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Enhancing Music Education in Muslim Schools in Sri Lanka: A Proposal for Action

The marginalization of music education in Muslim schools in Sri Lanka has led to a negative impact on the students' creativity and critical thinking skills. This study highlights the need to increase awareness among parents and teachers about the importance of art education and provide qualified teachers and resources for art education in Muslim schools.

The objective of this proposal is to enhance art education in Muslim schools in Sri Lanka by providing resources and qualified teachers to promote creativity and critical thinking skills among students.

This study will use an exploratory research design to collect qualitative data through in-depth interviews with students, parents, and teachers in several Muslim schools in Sri Lanka. The study will purposively sample participants from schools in different regions to ensure diversity in the sample. Data analysis will involve content analysis to identify emerging themes and patterns.

This research aims to provide insights into the current state of art education in Sri Lankan Muslim schools and identify barriers to its implementation. The expected outcome is to recommend ways to enhance art education in these schools, with the goal of promoting creativity and critical thinking skills among students and providing opportunities to explore their cultural heritage through artistic expression.

The findings and recommendations of this research will have implications for policymakers, education officials, and educators in Sri Lanka. The proposed action plan will provide a roadmap to enhance art education in Muslim schools, ultimately benefiting students' creativity and critical thinking skills.

Bio

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