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**Usage of printed journals of undergraduates in Faculty of Social Sciences:
An analysis based on user statistics of the Periodicals Section,
University of Kelaniya**

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The primary objective of this study was to analyze the usage of printed journals of students attached to the Faculty of Social Sciences, University of Kelaniya.

Quantitative research approach were used for this study and it was mainly based on the user statistics collected from the periodicals section of the University of Kelaniya for the year 2013. These statistical figures obtained from the daily attendance register and the issuing register for photocopies. According to the statistics, there were 9900 users visited the section for the period of 01-01-2013 to 31-12-2013. These 9900 users represented the all five faculties in the university including Faculty of Graduates Studies. Out of these 9900 users, majority (6903) represented the Faculty of Social Sciences. Number of undergraduates of Faculties of Humanities, Commerce, Science and Graduate Studies were 1814,505,637 and 41 respectively.

Study result showed that highest number of visitors which was 69% (1164) visited the periodicals section in the month of June. This was the early period of the second semester and undergraduates were coming to the library to collect materials for the proposal of their dissertation. Most borrowed (35%) periodical is *Arthika Wimasuma* and this contained articles on economy in Sri Lanka. *Nivedeni* (22%) provide articles mainly on the subjects of women and sociology. *Desatiya* (20%) gives articles on social, political and economic issues while *Bauma Vidaya*(13%) borrowed by the geography undergraduates of Faculty of Social Sciences. 10% students were interested on *Pusthakala Pravurthi*.

According to the above statistics, undergraduates from subjects areas such as Economics, Sociology, Geography and Library Science were the main users of the periodicals section of the Library. Their language preference was Sinhala and only 0.3% interested on periodicals written on English language.