PREFACE

The forest in Tirunelveli district constitute one of the most important natural resources and plays a vital role in the welfare of the district and the economy of its people. Though there are a number of scholarly studies on the Forest Department and its activities in India, no serious attempt seems to have been made to trace the history of forest administration in Tirunelveli district. Therefore, a micro-level study has been made to trace the most important development that had happened in the administration and management of forest and wildlife in Tirunelveli district from 1950 to 1995. The present work is based mainly on primary sources.

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