Abstract

The Government College of Teacher Education, Thvananthapuram was established in 1911. The normal trend in the college in those days was to import books from England and America both for reference and for drawing new ideas emanating on pedagogy. This practice continued until Indian independence. Though over the years the number of books in the library grew, no additional rooms were set up. The practical approach was to preserve new books regularly issued to students in good book shelves and dump very old books that are not issued to students in discarded shelves.

In 2015, the investigator submitted a research proposal to the University Grants Commission to selectively digitize the antique books content of the century old Government College of Teacher Education, Thiruvananthapuram. This received a favourable response.

As only a limited amount was sanctioned it prevented the investigator from getting services of outside agencies for digitizing the entire collection of antique books content in the college library. During the two consecutive summer vacations (2016-17 and 2017-18) Dr. Praveen, the Principal Investigator manually searched, classified and compiled invaluable content for dissemination from the antique books collection.

A selection of the digitized content was published in a specially created website **http://curatorpedagogue.com/** as suggested in the original proposal submitted to the UGC. The main objective of creating the website was to :

1. Identify invaluable content from the antique books collection

2. Convert print material into digital material.

3. Disseminate the digital content.