

1. Home page

- 1.1. Logo + Title
- 1.2. Pictures (front view, saraswati statue, temple, Mrs. Visalatchi statue, gate view)
- 1.3. Principal's message
- 1.4. Overview / Welcome message
- 1.5. Calendar of the month
- 1.6. Bulletin board

2. About us

- 2.1. School history
- 2.2. The school motto- "It ought to be beautiful I live here", school anthem, flag and tie evolved and in 1956 the school became a Grade 1 school. The state acquired the ownership of the school in 1962.
- 2.3. Mission & Vision
- 2.4. Logo



2.5.

Temple

Former Principals

<u>No</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Year served</u>	<u>Key achievements</u>
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3. School info

- 3.1. Staff directory
 - 3.1.1. Principal
 - 3.1.2. Deputy principal
 - 3.1.3. Vice Principal
 - 3.1.4. Admin
 - 3.1.5. Academic staff
 - 3.1.6. Non academic staff
- 3.2. Calendar
- 3.3. Hand book
- 3.4. Hour of operation
- 3.5. Messages from

4. Beyond Classrooms

- 4.1. Clubs
 - 4.1.1. Interact
 - 4.1.2. LEO
 - 4.1.3. Girl's Guide
 - 4.1.4. School band
- 4.2. Sports teams
 - 4.2.1. Netball
 - 4.2.2. Basketball
 - 4.2.3. Cricket
 - 4.2.4. Badminton
- 4.3. Fine arts
 - 4.3.1. Music
 - 4.3.2. Dance
 - 4.3.3. Drama
- 4.4. Academic
 - 4.4.1. Science Competition
 - 4.4.2. English Competition
 - 4.4.3. Tamil Competition
 - 4.4.4. Math Competition
- 4.5. Other

5. Facility

- 5.1. Library

- 5.2. Canteen
- 5.3. Sports facilities
- 5.4. Visaalachchi mandapam
- 5.5. Temple
- 5.6. Resources
- 5.7. Labs
 - 5.7.1. Science Lab
 - 5.7.2. Tecnologi Lab
- 5.8.

6. Alumni

- 6.1. OGA Jaffna - Link
- 6.2. OGA Colombo - Link
- 6.3. OGA Canada - Link
- 6.4. OGA UK - Link
- 6.5. OGA Sydney - Link

7. Contact us

- 7.1. Address
- 7.2. Phone number
- 7.3. Email address
- 7.4. Office hours
- 7.5. Online contact
- 7.6.

To do

1. Metadata Can do in [WordPress](#). SEO (Search Engine Optimisation)
 - 1.1. Jaffna Hindu Ladies College
 - 1.2. JHLC
 - 1.3. யாழ் இந்து மகளிர் கல்லூரி
 - 1.4. யாழ்ப்பாணம் இந்து மகளிர் கல்லூரி
 - 1.5.
2. When we click the Logo, go to home page
3. More pictures in the home page
4. Educational links and materials, social awareness, cyber safety in the resources tab. Disclaimer needed
5. Former principal picture redirect for details
6. Same as for teachers but no need to redirect
7. Can get messages from our former principal, teachers, viceprincipals, OGA founders....
8. Space saving scrolling calendar in the home page
9. Current highlights in the bulletin board- slide show- when clicked directed to detail page / connect to fb page
10. Need miss **Mrs. Jemmarani Sittampalam** photo
11. Details about Mrs. Visaladchy sivagurunathar
12. Need principal's details—next in line after Perinpanaathan Miss.
13. Fact check about old principals
14. Service period for each principals
15. **School anthem**
16. Flag
17. Get wishes from Ms.K, Shanmugam Miss, perinpanathan miss, Jerajah miss, nirmala miss, grandson of valliamma sivaguru, uk oga, Sydney oga, Jaffna OGA, y kandaiya miss ?



Mr.S.Seenivasagam
1943-1946
[View Detail >>>](#)



Mr.V.Nagalingam
1946-1948
[View Detail >>>](#)



Mr.Handy Perinpanayagam
1949-1960
[View Detail >>>](#)

About us



History of the College

The Saiva Paripalana Sabhai, Jaffna was established in 1888 to revive Hindu religion and Tamil Culture in Jaffna in particular and in the rest of Sri Lanka. The Sabhai, which was entrusted with the task of managing Jaffna Hindu College, set up the Board of Management of Jaffna Hindu College and Affiliated Schools. This Board of Management was formally recognised by the Government in 1902.

In 1935, the Principal Jaffna Hindu College Mr. A. Cumaraswamy initiated the admission of girls to Jaffna Hindu College, which up to that time remained a boys' school. After this important initial step the Principal and other well wishers at Vannarponnai realized within a short time that there was a need to have a separate school for the girls.

The Birth of the College

On 10th September 1943, the Board of Management of Jaffna Hindu College and affiliated schools established Jaffna Hindu Ladies College, the only girls school which came under its purview.

Mr. Sivagurunathar Ponnusamy, the generous social worker permitted the College to start functioning at his residence "Ponnalayam". In view of the increasing number of students, the College was shifted to a portion of the playgrounds of Jaffna Hindu College on 27th February 1944.

History of the College

Our Founder is Mrs. Visaladchy Ammal Sivagurunathar of Neeraviady, the well-known Hindu religious social worker of the thirties, forties and fifties. The broadminded "Mother" very kindly donated 24 Ims. (v.c.) of her land called 'Naduththoddam' at Arasady Road for the establishment of Jaffna Hindu Ladies College in 1941.

Her equally broadminded husband Mr. Ramalingam Sivagurunathar and his niece Mrs. Valliammal Sivaguru generously donated another 16 Ims. (v.c.), including the Rajavarothaya Pillaiyar Temple for Jaffna Hindu Ladies' college.

Jaffna Hindu Ladies Primary School

From 1978 the Jaffna Hindu Ladies' Primary School consisting of Grades 1 - 5 attained a new status as Primary School. This is located next to Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College. The first Principal of this School was Mrs. S. Wickneswara. The present Principal is Mrs. T. A. Thuraisingam.

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Permanent Location

We very proudly stepped into our permanent location that was generously donated by our "Mother" on 7th September 1945. This was an unforgettable golden day in the history of our College. On the same day our Manager Sir Vaitialingam Duraiswamy laid the foundation for the science laboratory at a simple ceremony well attended by the Board Members, Principal, College Staff, Students and well wishers.

Although the classrooms had thatched Cajan roof over the clean sandy ground, the Principal, the teachers and students did not mind it and combined their efforts to build up the College.

Pillaiyar Temple of the College

The Naduthodda Rajavarothaya Pillaiyar Temple is situated in the land donated for the College premises, providing the continuous blessing to us by Pillaiyar, the God of Protection and Wisdom from the very beginning

Principal List



Mrs. V. Perinpanathan joined J H L C as a teacher in the year 1989 and of her perseverance and spirit of altruism she rose to the position of being the deputy principal of the college in the year 2000. She was appointed principal on 16th January 2006. Her enthusiastic participation in all activities that aimed at projecting the image of the college as one of the leading institutions in Jaffna reflects great credit upon her and has made her what she is today. Her impressive contribution to the progress of students in studies, sports and co-curricular activities has earned her the encomium of the students, her colleagues, the parents, O G A and the public.

Mrs. V. Perinpanathan began her career at Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College in 1989 as a teacher. Through her dedication and selfless service, she steadily rose through the ranks and was promoted to Deputy Principal in 2000. On January 16, 2006, she assumed the role of Principal. Her active involvement in initiatives that enhanced the reputation of the college as a premier educational institution in Jaffna speaks volumes about her commitment and leadership. Mrs. Perinpanathan has made a significant impact on student development in academics, sports, and co-curricular activities, earning the respect and admiration of students, staff, parents, the Old Girls' Association, and the wider community.

Mrs. V. Perinpanathan

B.Sc., Dip in Edu, SLPS 1



Mrs. Visaladchy Sivagurunathar

Founder of our College.



he first principal of Jaffna Hindu Ladies College was Mr. A. Cumaraswamy former Principal of Jaffna Hindu College. Until a permanent principal was appointed Mr. Cumaraswamy worked tirelessly for the development of our College.

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Mr. A. Cumaraswamy
(M.A.Dip.in Ed.)



Ms. Gayathiri was a strict disciplinarian who was very firm with the students. She paid special attention to the general appearance, dress and behavior of the students. The youthful and active lady was a real performer. She respected fellow teachers and discussed the future of the college with them as appropriate.

Ms. Gayathiri was known for her strict discipline and firm approach with students. She placed strong emphasis on their appearance, attire, and conduct. Energetic and dynamic, she was highly effective in her role. She also showed respect for her colleagues and engaged in thoughtful discussions with them about the college's future when needed.

Miss. Gayathiri Ponnuththurai (Mrs. Gayathiri Ganeshan)

B.Sc. (Hons.) Eng. trained 1st Class 1943 - 1944



She was appointed on contract from neighbouring India. She enhanced the education facilities up to the S.S.C. from Grade 8. With these expansions there was shortage of space. The Principal took note of this and prepared the ground for new buildings at the land donated to the college.

Miss Atchchiah (Mrs. Somaya) was appointed on a contract basis from neighboring India. During her tenure, she upgraded the academic program from Grade 8 up to the S.S.C. level. As a result of this expansion, space became limited. Recognizing this need, the Principal initiated preparations for constructing new buildings on the land donated to the college.

Miss Muthu Atchchiah (Mrs. Muthu Somaya)

M.A. 1944 - 1945

Our fourth Principal was Mrs. Jemmarani Sittampalam. Although she was with us only for a short period, her English Literature Classes were so absorbing that she is remembered forever at the College for these classes.

Mrs. Jemmarani Sittampalam, our fourth Principal, served the college for a brief period. However, her captivating English Literature classes left a lasting impression, and she is fondly remembered at the college for the impact of her teaching.

Mrs. Jemmarani Sittampalam

B.A.



Mrs. Clara Motwani from the United States was our next Principal. Although she was educated in the west and brought up there, she was a keen student of Eastern Culture Languages and Religions. As her husband was a North Indian she used to wear saree and blouse like an Easterner. She gave a prominent place for Tamil and stressed the importance of the International Language, English. She impressed upon the students the importance of English for University Education, Medicine and Science. She placed

high emphasis in teaching both written and spoken English. The students who received Education under her were fluent in English and consequently secured several responsible positions in their respective careers, thus bringing credit to the Alma Mater.

Mrs. Clara Motwani, who hailed from the United States, served as the next Principal of the college. Though educated and raised in the West, she had a deep interest in Eastern culture, languages, and religions. Married to a North Indian, she embraced Eastern customs, often wearing a saree and blouse. She strongly promoted Tamil, while also emphasizing the global significance of English. She consistently highlighted the importance of English proficiency for higher education, especially in fields like medicine and science. Her focus on both written and spoken English enabled students to become fluent, leading many to achieve prestigious positions in their careers—bringing honor and recognition to their alma mater.

Mrs. Clara Motwani

M.A. 1946 - 1948



The youthful lady from India was an impressive personality. She used to cover the length and breadth of the College compound mixing with the students with a whistle hanging from her neck. No student or teacher of that time escaped from the sound signals of her whistle. Mrs. Rao provided ample opportunities for the students to study Tamil, English, Science and Arts. She personally supervised the construction of several new buildings and the great wall around the College. During the carnival and lottery conducted by the Board of Management in 1954 Mrs. Rao was in the thick of every activity and earned the name of a great developer of the school. Jaffna Hindu Ladies College was elevated to the status of Grade II school with the student strength of over 1100. University entrance classes were also commenced. When she taught Health and Home Science to students following the age old Guru - Pupil tradition it gave every one

a new view at the College. She introduced a special respect to the students for the school through the College motto "It ought to be beautiful, I live here".

The energetic young educator from India, Mrs. Rao, was a striking and memorable presence at the college. She was often seen walking throughout the school grounds, engaging with students, with a whistle around her neck—its sound became a familiar signal to both students and teachers of that era. Mrs. Rao greatly expanded academic opportunities, ensuring students had access to Tamil, English, Science, and the Arts. She took a hands-on role in the construction of several new buildings and the protective boundary wall around the college.

During the 1954 carnival and lottery organized by the Board of Management, she was actively involved in every aspect, earning recognition as a key figure in the school's development. Under her leadership, Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College was upgraded to a Grade II institution with an enrollment of over 1,100 students, and university entrance classes were introduced.

Her teaching of Health and Home Science followed the traditional Guru–Pupil model, offering students a fresh and inspiring educational experience. Through the introduction of the college motto, "It ought to be beautiful, I live here," she instilled in students a deep sense of pride and respect for their school.

Mrs. Sarojini Rao

M.A.L.T. 1948 - 1954



Mrs. Vimala Arumugam who rose from the position of teacher to Principal of Jaffna Hindu Ladies College was the longest serving principal of our Alma Mater. She was practically wedded to the College. During her time the College was elevated to Grade I

status. A large number of students secured admission to the University of Peradeniya during her time. Mrs. Arumugam successfully steered the College during the transition from Board Managed College to Education Department Managed College in the early sixties. She led the fund raising efforts of Jaffna Hindu ladies' College through the organisation of a special dance program of Mrs. Karthika Ganeshan a well known artist and a prominent old girl of our College. Further the College students were encouraged to conduct the dramas 'Katpukkanal' at the Jaffna town Hall and 'Nala-Thamayanthi' at our College to raise more funds. These efforts supplemented the funds provided by the Government and helped to construct the assembly hall in the name of our Founder Visaladchy Sivagurunathar.

Mrs. Vimala Arumugam, who rose through the ranks from teacher to Principal, holds the distinction of being the longest-serving principal of Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College. Her deep dedication to the institution was evident—she was truly devoted to its growth and progress. Under her leadership, the college was elevated to Grade I status, and a significant number of students gained admission to the University of Peradeniya.

She played a key role during a crucial period in the early 1960s, successfully guiding the college through its transition from being Board-managed to coming under the administration of the Education Department.

Mrs. Arumugam also spearheaded major fundraising initiatives, including organizing a special dance performance by Mrs. Karthika Ganeshan, a renowned artist and distinguished alumna of the college. Additionally, she encouraged students to stage the dramas “Katpukkanal” at the Jaffna Town Hall and “Nala-Thamayanthi” at the college to further support fundraising efforts. These contributions, combined with government funding, made it possible to construct the college’s Assembly Hall, which was named in honor of the founder, Visaladchy Sivagurunathar.

Mrs. Vimala Arumugam

B.A. (Madras) 1954 - 1976



Yet another Teacher/Vice Principal/Principal of our college was Miss. Ramanathan. She started as a young teacher in 1950 and rose to the position of Vice Principal and subsequently the position of Principal. She was a very strict disciplinarian showing the way by her own actions to every one. The devotion and dedication shown by her during her lifetime for the advancement of the College helped to complete development in several areas. The administration block, new Science Laboratory, another Science Laboratory with 10 classrooms and the wall around the College hostel were all constructed during her time. The Pillaiyar Temple was renovated and 'Maha Kumbabishekam' was also conducted during her time. Higher performance in Education, more admissions to the Universities, achievements in Dance, Drama, Music and Sports brought fame to the College on a national basis in Sri Lanka. Many who were associated with her and studied during her time described her as an uncrowned Queen of the College and her period of stewardship as the 'Golden Era'.

Miss Ramanathan was yet another remarkable figure who served our college as a Teacher, Vice Principal, and eventually Principal. She began her career as a young teacher in 1950 and steadily rose through the ranks. Known for her strict discipline and leading by example, she earned the respect of students and staff alike. Her unwavering devotion and dedication greatly contributed to the comprehensive development of the college.

Several key infrastructure projects were completed during her tenure, including the administration block, a new science laboratory, another science facility with 10 classrooms, and the boundary wall around the college hostel. She also oversaw the renovation of the Pillaiyar Temple and the successful Maha Kumbabishekam ceremony.

Her leadership led to notable achievements in academics, with increased university admissions, as well as excellence in dance, drama, music, and sports—earning the college national recognition in Sri Lanka. Many who studied under her or worked with her fondly refer to her as the “Uncrowned Queen” of the college, and her time in office is often celebrated as its “Golden Era.”

Ms. Pathmawathy Ramanathan
B.A. (Hons.) Annamalai 1976 - 1986



Mrs. Nagarajah was appointed Principal after serving as teacher at the College from 1977 –1986. The student population of the College during the period 1986 –1993 was more than 2000. The College provided accommodation for the displaced students from schools in Pungudutivu. Two bicycle sheds were constructed at the College premises. A beautiful flower garden was also established. A prize day committee was setup and it fixed the prize day as 10th September. The first prize day was 10th September 1991. The teachers, parents and students provided excellent support for the various activities of the College even during the period when hostilities were high. The Golden Jubilee of the College was celebrated on a grand scale. An exhibition was organized for four days and a variety entertainment by old girls and students took place during two days. The foundation stone was laid by the Principal for the construction of a Golden Jubilee Block. The publicity given to the Golden Jubilee celebrations prompted the old girls of Colombo and Canada to start Old Girls' Associations.

Mrs. Nagarajah was appointed Principal after serving as a teacher at the college from 1977 to 1986. During her leadership from 1986 to 1993, the student population exceeded 2,000. The college extended its support to displaced students from Pungudutivu by providing them with accommodation. Two bicycle sheds were constructed, and a beautiful flower garden was developed on the campus.

She established a Prize Day Committee, which set September 10th as the official date for the event. The first Prize Day was held on September 10, 1991. Despite the challenging period of conflict, teachers, students, and parents actively supported the college's initiatives.

The Golden Jubilee of the college was celebrated on a grand scale, featuring a four-day exhibition and two days of cultural performances by students and alumnae. Mrs. Nagarajah also laid the foundation stone for a Golden Jubilee Block. The wide publicity surrounding the celebrations inspired former students in Colombo and Canada to establish Old Girls' Associations in their regions.

Mrs. Thivyasironmany Nagarajah

B.Sc. (Madras) 1986 - 1993



Mrs. Jeyarajah became Principal of Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College on 21st October 1993 after serving the Universities of Jaffna and Peradeniya as well as the Education Department in Jaffna. During this period the students excelled in both educational and extra-curricular activities. Greater emphasis in Science and Medicine resulted in more students entering the Faculties of Medicine and Engineering in the Universities. The mass displacement in 1995 had its toll on the students, teachers and the College itself. Buildings were seriously damaged and valuable equipment and books lost from the laboratories and libraries. When the College started functioning again in the original premises, Mrs. Jeyarajah, teachers, students and well-wishers put all their administrative, educational and other talents in building up the College. Non governmental organizations like the GTZ provided valuable assistance. Religious activities were also given great importance. After renovation the 'Kumbabishekam' was performed in the year 1998 at the Naduthodda Rajavarothaya Pillaiyar Temple. There is a steady progress in the educational and the extracurricular activities since 1995. The Principal underwent a training program in Management in Delhi. In view of her dedicated and devoted service she has been elected as Senior Vice President of the All Ceylon Tamil Teachers Union. The Principal and the College also assisted several deserving people by providing accommodation to them and consoling them in their hour of need. During her period as Principal, she brought the students to Colombo on two occasions to perform dance programs. She retired on 15 January 2006.

Mrs. Jeyarajah assumed the role of Principal at Jaffna Hindu Ladies' College on 21st October 1993, following her service at the Universities of Jaffna and Peradeniya, as well as with the Education Department in Jaffna. Under her leadership, students achieved excellence in both academics and extracurricular activities. Her strong focus on Science and Medicine led to an increase in university admissions, particularly in Medical and Engineering faculties.

However, the mass displacement in 1995 severely affected the college, causing damage to buildings and the loss of valuable equipment and books from laboratories and libraries. Once the college resumed operations at its original location, Mrs. Jeyarajah, along with teachers, students, and well-wishers, worked tirelessly to restore and rebuild the institution. Support from non-governmental organizations, such as GTZ, played a vital role in this recovery.

Religious life at the college was also revitalized. After renovations, the 'Kumbabishekam' ceremony was held in 1998 at the Naduthodda Rajavarothaya Pillaiyar Temple. From 1995 onwards, the school saw steady progress in both academic and extracurricular spheres.

Mrs. Jeyarajah also undertook management training in Delhi and, in recognition of her committed service, was elected Senior Vice President of the All Ceylon Tamil Teachers Union. She and the college extended compassion to those in need by offering shelter and support during difficult times.

During her tenure, she led students to Colombo twice to showcase their talents through dance performances. She retired on 15th January 2006, leaving behind a legacy of resilience, leadership, and progress.

Mrs. Saraswathy Jeyarajah

B.A.(Hons.), Dip. in Ed., S.L.P.S. I, 1993 - 2006