to 2020, by state sector organisations such as the Council for Information Technology (CINTEC), its successor ICTA, the University of Colombo School of Computing (UCSC), the University of Moratuwa, the Sri Lanka Standards Institution and the Natural Resources, Energy and Science Authority of Sri Lanka (NARESA), etc., and by private sector organisations

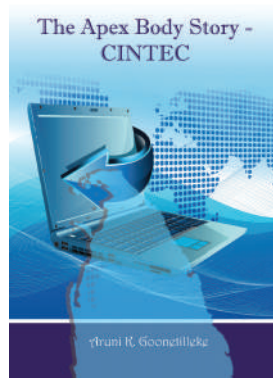
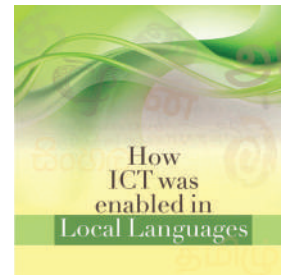
and by individuals. Aruni made every effort to find and interview specific individuals who worked in the areas of ICT and local languages. These individuals were consulted to ascertain the work they did in enabling the use of ICT in Sinhala and Tamil and the outcome was comprehensively recorded and included in the book. Documents collected and knowledge acquired by Aruni while working on this area at CINTEC and at ICTA were extensively used. Numerous individuals generously contributed interesting photographs, all of which have been included in the book. The book is presented in an easily readable style, with a visually pleasing and attractive design for both the cover and its contents.

The book was launched in July 2020 by the LK Domain Registry.

“The APEX Body Story - CINTEC” written by Aruni Goonetilleke

This book is a historical record of the way in which the Government sector entered the ICT arena. The Computer and Information Technology Council of Sri Lanka (CINTEC), the first Government apex body on ICT, was established in 1984. The drafting of the very first National Computer Policy in Sri Lanka, the enactment of the Computer and Information Technology Act No 10 of 1984 through which CINTEC was set up, operational planning and implementation, overcoming the initial impediments and the work that CINTEC carried for nearly 20 years until its closure in 2003 are aptly described in this book.

The book was launched in March 2023 by the LK Domain Registry.



HITHAWATHI INITIATIVE



MISSION

A Cyber-safety Centre which is the most trusted contact point for support, guidance, and awareness of cyber-harassment in Sri Lanka.

As the number of social media users with a prolific online presence continues to increase rapidly over the past three years, the susceptibility to cyber-harassment has notably risen, especially among women, teenagers, and children.

Hithawathi (Your Confidante) is a social empowerment initiative of LK Domain Registry that aims to promote cyber safety in Sri Lanka, with a particular focus on females and children.

Revamped in 2019, the project today hosts comprehensive features such as a website, email, telephone hotlines, etc., offering a range of support, guidance, and counseling services through an integrated network of multiple channels and platforms.

Hithawathi's goal is to offer a safe environment, aiming to help beneficiaries enhance their quality of life by accessing these resources. This, in turn, can lead to improved educational, entrepreneurial, and employment prospects, thereby bolstering the economy.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS



Help Desk



Informative Website



Content Development



Complaint Management System



Awareness Sessions



Webinars



Monthly Newsletter



Competitions & Prizes

 www.facebook.com/hithawathi

 [skype: live:hithawathi](https://www.skype.com/live/hithawathi)

 www.instagram.com/hithawathi

 www.youtube.com/@Hithawathi

 www.twitter.com/hithawathi

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200,000+
NETIZENS ENGAGED

5,000+
INDIVIDUALS
SUPPORTED

100,000+
FACEBOOK
FOLLOWERS

1,000+
VIRTUAL & PHYSICAL
EVENTS HELD

Supporters:

- ✓ TechCERT
- ✓ SLCERT|CC
- ✓ Meta (Facebook)
- ✓ Women In Need (WIN)
- ✓ Women Help Line (1938)
- ✓ Police Child and Women Bureau
- ✓ Special Mental Help Hotline (1926)
- ✓ National Child Protection Authority (1929)
- ✓ Axiata Digital Labs
- ✓ Sumithrayo
- ✓ Yeheli (by Dialog Axiata)
- ✓ Child SafeNet (Nepal)
- ✓ Stop.Think.Connect
by APWG & NCSA

Awareness Sessions in:

- ✓ Community Centres
- ✓ Garment Factories
- ✓ Teacher Training Centres
- ✓ Schools





V.K. SAMARANAYAKE GRANTS SCHEME

Named after Professor V.K. Samaranyake, a renowned pioneer in the IT industry in Sri Lanka, the grants scheme aims to facilitate and enhance research, training, and development capabilities and opportunities at both national and international levels, in Networking and Communication related to the IT industry. Primary beneficiaries of the grants are full-time post-graduate students at MSc, MPhil, and PhD levels in recognised universities and institutes in Sri Lanka.

While contributing to the overall development of Sri Lanka's professional competency framework, the grants also contribute towards the career development aspirations of the recipients, offering opportunities to gain more exposure and experience, while encouraging recipients to invest in their professional development in Sri Lanka, rather than seeking permanent avenues overseas.

Types of Grants

TOP-UP GRANTS

Assists students who have obtained a first or second-class upper division in an undergraduate degree and are currently registered in a full-time Masters/PhD programme.

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TOP-UP GRANTS

CONFERENCE/ WORKSHOP & PUBLICATION GRANT

Funds applicants aspiring to present at international conferences and workshops, and publish papers in international journals.

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CONFERENCE / WORKSHOP &
PUBLICATION GRANTS

SHORT-STAY GRANTS

Offers financial assistance to applicants who have secured short-term research positions at foreign institutions.

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SHORT-STAY GRANTS

Countries visited by Grant recipients - April 2018 to March 2023

USA	Cyprus
Ireland	Dubai
UK	Malaysia
Spain	Russia
Italy	Indonesia
France	Brunei
Germany	Taiwan
Poland	China
Greece	Australia
Czech Republic	Japan



FACILITATING DIGITALIZATION FOR SMALL AND MEDIUM ENTREPRENEURS (SMEs) IN SRI LANKA

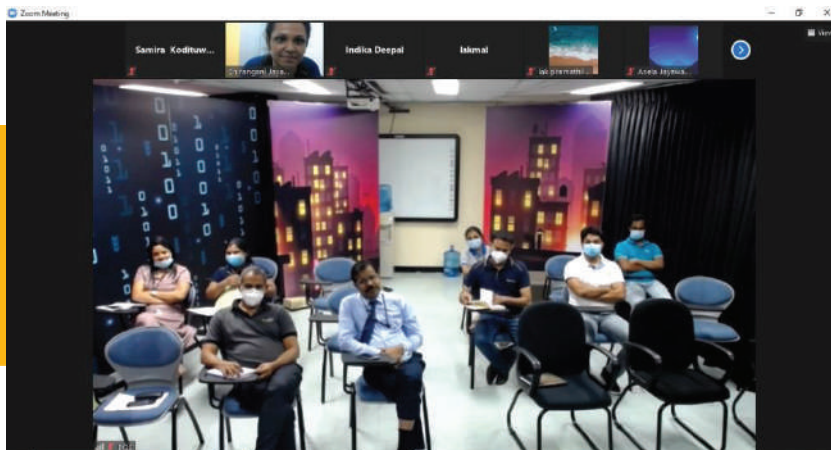
This initiative is to build awareness among the SME sector on the importance of being digital and also to help them find solutions to their current challenges of being digital.

This project intends to create an online guide/catalog which will help SMEs to enable and digitize their businesses by following clear processes with access to support and solutions from relevant organizations.



LOCAL LANGUAGES SUPPORT CENTRE / HELPLINE

While Internet usage is ubiquitous today, the predominance of English as its 'first language' can pose a disadvantage to non-native speakers. A joint initiative between LK Domain Registry and Theekshana R&D, the Local Languages Support Centre and Helpline aims to facilitate equitable use of the Internet for Sinhala and Tamil language users, by providing support as well as training and awareness programmes to organisations and individuals, in incorporating local languages when navigating the Internet.



Website : www.helpcentre.lk

Hot Line: +94-011-7024957

MAIL US : info@helpcentre.lk

support@helpcentre.lk

Local Language Technical Help Centre - Home | Facebook

Local Language Technical Help Centre - YouTube



LK DOMAIN REGISTRY SERVICES

Web hosting and E-mail Services

It caters to the needs of Small and Medium Entrepreneurs who want to create a successful online presence with a Sri Lankan Identity. It is affordable for Startups providing the relevant Technical Support when needed.



Website Builder

- Can create a simple informative and attractive website within a short time.
- Provides attractive templates and guides to build websites.



Mymail Service

- Can use a Professional email address ending with your own domain name.
- Freedom to create an unlimited number of email IDs within the provided storage space.
- Can be configured to work seamlessly with email clients.



BestWeb.LK Competition

LK Domain Registry has been conducting the BestWeb.lk competition on an annual basis since 2009. BestWeb.lk is a web-based competition providing an exclusive opportunity to promote and popularize Sri Lankan websites and showcase Sri Lankan digital design and development talent in cyberspace.



TopWeb.LK Award Scheme

TopWeb.LK is a monthly awards scheme which provides an opportunity to transform your website from good to great while enabling to compete confidently in the BestWeb.LK competition. The objective of this award is to improve the quality of all .lk websites to meet a minimum standard.



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