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## Provenance

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## Executive summary

"The Tamil North-East does not only lose people. It loses the knowledge those people carry."

This dossier asks a question that no other surface in the TLTE corpus owns as its primary subject: what happens to the graduates of the Tamil North-East — born there, schooled there, trained at Tamil-medium universities — and why have they not returned to staff the civilian administration of their own region?

The answer, on the cited record, is that there is no civilian administration to enter. Demilitarisation alone replaces troops with vacuum. The civilian-administration vacuum is the actual cost of the post-2009 settlement. Graduates leave because the demand-side does not exist; the system that pushed them out remains, ungoverned by them.

This dossier sits inside the broader Vadakkilangai · North-East Civic Reset cluster. The cluster's trigger case is the June 2026 PTA arrest of Tamil rapper Sangeethsan Ganeskumar in Kilinochchi — the system becoming visible. The dossier addresses the structural condition the visible arrest sits inside.

## 01 · Summary points

1. District-level youth unemployment is highest in Kilinochchi at 20.3% (Univ. of Peradeniya), more than double the national average. The Northern Province average is 14.5%. Eastern Province district figures are not in the same record and require separate work.
2. The structural baseline is documented at Tier A: World Bank WPS 8355 (Newhouse & Silwal, Feb 2018) and the World Bank Socio-Economic Assessment of Conflict-Affected Northern and Eastern Provinces (April 2018, AUS0000106). Both pre-date the 2022 economic crisis.
3. Land non-return compounds the labour problem: Verité Research found Sri Lanka 'only partly met' its UNHRC Resolution 30/1 commitment, with 'a significant number of civilians remain[ing] displaced.' CPA's 2025 figure of 672 acres released is the honesty-index counterweight.
4. The administration that does exist is militarised: ACPR/PEARL (2017) documented a 1:2 troop-t

## 02 · Introduction · scope · methodology

The Graduate Return Index (GRI) is added as the seventh named structural model in the Case mathematics organ at </case/mathematics/gri>. It is a simple bounded ratio:

GRI is descriptive, not predictive. It is an aggregation device for existing University Grants Commission (UGC), district secretariat, and provincial council establishment data. TLTE never publishes its own number. Anyone can compute GRI from the same sources.

Falsifier: if UGC + district secretariat data show GRI converging on the all-island ratio of graduates-in-public-administration, the graduate-displacement branch of the Vadakkilangai argument is rebutted.

### **03 · Section I · structural record**

Demilitarisation is necessary. It is not sufficient. The replacement architecture is published as a target at /vadakkilangai/cloud-civil-administration: six access layers (Public · Citizen · Officer · Oversight · Protected-Evidence · Research), local-first, Tamil-medium first, audit-ready, graduate-powered.

TLTE does not host, operate, or govern any of these layers. The published target is the legitimacy move. The six layers are Ring 2 specifications — they may inform statutory design conversations conducted by accredited bodies, never TLTE-operated systems.

The spec is tested against the six commitments of the Hybrid Nation Doctrine (no standing army · transparency-native economy · distributed authority · reversibility · visible process · Tamil-language access) and against international reference standards (UN E-Government Survey 2024 · OECD Government at a Glance 2023 · IDDRS Mo

### **04 · Section II · current operational picture**

- Aggregate a TLTE total of N-E graduates outside the N-E. - Recommend UK / EU / Canadian / Australian return-corridor visa categories or numeric caps. - Name individual graduates, employers, recruiters, or ministry officials. - Claim TLTE delivers a graduate-return programme, knowledge-partnership component, or cloud-administration service.

### **05 · Section III · comparative frame**

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### **06 · Conclusions · policy implications**

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