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Noolaham Foundation in Discussion and Exhibition event



Mr. Seran Sivananthamoorthy, Director of Noolaham foundation, addressed on 'Foundation's history and growth' on the second day of the two-day event program, 'Discussion & exhibition' which was jointly conducted by 'Asia Art archive' and 'Raking Leaves'.



Mr. S. Seran, Director of Noolaham Foundation at his speech

He clearly put forward on, the progressive path of the foundation abolishing all the barriers while constructing the foundation and how the foundation travels towards the future goals and its service for public.

'Pallikoodam' project in 41st Literary Assembly

Various matters were discussed on various topics at this 41st Literary Assembly held on 20th and 21st of July in Jaffna. Mr. Sureshkumar Kanthasamy, coordinator of 'Pallikoodam' project, explained about 'Pallikoodam' on the second day-morning session of the assembly. In his address, he stated that 'Pallikoodam' aims to create a virtual platform that supports and empowers students at the grass-roots level within the Tamil speaking communities in Sri Lanka and promote education as an avenue to strengthen the democratic foundations of society by combining formal education with alternative forms of education. Mr. Thiruvarangan Mahendran put forward the basic concepts of this project and on how to carry them forward.



This event was chaired by Mr. Rajeshkumar Chinnaiya (Ragavan).

It was discussed on how this project is designed to reach the students with less facility and to carry out not only the formal education but also the informal education with the focus to reach the students. Prominent writers, educationalists, philologists and more participated at the assembly.

Mathematics and Science subject Pilot Examination Seminar for G.C.E O/L students

A pilot examination seminar for the G.C.E O/L backward students from 15 districts of Sri Lanka in the subjects of mathematics and science has been determined to be conducted co-jointly by Noolaham foundation's pallikoodam project and Uva-Wellasa University Tamil students.

The agreement was signed on 19th September at the Noolaham foundation's Colombo office. Mr. Sanjayan Selvamanickam from 'Noolaham-Norway' handed over a cheque to the President of the seminar organizing committee while participating in this event. "Pallikoodam project will provide its contribution to this seminar in future as well"- stated Mr. K. Sureshkumar, coordinator of the 'Pallikoodam' project.



A.Arunraj (Representative of Uva-Wellasa University), S.Sanjayan (Noolaham-Norway), K.Sureshkumar (Coordinator- Pallikoodam), S.Seran (Director-Noolaham)

'Noolaham Foundation' patrons colligation

Many have been supportive to the Noolaham foundation which has been driven on the basis of volunteers' service. Followings are participating as the patrons in that basis.

Mr. Rathina Iyer Pathmanaba Iyer

Prof. Sivasubramanian Pathmanathan

Prof. Sinniah Mounaguru

Dr. Selvi Thiruchandran

Prof. Macbool Alimmohamed Nuhman

Prof. Somasundram Sandrasegaram

Prof. Sabharatnam Jeyarasa

Prof. Paramu Pushparatnam

Noolaham Foundation's next step related to Tamil OCR

Noolaham Foundation has joined as a digitizing technical contributor in the 'Tamil OCR' work plan which is being jointly conducted by the

Computer Science department of Jaffna University and the School of Computing of Colombo University.

This is the testing effort taken to create a Tamil OCR mechanism through Google 'Tesseract' technology. Very old 1000 Tamil documents has been digitized and tested through this mechanism. OCR, usually referred to Optical Character Recognition, is the mechanical or electronic conversion of scanned or photoed images of typewritten or printed text into machine-encoded or computer-readable text.

Dr. E. Y. A. Charles, Head of Computer Science Department, University of Jaffna expressed his interest in working jointly with Noolaham Foundation in creating a complete 'Tamil OCR' mechanism at the initiative event of this work plan. According to this, Noolaham foundation has given the digitized version of the books received from Jaffna University and some old books which were with the foundation itself to this work plan.



Dr. E. Y. A. Charles, Head of Computer Science Department, University of Jaffna at Noolaham Office

Working Committee for Up-country Archive

A Working Committee was formed with the focus of developing the up country Archive. Senior writer Thelivaththai Joseph, Mr. Mayilvaganam Thilagar (Malliyappusanthi), Mrs. Rathika Perumaal Thinakaran (Lunugala Sri), Mr. V. Thinakaran, Mr. M. A.Al-Azoomath and Mr. Lenin Mathyvanam are taking part in this group. A meeting with these people was held on 28th September at the Noolaham foundation. It was discussed deeply about the activities of documenting up-country documents.

Mr. Seran Sivananthamoorthy, Director and the foundation volunteers were participated on behalf of Noolaham in the discussion. Technical explanations regarding scanning were provided by the foundation staffs. It is intended to have the discussions



on documenting up-country documents to the people in up country and to start the work plan very soon.

Practice on 'Team Building & Integration'



The staff, their family members and the volunteers of Noolaham foundation organized 'Horton Plains Journey' for the first time. Each and every one's introduction and the unity in working as a team were understood during this journey. This journey was set like a platform to practice team building and integration. Members of the foundation proved the need and essentials of team unity at each and every situation of the journey.

Noolaham Foundation's 2nd progressive step

Noolaham foundation which is being driven by the effort of volunteers and the helps extended by the well-wishers has successfully passed many milestones in its past 8 years. It appointed advisor, Mr. S. Shanmugapriyan from 27th of August and a mentoring workshop was conducted under his facilitation in the focus of re-engineering overall management of Noolaham foundation to cater the current requirement raised on the road map.

On this background, Noolaham foundation plans to enter into its new phase from the 1st of November.

About Noolaham...

"The need of Noolaham is the need of community. On that basis, working in these work plans gives me a great satisfaction to my mind. Noolaham should do more. Everyone should contribute to that too."- said

Mr. G. Sarveswaran,
University of Jaffna.

"This is such a wonderful undertaking. I am amazed that you could do so much with so little. Keep up the good work and let's work towards getting Noolaham Foundation in the Tamil speaking community." -said

Dr. Nanda Nanthakumar,
Associate Professor,
VA Tech, USA.

Virtual learning platform for Tamil Students

'Vision Global Empowerment' organization has helped the 'Pallikoodam' project which was founded by the Noolaham Foundation last year. The project which was started with the focus to fulfill the educational need of Tamil speaking students of Sri Lanka and in which starting a virtual learning platform, introducing it to the Tamil speaking students and making available the facilities for the students to

evaluate themselves are going to be fulfilled by this help.

Noolaham foundation has established its office to carry out the 'Pallikoodam' project in Jaffna Kaddapirai, Point Pedro road. The information regarding 'Pallikoodam' project can be obtained from the website address, www.epallikoodam.org.

We'll document ourselves..!

- Have you ever heard British-Sri Lankan government calling out to introduce tea in the morning time for free of charge when Tamil people don't have the custom?
- Do you know medicine and astrology are in Tamil?
- Do you know about the arrival and life style of up country Tamils?
- Some may answer 'Yes' for these questions.
- **How?**

They were in the books they read and learnt.

If the life styles and the resources of the Sri Lankan Tamil speaking community are unceasingly registered and protected only, the upgrade of knowledge and the expansion of thoughts will be structured through the successive generations. If not, we all will become the reason to create a backward generation from the world's conformability which will make out of knowledge, only from the beginning again and again. Documentation should not only be determined by the authority but also by each and every person. Then only, 'Thanjai periya kovil was not built by Rajaraja Chola, but he made it built with the help of thousands of people and artists' will come to know to the people.

Hence, documenting their life style and the knowledge should increase in people's intentions. Noolaham Foundation is there to give support. All the people are the contributors to the Foundation which is being driven by the great effort of volunteers.

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Writers can contact us to share their books with our digital library and any old books (if they have any) related to Tamils to preserve and share it with Tamil enthusiasts all over the world through following means.

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