

## **The Maldives National Journal of Research**

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5. to review books, magazines, articles, movies and other artistic, or scholarly creations, and
6. to contribute to the progress in education and learning.

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