PREFACE

Health is wealth. It is one of the fundamental rights. It is an asset to the community. The human development of any country is inextricably related with the health of its population. Health is highly influenced by the health care facilities available in a country to its population. The non-provision of health care facilities is considered as the violation of basic human right, the right to life. Health is a common theme in most cultures. In the light of the above issues, it is with immense pleasure that I have chosen this topic “The Public Health Administration in Kanyakumari District since 1956” for investigation. The main aim of this study is to provide invaluable insight into the service bestowed by the Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine after the formation of the District. The thesis attempts to make a cogent study of the public health administration, which were introduced in the field of health and its impact upon the life of the people of Kanyakumari District. The purpose of the study is to bring to light the programmes for the eradication of communicable diseases, schemes for public health and medical services existing for the development of public health in this District.

Though much has been written about the health administration of Kanyakumari during Travancore administration, a detailed study of the public health administration after the formation of the district has not been so far attempted. Hence, a comprehensive study on the immense contribution by the
Department of Public Health and Preventive Medicine in Kanyakumari is found necessary.

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