Annual Report 2018/19



About Us

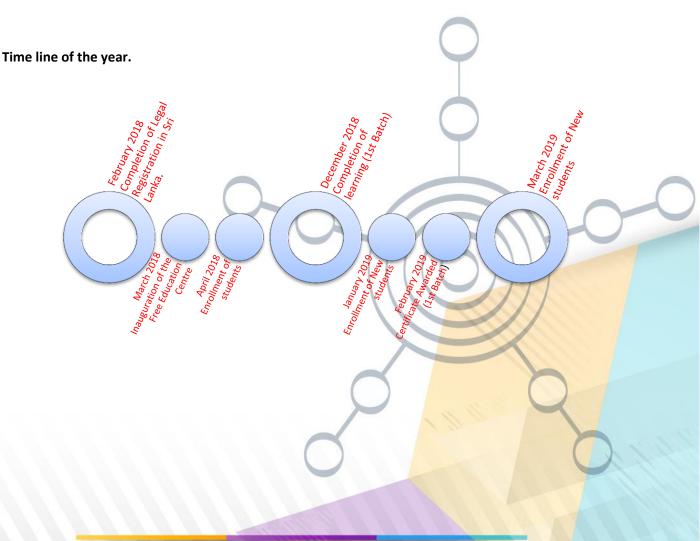
Sinthanaj Foundation is a charity registered in the United Kingdom and Sri Lanka. Our aim is to bridge the disparity in access to knowledge for those who are underprivileged and build an intellectually wealthy society.

Brief history of the year

Sinthana Foundation which was initially only registered in the United Kingdom as charity gained its legal status as a not for profit organisation in Sri Lanka after being registered under the relevant Act in this financial year.

Following the registration in Sri Lanka, the foundation established its Free Education Centre in Kotagala in the Hill Country region of Sri Lanka and started to serve the people of the plantation community.

The centre started to provide English Language Lessons, Computer Training and General Knowledge Development programmes for free. A varied range of beneficiaries including school children of GCE O/L, GCE A/L grades, school leavers and working communities such as teachers and trainee nurses benefitted from these programmes. Due to the success and the demand of this initiative, an expansion of this programme has been considered and plans are being carried out to execute it in the financial year of 2019/20.



Our Programmes at the centre

53 participants joined the following programmes and benefited as a result.

Spoken English Development Programme

- English is vastly used as the official language of the world.

 Therefore being able to speak in English has become an important skill to lead a life.
- •However the people in the rural areas are stuck without exposure to the English speaking world. Even the schools do not focus on the spoken aspect of the language. This is mainly due to lack of resources.
- •At *Sinthanai Foundation* we have designed and created an opportunity to develop the spoken English skill. We use various methods, including recognised spoken English programmes, Live interaction with people around the world using modern technology, direct interaction with volunteers, class room based practical sessions and so on.

Computer Litracy

- •A computer of some sort has now become an essential aspect of life. Yet there are people in the remote parts of the world who do not have the opportunity to use computers. Hence, further development of their knowledge is also limited.
- •At *Sinthanai Foundation* we teach computer skills and provide the facilities to access computers with internet connections for free. This enables the school children to do their research work with regards to their curriculum and the adults to access information to advance their knowledge and further in life and to gain employment.



- We are all aware that there is a vast disparity in the information available to the school children and adults who live in different parts of the world. Since information is key to develop knowledge, the existing disparity can only be considered unfortunate.
- We all know that there is an ocean of information available to the children who live in the advanced nations compared to those who live in less advanced nations. Their method of education also vastly differs. Due to this, the children of the advanced nation tend to be a few steps ahead in all aspects of life compared to those who live in the less advanced nations.
- At *Sinthanai Foundation* we bridge the disparity by providing the children information which is currently deprived to them. We use videos from BBC andmany other sources which are designed to provide privileged information which eventually leads to the development of general knowledge and rational thinking.
- We thank BBC Active for their support in this regard.

Comments of the Participants

of a quintion, should the Sinthens, Journal of all these positions for the property of the pro

> I Thank my sir for providing free courses, > This class is different from other classes, > Before this class I did not know how to speak English properly but now I speak well > I haven't studied in such a class before, > I hope that this foundation will be famous in the world, > I will help this organisation in its growth

A control of the cont

➤I enjoyed this journey, before this class I could not understand if any one speaks in English and now I am able to understand, ➤I can understand English news and I text my friends in English, ➤ Finally I have improved my English, ➤ Not only English, I got more information about life in Philosophy class. ➤ Philosophy thoughts are very positive and it gives me energy to lead my life, ➤ My lifestyle and thoughts are changed because of this class

The second variety of the control of

>I feel that I can now speak in English and I am improving my English, > This is a very different class and an interesting class, > Now I am able to type in Tamil because of computer class, > I enjoyed the philosophy classes.

Financial Statement.

This project of *Sinthwei Toundalian* was initiated with a capital investment of SLR 500,000.00 which was fully used to establish the Free Education Centre at Kotagala in Sri Lanka. And the brief financial statement for the year is as follows. We take this opportunity to thank all our donors.

Donation Received Rs 1.5 million £ 7000.00

Pre Operational Expenses Rs 0.5 Million. £2300.00

Operational Expenses Rs 0.3 Million £ 1400.00

Reserve Carried Forward Rs 1.2 Million £ 5600.00

Photo Gallery

Activities at the centre during the year.















