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PREFACE

Women have consistently played a very important part in political, economic and social revolution in India. Our national movement and expansion of education opened doors which had been closed to the majority of our women for centuries. India has no dearth of women power but their courage and dedication was unsung and unrecognized in our history. Women launched movements to fight for their rights and for the removal of social injustice and discrimination between the sexes and for the freedom struggle. There was no form of political activity in India in which women did not participate. Their activities ranged from non-violent participation to active militant participation. They led the salt Satyagraha, braved police brutalities, went to prison and challenged the right of the British to rule our country.

This thesis throws light on these crusaders of freedom. It covers the period from 1885 -1947 when India attained independence. The thesis is limited to women of Tamilnadu only who participated in the different phases of the freedom struggle.

Acknowledge about the great history of the freedom movement will help younger generation to shoulder the challenging responsibilities of nation building and to perform their duties honestly, sincerely and fruitfully keeping this in view, this research work highlights the role of women in the Freedom Movement in Tamilnadu has been undertaken.

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