PREFACE

The origin and growth of Local Self-government in India is a subject of perennial relevance which has absorbed the interest of not only Statesmen, politicians, administrators and policy-makers, but also the scholars and students of History. With the current demand for the revitalisation of the 'Panchayat Raj', its significance has assumed greater dimensions.

The present study is an attempt to highlight the evolution, organisation, services, the financial base and the extent of autonomy relating to the Local Boards of Anantapur District from 1882 to 1920.

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