The story of India's struggle for freedom from the British rule is a grand saga that requires the devoted and whole-time study of a life for proper understanding and assessment. Hence, I restricted my study to examine only one facet of that struggle namely the Non-cooperation movement of 1920-22 launched under the aegis of Mahatma Gandhi. Even in this study I have limited to the Telugu districts of the erstwhile Presidency of Madras since no comprehensive work pertaining to this region based on original sources has been undertaken so far.
The study is based largely on the records available in the Tamil Nadu Archives, Madras and Andhra Pradesh State Archives, Hyderabad. These sources cannot possibly give a picture of the movement as Andhras saw it. Hence I interviewed the few surviving participants in the movement and also examined the reports and news items of the movement published in the contemporary Telugu and English journals. I have, however, tried to be as objective and impartial as possible while considering the significant developments of the movement.

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