

Message from the Chairperson iRuFARS 2025



It is with profound pleasure that I convey this message in the inaugural issue of 'The Sri Lankan Journal of Allied Health Sciences' as the chairperson of iRuFARS 2025. The launching of this scientific journal in parallel to the 3rd International Research Symposium of the Faculty of Allied Health Sciences, University of Ruhuna makes the event historically and scientifically significant.

As academics, one of our key priorities is to disseminate research findings. I consider the launching of this journal as a result of such an effort. Research findings can be disseminated in many ways, such as abstract presentations at various symposiums, proceedings such as iRuFARS, however, publishing findings in a reputable, peer-reviewed journal gives much more credibility and value to research work. Therefore, the launching of 'The SLJAHS' will open up new avenues to discuss challenges, developments and novel discoveries in healthcare in a more vibrant space.

I congratulate and extend my sincere gratitude to the Editor-in-chief, Prof. WVRTDG Bandara, and the editorial board for this scholarly effort to bring 'The Sri Lankan Journal of Allied Health Sciences' to life. Establishing a new journal requires great commitment and enthusiasm. Your extreme dedication and perseverance to achieve this task is commendable. I also take this opportunity to thank the authors, editors and reviewers, all of whom have volunteered to contribute to the success of the journal.

As a faculty, we humbly rejoice this scientific victory, and deep inside, we feel the urge to continue this effort to reach higher goals and standards. I sincerely wish that 'The Sri Lankan Journal of Allied Health Sciences' thrives to be among the mostly read healthcare journals in Sri Lanka.

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