(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)

SDG 1

No Poverty

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Annual Progress Report

ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-25

KL Deemed to be University | Vaddeswaram, Andhra Pradesh

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

AT A GLANCE

Progress on SDG 1 in 2024-25

19,331
students received scholarships and fee concessions worth ₹88.83 crore

113
supported students from low or lower-middle income countries

64
Scopus publications on poverty

94
community anti-poverty programmes

28
villages and towns reached

33.7%
of students received significant financial aid (7,134 of 21,143)

OUR COMMITMENT

KL Deemed to be University works to end poverty by removing the cost barrier to higher education and by taking support into the villages around its campus.

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1.1 Research on poverty

Metric 1.1 looks at the scale, quality and international reach of a university's research on poverty.

1.1.1 Papers co-authored with low or lower-middle income countries

12
papers with co-authors abroad

3
co-authored with a lower-middle income country (Uzbekistan)

KL is itself in India, a lower-middle income economy; partner countries are classified using the World Bank FY2027 income groups.

Papers by partner country (★ low or lower-middle income)



1.1.2 No poverty: citation impact

276
citations to KL's poverty research

7
h-index of the set

31
papers cited at least once

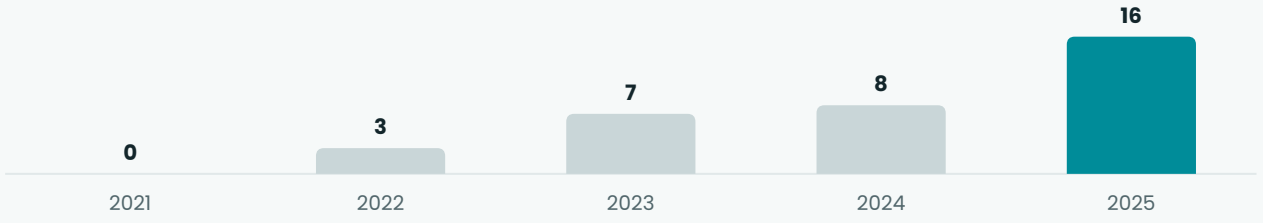
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papers open access

THE calculates field-weighted citation impact (FWCI) from Scopus; citation counts are shown here.

1.1.3 No poverty: publications

34 publications in 2021–2025, doubling to 16 in 2025

Scopus publications on poverty by year



1.2 Students receiving financial aid to attend university

Metric 1.2 measures the proportion of students who receive significant financial aid to attend university.

1.2.1 Students receiving significant financial aid

Year 2025

Data collected	Definition used	2024-25
Number of students	All students on roll in 2024-25, undergraduate and postgraduate, all campuses	**21,143**
Students receiving significant financial aid	Students whose fee concession was 15% or more of annual tuition	**7,134**
Proportion	7,134 ÷ 21,143	**33.74%**

₹51.95 Cr
total aid to these students, 27% of their tuition

₹63,000
median aid per student in the year

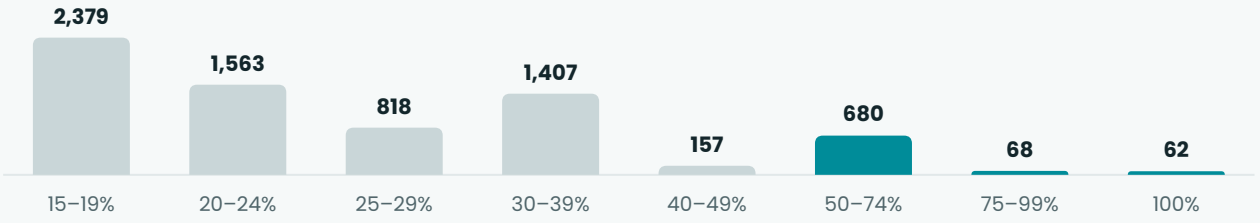
810
students had half or more of their fees waived

62
students paid no tuition at all

SIGNIFICANCE OF AID

Every award covers at least 15% of fees; 810 cover half or more

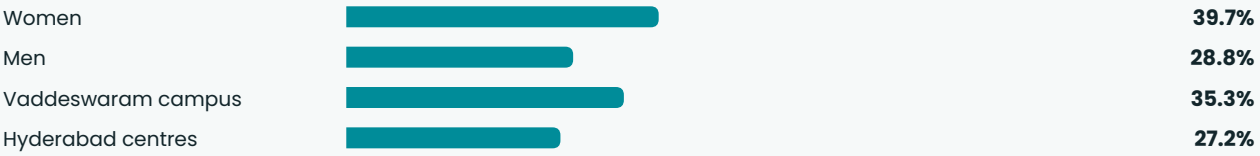
Students receiving aid, by concession as a share of annual tuition



WHO RECEIVES AID

Aid reaches women and both campuses

Share of each group receiving significant financial aid



1.3 University anti-poverty programmes

Metric 1.3 covers how the university admits, supports and graduates students from poor backgrounds, in India and in low-income countries.

STUDENT SUPPORT | 2024-25

₹88.83 crore of support for 19,331 students

₹85.34 Cr
university fee concessions

₹3.49 Cr
government and corporate scholarships

91%
of students received a concession

1.3.3 Low-income student support

Year 2025

Alongside merit scholarships, the university waives fees for students in financial need and helps students claim government and corporate scholarships.

UNIVERSITY SCHEMES

84 students on need and equity schemes

Students supported, 2024-25

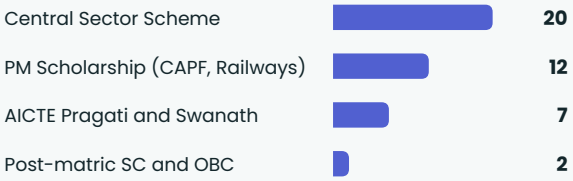


35 freeships worth ₹0.98 crore; 22 waive the full fee.

GOVERNMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

41 students through the National Scholarship Portal

Students by scheme, 2024-25



FULL-COST SUPPORT

Tuition, hostel and living costs covered

The Bharti Airtel Foundation funded 7 students at 100% of their costs, 6 of them hostel residents (₹25.6 lakh in all), and IDFC First Bank supported 2 more. Every one of these students also holds a university concession.

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1.3.5 Support for students from low or lower-middle income countries

Year 2025

114 students from 14 countries studied at KL on supported places in 2024-25, worth ₹3.08 crore.

113
from low or lower-middle income countries

66
from low-income countries: Rwanda, Uganda, Syria, Sudan, Ethiopia

87
from Sub-Saharan Africa

HOME COUNTRIES

Scholars by country

Number of students, 2024-25



INCOME LEVEL OF HOME COUNTRY

Almost all from the poorest economies

World Bank income group, FY2027



Low income	66	58%
Lower-middle income	47	41%
Upper-middle income	1	1%

FEE SCHEMES FOR THESE STUDENTS

International Student Scholarship
30% reduction in tuition fees every year

President's Excellence Scholarship, non-SAARC
Fixed fee of USD 3,500 a year with hostel and food, or USD 2,200 tuition only

President's Excellence Scholarship, SAARC
Fixed fee of ₹2,50,000 a year including hostel and food

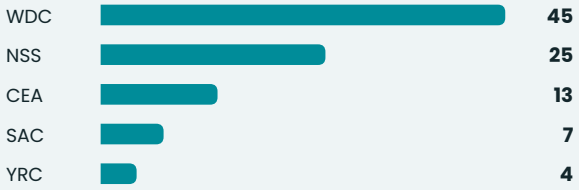
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Metric 1.4 covers programmes the university runs or supports to relieve poverty in the wider community.

FIVE STUDENT UNITS, ONE COMMUNITY

94 programmes in 28 villages and towns

Programmes by unit, 2024-25 (all free to the community)



VOLUNTEERS

3,802 student volunteer turnouts

National Service Scheme (NSS), Women Development Cell (WDC), Centre for Extension Activities (CEA), Student Activity Centre (SAC) and Youth Red Cross (YRC). Nutakki, Atmakuru, Chirravuru, Tadepalli and Vaddeswaram received the most programmes.

1.4.1 Local start-up assistance

Year 2025

Free training and mentoring for small businesses, rural women and farmers to start and grow sustainable livelihoods, reaching 3,283 people.

Business performance analysis for small businesses, Mangalagiri	Data-driven decision making for local shops and enterprises	**1,549** NSS · free
Kisan Diwas for farmers, Gundemeda	Sustainable farming and modern agricultural technology	**804** CEA · free
Self-employment for rural women, Atmakuru	Skills, financial management and enterprise options	**571** CEA · free
Empowering local businesses, Vijayawada	Supporting and strengthening local enterprise	**359** NSS · free
Farmers' marketing channels, Mylavaram	Selling through FPOs, direct sales and e-commerce	**51 volunteers** SAC · free
Multi-work embroidery workshop, Poratnagar	Marketable skill for women, followed by leadership training for elder women	**7 days** WDC · free

1.4 Community anti-poverty programmes

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1.4.1 Local start-up assistance: events in pictures

Geo-tagged photographs from the event reports





Business performance analysis

1,549 people reached

14 March 2025 · Mangalagiri · NSS · 94 volunteers

Volunteers visited shops and small traders to show simple record-keeping and data-driven decisions for growing a small business.





Empowering local businesses

359 people reached

20 March 2025 · Vijayawada · NSS · 96 volunteers

Shop-to-shop sessions with local traders and street vendors on strengthening and sustaining their enterprises.





Self-employment for rural women

571 women reached

4 March 2025 · Atmakuru · CEA · 84 volunteers

Door-to-door guidance for rural women on income-generating skills, managing money and self-employment options.





Kisan Diwas: farmers' day

804 farmers reached

2 January 2025 · Gundemeda · CEA · 88 volunteers

Volunteers met farmers in their fields to share sustainable farming practices and modern agricultural technology.

All programmes were free to participants. Photographs are taken from the GPS-stamped event reports submitted by each unit.

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1.4.3 Programmes for access to basic services

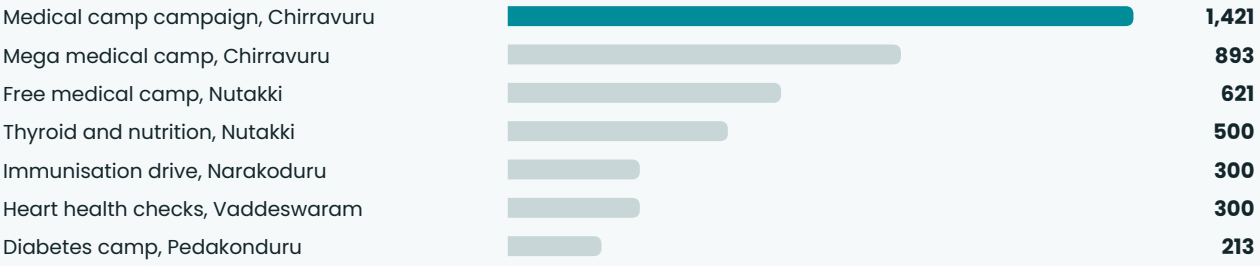
Year 2025

Programmes supplied directly by KL volunteers to improve access to health care, nutrition, sanitation, energy, food and financial services.

HEALTH, NUTRITION AND CHILD HEALTH

Free camps and village drives reached 4,248 people

People reached per event, NSS and YRC



Partner hospitals: Aster Ramesh, Amaravati Eye, Braces & Faces Dental and Shine Multispeciality. WDC added malnutrition and anaemia screening and a health camp for women.

Energy

1,472

people in Prathuru told how to claim rooftop-solar subsidies (PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana)

Food and clothing

4,911

people received rice, groceries, clothes or blankets

Financial services

3,164

villagers shown how to bank, save and pay digitally

Sanitation

30

volunteers taught low-cost toilet construction and sanitation in Tadepalli

Welfare schemes

213

villagers in Mellampudi informed about government welfare schemes

Digital access

22

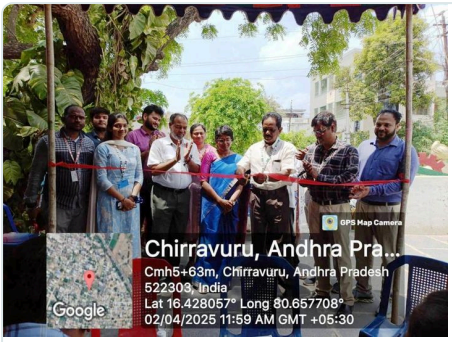
volunteers ran hands-on computer and internet training for villagers

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1.4.3 Health access: events in pictures

Geo-tagged photographs from the event reports







Mega free medical camp

893 villagers examined

2 April 2025 · Chirravuru · NSS with Aster Ramesh Hospitals, Amaravati Eye Hospital and Braces & Faces Dental · 89 volunteers

Free blood pressure, sugar, ECG, eye, bone and dental checks with free medicines, after a door-to-door campaign the day before that reached 1,421 people. The camp was covered in the regional press.



Heart health checks

300 people

24 Feb 2025 · Vaddeswaram · YRC

Blood pressure, cholesterol, BMI and blood-glucose checks at villagers' doors.

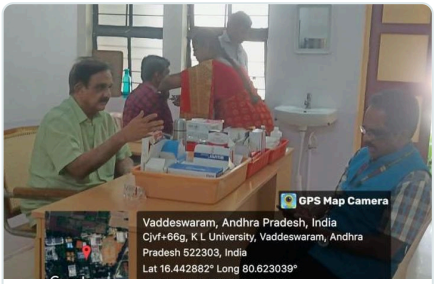


Immunisation drive

300 people

14 Apr 2025 · Narakoduru · YRC

Door-to-door campaign with Telugu vaccine-schedule leaflets to protect children's health.



Free urology camp

Free for all

11 Jan 2025 · KLEF campus · YRC

Screening, ultrasound, consultations, free medicines and referrals, staffed by 47 volunteers.

Further health events: free medical camp at Nutakki (621 people), diabetes camp at Pedakonduru (213) and thyroid and nutrition awareness at Nutakki (500).

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1.4.3 Energy, finance and food: events in pictures

Geo-tagged photographs from the event reports



Rooftop solar for every home — **1,472** people reached

24 March 2025 · Prathuru · NSS · 91 volunteers

Door-to-door campaign explaining subsidies under PM Surya Ghar Muft Bijli Yojana to cut household electricity bills.



Rural banking awareness — **632** villagers reached

10 April 2025 · Atmakuru · CEA · 81 volunteers

Savings accounts, digital banking and government loan schemes, and how to avoid informal moneylenders.



Rice for a children's home — **200 kg** rice

15 Aug 2024 · Mathruchaya Children's Home · CEA

The Physics department donated 200 kg of rice for 50 children on Independence Day.



Vasthradaan clothing drive — **2,357** people

10–22 Feb 2025 · Vijayawada · CEA

Clothes collected on campus and donated in Vijayawada, including at the Child Aid Foundation.



Rice Bowl Challenge — **1,384** people

10–22 Feb 2025 · Vijayawada · CEA

Rice collected through drop boxes across campus and donated in Vijayawada.

Also under 1.4.3: blanket drive for homeless people at Tenali and Guntur railway stations (110 blankets, 238 people) and clothing and grocery drives by NSS in Guntur and Vijayawada.

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