PREFACE

This study is an analysis of Indonesia's political strategic cultural and economic relations in seven chapters. First deals with introduction and historical background. Second chapter has examined relations during Sukarno era. Third chapter has analysed relations during Suharto era. Fourth chapter has evaluated the beginning of democratic era in the post-Suharto period and the status of India-Indonesia relations. Fifth chapter is a study of trade and investment relations and sixth chapter has evaluated strategic relations. The last chapter has concluding observations.

The thesis tries to convey that although bilateral relations between India and Indonesia suffered setbacks due to cold war perspectives in the past, it is on the right track now. The volume of trade and investments are rising and understanding of the two regarding each other are increasing. Both have faith in secularism and democracy and they face similar challenges of national integration, development and modernisation. The broader consensus in the two countries support the ethos of closer cooperation between the two, as they can learn a lot from the experiences of one another.

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