

Noolaham Foundation நூலக நிறுவனம்



NOOLAHAM FOUNDATION
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INTRODUCTION

- We locate, digitally preserve, and provide open access to the knowledge resources of Sri Lankan Tamil-speaking communities.
- Founded in 2005 as Project Noolaham, we were institutionalized in 2008 as the Noolaham Foundation.
- We are registered as a non-profit, charitable organization (GA 2390) in Sri Lanka, the United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and Norway.
- We are governed by a volunteer Board of Directors made up of writers, researchers, librarians, programmers, project managers, and other professionals.
- The majority of our funding comes from the monthly donations of more than 250 supporters based in twelve countries.
- We employ a Sri Lanka-based staff of 40 who work from offices across the country.

OUR VALUES

OBJECTIVES

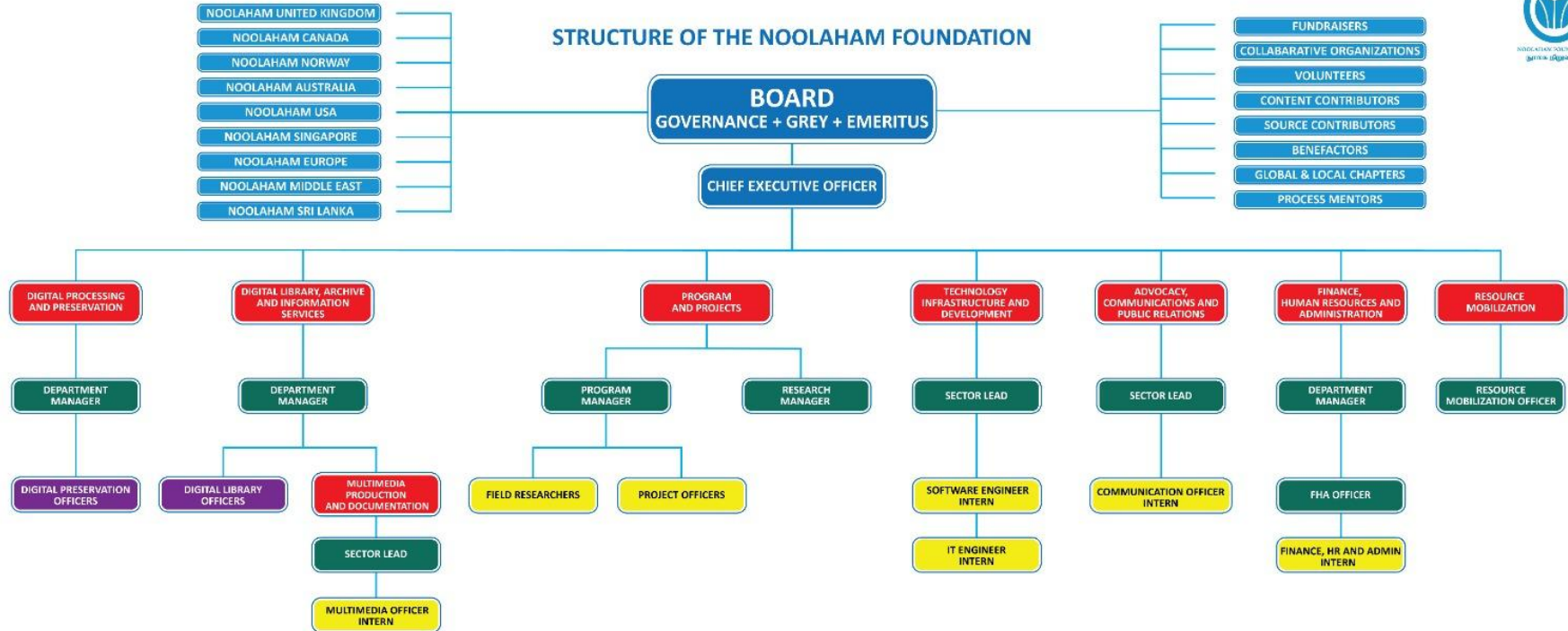
- Locate, preserve, and digitally archive the knowledge of Sri Lankan Tamils and their marginalized sub-communities, including literature, belief systems, art, ritual, folklore, dialect, games, medicine, law, administrative systems, and technology.
- Engage in and support the preservation and digital archiving of written, print, multimedia, 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 endeavours related to Sri Lankan Tamil-speaking communities.
- Build communities of practice, processes, technologies, and standards in the archival, library, and information sciences through communication, networking, and collaboration.

MISSION

Locate and preserve knowledge related to Sri Lankan Tamil speaking communities, make such knowledge accessible to all, and encourage community engagement in learning and knowledge building.

OUR TEAM

STRUCTURE OF THE NOOLAHAM FOUNDATION



OUR WORK AT A GLANCE

- Over 5.6 million digitized pages
- 151,088+ palm-leaf manuscript pages
- 68,157+ newspapers
- 17,021+ magazines
- 19,253+ books
- 2,478+ commemorative publications
- 15,923+ open educational resources
- 733+ oral histories
- 6,350+ photographs
- 3,372+ biographies



THE COLLECTIONS & SERVICES

நூலகம்

Noolaham Digital Library
With over 118,011 print works

www.noolaham.org, a platform for documenting and sharing printed documents such as books, magazines, newspapers, Olai Suvadi, etc.



மல்டிமீடியா நூலகம்

Noolaham Multimedia
With over 36,238 multimedia
documents

www.noolaham.media, a platform for storing and sharing multimedia such as photos, audio-visual materials, office documents (word processor, schedule, presentation), and websites.



நூலகப் பள்ளி

Noolaham School
With over 15,923 documents

www.noolaham.school, A website that collects, documents, and publishes documents related to learning and teaching processes online for the benefit of all in support of academic endeavors.

www.noolaham.tech is conducting research on natural language processing and artificial intelligence following technological developments for the longevity and integrity of the Tamil language.



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THE COLLECTIONS & SERVICES

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 - 3,112
Women Archive - 1,853
Upcounty Archive - 1,440
and various thematic collections.

Oral Histories



Oral History

733 Oral History recordings of various individuals and personalities.

COLLABORATED ORGANIZATIONS



British Library



Wikimedia Foundation



The Roja Muthiah
Research Library



The French Institute
of Pondicherry



Neelan Thiruchelvam Trust



Jaffna Public Library



UNIVERSITY OF
TORONTO
SCARBOROUGH

University of Toronto
Scarborough Library



U.S Embassy, Sri Lanka



மெய்ப்பொருள்
காண்பதறிவு

Colombo Tamil Sangam



University of California,
Los Angeles



Vision Global Empowerment



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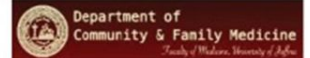
Missionary Oblates of
Mary Immaculate (OMI) - Jaffna



Kaniyam Foundation



Department of Computer Science
University of Jaffna



Community Medicine Department,
Faculty of Medicine, University of Jaffna



North Carolinians
For Peace Foundation



Let Us Help Now Foundation



Thalam



Pethalai Public Library

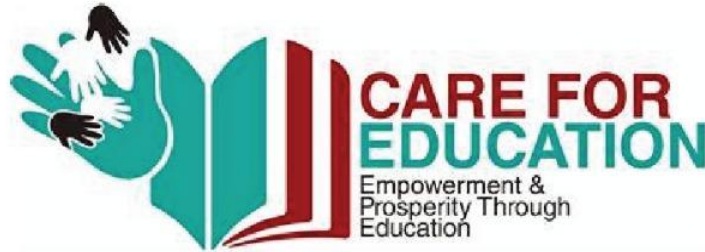


Manitha Neyam Trust
Love for Humanity

Manitha Neyam Trust



Sirakukal



Care for Education

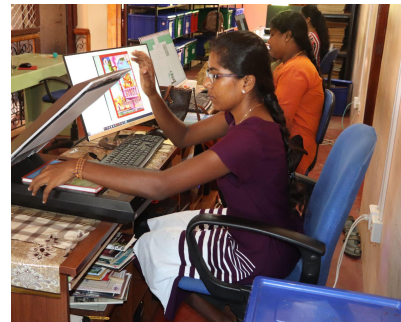
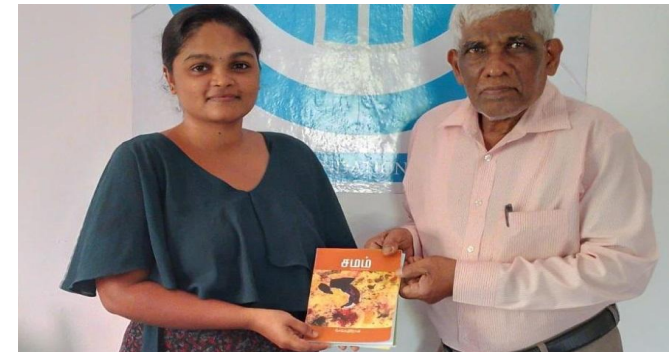
ANNUAL PLAN 2024

நூலகம்



பல்லுடக நூலகம்

Details of activities	Benchmark
Noolaham.org	
Digitization Pages	518,400
Digitization Documents	3,456
Online PDF Documents	4,500
Noolaham.media	
Aavanaham Field	1,152
Oral History	144



ONGOING PROJECTS

2020

- Documentation of Documentation Process
- Regional Documentation - Kilinochchi District
- Digitization of Donated Documents 2020
- Open Education Resource 2020
- Vaasihasalai 2020
- Early Tamil Works

2024

- Documentation of Inscriptions
- History of Medicine Collection in Northern Sri Lanka
- Regional Documentation - Ampara
- Digitization of Human Rights Collection
- Documentation of Panchangam
- Noolaham Digital Library Collection Development 2024
- Transcription of the Ceylon Slave Registries
- Documentation of Malay and Jawi Collection

2022

- Caste, land, and labour in Jaffna: a survey and digitization project in Sri Lankan agrarian history (EAP 1450)
- Next-generation AI-based Ecosystem for Noolaham
- Digitization at Jaffna Public Library 2022
- Tamil Queers Archives

2023

- Regional Documentation - Trincomalee
- Eelam Related Tamil's Documents in Tamilnadu India
- Sri Lankan Tamil Palm-Leaf Manuscript Library (EAP1551)
- Uthayan Library Collection

ANNUAL BUDGET 2024

Operational Budget

Total Budget: 32,517,465.00 LKR

- **Operating Expenses: 19,155,465 LKR**

(Human Resource, Rent, Hosting, Staff Professional Development)

- **Overhead Expenses: 5,692,000 LKR**

(Electricity, Phone, Internet, Stationery, Travel, Postage, Office Maintenance)

- **Capital Expenses: 7,670,000 LKR**

(Hard Disk, Scanners, Computers, Furniture)

Projects Budget

Total Budget: 18,142,000.00 LKR

- **Human Resource Expenses: 14,844,000.00 LKR**
- **Overhead Expenses: 662,000.00 LKR**
(Internet, Stationery, Travel, Postage,)
- **Capital Expenses: 2,636,000.00 LKR**
(Hard Disk, Scanners, Computers, Furniture)

Fundraisers 2024:- <https://tinyurl.com/mr2kze2z>

CHAPTERS	FRIENDS OF NOOLAHAM FUNDRAISERS	FRIENDS OF NOOLAHAM MEMBERS EXISTING	FRIENDS OF NOOLAHAM MEMBERS NEED TO FIND	MONTHLY CONTRIBUTION PER MEMBER	FUNDRAISER RESPONSIBILITY PER MEMBER	EXISTING AMOUNT IN LKR	NEEDED AMOUNT TO BE COLLECTED IN LKR
United Kingdom	60	106	194	GBP10	120	5,695,440	7,984,560.00
Canada	36	31	149	CAD 10	120	790560	4,069,440.00
Australia	12	12	48	AUS 20	240	561840	2,318,160.00
Norway	12	29	31	NOK100	1,200	887040	1,128,960.00
United States of America	20	21	79	USD 10	120	1512000	2,268,000.00
Singapore	14	1	69	SGD 10	120	135000	1,755,000.00
Europe	12	9	51	EURO 10	120	324000	2,568,000.00
Middle East	4	2	18	USD 10	120	84000	252,000.00
Sri Lanka	10	2	48	RS 500	6,000	42000	258,000.00
TOTAL	180	213	687			10,031,880	22,602,120.00

HOW PEOPLE CAN CONTRIBUTE?

Contributions can be made in many ways;

Donate

<https://tinyurl.com/7mk898es>

Donor Box

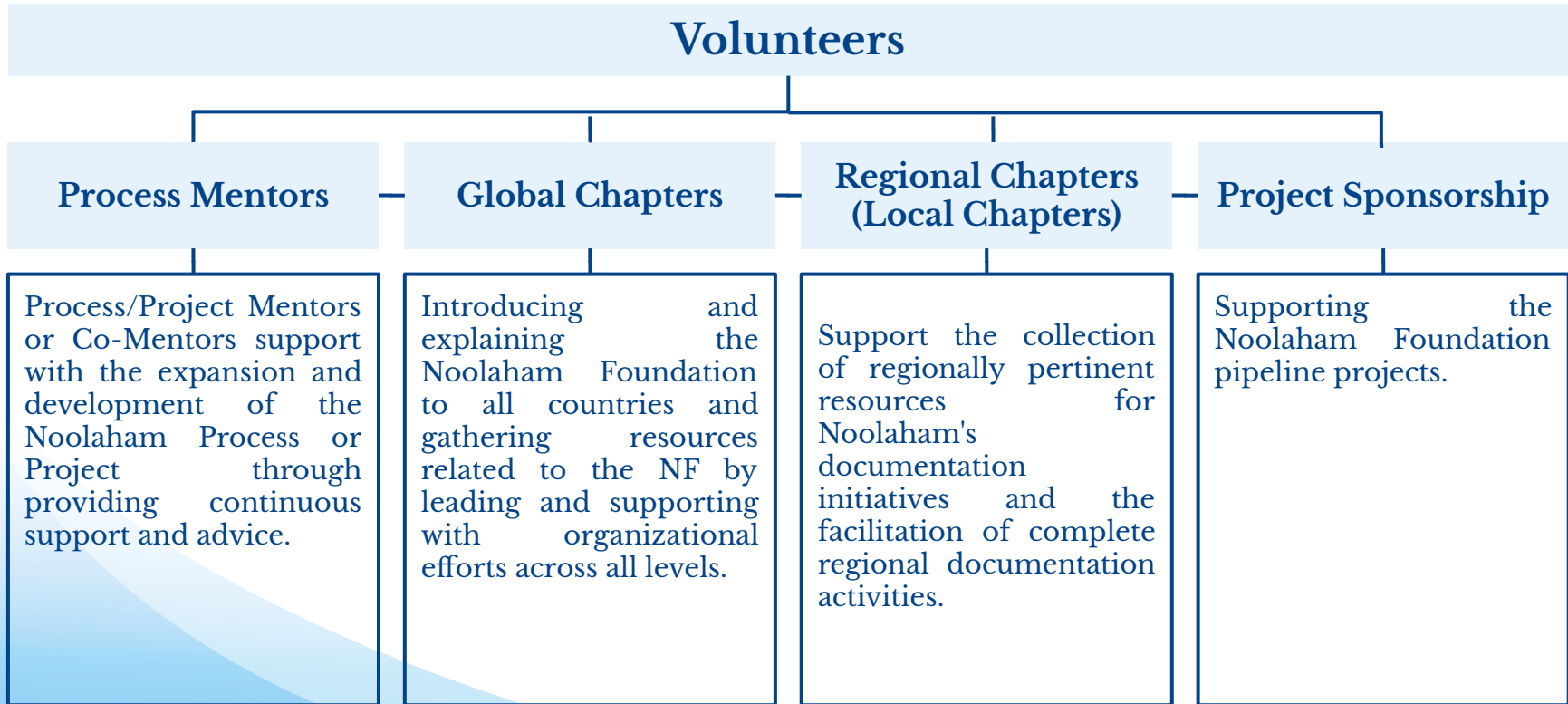
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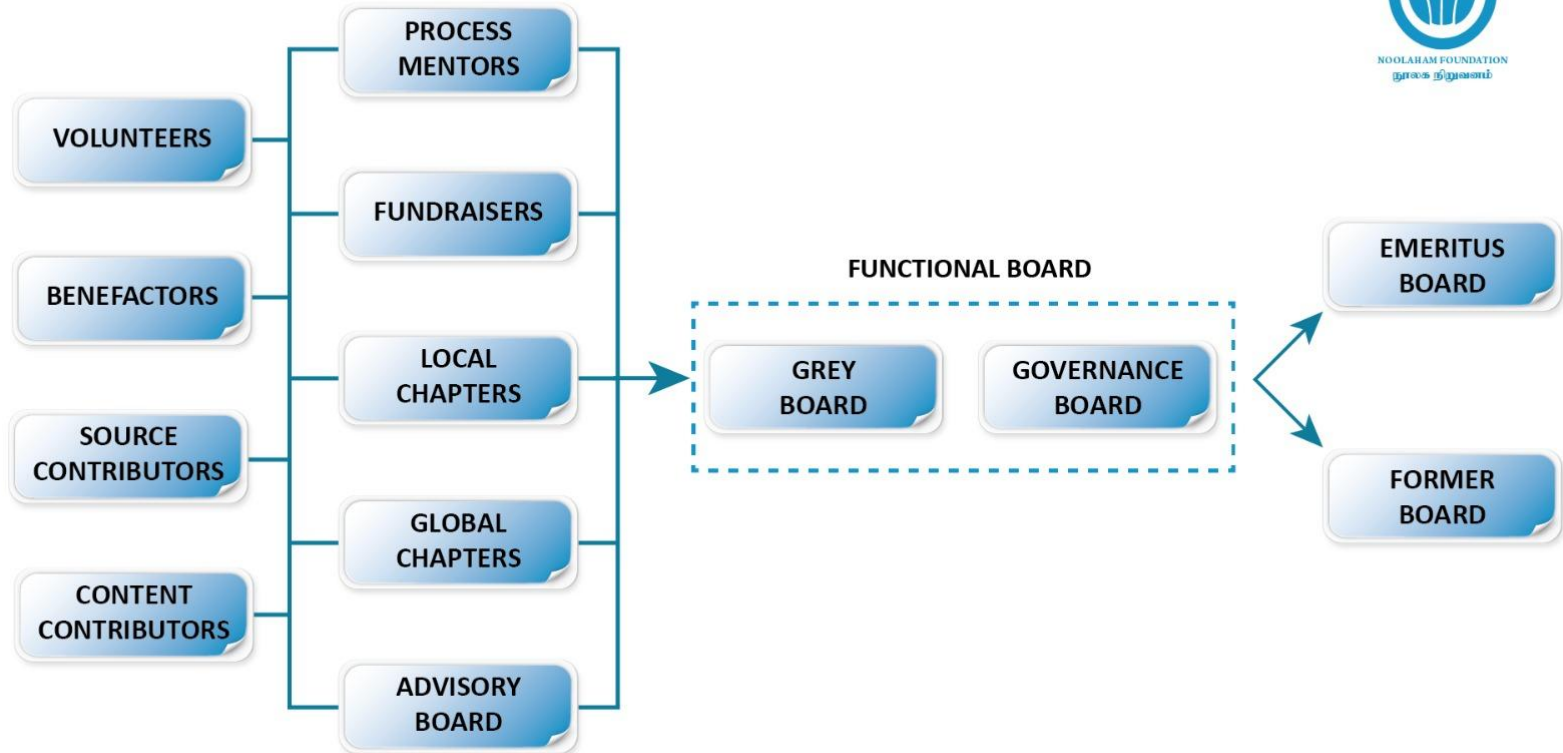
PayPal

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WHAT VOLUNTEERS CAN DO?



FORMATION OF THE NOOLAHAM FOUNDATION GOVERNING BODY



LIST OF PIPELINE PROJECTS

01

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

- New scanner for digitization (ATIZ)
- New Building for Noolaham Jaffna Office
- Endowment fund for Noolaham Operations

02

TECHNOLOGY PROJECTS

- Noolaham cloud storage solution
- Noolaham New Platform Development
- Noolaham hosting solution
- Web Archive Platform
- Next-generation AI-based Ecosystem for Noolaham - Second Phase

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INSTITUTIONAL COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

- Documentation of Jaffna University Library
- Documentation of Jaffna College Library
- Digitize rare collection at South Eastern University Library
- Digitization of Fr. Jebanesan personal collection
- Digitization of Aaru. Thirumurugan personal collection
- Digitization of Engineer Thillainathan personal collection

04

REGIONAL DOCUMENTATION

- Documentation of Vavuniya District
- Documentation of Mannar District
- Documentation of Mullaitivu District
- Documentation of Batticaloa District
- Documentation of Jaffna District

05	PEOPLE	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• People Documentation - Swami Vipulanandar• People Documentation - Prof. Alagiah Thurairajah• People Documentation - Thaninayagam Adigal• People Documentation - Arumuka Navalar• People Documentation - Thi. Tha . Kanagasuntharam Pillai
06	PLACES	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Places Documentation - Ariyalai - Phase II• Places Documentation - Inuvil• Places Documentation - Suthumalai• Places Documentation - Kopay• Places Documentation - Karainagar• Places Documentation - Chavakachcheri
07	ORGANIZATIONS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Documentation of J/Jaffna Central College• Documentation of Bt/Vincent Girls' High School• Documentation of J/Jaffna St.John's college• Documentation of J/Jaffna Hindu College - Phase II• Documentation of J/Jaffna College• Documentation of Hindu College, Colombo• Documentation of J/Hartley College• Documentation of T/R.K.M Sri Koneswara Hindu College• Documentation of Department of Agriculture – Northern Provincial Council• Documentation of St. Xavier Seminary Gurunagar, Vasanthakam• Documentation of Jaffna Teaching hospital Museum• Documentation of Drieberg College Chavakachcheri• Documentation of J/Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College

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RESEARCH DOCUMENTATION

- Documentation of Sri Lankan Telugus
- Native Medical Trees of Northern Province of Sri Lanka
- Archiving Visual Culture of Jaffna
- Documenting Current Burning Issues
- Documentation of Traditional Houses of Tamils
- Documentation of Thala Varalaru of Hindu Temples
- Create Network and working model with cultural officers
- Tracking Tamil Memories Through Everyday Cooking Sites

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OTHERS

- Collaboration Stanford Digital Archive Project
- Documentation of Cooperative Movement in Northern Sri Lanka
- Oral history - Political History
- Writing Description for Magazine
- Entering description Noolathettam
- Noolaham In Depth Metadata enrichment

COLLECTION DEVELOPMENT

- Digitization of Navanayakamoorthy's collection
- Documentation of Administrative Documents of North Eastern Provinces
- Documentation of Siddha Medicine knowledge base related documents
- Documentation of Ramanathan Academy of Fine Arts
- Digitization of Virakesari and Thinakkural newspapers
- Digitization of Morning Star and Pathukavalan newspapers
- Documentation of Thamilarasu Kadchi
- Digitization of the Department of Hindu Religious and Cultural Affairs
- Printing of palm leaf manuscripts in book form
- Documentation of Konamaamalai 400
- Digitalizing the publication of Ministry of cultural affairs Northern Province
- Digitization of Cooperative Society documents
- Digitization of Hansards
- Documentation of North East development related documents
- Documentation of Environmental Protection related documents
- History of Engineering in Northern Sri Lanka Collection
- Digitization of Peter Schalk collection in Sweden
- Documentation of Burgher Community
- Documentation of Peace process and Constitutional Change
- Documentation of Constitution and Case law

Partner with us to bring our knowledge and heritage to everyone's fingertips, for now and posterity.



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