# ANNUAL REPORT 2023



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# Message From The Chairman

As the Chairman of the Noolaham Foundation, I would like to share my message with you all at this moment, along with a review of the achievements during the year 2023.

First and foremost, I would like to convey my gratitude to all the members of the Board of Directors, the Head of the Organizations, volunteers, stakeholders, and staff who contributed in various ways to uplift the quality of the Noolaham Foundation according to its mission, which aims to document and preserve knowledge, properties, and values of all spheres related to Sri Lankan Tamil speaking communities.

In 2023, board members contributed to Regular Finance, Process Mentorship, Project Mentorship, Theme Mentorship, Collaborate Partnership, Project Sales and Project Ownership, Workshops, Seminars, Meetings, and Events, Active Volunteers (mentors and co-mentors), and Sustainable Fund Raisers. We acknowledge with gratitude the support of 24 collaborative organizations this year.

17 projects' documents were uploaded to our website, and we started six new projects this year. As well, six projects were successfully completed with the support of Noolaham staff, volunteers, and other stakeholders.

The Noolaham Foundation had reached its 19th year with an outstanding record of achievement by the end of 2023.

In 2022, more borrowed documents became available than donated documents at the Noolaham, and 1,313 documents were donated in Jaffna, the Upcountry, Batticaloa, and Kilinochchi. Throughout this year, 30,871 and 278,628 new users, respectively, visited the aavanaham and Noolaham websites.

The Noolaham Foundation has begun virtual talks around four primary themes: projects, research, rare documents, and pipeline initiatives. The traditional harvest festival of "Thai Pongal" and 19 years of the Noolaham Foundation were celebrated with enthusiasm on Sunday, January 15, 2023, at the foundation's office, No. 55, Somasundaram Lane, Chundukuli

A photographic documentation workshop for volunteers was organized on April 2 (Sunday) from 9.30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the organization in Somasundaram, Chundikuli, Jaffna, with the purpose of strengthening the documentation process of the organization.

The Noolaham Foundation took part in the trade fair organized by Jaffna University on March 3, 2023.

It also took part in the Batticaloa Book Festival, which took place on April 28–29, from 09:15 a.m. to 07:15 p.m., held by the Batticaloa Municipal Public Library and the Eastern Provincial Cultural Affairs Department's Batticaloa headquarters.

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Tamil Parliament, the organization also participated in the Vanni's book culture festival held at the Vavuniya Suddhananda Hindu Youth Sangam Hall on June 24th and 25th.

The Noolaham Foundation received the "Reverend Timothy MF Long Memorial Award" for the year 2023 from the Venmary Foundation.

With the experience gained in the last few years and with proper planning, we should be able to progress twice as fast as in the past, provided we have more financial contributions. I would encourage and welcome more well-wishers to support this organization by making generous financial contributions.

Finally, I trust more volunteers, authors, and publishers will come forward to help build up this organization efficiently and faster in the coming years.

I wish Noolaham Foundation All Success!

R. Pathmanaba Iyer Chairman Noolaham Foundation.

# Mission

Noolaham Foundation's mission is to document and preserve knowledge, properties and values of all spheres related to the Sri Lankan Tamil speaking communities, make such knowledge accessible to all and capacitate communities to engage in knowledge building and learning.

# Main Objectives of Noolaham Foundation

Noolaham Foundation endeavors to:

Document, preserve and digitally archive ethnography and knowledge bases of mainstream and marginalized communities including dialects, belief systems, myths, rituals, folklore, games, indigenous medicine, law and administrative systems, technologies and arts.

Engage in and support preservation and digital archiving of written, print, multi-media and electronic resources related to Sri Lankan Tamil speaking communities.

Provide knowledge and information services to ensure free and open access, thereby supporting educational, research and development endeavors related to Sri Lankan Tamil speaking communities.

Build communities of practice, processes, technologies and standards of archival, library and information sciences through communication, networking and collaboration.

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# **Guiding Principles**

#### Unity

Entities of Noolaham Foundation shall exist in different geographical, legal and political territories. Noolaham Foundation always ensures unity in its strategic framework, design, program, budget and communications.

#### **Diversity**

Diversity, inclusivity and pluralism are at the core of our mission. Noolaham Foundation recognizes and energetically affirms the dignity of those it serves, regardless of gender, sexual orientation, social background, religion/irreligion, place of origin, age, physical or mental capabilities. Noolaham Foundation is committed to these values in its organizational governance, programs and collections.

#### **Openness**

As the driving force of Noolaham Foundation is centered on open data, open access and open knowledge, it does not charge end-users for accessing its archives. End-users should not use the contents for individual or corporate economic gain.

#### **Transparency**

Noolaham Foundation strives to be open and transparent in all of its operations. Our commitment includes detailed accounting, project and annual reports, timely dissemination of information and responsiveness to requests for information.

### Unbiased

Noolaham Foundation is an unbiased entity. While it engages volunteers from different political thoughts and parties, it does not allow volunteers to use the Noolaham Foundation for their political engagement and leverage. Noolaham Foundation shall take appropriate measures to prevent it from being politicized or labeled.

## Volunteerism

Volunteerism is the basis for all Noolaham Foundation operations. The Annual Work Plan will be formulated emphasizing volunteer contribution in order to optimize the operational overheads and performance targets for each team.

#### Collaboration

Noolaham promotes synergy among similar organizations in digital documentation and preservation, thereby avoiding duplication and repetition of work. Noolaham Foundation shall collaborate with institutions when such collaboration optimizes Noolaham's productivity.

#### **Participation**

Broadening and strengthening the participation of the stakeholders of Noolaham Foundation is part and parcel of the Noolaham culture. It consults with stakeholders regarding policies and decisions that affect the business of Noolaham Foundation.

#### 1. Introduction

Noolaham Foundation is a non-profit, charitable organization (GA 2390) founded to provide enhanced access to information sources and foster knowledge-based development in Sri Lanka. It maintains an online digital library, facilitates information preservation programmes, provides financial assistance and technical guidance for digitization initiatives, and actively participates in awareness-raising campaigns. It also co-ordinates a range of fund-raising activities and collaborates with other organizations and individuals. The free Internet library [www.noolaham.org] and Archive [www.aavanaham.org] maintained by the Foundation serves as a learning center incorporating local knowledge and enabling social interaction with a view to achieving constructive social outcomes. It functions as a repository for various institutions, and fulfills the information needs of students, researchers, historians, activists and the public. Volunteers of Noolaham Foundation engage with Noolaham Activities globally and establish Noolaham chapters in their respective countries to achieve the mission of the Foundation.

# **Organizational Structure**

Noolaham Foundation is a community digital library and a community digital archive. Community leadership, stewardship and ownership are key organizing principles for the organization. Noolaham Foundation encourages a collaborative-leadership framework whereby contributors lead one another to achieve organizational and community goals. We steward community resources consciously to support social justice and knowledge based community development of all the communities we serve.

All of Noolaham Foundation's ongoing activities have been organized into sectors, and sectors into processes. In addition, Noolaham Foundation undertakes time bound projects. Each process and project with the exception of governance, governance board meeting, and resource mobilization processes are managed by staff. Volunteers in Sri Lankan and diaspora contribute to processes and projects as process/project mentors, subject matter experts and contributors. Staff and volunteers of a process or project together consist of the team for that process or project. A Processed/Project Based Management (PBM) has been adopted to effectively manage Noolaham endeavors to serve the community needs. Currently, there are seven sectors and forty five processes.

Sector 00: Governance, Policy and Strategy

Sector 01: Organizational Management and Operations

Sector 02: Program and Projects

Sector 03: Digital Processing and Preservation

Sector 04: Digital Library, Archive and Information Services

Sector 05: Technology Infrastructure and Development

Sector 06: Finance, Human Resources and Administration

Sector 07: Advocacy, Communications and Public Relations

Sector 08: Multimedia Production and Documentation

The Governance Board is the primary decision making body for Noolaham Foundation. It consults with Grey Board, Management, Staff as well as other stakeholders as needed to direct Noolaham Foundation activities.

In addition to volunteers and staff, Noolaham Foundation relies on and is answerable to the wider Noolaham Foundation Community. The wider Noolaham Community consists of Friends of Noolaham, Content Contributors, Source Contributors, Collaborative Organizations, Volunteers and Benefactors.

# 2. Gratitude and the Support of Collaborative Organizations

#### **Care for Education**



ICAREFOR RMRL provides consulting services to the Noolaham Foundation in the areas of documentation and preservation.

# **Manitha Neyam Trust**



It is assisting and funding digitalization Manitha Neyam Trust at the Jaffna Public Library.

#### **SV Law Associate**



It is assisting with the submission of annual returns in the relevant countries.

#### The LetUsHelpNow Foundation



This foundation is supporting and funding the audio book project.

#### Comdu.It



comdu. It is financial support for the second phase of Uthayan Newspaper digitization.

#### **University of Toronto Scarborough Library**



Supporting and funding for Muslim TORONTO Ephemera project

#### **BBK Partners**



Supporting Annual returns submission in respective countries.

## **Ayothi Library Service**

Supporting for Evelyn Ratnam Project of the Noolaham Foundation.

#### **Arasadi Public Library**

Providing documents for digitization and space for office and materials.

#### Peththalai Public Library



Providing documents and space for digitization and materials.

#### **AUD Accounting Pty Ltd**

Supporting to Annual returns submission in respective countries.

# Nibe Regnskap AG



NIBE Supporting to Annual returns submission in respective countries.

#### Nadu Kulumam



Nadu Kulumam is providing financial support to run the Noolaham Foundation's Vasikasalai Project & EAP project.

#### Verein Saivaneri Koodam

Funding for Documentation of Published in India.

# **Jaffna Medical Museum Teaching Hospital Jaffna** (JMMTHJ)

It is supporting to documenting the museum collection

#### Roja Muthiah Research Library



RMRL provides consulting services to the Noolaham Foundation in the areas of documentation and preservation.

#### Sirakukal Amaiyam



Sirakukal collaborates with the Noolaham Foundation in the Open Education Resources documentation project and also extends volunteer support for the Noolaham Foundation operations.

# Killi People



KILI PEOPLE Supporting and the funding Kilinochchi Regional Documentation Project of the Noolaham Foundation.

# 2. Gratitude and the Support of Collaborative Organizations

#### **SV Law Associate**



It is assisting with the submission of annual returns in the relevant countries.

#### **North Carolinians For Peace Foundation**



The Women's Archive Project is supported financially and materially by the London Tamil Women's Organization.

#### Wikimedia Foundation



Support the documentation of trades and crafts projects of the Noolaham Foundation.

#### **British Library**



The British Library is providing financial support to run the Noolaham Foundation's EAP project.

# **Ayothi Library Service**

Supporting for Evelyn Ratnam Project of the Noolaham Foundation.

# The Regents of the University of California (UCLA)



UCLA conducted the survey of the Malaiyaham Archive and supported the Upcountry Archive project.

# Forum to Assist Children's Education (FACE)



Providing financial support to the Noolaham Foundation's Open Education Project.

#### **Thalam**



Supporting the Noolaham Foundation's Trincomalee Documentation Project.

# **Evelyn Ratnam Library**

Providing the materials for the Noolaham Foundation's activities from their library.

#### 3. Collections and Services

Noolaham Foundation delivers the following services to its users and communities. Noolaham Foundation capabilities are built to develop and support these services.

The Noolaham and Aavanaham websites' accomplishments at the end of the year of 2023 are shown in the chart below.

#### **Noolaham - Digital Library**



நூல்கம் With over **5.3 million** pages (digitized), largest online Tamil digital library.

#### Aavanaham - Multimedia Library



With over 33,600 multimedia documents and ephemera.

#### e-Pallikoodam - Educational Resources



Pioneering initiative towards bridging the digital divide

# **Manuscripts Archive**



151,088 Manuscript pages from North and East of Sri Lanka digitized in collaboration with the British Library.

#### **Special Thematic Research Collections**



Muslim Archive, Women Archive, Upcounty Archive and various thematic collections.

#### **Oral Histories**



694+ Oral History recordings of various individuals and personalities.

#### 4. Our Work at a Glance

2005 - 2022	2022
Over 4.2 Million Digitized Pages	1,000,000
130,000+ Palm-leaf Manuscript Pages	151,088
61,000+ Newspapers	5,200
13,978+ Magazines	2,561
14,910+ Books	3,007
5,310+ Commemorative Publications	3,174
12,653+ Open Educational Resources	3,270
521+ Oral Histories	173
5,161+ Photograph	1,036

#### **Bricks**

In the year 2023, Governance board members, Grey board members, Potential Grey board members and emeritus board members contributed to Regular Finance, Mentorship (Process & projects), Collaborate/ Partnership, Project Sales / Project Owner, Active Volunteers (mentors & co-mentors), and Sustainable Fund Raisers.

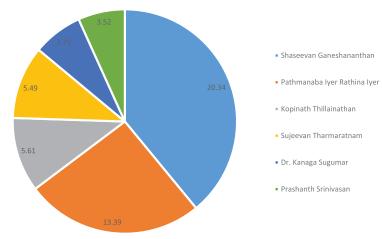
Governance, Policy and Strategy is primarily responsible for setting the purpose, goals and direction, cultivating the values, developing policies, developing and communicating strategy, mobilizing and allocating resources, oversight, controlling risks and accountability.

	Regular Finance	Process Mentorship	Projects Mentorships	Project Sales/ Project Owner	Collaborate/ Partnership	Active Volunteers /Mentors and Co Mentors	Sustainable Fundraisers
Number of total Bricks	133.32	65	27	11	11	25	36
Annual Contribution - 2022	11.11	5.41	2.25	0.91	0.91	2.08	3

# **Contribution of Board Members in 2023**

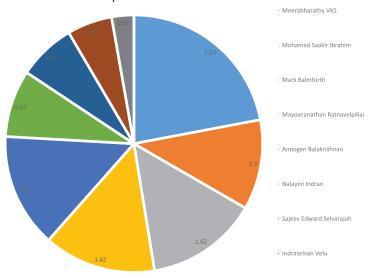
Governance Board Members	Percentage [In 100%]	
Shaseevan Ganeshananthan	20.34	
Pathmanaba Iyer Rathina Iyer	13.39	
Kopinath Thillainathan	5.61	
Sujeevan Tharmaratnam	5.49	
Dr. Kanaga Sugumar	3.75	
Prashanth Srinivasan	3.52	

# Contribution Of Governance Board Members In 2023



Grey Board Members	Percentage [In 100%]
Meerabharathy VKS	2.53
Mohamed Saakir Ibrahim	1.30
Mark Balmforth	1.62
Mayooranathan Ratnavelpillai	1.62
Annogen Balakrishnan	1.65
Nalayini Indran	0.97
Sajeev Edward Selvarajah	0.83
Indraselvan Velu	0.65
Saravanan Komathi Nadarasa	0.32

# Contribution of Grey Board Members In 2023



# 5. Accomplishments in 2023

# **Projects Highlights**

In 2023, 17 projects were found to be "ongoing projects." They are,

- 1. Noolaham Digital Library Collection Development
- 2. Women Archive Project
- 3. Audio Books Project
- 4. Early Tamil Works of Sri Lanka
- 5. Evelyn Ratnam Library Documentation Project
- 6. Vaasihasalai Project
- 7. Open Education Resources Project
- 8. Muslim Archive Project
- 9. Digitization of Donated Documents Project
- 10. Kilinochchi District Regional Documentation Project
- 11. Caste in Sri Lanka Project
- 12. Documentation of Documentation Process
- 13. Upcountry Archive Project
- 14. Digitization at Jaffna Public Library Project 2022
- 15. Documentation of Sri Lankan Muslim Ephemera Project
- 16. Caste, land, and labour in Jaffna: a survey and digitization project in Sri Lankan agrarian history (EAP 1450)
- 17. Tamil Queer Archive

However, some of these projects were suspended and resumed due to the ongoing economic issue.

During 2023, the Noolaham Foundation was further strengthened to carry out various documentation activities. We started 6 new projects to collect, preserve, share, and celebrate our language, literature, arts, culture, and knowledge bases. And we successfully completed 8 main projects too.

#### **Newly Started Projects**

- Regional Documentation Trincomalee
- Eelam Related Tamil's Documents in Tamilnadu India
- Documentation of Indigenous people
- Noolaham Digital Library Collection Development 2023
- Endangered Archive Programme 1551
- Uthayan Library Collection

#### 1. Regional Documentation - Trincomalee

This project aims on documenting, digitizing, preserving, and sharing documents and other sources related to the Trincomalee district, assisting in various educational and social studies related to the district. This project will provide encouragement to those engaged in research on Trincomalee and create an online system where they can easily access the main resources they need.

#### 2. Eelam Related Tamil's Documents in Tamilnadu India

This project aims at identifying the documents on Sri Lanka published in India, as well as documents written by Eelam writers in India in the past.

# 3. Documentation Of Indigenous People

This project aims to document undiscovered traditions and cultural movements of indigenous peoples with their permission in a contemporary manner without any alteration. Knowing their arts, traditional practices, and spontaneous lifestyles in harmony with nature and establishing new ways and approaches to anthropological and ethnographic perspectives and fields of study in Sri Lanka

# 4. Endangered Archive Programme 1551

This project aims to identify and digitize Ola Manuscripts in the Eastern and Northern provinces of Sri Lanka. It was created as part of Noolaham's objective of documenting, digitizing, and disseminating knowledge bases associated with the Tamil-speaking communities

## 5. Uthayan Library Collection

The project intends to digitize the extensive collection of books, periodicals, and papers in the Uthayan Library. The Noolaham Foundation aims to make the library's knowledge available to everyone by digitizing the Uthayan Collection's valuable books and written materials.

# **Completed Projects - 2023**

- Noolaham Digital Library Collection Development 2023
- Documentation of Sri Lankan Muslim Ephemera
- Tamil Queer Archive
- Evelyn Ratnam Library Documentation
- Audio Books Project 2020
- Women Archive

#### 1. Noolaham Digital Library Collection Development 2023

This is an annual project undertaken by Noolaham Foundation. Under this project, documents lent and gifted to Noolaham by writers and collectors of documents, documents gathered via the various projects conducted by Noolaham, documents that were left out during previous projects conducted by Noolaham and documents that need to be added to the existing collections and multimedia documents are documented. In 2023.

# 2. Documentation of Sri Lankan Muslim Ephemera

This project focuses on documenting and preserving ephemera which helps to identify the disappearing vernacular elements of the local Muslim communities in Sri Lanka. This would also help to locate and identify historical events, time periods, and biographies of key social, political, and literary figures and their works that are not otherwise archived.

#### 3. Tamil Queer Archive

This project aims at documenting, digitizing, preserving and sharing documents and other sources related to the Tamil queer community. This project will help for the research related to Tamil queer community in the future. Documentation related to the Tamil queer community will also improve awareness among the community and create social recognition for them.

It is recommended to collect the documents for the Tamil Queer Archive through Regional projects.

## 4. Evelyn Ratnam Library Documentation

Noolaham Foundation is committed to digitizing and preserving collections related to Tamil-speaking communities in Sri Lanka. In order to meet this objective, Noolaham Foundation is engaged in collecting documents found in libraries operating among Tamil speaking communities in Sri Lanka and archiving and preserving documents collected by individuals belonging to these communities. As part of a series of archiving initiatives, efforts are being made to gather and preserve documents related to the history, politics, economy, culture, education, literature and art of the Tamil-speaking communities in Sri Lanka found in the Evelyn Ratnam Library.

# 5. Audio Books Project 2020

This audio book project has been undertaken with the view to documenting via audio recording knowledge bases that can be accessed by differently abled members of the Tamil speaking communities.

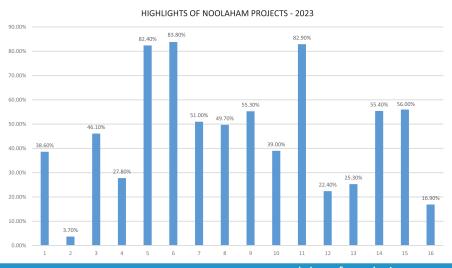
#### 6. Women Archive

The long-term objective of this project is to document the voices, stories, lifestyles, contributions, achievements and histories of the Tamil speaking women and the challenges they have faced. The project has the following goals. Identifying documents related to Tamil-speaking women from Sri Lanka, cataloging them in line with the standards followed by Noolaham, preserving them as digitized entities, obtaining copyright permission for those documents and providing unlimited access to such resources.

# **Directory Level of Noolaham Projects in 2023**

This chart depicts how far each Noolaham Foundation Project has progressed toward the directory level in the year 2023.

Projects	2023 (Percentage)
1. Noolaham Digital Library Collection Development	38.6%
2. Women Archive Project	3.7%
3. Audio Books Project	46.1%
4. Early Tamil Works of Sri Lanka	27.8%
5. Evelyn Ratnam Library Documentation Project	82.4%
6. Vaasihasalai Project	83.8%
7. Open Education Resources Project	51.0%
8. Digitization of Donated Documents Project	49.7%
9. Kilinochchi District - Regional Documentation Project	55.3%
10. Documentation of Documentation Process	39.0%
11. Digitization at Jaffna Public Library Project 2022	82.9%
12. Documentation of Sri Lankan Muslim Ephemera Project	22.4%
13. Caste, land, and labour in Jaffna: a survey and digitization	25.3%
project in Sri Lankan agrarian history (EAP 1450)	
14. Regional Documentation of Trincomalee	55.4%
15. Documentation of Indigenous People	56.0%
16. Uthayan Library Collection	16.9%



# **Digital Processing and Preservation**

Digital Processing and Preservation is responsible for digitization, digital conversion, digital processing and long term digital preservation. As they are available to anybody in any part of the world at any given time. We are proud to mention that the number of print documents digitized reached 111,651 during December 2023. The documents include books, magazines, commemorative publications, newspapers and other documents.

Years	Number of Digitized Pages	Number of Digitized Documents
2005 - 2015	978,345	16,000
2016	263,273	16,500
2017	358,751	17,500
2018	402,271	12,000
2019	515,924	11,000
2020	506,138	9,000
2021	399,515	6,500
2022	879,976	14,000
2023	775,729	11,500

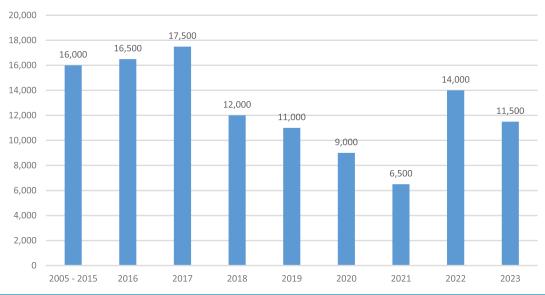
In 2022, 14,000 documents containing about 879,976 digitized pages were added during 2022 to the Noolaham and Aavanaham websites.

According to that, 11,500 documents containing about 775,729 digitized pages were added during 2023 to the Noolaham and Aavanaham websites.

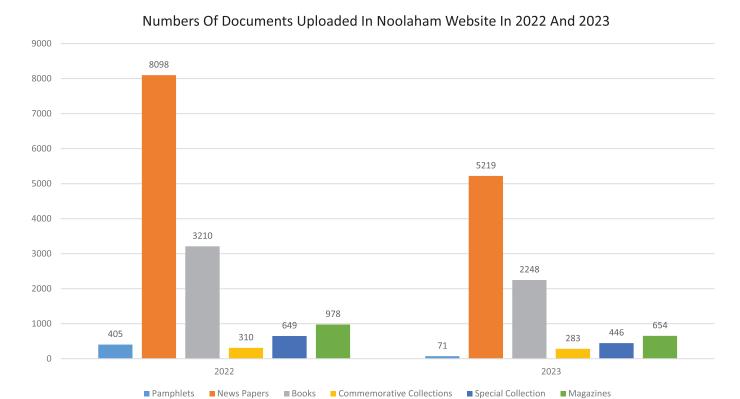
# Number of Digitized Pages from 2005 to 2023

Years	Number of Digitized Documents
2005 - 2015	16,000
2016	16,500
2017	17,500
2018	12,000
2019	11,000
2020	9,000
2021	6,500
2022	14,000
2023	11,500

Digitized Documents 2005 - 2023



# **Digital Library, Archive and Information Services**



The Noolaham Digital Library, which is free and open access, is the foundation's core function (noolaham.org). As they are available to anybody in any part of the world at any given time. It is responsible for providing library services such as Reference Services, Research Support and Knowledge Mobilization Support.

In particular, 8,921 publications, including books, journals, collections, and magazines, were granted permits with an average of 63.3%.

#### **Donated and Borrowed Documents**

In 2023, more borrowed documents became available than donated documents at the Noolaham. A total of 4,417 documents were borrowed in Jaffna, Upcountry & Batticaloa in the year 2023 and 1,313 documents were donated.

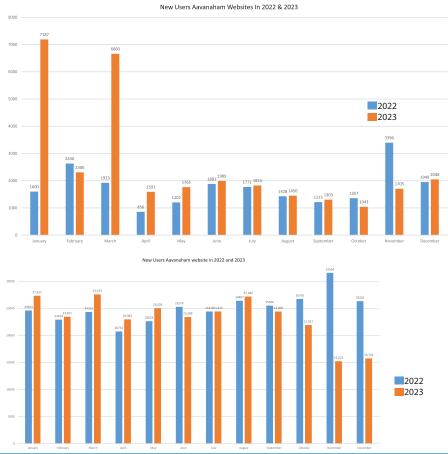
	<b>Donated Documents</b>	<b>Borrowed Documents</b>	<b>Purchased Documents</b>
Jaffna Collection	699	3,560	727
Jaffna Office Collections	566	-	-
Batticaloa Collection	5	437	-
Thanga Mukundan Collections	24	-	-
Uthayan Collection	-	320	-
Upcountry Collection	19	100	-
Total Documents	1,313	4,417	727

A total of 7,242 documents have been added to the Aavanaham website this year alone. It is noteworthy that the documents related to educational resources have been linked more. There were 5,250 educational resources, 95 audio books, 306 digitized documents, 883 Kurungaala aavanangal, 355 picture collections, 263 Audio collections and 90 oral histories uploaded to the Aavanaham website.

This year, 53 content contributors have given their permission to publish a total of 94 documents.

#### **Noolaham and Aavanaham Websites Statistics**

Throughout this year, 30,871 and 278,628 new users, respectively, visited the aavanaham and Noolaham websites.9,663 more users have used the Aavanaham website this year than in 2022. And most website users spend only 4 to 6 minutes on an average site.



#### 6. 2023 YEAR IN REVIEW

In the year 2023, the Noolaham Foundation conducted its achievements in the following areas: organizational management and operation, digital preservation and processing, digital library and archive, technology infrastructure and development, finance, human resources and administration, communication, advocacy, and public relations, programs and projects, and multimedia production and documentation.

The Noolaham Foundation has launched 6 new projects this year while also completing 6 ongoing ones with the support of staff and the collaborative organizations.

Furthermore, the following tasks in the Multimedia Production and Documentation sector were completed in 2023.

• This year, a total of 21 videos were updated, 12 were added, and 85 oral histories were revised. This year, Noolaham activities were uploaded as videos throughout the months of September and October.

Volunteers were involved in the following activities and contributed to its success:

- Technical assistance for virtual meetings
- Collection of educational materials
- Examining the content of the Noolaham website
- Collection of documents

The Noolaham Foundation celebrated its 19th anniversary on the traditional harvest festival of "Thai Pongal" day of the year.

Almost 22 new employees were hired for the digital preservation, digital library and program team, while 13 staff were let go this year.

Students, researchers, and others requested 264 references in total for use in their coursework and research. and 139 requests were satisfied as per their specifications, while some were not successful because of inadequate contact information.

In 2023, the Noolaham Foundation also participated in the Jaffna University Book Fair and the book festivals in Vanni, Eravur, Batticaloa, and Trincomalee.

To expand the staff and volunteers' understanding of photography, the Noolaham Foundation organized a Photography Documentation Workshop in March 2023.

# 7. FINANCE, HUMAN RESOURCE & ADMINISTRATION

Donors who donate on a monthly basis support the Noolaham Foundation's operations In the year 2023, contributions totaled around 15,965,366.37 rupees, with 14,262,811.94 rupees spent on overhead needs, operational needs, capital needs, and project-specific needs. The full, professionally audited financial reports are attached below.

**Audit Report** 

# BBK PARTNERSHIP

Chartered Accountants

NOOLAHAM FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) COLOMBO - 06.

> AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 315T DECEMBER 2023.

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#### INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

# TO THE SHAREHOLDERS OF NOOLAHAM FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE).

#### Report on the audit of the Financial Statements

#### Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Noolaham Foundation (Company Limited by Guarantee), which comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, and the statement of comprehensive income, statement of changes in equity and statement of cash flow for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies and other explanatory notes.

In our opinion, the accompanying financial statements of the company give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Company as at December 31, 2023 and of its financial performance and its cash flow for the year then ended in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standards for Small and Medium - Sized Entities (SLFRS for SMES).

#### Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards (SLAuSs). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of the Group in accordance with the Code of Ethics issued by CA Sri Lanka (Code of Ethics) and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with the Code of Ethics. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Responsibilities of Management and Those Charged with Governance for the Financial Statements for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements in accordance with Sri Lanka Accounting Standard for Small and Medium Sized Entities (SLFRS for SMEs), and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Company's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Company or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing the Company's financial reporting process.

#### Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

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As part of an audit in accordance with Sri Lanka Auditing Standards, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or override of internal control.
- Obtain an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control.
- Evaluate the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates and related disclosures made by management.
- Conclude an appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether any material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the company to cease to continue as a going concern.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

# Report on Other Legal and Regulatory Requirements

As required by section 163 (2) of the Companies Act No. 07 of 2007, we have obtained all the information and explanations that were required for the audit and, as far as appears from our examination, proper accounting records have been kept by the Company.

CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS. BBK PARTNERSHIP.

COLOMBO.

04th NOVEMBER 2024.





Mrs. Rihini K. FCA, ACCA(UK), Bic. Est Mgt & Val Gp0 Mr. N. Jeyamahendran FCA, FCMA

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#### NOOLAHAM FOUNDATION (COMPANY LIMITED BY GUARANTEE) No.07, 57th Lanc, Colombo - 06

#### STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31ST DECEMBER, 2023

ASSETS	Notes	31.12.2023 Rs.	31.12.2022 Rs.
Non Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	4	2,825,627,40	2,620,793.00
Current Assets			
Cash and Cash Equivalents	5	10,650,041.10	5,255,369.26
Total Current Assets		10,650,041.10	5,255,369.26
Total Assets	_	13,475,668.50	7,876,162.26
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
Funds			
Accumulated Funds		2,435,841.32	3,644,147,24
Restricted Funds	1.0	10,463,465.72	3,618,024.65
Total Funds	13/	12,899,307.04	7,262,171.89
Current Liabilities	15		
Provision for Tax Liability	17 6	494,361,46	495,990,37
Accrued Expenses	7	82,000.00	118,000.00
Total Current Liabilities COLONS		576,361,46	613,990.37
Total Funds and Liabilities		13,475,668,50	7,876,162.26

The Accounting Policies and Notes form an integral part of these financial statements. The Financial Statements are in compliance with the requirements of the Companies Act No.07 of 2007.

J. Sail Finance Officer

The Board of Directors is responsible for the preparation and presentation of these Financial Statements. Approved and Signed for and on behalf of the Committee of Management. R. Patemerata Syer

Director

Sasava Director

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#### 8. NOOLAHAM COMMUNITY

#### **Board Members**

- 1. Shaseevan Ganeshananthan
- 2. Pathmanaba Iyer Rathina Iyer
- 3. Kopinath Thillainathan
- 4. Sujeevan Tharmaratnam
- 5. Dr. Kanaga Sugumar
- 6. Prashanth Srinivasan

#### **Grey Board Members**

- 1. Meerabharathy VKS
- 2. Mohamed Saakir Ibrahim
- 3. Mark Balmforth
- 4. Mayooranathan Ratnavelpillai
- 5. Annogen Balakrishnan
- 6. Nalayini Indran
- 7. Sajeev Edward Selvarajah
- 8. Indraselvan Velu
- 9. Saravanan Komathi Nadarasa

#### Staff

#### **Management Team**

- 1. Ransuthamalar Nanthakumar Chief Executive Officer
- 2. Ganesharajah Balabawan, Manager Finance, Human Resource and Admin (Left 20.02.2023)
- 3. Jeyamathy Jeyachandra Finance, Human Resource and Admin Officer (From 24.04.2023 to 31.12.2023)
- 4. Shalini Jathees Finance, Human Resource and Admin Officer (From 01.03.2023)
- 5. Sivanesasingam Saravanamuthu Program Manager (Left 09.01.2023)
- 6. Alaxcious Julian Croos Arulappu Program Manager (From 14.02.2023 to 27.02.2023)
- 7. Vithusha Somasuntharam Sector Lead -Program and Projects (From 20.03.2023 to 18.04.2023)
- 8. Shathishni Mathiyalakan Program and Project Sector Lead (From 01.08.2023)
- 9. Meuriy Gajendran Digital Preservation and Library Manager
- 10. Loashini Thiruchendooran, Advocacy, Communication and Public Relation Sector Lead

#### **Multimedia Production and Documentation Team**

- 1. Sooriyakumar Sooriyapathy Sector Lead Multimedia Production and Documentation
- 2. Sritharan Srilaksan Technology Infrastructure & Development Officer (From 13.06.2023)

#### **Program Team**

- 1. Kobiga Katpaganathan, Project Officer (Left 30.05.2023)
- 2. George Jesu Jujeniyan, Field Researcher (Left 23.11.2023)
- 3. A.A Naheej Ahamed, Field Researcher (Left 30.11.2023)
- 4. Rupesh Vinayagamoorthy Field Researcher (From 01.03.2023 to 30.09.2023)
- 5. Rifkan Rifayudeen Field Researcher (From 02.03.2023 to 31.08.2023)
- 6. Sivakumaran Hayakirivan Field Researcher (From 20.03.2023)
- 7. Velusamy Naresh Field Researcher (From 05.07.2023)
- 8. Arulappu Jesington Lambert Field Researcher (From 20.11.2023)
- 9. Nagarasa Harishanth Field Researcher (From 20.11.2023)
- 10. Thavarasa Aitheepan Part Time Field Researcher (From 21.11.2023)
- 11. Ramanathan Lepanthan Part Time Field Researcher (From 25.11.2023)
- 12. Kanagalingam Stephen Project Manager EAP 1450 (From 01.03.2023)

# **Digital Library and Archive Team**

- 1. Pilogini Thayaruban- Digital Library sector Lead
- 2. Jeyamary Antony Digital Library Officer Quality Assurance
- 3. Pugalini Kanagalingam Digital Library Officer Metadata
- 4. Jeyarose Francis Jesurasa Digital Library Officer Quality Assurance
- 5. Keerthika Anujan Digital Library Metadata Officer
- 6. Ajita Krishnakumar, Digital Library Metadata Officer
- 7. Abarnanky Senthitkumaran, Digital Library Officer Metadata
- 8. Gowsika Raveendran Digital Library Metadata Officer (From 06.04.2023)
- 9. Thinuza Kokalinathan Digital Library Metadata Oficer EAP (From 20.11.2023)
- 10. Panchadcharam John Dilaxshan Digital Library Metadata Officer EAP (From 20.11.2023)
- 11. Thanuya Sivagnanam Digital Library Metadata Officer (From 01.06.2023)
- 12. Vadivu Ramar, Digital Library Metadata Officer (Left 31.03.2023)
- 13. Rasanayagam Komathan, Digital Library Officer (Left 03.10.2023)
- 14. Niroja Ramamoorthy Digital Library Officer-Quality Assurance (Left 09.01.2023)

# **Digital Preservation and Processing Team**

- 1. Jensiya Kunasegaram Digital Preservation Sector Lead
- 2. Thanuya Sivagnanam (Left 31.05.2023)
- 3. Janani Ehamparam
- 4. Mathuranky Vinagayamoorthy
- 5. Karthika Kunasegaran
- 6. Vigneswaran Kuruparan
- 7. Rajitha Rajakumar
- 8. Leemarose Pakiyanathan Digital Preservation Officer (From 20.02.2023 18.08.2023)
- 9. Shathishni Mathiyalakan Digital Preservation Officer (From 20.02.2023 31.07.2023)
- 10. Mithuna Kirushnaraja Digital Preservation Officer (From 02.05.2023)
- 11. Lavanya Jeyaraththinam Digital Preservation Officer (From 12.06.2023)
- 12. Piyasiri Umanthi Tharushika Digital Preservation Officer (From 03.08.2023)
- 13. Nakenthiran Jency Digital Preservation Officer (From 20.11.2023)

#### **Content Contributors**

Noolaham Foundation was dependent upon the support of authors, publishers, photographers, videographers, scholars, librarians, archivists and the public to provide content, sources and information for our projects. We respectfully invited all content creators to join hands in creating the largest digital Tamil repository in the world.

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- Ilankai Thamiliyat Kalakam
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- Sevanatha Urban Resource Centre
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   Mario Gomez (ICES Director)
- Chelvanayakam Memorial Trust (CMT) -I.Suthavasan
- Ezhunilam, Paari & Mrs. Nagananthini Sivathasan
- V. J. Publications

#### **Source Contributors**

Personal collections of individuals including books, magazines, monographs and other documents are of great importance in our society. Such collections had been handed to the Noolaham Foundation partially and fully for digitization. In the year 2023 our source contributors details were given below.

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- Nallur Public Library
- Lawyers Library Jaffna Court
- Ceyon Jeyakulu
- Karachchi Divisional Council
- Darga Nabar Saba
- Batticaloa Arasadi Public Library
- Chelvanayakam Memorial Trust CMT

#### Volunteers

Noolaham Foundation was initiated as a volunteer based project organization and has grown into an organization with the contribution of hundreds of volunteers. Even though we employ various employees as well, most of the activities are spearheaded by the volunteers. Volunteers contributed towards Advocacy roles, Communication Team, Technology Team or Program Teams.

Noolaham Foundation needs the contribution of more and more volunteers to implement various projects as outlined in Roadmap 2023. Volunteers based in various countries contribute through the chapters of Noolaham Foundation.

# **Annual contribution of volunteers - 2023**

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# **Chapters**

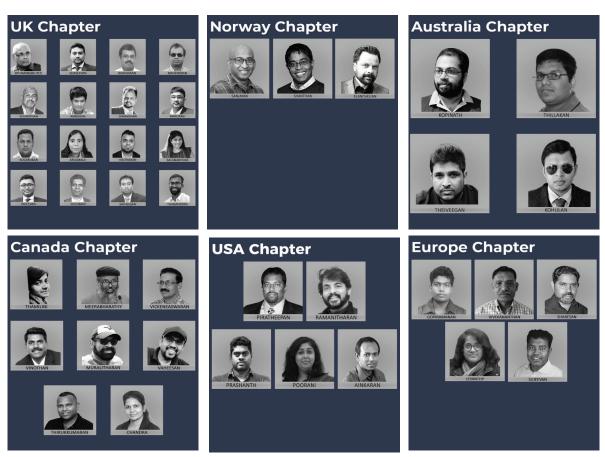
Global Noolaham Chapters are organizations or volunteer teams which function in various countries. These groups are involved in scanning documents, building Noolaham supportive communities for their country, working for outreach activities and other information collection services. Currently,

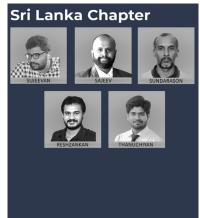
- Noolaham Canada
- Noolaham United Kingdom
- Noolaham Norway
- Noolaham Australia

are officially registered in respective countries and contribute as the Chapters of Noolaham Foundation. And there are plans in the pipeline to register Chapters in some other countries as well.

Friends of Noolaham is a support network that consists of individuals and organizations among Tamil diaspora and other global Tamil communities that support the objectives and daily operations of Noolaham.

## Friends of Noolaham 2023







# **United Kingdom Chapter**

- Pathmanaba Iyer
- Shaseevan
- Bavaharan
- Mahendran
- Suganthan
- Annogen
- Sivarathan
- Mayuran
- Kugaruban
- Arulmala
- Visitharan
- Balananthini
- Vajeevan
- Sugumar
- Thanapriyan

# **Norway Chapter**

- Sanjayan
- Shanthan
- Elanchelian

# **Australia Chapter**

- Kopinath
- Thillakan
- Theiveegan
- Kohulan

# **Canada Chapter**

- Thamilini
- Meerabharathy
- Vickneswaran
- Vinothan
- Muralitharan
- Vaheesan
- Thirukkumaran
- Chandra
- Ravi shankar

# **United States of America Chapter**

- Piratheepan
- Ramanitharan
- Prashanth
- Poorani
- Ainkaran

#### **Europe Chapter**

- Gopiramanan
- Vivekananthan
- Shabesan
- Jeyanthy
- Sujeevan

# Singapore, Malaysia Chapter

- Mugundan
- Thayanthan
- Harishanth
- Kajaruban
- Ananthan
- Vimosanan
- $\odot$  Senthooran
- Gowshigan
- Vahesan
- Ragunanthan

# Sri Lanka Chapter

- Sujeevan
- Sajeev
- Sundarason
- Reshzankan
- Thanuchiyan

#### 9. GET INVOLVED

Noolaham Foundation is a volunteer lead and driven non-profit institution. It depends on a range of contributors like you to sustain and grow its activities. We provide many opportunities for anyone sharing our vision and objectives to contribute in small and big ways. The following are just a few of the ways you can contribute:

#### **Contribute Conten**

# upon the support of authors, publishers, photographers, videographers, scholars, librarians, content, sources and information for our projects. We respectfully invite all content creators to join hands in creating the largest digital Tamil repository in the world.

# **Contribute Expertise**

Noolaham Foundation is dependent Our aim is to be an advanced digital archiving institution in the World. To that end, we rely upon experts from a wide range of fields including archivists and the public to provide digitization, information technology, software development, library and information sciences and archiving science to provide us with input and guidance with respect to standards, methodologies and technologies.

#### **Contribute Conten**

nonprofit organization, Noolaham Foundation relies on its network of donors for its ongoing activities and sustainability. You can make small ongoing donations, fund specific projects, contribute to Noolaham Foundation Endeavorment or provide needed equipment and facilities.

#### 10. EVENTS

The traditional harvest festival of 'Thai Pongal' and 19 years of Noolaham Foundation were celebrated with enthusiasm on Sunday 15 January 2023 at new office, No 55, Somasundaram Lane, Chundikuli. Eighteen years ago, on January 15, 2005, Noolaham Foundation was inaugurated as Project Noolaham.

## **Noolaham Foundation at Jaffna University Job Fair**

The Noolaham Foundation took part in the trade fair organized by Jaffna University on March 3, 2023. A lot of industrial companies attended the industry market, where the organization's chief executive officer, Ransuthamalar Nandakumar, participated and explained the organization's job opportunities.

It is noteworthy that over a hundred career seekers learned about the institution and its activities and registered themselves for this event.





# **Photography Documentation: WORKSHOP**

A photographic documentation workshop for volunteers was organized on April 2 (Sunday) from 9.30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the organization in Somasundaram, Chundikuli, Jaffna, with the purpose of strengthening the documentation process of the organization.

The owner of Suren Photography and instructor in media studies and information technology, Surendrakumar Kanakalingam, served as a resource and shared numerous concepts about photographic documentation.

Participating in the event were 32 individuals, including teachers, students, education officers, journalists, writers, photographers, documenters, computer specialists, and artists from various places such as Jaffna, Kaithadi, Kilinochchi, Vatutukottai, Vidyayankadu, Nallur, Colombo, Mannar, Kodikamam, Kokuvil, etc.









#### Noolaham Foundation at Batticaloa Book Festival – 2023

The Noolaham Foundation also took part in the Batticaloa Book Festival, which took place on April 28–29, from 09:15 a.m. to 07:15 p.m., held by the Batticaloa Municipal Public Library and the Eastern Provincial Cultural Affairs Department's Batticaloa headquarters. This three-day event featured talks, book releases, and art programs in addition to the primary display of books, periodicals, brochures, and other publications published in Batticaloa. The event was conducted in celebration of International Book Day.









#### Noolaham Foundation at Erayur Book Festival – 2023

From May 5 to May 14, the Dr. Ahmed Pared Sports Ground, which is next to the Eravur lake, was the site of the Eravur Book Celebration, which was organized by the Eravur Reading Circle and the Eravur Municipal Council.

Rif Khan, an office worker in Batticaloa, represented the Noolaham Foundation at the event by distributing flyers to visitors, giving a presentation on the Muslim ephemera project, talking to students about e-schools, giving a presentation on the organization's activities, and conducting activities to document the pamphlets of Sri Lankan Muslims.







#### Activities of Noolaham Foundation in Vanni Book Festival – 2023

On the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Tamil Parliament, the organization also participated in the Vanni's book culture festival held at the Vavuniya Sutthananda Hindu Youth Sangam Hall on June 24th and 25th.

On behalf of the institution, Vanni regional volunteers participated in the event, and the distribution of pamphlets related to the organization, a presentation regarding the e-school program of the library, and a presentation related to the activities of the institution were held among the audience.





# The Noolaham Foundation received the "Reverend Timothy MF Long Memorial Award" for the year 2023 from the Venmary Foundation.

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#### 11. LOOKING AHEAD TO 2023

The new Noolaham Foundation Team is looking forward to the noolaham rebuilding connections with the community, and welcoming new and returning communities to the noolaham in 2024. We also look forward to working flexibly and returning to the office, to help rebuild a vibrant and welcoming campus.

The next iteration of the noolaham foundation plan will be a multi year 2023-2025 plan. We will use this to direct our capacity and capabilities to support students, researchers and academic staff with distinctive and unique noolaham services. There will be a continued focus on supporting the socially engaged.

#### 2024+ Noolaham Plan Initiatives:

- Advancing access to research and sustainability scholarly publishing models
- Improve the digital library experience
- Support a strong organization, people and culture following a period of massive change.
- Started to plan new project ideas to implement in the year 2024
  - 1. Documentation of Inscriptions
  - 2. History of Medicine collection in Northern Sri Lanka
  - 3. Regional Documentation Ampara
  - 4. Documentation of Iqbal Collection
  - 5. Documentation of Panchangam
  - 6. Noolaham Digital Library Collection Development 2024
  - 7. Slave Registry

#### 12. ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

A 21<sup>st</sup> century knowledge institution must actively engage the community. We are fortunate that so many individuals and organizations have chosen to collaborate with us. We wish to express our gratitude to them all from the bottom of our hearts.

Volunteers have been supported in a variety of ways; donors have increased the Foundation's financial support; technical support staff, advisors, patrons, and well-wishers continue to offer generously; and above all, our content providers, the authors and publishers are what really make a difference in the growth of our collections.

We sincerely thank you for everything.

#### 13. CONTRIBUTION

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Swift code: CCEYLKLX

# **United Kingdom**

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Bank: Barclays Bank Sort Code: 20 72 91

Account Number: 30926124

#### Canada

Account Name: Noolaham

Bank: CIBC

Transit Number: 02232

Account Number: 03232-99-43811

# Norway

Account Name: Noolaham Norway

Bank: DNB Bank

Account Number: 01503.36.33731

# Australia

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Bank: CBA

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