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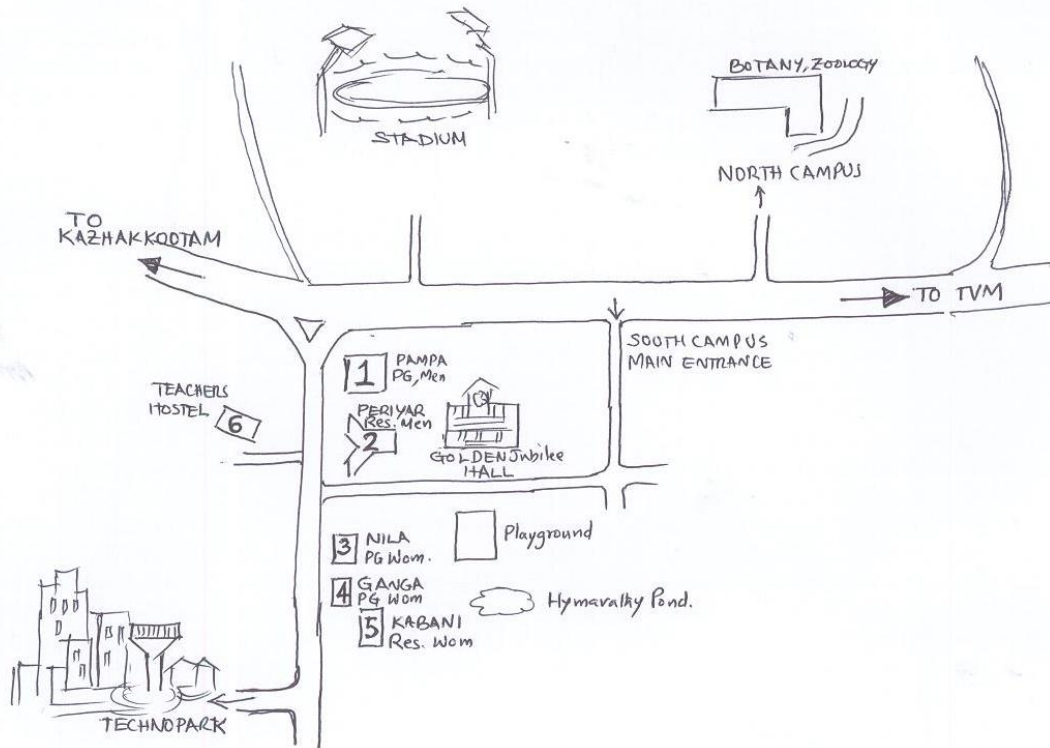
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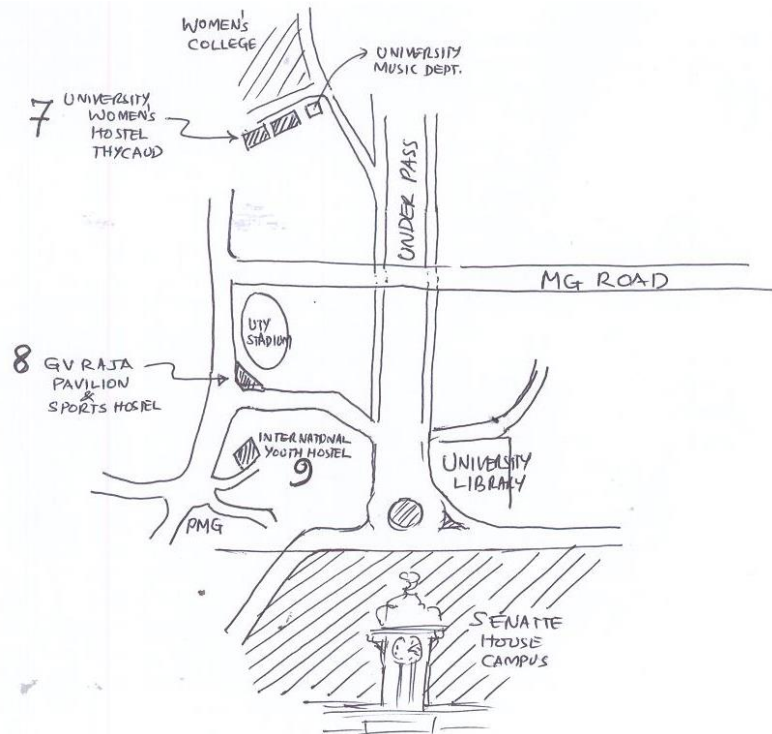
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## Location of Hostels in the Campus



## Location of Hostels in the City.



## Preface

The hostel facility of any institution of higher learning is an important part of its infrastructure, both in quantity and quality. This Hostel audit is aimed at taking stock of hostels administered by University of Kerala in various sites. University of Kerala provides hostel facility to residential students (both - men and women) at UG/PG/MPhil/Research level, at nominal rates. There are six major hostels functioning under University of Kerala out of which six are at Kariavattom campus, one at Thycaud, Thiruvananthapuram and 3 special hostels. (recently the hostels have been renamed)

1. **Kabani:** *University Researchers Hostel for Women, Kariavattom*
2. **Ganga:** *University Womens Hostel, Kariavattom (PG – old block)*
3. **Nila:** *University Womens Hostel, Kariavattom (PG– new block)*
4. **Pamba:** *Additional Mens Hostel, Kariavattom*
5. **Periyar:** *Researcher’s Hostel for Men, Kariavattom*
6. *University Teachers Hostel, Kariavattom*
7. **Yamuna:** *University Womens Hostel, Thycaud\**
8. *International Youth Hostel, Near Student’s Centre, PMG, (Short-term accommodation)*
9. *Sports Hostel, GV Raja Pavilion, PMG, (on Sports Council nomination)*

\* Accommodates students from affiliated colleges and University Depts

Some observations from the audit are as follows:

- There are 9 hostels under the University of Kerala - 6 major and 3 special.
- The 5 major hostels in Karyavattom Campus together provide accommodation for 619 (443M, 176F). The spilt up is: 412 students (98M, 314F), 207 Researchers (78M, 129F) and 25 Teachers.
- Men are accommodated at an average of 27.94 Sqft./person. (campus)
- Women are accommodated at an average of 22.02 Sqft./person. (campus)
- Hostels continue to use inefficient incandescent bulbs and fluorescent tube lights. LEDs have only started getting used. (campus)
- Most hostels have WiFi. (campus)
- All hostels run in full capacity. (campus)
- Hostel demand ratio is 0.69. (campus)
- Most hostels use municipal water and well water. (campus)
- Both gas and firewood is used for cooking. (campus)
- One hostel has a biogas plant. (campus)
- Some beginning is made regarding kitchen garden. (campus)
- Only modest facility is available for indoor and outdoor games. (campus)
- No parking facility is available in most hostels.



# 1. Kabani: Researcher's Hostel for Women, Kariavattom.



General		
1.	Name of the Warden	Dr. Geethakumari. S
2.	Where is the Hostel situated	Kariavattom Campus
3.	When was the Hostel building built	
4.	Is there a compound Wall?	Yes
5.	Total built up area (in square meters)	2176.38
6.	Is there any first aid facilities available in the Hostel?	Yes
Accommodation		
7.	Total Number of Inmates permitted	129
8.	Current Strength of the Hostel	129
9.	Area per inmate	16.87 per m <sup>2</sup>
10.	Is there a Guest Lounge?	No
11.	Total No. of Rooms available in the Hostel	80
12.	No of rooms reserved for guests	Nil
13.	Is there a reading room for students?	Yes
14.	No. of rooms occupied	80
15.	No of empty rooms at present	0
16.	No of persons per room (50 Single, 8 Double, 22 Triple)	1/2/3
17.	No. of rooms with air cooler	0
18.	Avg. area of the bedroom	7.93 m <sup>2</sup> , 14.74 m <sup>2</sup>
19.	Are all rooms supplied with mattress & Pillows	No

20.	No of beds in each room	50(1), 8 (2), 22 (3)
21.	No of rooms with TV	0
22.	No of Rooms with fans	80
23.	Is there WIFI connectivity within hostel?	Yes
24.	No of rooms with attached Kitchen	0
25.	No of Bath-attached rooms	0
<b>Kitchen</b>		
26.	Source of water	Corporation Water
27.	Is water available all the time?	Yes
28.	Water tank capacity	3000 liters
29.	No. of water purifiers present	Nil
30.	Total Floor space for Main Kitchen	65.83 m <sup>2</sup>
31.	Portion of area tiled	Full area
32.	Seating capacity of mess hall	50
33.	Dining room Area,	47.67 m <sup>2</sup>
34.	Arrangement for waste disposal, if any	Biogas Plant Installed
35.	Kind of Fuel in use for Kitchen	Gas
36.	No of staff engaged in cooking	3
37.	Is a Biogas Plant present if yes, capacity?	Yes
38.	Is there any weekly menu for food served ?	Yes
39.	Average Monthly rate of the mess	1500/-
<b>Toilets</b>		
40.	No. of Bathrooms	15
41.	No of Toilets	15
42.	No. of Toilets ( Indian Style)	14
43.	No. of Toilets ( European Style)	1
44.	No. of Toilets for physically handicapped	0
45.	Is there any one employed for cleaning of toilets	Yes
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
46.	No. of generator in use	No
47.	Lighting system used in Hostels	Bulbs, Tubes, CFL
48.	If there any restriction for Electricity usage?	No
49.	Is there sufficient space for washing & drying of clothes?	No
50.	Is there parking facility for Students vehicles?	No
51.	Any facility for indoor games?	Yes
52.	Any facility for outdoor games?	Yes
53.	When was the building last painted?	2010
54.	Rent of non A/C room	230
55.	Rent of A/C room	NA
56.	Amount to be paid as caution deposit.	800
57.	Concession for SC/ST or economically backward students ?	Yes
58.	Guest Room & Rent	No



## **2. Nila: PG Students' Hostel for Women, Kariavattom.**



<b>General</b>		
1.	Name of the Warden	Dr. S. Geethakumari
2.	Where is the Hostel situated	Kariavattom Campus
3.	When was the Hostel building built	2013
4.	Is there a compound Wall?	Yes
5.	Total built up area (in square meter)	5454 m <sup>2</sup>
6.	Is there any first aid facilities available in the Hostel	Yes
<b>Accommodation</b>		
7.	Total Number of Inmates permitted	151
8.	Current Strength of the Hostel	151
9.	Area per inmate	36.11 per m <sup>2</sup>
10.	Is there a Guest Lounge?	No
11.	Total No. of Rooms available in the Hostel	65
12.	No of rooms reserved for guests	Nil
13.	Is there a reading room for students?	Yes
14.	No. of rooms occupied	65
15.	No of empty rooms at present	Nil
16.	Standard No of persons per room	4, 2
17.	No. of rooms with air cooler	Nil
18.	Avg. area of the bedroom	8.2 m <sup>2</sup> , 19.76 m <sup>2</sup>
19.	Are all rooms supplied with mattress & Pillows	Yes
20.	No of beds in each room	4 & 2
21.	No of rooms with TV	Nil
22.	No of Rooms with fans	all rooms

23.	Is there WIFI connectivity within hostel?	Yes
24.	No of rooms with attached Kitchen	Nil
25.	No of Bath-attached rooms	1
<b>Kitchen</b>		
26.	Source of water	Corporation Water
27.	Is water available all the time?	Yes
28.	Water tank capacity	10,000 litre
29.	No. of water purifiers present	Nil
30.	Total Floor space for Main Kitchen	44.6 m <sup>2</sup>
31.	Portion of area tiled	Entire Area
32.	Seating capacity of mess hall	50
33.	Dining room Area,	63.53 m <sup>2</sup>
34.	Arrangement for waste disposal, if any	Nil
35.	Kind of Fuel in use for Kitchen	Gas
36.	No of staff engaged in cooking	3
37.	Is a Biogas Plant present if yes, capacity?	Nil
38.	Is there any weekly menu for food served	Yes
39.	Average Monthly rate of the mess	Rs. 1400/-
<b>Toilets</b>		
40.	No. of Bathrooms	25
41.	No of Toilets	25
42.	No. of Toilets ( Indian Style)	19
43.	No. of Toilets ( European Style)	6
44.	No. of Toilets for physically handicapped	Nil
45.	Is there any one employed for cleaning of toilets?	Yes
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
46.	No. of generators in use	Nil
47.	Lighting system used in Hostels	Tubes & CFL
48.	If there any restriction for Electricity usage?	No
49.	Is there sufficient space for washing & drying of clothes?	No
50.	Is there parking facility for Students vehicles?	No
51.	Any facility for indoor games?	Yes
52.	Any facility for outdoor games?	No
53.	When was the building last painted?	2013
54.	Rent of non A/C room	Rs. 212/-
55.	Rent of A/C room	NA
56.	Amount to be paid as caution deposit.	Rs. 800/-
57.	Concession for SC/ST or economically backward students?	Yes
58.	Guest room Rent	NA

### **3. Ganga: PG Students' Hostel for Women, Kariavattom**



<b>General</b>		
1.	Name of the Warden	Dr. S. Geethakumari
2.	Where is the Hostel situated	Kariavattom Campus
3.	When was the Hostel building built	NA
4.	Is there a compound Wall?	Yes
5.	Total built up area (in square meters)	2134 m <sup>2</sup>
6.	Is there any first aid facilities available in the Hostel?	Yes
<b>Accommodation</b>		
7.	Total Number of Inmates permitted	163
8.	Current Strength of the Hostel	163
9.	Area per inmate	13.09 per m <sup>2</sup>
10.	Is there a Guest Lounge?	No
11.	Total No. of Rooms available in the Hostel	81
12.	No of rooms reserved for guests	Nil
13.	Is there a reading room for students?	Yes
14.	No. of rooms occupied	81
15.	No of empty rooms at present	No
16.	Standard No of persons per room	Two
17.	No. of rooms with air cooler	NA
18.	Avg. area of the bedroom	10.08 m <sup>2</sup>
19.	Are all rooms supplied with mattress & Pillows?	No
20.	No of beds in each room	2

21.	No of rooms with TV	Nil
22.	No of Rooms with fans	81
23.	Is there WIFI connectivity within hostel?	Yes
24.	No of rooms with attached Kitchen	Nil
25.	No of Bath-attached rooms	1
<b>Kitchen</b>		
26.	Source of water	Corporation Water
27.	Is water available all the time?	Yes
28.	Water tank capacity	2000
29.	No. of water purifiers present	1
30.	Total Floor space for Main Kitchen	65.83 m <sup>2</sup>
31.	Portion of area tiled	Ground floor only
32.	Seating capacity	50
33.	Dining room Area,	62.73
34.	Arrangement for waste disposal, if any	Biogas Plant installed
35.	Kind of Fuel in use for Kitchen	Gas
36.	No of staff engaged in cooking	3
37.	Is a Biogas Plant present if yes, its capacity?	Yes
38.	Is there any weekly menu for food served ?	Yes
39.	Average Monthly rate of the mess	Rs. 1800/-
<b>Toilets</b>		
40.	No. of Bathrooms	28
41.	No of Toilets	28
42.	No. of Toilets ( Indian Style)	22
43.	No. of Toilets ( European Style)	8
44.	No. of Toilets for physically handicapped	Nil
45.	Is there any one employed for cleaning of toilets?	Yes
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
46.	No. of generators in use	Nil
47.	Lighting system used in Hostels	Tubes, CFL & Bulbs
48.	If there any restriction for Electricity usage?	No
49.	Is there sufficient space for washing & drying of clothes?	No
50.	Is there parking facility for Students vehicles?	No
51.	Any facility for indoor games?	Carroms & Chess
52.	Any facility for outdoor games?	Badminton Court
53.	When was the building last painted?	2010
54.	Rent of non A/C room	Rs. 212/- per month
55.	Rent of A/C room	Nil
56.	Amount to be paid as caution deposit.	RS. 800/-
57.	Concession for SC/ST or economically backward students	Yes
58.	Guest Room Rent	No



#### 4. Yamuna: University Women's Hostel, Thycaud



General		
1.	Name of the Warden	Jayalakshmy C.L
2.	Where is the Hostel situated	Thycaud (near Wom College)
3.	When was the Hostel building built	1963
4.	Is there a compound Wall?	Yes
5.	Total built up area (in square meters)	6507 m <sup>2</sup>
6.	Is there any first aid facilities available in the Hostel?	Yes
Accommodation		
7.	Total Number of Inmates permitted	354
8.	Current Strength of the Hostel	354
9.	Area per inmate	18.38 per m <sup>2</sup>
10.	Is there a Guest Lounge?	No
11.	Total No. of Rooms available in the Hostel	81
12.	No of rooms reserved for guests	Nil
13.	Is there a reading room for students?	Yes
14.	No. of rooms occupied	81
15.	No of empty rooms at present	No
16.	Standard No of persons per room	2,3,4 or 5
17.	Avg. area of the bedroom	2-9.21/3,4-23.10/5-27.30
18.	No. of rooms with air cooler	Nil
19.	Are all rooms supplied with mattress & Pillows?	Yes with beds

20.	No of beds in each room	2
21.	No of rooms with TV	Nil
22.	No of Rooms with fans	All
23.	Is there WIFI connectivity within hostel?	No
24.	No of rooms with attached Kitchen	Nil
25.	No of Bath-attached rooms	8
<b>Kitchen</b>		
26.	Source of water	Tube & Corporation Water
27.	Is water available all the time?	Yes
28.	Water tank capacity	20,000 (5000 litres,* 4)
29.	No. of water purifiers present	2
30.	Total Floor space for Main Kitchen	150 m <sup>2</sup>
31.	Portion of area tiled	3200.2 m <sup>2</sup>
32.	Dining room Area,	199.38m <sup>2</sup>
33.	Arrangement for waste disposal, if any	Nil
34.	Kind of Fuel in use for Kitchen	Gas & Conventional
35.	No of staff engaged in cooking	Contract
36.	Is a Biogas Plant present if yes, its capacity?	No
37.	Is there any weekly menu for food served ?	Yes
38.	Average Monthly rate of the mess	Rs. 45/Inmate/Day
<b>Toilets</b>		
39.	No. of Bathrooms	37
40.	No of Toilets	37
41.	No. of Toilets ( Indian Style)	29
42.	No. of Toilets ( European Style)	8
43.	No. of Toilets for physically handicapped	Two, 1 Euro, 1 Indian
44.	Is there any one employed for cleaning of toilets?	Yes
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
45.	No. of generators in use	Nil
46.	Lighting system used in Hostels	Tubes, CFL & Bulbs
47.	If there any restriction for Electricity usage?	Yes
48.	Is there sufficient space for washing & drying of clothes?	Yes
49.	Is there parking facility for Students vehicles?	No
50.	Any facility for indoor games?	No
51.	Any facility for outdoor games?	No details available
52.	When was the building last painted?	2010
53.	Rent of non A/C room	Rs. 80/- per month
54.	Rent of A/C room	Nil
55.	Amount to be paid as caution deposit.	General Rs. 1395/- SC/ST/OBC-Rs. 915/-
56.	Concession for SC/ST or economically backward students	Yes
57.	Guest Room Rent	Rs. 40/- per day.



## 5. Pampa: PG Students' Hostel for Men, Kariavattom



General		
1.	Name of the Warden	Dr. Mushtaq Ahmad
2.	Where is the Hostel situated	University Campus
3.	When was the Hostel building built	1968
4.	Is there a compound Wall?	No
5.	Total built up area (in square feet)	2948 m <sup>2</sup>
6.	Is there any first aid facilities available in the Hostel?	No
Accommodation		
7.	Total Number of Inmates permitted	110
8.	Current Strength of the Hostel	98
9.	Area per Inmate	30.08
10.	Is there a Guest Lounge?	Yes
11.	Total No. of Rooms available in the Hostel	110
12.	No of rooms reserved for guests	1
13.	Is there a reading room for students?	Yes
14.	No. of rooms occupied	98
15.	No of empty rooms at present	12
16.	Standard No of persons per room	1
17.	No. of rooms with air cooler	Nil
18.	Avg. area of the bedroom	NA
19.	Are all rooms supplies with beds,mattres & Pillows?	No
20.	No of beds in each room	1
21.	No of rooms with TV	Nil
22.	No of Rooms with fans	110

23	Is there WIFI connectivity within hostel?	Yes
24	No of rooms with attached Kitchen	Nil
25	No of Bath-attached rooms	1
<b>Kitchen</b>		
26	Source of water- Well or Corporation water	Both
27	Is water available all the time?	Yes
28	Water tank capacity	NA
29	No. of water purifiers present	1
30	Total Floor space for Main Kitchen	NA
31	Portion of area tiled	NA
32	Seating capacity of mess hall	NA
33	Dining room Area,	NA
34	Arrangement for waste disposal, if any	No
35	Kind of Fuel in use for Kitchen	Gas and Firewood
36	No of staff engaged in cooking	2
37	Is a Biogas Plant present if yes, its capacity	No
38	Is there any weekly menu for food served	Yes
39	Average Monthly rate of the mess	55
<b>Toilets</b>		
40	No. of Bathrooms	18
41	No of Toilets	22
42	No. of Toilets ( Indian Style)	18
43	No. of Toilets ( European Style)	4
44	No. of Toilets for physically handicapped	Nil
45	Is there any one employed for cleaning of toilets	Yes
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
46	No. of generator in use	Nil
47	Lighting system used in Hostels	Bulb, tubes,CFL & LED
48	If there any restriction for Electricity usage?	No
49	Space for washing & drying of clothes?	Yes
50	Is there parking facility for Students vehicles?	Yes
51	Any facility for indoor games?	No
52	Any facility for outdoor games?	Yes
53	When was the building last painted?	2009
54	Rent of non A/C room	230
55	Rent of A/C room	NA
56	Amount to be paid as caution deposit.	800
57	Concession for SC/ST or economically backward students	No
58	Rent for guests	Rs. 25/- per day

## 6. Periyar: Researchers' Hostel for Men, Kariavattom.



General		
1	Name of the Warden	Dr Mushtaq Ahmad
2	Where is the Hostel situated	University Campus
3	When was the Hostel building built	1977
4	Is there a compound Wall?	No
5	Total built up area (in square feet)	2872
6	Is there any first aid facilities available in the Hostel?	No
Accommodation		
7	Total Number of Inmates permitted	83
8	Current Strength of the Hostel	78
9	Area per inmate	36.82
10	Is there a Guest Lounge?	Yes
11	Total No. of Rooms available in the Hostel	83
12	No of rooms reserved for guests	2
13	Is there a reading room for students?	Yes
14	No. of rooms occupied	78
15	No of empty rooms at present	3
16	Standard No of persons per room	1
17	No. of rooms with air cooler	Nil
18	Avg. area of the bedroom	NA
19	Are all rooms supplied with beds, mattresses & Pillows	No
20	No of beds in each room	1
21	No of rooms with TV	Nil

22	No of Rooms with fans	83
23	Is there WIFI connectivity within hostel?	Yes
24	No of rooms with attached Kitchen	Nil
25	No of Bath-attached rooms	3
<b>Kitchen</b>		
26	Source of water - Well or Corporation water	Both
27	Is water available all the time	NA
28	Water tank capacity	Yes
29	No. of water purifiers present	NA
30	Total Floor space for Main Kitchen	1
31	Portion of area tiled	NA
32	Seating capacity	NA
33	Dining room Area,	NA
34	Arrangement for waste disposal, if any	NA
35	Kind of Fuel in use for Kitchen	Gas & Firewood
36	No of staff engaged in cooking	2
37	is a Biogas Plant present if yes, mention its capacity	No
38	IS there any weekly menu for food served at the hostel	Yes
39	Average Monthly rate of the mess	60
<b>Toilets</b>		
40	No. of Bathrooms	19
41	No of Toilets	25
42	No. of Toilets ( Indian Style)	13
43	No. of Toilets ( European Style)	12
44	No. of Toilets for physically handicapped	Nil
45	is there any one employed for cleaning of toilets	Yes
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
46	No. of generators in use	Nil
47	Lighting system used in Hostels	Bulbs Tubes & LEDs
48	If there any restriction for Electricity usage?	No
49	Is there sufficient space for washing & drying of clothes?	Yes
50	is there parking facility for Students vehicles?	No
51	Any facility for indoor games?	Yes
52	Any facility for outdoor games?	No
53	When was the building last painted?	NA
54	Rent of non A/C room	300
55	Rent of A/C room	No
56	Amount to be paid as caution deposit.	800
57	concession for SC/ST or economically backward students	No
58	is there a chance of availing a room for a guests if so rent	Rs. 25/- per day



## **7. University Teachers Hostel, Kariavattom.**



<b>General</b>		
1.	Name of the Warden	Dr. Mustaq Ahmad
2.	When was the Hostel building built	1968
3.	Total built up area (in square feet)	1503 square meters
4.	Total Number of Inmates permitted	25
5.	Current Strength of the Hostel	25
6.	Is there a Guest Lounge?	Yes
<b>Accommodation</b>		
7.	Total No. of Rooms available in the Hostel?	25, all bath attached
8.	Type of accommodation	Bachelor accommodation
9.	No. of rooms occupied	25
10.	No of Rooms with fans	25
11.	Is there WIFI connectivity within hostel?	No
12.	No of rooms with attached Kitchen	4
13.	Is there mess facility?	No mess service
14.	Is a Biogas Plant present if yes, mention its capacity	Yes
<b>Toilets</b>		
15.	No of Toilets	26(6 Indian, 20 European)
16.	No. of Toilets for physically handicapped	Nil
17.	Is there Labourer employed for cleaning of toilets	No
<b>Miscellaneous</b>		
18.	Sufficient space for washing & drying of clothes?	Yes
19.	Any facility for games?	Yes, Outdoor games
20.	When was the building last painted?	2009
21.	Amount to be paid as caution deposit.	1000

## 8. International Youth Hostel, PMG Junction, Tvpm.



1.	Name of the Warden	The Registrar, UoK
2.	Where is the Hostel situated	PMG Jn
3.	When was the Hostel building built	20.03.2000
4.	Total Number of Inmates permitted	110
5.	Current Strength of the Hostel	Non continuous-stay
6.	is there a Guest Lounge	Yes
7.	Total No. of Rooms available in the Hostel	36
8.	No. of rooms with air cooler	No
9.	Rooms supplies with beds,mattres & Pillows?	No
10.	No of beds in each room	DOR-20, SR-1, OR-20, CH-7
11.	No of rooms with TV	No
12.	No of Rooms with fans	All
13.	Is there WIFI connectivity within hostel	No
14.	No of Bath-attached rooms	2
15.	Source of water	Well & Corporation Water
16.	Water tank capacity	3000 litres
17.	No. of water purifiers present	1
18.	Arrangement for waste disposal, if any	Yes
19.	No. of Bathrooms	15
20.	No of Toilets	18 (Ind-12, Euro-6)
21.	No. of Toilets for physically handicapped	Nil
22.	Is there any one employed for cleaning of toilets	Yes
23.	Lighting system used in Hostels	Tube
24.	Sufficient space for washing & drying of clothes?	Yes
25.	When was the building last painted?	2009 December
26.	Rent of non A/C room	SR-150/-, DR-250/- DRA-300/-, DH-550

DR – Double Room; DOR – Dormitory; DRA – Double Room Attached DH – Dining Hall; SR – Single Room ; CH – Conference Hall



## **9. Sports Hostel, GV Raja Pavilion, PMG, Tvpdm.**



A sports hostel has been working in the G.V Raja Pavilion since June 2007 with the financial assistance of the Kerala State Sports Council. The University is providing the space for the working of Sports Hostel in the G.V Raja Pavilion. The admission to the hostel is done by the Sports Council after a sport performance selection trials conducted statewide in football and athletics.

Food is provided to the inmates of the hostel free of cost by the Sports Council. A mess is functioning in the stadium premises for the purpose. There are 37 inmates in the hostel, who are students of the University College, M.G College and St.Xavier's College.

University has no financial commitment in this regard as the Coaches, food and other expenses of the inmates are met by the Sports Council.

## Appendix

### Extract on Hostels from History of University of Kerala by Prof A. Sreedhara Menon

The University had provided facilities for the accommodation of students. In 1938 -379 students were living in the Collegiate Hostel and 32 in the College Hostel for women. The Board of Physical Education under the University started a Students' hall in the barracks opposite to the University playground which provided reasonably cheap and adequate board and lodging to about 50 students. The University had also a scheme of recognizing hostels run by private agencies. The University had also made a system for the regular inspection of the residence of students by the teaching staff. In 1961-62 The University transferred the hostels under its control in Trivandrum to the Government.

"The Hostels recognized by the University fall into two categories: (1) Hostels maintained by private colleges. It is also seen that the Syndicate had also a scheme for giving building grants to recognized Hostels. Thus at its meeting on January 9, 1959 it sanctioned a sum of Rs. 11,300/- as building grant to the YWCA Hostel, Tiruvalla. In 1958, the University had been offered a loan of Rs. 1, 00,000 by the UGC for construction of hostels. The Principal, College for Women, Trivandrum requested the University that a Hostel for Women may be constructed at Trivandrum out of this loan sanctioned to the University by the UGC. The Education Secretary to Government informed the University that Government are agreeable to place at the disposal of the University, the land required for the construction of the hostel near the Women's College campus. Land required for the construction of the Hostel is placed by the Government at the disposal of the University, free of cost. The Government having agreed to the suggestion, the new University Hostel for Women, Thycaud, was built and commissioned in 1963. In 1968, a Men's Hostel, a Women's Hostel and a Teachers' Hostel were commissioned in the Karyavattom Campus. An additional Women's Hostel and an Additional Men's Hostel were also built. The Teachers' Hostel was also used in the early stages to accommodate Research Scholars as there were not sufficient numbers of teachers seeking accommodation in it. Established in 1963, the University Women's Hostel, Thycaud, provides accommodation to 340 women students studying in the various colleges in Trivandrum city, especially in the adjacent Women's College. It had since its inception the following wardens.

Mrs. Annamma Mathew	1963-68
Mrs. M.A.Thankamma	1968-73
Dr. Celine Mathew	1973 onwards

The amenities provided in the hostel in 1987 included the following:

1. Visiting Medical Officer and a Resident Nurse for ensuring medical care of the students.
2. Indoor games-carams, table tennis
3. Outdoor games-ring tennis, shuttle cock
4. Newspapers and magazines and a small library
5. Television
6. For cooking-gas and mixie

Discipline is maintained by the Warden with the help of Resident Tutors who are teachers in local Government Colleges. The Hostel Union committee elected by the students consists of the President, the Secretary, the Treasurer, the Mess Secretaries (Vegetarian and Non-Vegetarian)

Sanitation, Arts and Sports Secretaries, Librarian and Ward Representatives. They organize extra-curricular and the common activities of the Hostel.

### **University Hostel for Women, Kariavattom**

The Women's Hostel at Kariavattom started functioning in December 1968. Prof. J. Bhageerathy Amma was the first warden. In the beginning, the strength of the inmates was only 35, though the number of rooms was 80. In October 1973, Prof. Bhageerathi Amma left the Hostel and S. Omanakutty Amma, the present Warden, took charge. An Additional Women's Hostel for Research Scholars and MPhil students was constructed in 1978 with 51 rooms. Due to heavy rush in recent times 30 more additional cots were provided in the old hostel to accommodate 30 more students belonging to the MA/MSc classes. In 1987, the total strength of the two hostels together was 164 (113+51). The administration of the hostel is being carried out by the Warden with the help of the office staff and Matron. Sports facilities such as table tennis, shuttle cock and caroms are also available to the students. The General Body meetings are conducted in every month or whenever necessary to discuss the needs and other grievances of the inmates. A Hostel Secretary and other office bearers are elected for the smooth running of the hostel mess and organizing other activities of the students. The MA/MSc hostel mess is run by a Contractor on contract basis while the Additional Women's Hostel mess is run by the research students themselves. The discipline among the inmates of the Hostel has been uniformly good and hence the academic record of the Hostel is excellent with ranks and first classes every year. Excursions and hostel day celebrations are a common feature of hostel life.

### **Men's Hostels and Teachers' Hostel, Kariavattom**

The University Men's Hostel, the Additional Hostel for Men and the Teachers' Hostel in the Kariavattom Campus form a single complex for administrative purpose, all the three being under the charge of the same Warden. The details of the year of establishment of these Hostels and their enrollment strength in 1987 are given below:

Hostel	Year Est	Strength
University Men's Hostel	1968	80
Additional Men's Hostel	1977	110
Teacher's Hostel	1968	20 Single Rooms and 4 Family Units

The succession list of Wardens of these Hostels since their establishment is given below:

1.	Dr. A. N. Namboodiri	1968-1970
2.	Dr. R. Ramakrishnan Nair	1970-1971
3.	Dr. Y. Sitaraman	1971-1972
4.	Dr. V. R. Prabodhachandran Nair	1972-1973
5.	Dr. G. Anil Das	1973-1976
6.	Dr. Jose Chander	1976-1978
7.	Dr. M. A. Ittyachan	1978-1980
8.	Prof. K. Raman Pillai	1980 continues

Facilities are available in the Hostel for Indoor games like Carroms, Chess, Table Tennis and Outdoor games like Shuttle Cock, Volley Ball, Foot Ball and Badminton. There is a black and white TV in the common room in the Men's Hostel and a colour TV in the common room in the Additional Men's Hostel.

There are Resident Tutors who have been appointed to look after the day-to-day problems of the inmates. Three Security Guards have been posted to take care of the security problems of the hostel. They are on duty round the clock. In both the Men's Hostel and the Additional Men's Hostel the mess is run by the inmates on the basis of dividing system. Mess Secretaries are elected every month to run the mess. In order to verify the stock and guide the Mess Secretaries in running the mess, a Mess Committee consisting of three experienced persons is appointed for a period of three months. General problems relating to the mess are discussed and finalized by the Mess Secretaries and the Mess Committee Representatives of the inmates re elected to be in charge of sports, cleaning and newspapers. Cultural Evenings are arranged by CATA (Cultural and Talents Association). Eminent Scientist, Poets, Artists etc. are invited frequently under the auspices of CATA to address the inmates. An effective NSS Unit is functioning in the Campus. Most of the NSS volunteers including the Office bearers are inmates of the Hostel. Through their conscientious and dedicated work, the campus has been beautified by clearing the bushes and laying out roads inside the campus. Once in six months, the inmates of the Hostel clean the Hostel and its premises through 'Sramdan'. Hostel days are celebrated almost every year with great enthusiasm. Variety entertainments by the inmates form the major part of the celebrations. In the University Examinations, first few ranks are always bagged by the inmates of the Hostels. A large number of them are occupying very important positions in the fields of science, art, literature, journalism and administration.



