

## **Documentation of Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College**

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### **History of Hindu Ladies College - Jaffna**

The Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College was started on a Friday in September 1943 with 5 teachers and 110 students at Thiruvalar Ponnuchami's residence on Kasthuriyar Road, Vanniyampathi. Motivated by a desire to have a school for girls in Jaffna, it came into existence in 1944 in a 40-acre central garden with a Ganesha temple donated by Mrs. Visaladchi Ammaiyar.

The college began to gain popularity in 1945 when Ms. Genma Rani Chirambalam and American lady Ms. Clara Modvani served as principals from 1946 to 1948. New students started coming to the college and students started showing more interest in learning English subject specially and speaking English language. On 14.6.1947 the hostel for the college was formally managed. This period can be considered as the beginning of the development of the college as more than hundred students joined the college. The Alumni Association was established in the year 1947 and today the association is a fully developed organization contributing to the development of the college.

Over time, the school focused on all its fields and taught subjects such as architecture and handicrafts. Due to this, the grade was raised as a second grade school and the number of students increased to 1100. The library is also well equipped to meet the complete needs of the student. From 1954 to 1975, more students were selected for the high-ranking university arts department, and during this period a few students were also selected for the medical department.

In 1962, the college was handed over to the government. This marked a turning point in the history of the college. From 1976 to 1986, there was an increase in the number of students admitted to the university, not only in science but also in medicine. From 1977 to 1990, they won first place in district-level English-Tamil competitions and scientific quiz competitions and claimed gold medals for themselves.

From the year 1978, the section with classes from preschool to fifth year began to function separately under the name of Hindu Girls Primary School. Today the school has grown into a first grade school with 84 teachers and 2229 students.

### **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.

### **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:**

- Allocate the funds to buy equipment for this project ( A4 scanner and camera).
- 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 .

## Budget

| Details of Expenditure                 | Unit cost | Unit  | Quantity | Total            | Noolaham Foundation Contribution | Donor Contribution |
|--|-----------|-------|----------|------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
| <b>Human Resource</b>                  |           |       |          | <b>1,270,416</b> | <b>550,416</b>                   | <b>720,000</b>     |
| Field Researcher                       | 60,000    | Staff | 12       | 720,000          |                                  | 720,000            |
| Digital Preservation Officer 2 Numbers | 37,280    | Staff | 12       | 447,360          | 447,360                          |                    |
| Programme Manager 10%                  | 8,588     | Staff | 12       | 103,056          | 103,056                          |                    |
| <b>Equipments</b>                      |           |       |          | <b>1,559,950</b> | <b>0</b>                         | <b>1,559,950</b>   |
| A4 Scanner                             | 255,600   | Nos   | 1        | 255,600          |                                  | 255,600            |
| Camera                                 | 279,900   | Nos   | 1        | 279,900          |                                  | 279,900            |
| Hard disk                              | 55,450    | Nos   | 1        | 55,450           |                                  | 55,450             |
| Laptop                                 | 315,000   | Nos   | 1        | 315,000          |                                  | 315,000            |
| Computer                               | 290,000   | Nos   | 1        | 290,000          |                                  | 290,000            |
| Scaled Tripoard                        | 280,000   | Nos   | 1        | 280,000          |                                  | 280,000            |
| Battery                                | 12,000    | Nos   | 2        | 24,000           |                                  | 24,000             |
| Memory card                            | 15,000    | Nos   | 1        | 15,000           |                                  | 15,000             |
| Recorder                               | 45,000    | Nos   | 1        | 45,000           |                                  | 45,000             |
| <b>Sub Total</b>                       |           |       |          | <b>2,830,366</b> | <b>550,416</b>                   | <b>2,279,950</b>   |
| 12% Admin Cost                         |           |       |          | 537,740          | 537,740                          |                    |
| <b>Grant Total</b>                     |           |       |          | <b>3,368,106</b> | <b>1,638,572</b>                 | <b>2,817,690</b>   |

