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Voluntary efforts and voluntary organizations have come to stay in many welfare states in India. Many of the Government programmes and initiatives have come through only as a sequel to the untiring efforts made by the Non Governmental Organisations during the years after Independence. The Government has recognized the importance of Non Governmental Organisations and has been providing various facilities for their growth and development. Non Governmental Organisations extend their services to all and the Non Governmental Organisations mingle with the people of the remote villages which do not have any access to the government.

In Tirunelveli District Tirunelveli Social Service Society was established in 1972 by the Roman Catholic Christian missionaries. The Tirunelveli Social Service Society has also started a number of NON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS over the years. These Non Governmental Organisations play a pivotal role in the development of the villages in the Tirunelveli District. However, research on the growth of Non Governmental Organisations and their contribution to the development of Tirunelveli District remains largely dormant. Hence a study of "Contribution of Non Governmental Organisation to the
Development of Tirunelveli District assumes importance for a better understanding and insight into the process of development of Tirunelveli District through the voluntary efforts of Non Governmental Organisations. This study will help to understand in the right perspective on the contribution made by Non Governmental Organisations towards the development of this District. The study will enhance and enrich the knowledge on the History of Non Governmental Organisations and their role in the development of the Tirunelveli District.

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