Preface

This research work has been undertaken on ‘Madan Mohan Malaviya : Statesman, Parliamentarian and Educationist’ for the Degree of Ph.D. in History under the Bundelkhand University, Jhansi (U.P.) Indeed Malaviya ji was a unique social reformer as well as a renowned educationist. He was a very fine orator and Parliamentarian who gained the most significant prominence in his long-drawn political career. A staunch Hindu as he was, he did not give up his secular discipline. In fact his role as a Congress leader is most unique in the annals of Indian sub-continent.

The theme contains nine chapters, viz. historical background, his early career, the Congress leadership, role in U.P. Council, role in Central Legislature, foundation of Banaras Hindu University, Hindu Mahasabha President, his disciplined participation in the freedom struggle having deep bearing on the attainment of Swaraj and the assessment.

I have used the primary sources available in the National Archives of India, U.P. Council records, newspapers, journals, speeches and writings of prominent political leaders and writings of eminent authors to fill up the gaps in the text.

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