The mode of Historical Research changed from the traditional political history of studying heroes in politics and their political activities. Since the outbreak of II World War new disciplines gained importance which deviated the attention from political to social, economic, cultural and military matters. The availability of enormous source materials gave a new scope for the study of new disciplines in a new dimensions.

Travancore the Princely State in South India finds a fertile ground for researchers to investigate the history in various fields. A lot of historical studies have been carried out from Medieval period onwards and P. Shungoony Menon's book, "History of Travancore From the Earliest Times" evidenced only the political history of Travancore. Though some other works on social and religions matters have been brought out by native and foreign scholars, little attention was given on the military history of Travancore.

The military and social life of the Nayars in Travancore attracted me a lot and the availability of the source materials from Tamilnadu Archives (Madras) Directorate of Archives (Trivandrum), National Archives (New Delhi) added further enthusiasm to proceed my work on the topic "Military History Of Travancore With Special Reference To Nagar Brigade 1795-1935".