

Documentation of Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College
(Interim report)

Project Title	Documentation of Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College
Project No	NF/PG/2024/0009
Project Location:	Sri Lanka
Project Duration:	1 year
Project Budget:	LKR 148,900.00
Implementing Organization:	Noolaham Foundation
Main Stakeholders	Sivakamy Ambalavanar , Abirami Kailasapathy

Noolaham Foundation

The Noolaham Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization (GA 2390) established to enhance access to information sources and promote knowledge-based development in Sri Lanka. The Foundation operates an online digital library, facilitates information preservation programs, provides technical guidance and assistance for digitization initiatives, and actively engages in awareness-raising campaigns. Additionally, it coordinates a range of fundraising activities and collaborates with other organizations and individuals to achieve its mission.

The Noolaham Foundation maintains a free Internet library [www.noolaham.org] and Archive [www.noolaham.media], which serve as a learning center that incorporates local knowledge and enables social interaction to achieve constructive social outcomes. These platforms function as repositories for various institutions and fulfill the information needs of students, researchers, historians, activists, and the general public. Volunteers of the Noolaham Foundation actively participate in its activities globally and have established Noolaham chapters in their respective countries to further the Foundation's mission of preserving and sharing knowledge.

Project Summary

The Noolaham Foundation is working on a number of projects to document and archive the writings of the Tamil-speaking populations of Sri Lanka. In that respect this school bears witness to a very long history of Sri Lanka. So Through this project it is very important to document the school and preserve this school's documents.

Goal

Documenting and preserving the overall history of the school by locating and documenting school related documents and identifying personalities associated with the school's history and recording their oral histories .

Objectives

- Identification and documentation of documents in the Jaffna Hindu Ladies College and exchange them across two institutions (Noolaham Foundation and Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College).
- Identify school-based personalities and record their oral histories.
- All documents are documented and preserved and linked to a project portal that is accessible to all.

Achievements

Type of Documents	Numbers
Documents	66
Oral history	10
Personalities	09
Photographs	46
Organization	03
Blogs	36

- So far, under this project, publications of Jaffna Hindu Women's College such as Malarum Malai, Vanika vathai, Prize giving ceremony magazines, and Shakti have been collected and digitized.

[Publications of Yarl Hindu ladies college](#)

- Under this project, oral histories have been obtained from 2 principals, 2 teachers, and 6 alumni of the college so far and have been uploaded to the website.

[Oral Histories](#)

- We have also contacted the Old Girls Association in Sri Lanka, Canada, and Australia to obtain information.
- In addition, college-related blogs published on websites such as Wikipedia, Facebook, Yarl Devi, and Supeetsham Tamil have also been identified and linked.

[Blogs](#)

Challenges

- The fundamental challenge of this project is that it lacks its own digitization equipment. To carry on the project effectively, there is a need to buy an A4 scanner.
- It will be a bit of a challenge to identify and record the oral history of the old students, teachers and principals of this school with such a long history.

Recommendations:

- Creating a comprehensive list of the documents and digitization methods for Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College books and materials.

Conclusion.

The Documentation of Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College Project should be completed as a completed project by documenting and preserving the overall history of the school by locating and documenting school related documents and identifying personalities associated with the school's history and recording their oral histories .

Project portal

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