

Subject: Introducing Mappila Heritage Library

Dear _____,

Hope this may find you in peace.

We are an ambitious group aimed at preserving the *history* of Mappila Muslims from early 17th century onwards housed at the CH Muhammed Koya Chair for the Study of Developing Societies, University of Calicut, Kerala. Since 2010 we have been working on this project and have collected, archived and digitised around one lack pages of very rare Arabi Malayalam texts, books, bills, pamphlets, newspapers and journals. Apart from this we have six thousand "titles *on* and *by* Mappilas". We archive 35 Malayalam periodicals, five Arabic journals and numerous research monographs, all published on behalf of Mappila institutions and organizations. For ensuring easy access to the Mappila corpus, we have started a 'Mappila Index' project.

As a part of the upcoming centenary of 1921 Malabar Rebellion, we are now collecting local, vocal and vernacular literature and memories. We value your suggestions and wholehearted cooperation.

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