



## ABOUT NOOLAHAM FOUNDATION

Noolaham Foundation is a Digital Archive and a Digital Library undertaking the critical work of documenting, digitally preserving and providing free and open access to knowledge bases and cultural heritage of Sri Lankan Tamil speaking communities. We are a non-profit, charitable organization (GA 2390) based in Sri Lanka. It was initiated in 2005 as a digital library project named Project Noolaham, which emphasized volunteerism and openness. In 2008, pioneers of Project Noolaham in consultation with all the stakeholders decided to incorporate the activities to sustain the digital archiving initiatives in Sri Lanka. In 2010, Noolaham Foundation was formally incorporated as a guaranteed company.

## MISSION

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

## OBJECTIVES

- 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, multimedia and electronic resources related to the 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 the Sri Lankan Tamil speaking communities.
- Build communities of practice, processes, technologies and standards of archival, library and information sciences through communication, networking and collaboration.

## BENEFITS OF OUR SERVICES

- Open and free access to over 158,402 resources
- 348,000+ page views and 35,000+ users via noolaham.org
- 50,000+ page views and 1,900+ users via www.noolaham.media
- Long term preservation for the benefit of humanity
- Publication and preservation of research and scholarly output
- Digital educational resources for students and teachers
- Reference materials for researchers and general public
- Enable individuals to trace their ancestry, culture and heritage
- Provide resources for activists to promote human rights and social justice
- Provide information, data and mapping services for policy makers

## GOVERNANCE & MANAGEMENT

- Governance & Management:** Volunteer-driven and professionally managed
- Core Financial Information:** Publish audited financial statements online
- Annual and Monthly Reports:** Publish plans, activities and impact.
- Guiding Documents:** Publish all key policies and procedures. Currently in the process of releasing all guides and reference documents

## EXPERTISE & SERVICES

- Digitization and digital preservation
- Reference services
- Research assistance
- Multimedia documentation
- Oral history recording
- Digital repository services
- Access and discovery mechanisms
- Cataloging & metadata creation

## OUR WORK AT A GLANCE

- Over 5.7 Million Digitized Pages
- 205,890+ Palm-leaf Manuscript Pages
- 69,030+ Newspapers
- 17,333+ Magazines
- 19,774+ Books
- 2,541+ Commemorative Publications
- 18,897+ Open Educational Resources
- 746+ Oral Histories
- 6,453+ Photographs
- 3,389+ Biographies

## COLLECTIONS & SERVICES

### நூலகம்

www.noolaham.org  
Noolaham - Digital Library  
With over 120,074+ print works (digitized), largest online Tamil digital library.



www.noolaham.media  
Noolaham Multimedia  
With over 37,836+ multimedia documents and ephemera.



www.noolaham.school  
Noolaham School -  
Educational Resources  
18,897+ Pioneering initiative towards bridging the digital divide.



Manuscripts Archive  
205,890+ Manuscript pages from North and East of Sri Lanka digitized in collaboration with the British Library.



Special Thematic  
Muslim Archive 3,240+,  
Women Archive 1,896+,  
Upcountry Archive 1,468+ and various thematic collections.



Oral Histories  
746+ Oral History recordings of various individuals and personalities.

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### Sri Lanka

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Account Number: 1100063121

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<https://tinyurl.com/nf-uk-paypal>

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