PREFACE

The present work entitled, *The Contribution of Muslims to Higher Education in Tiruchirappalli (1951-2006 A.D.)* aims to bring out the contributions of Muslims in the field of Higher education in Tiruchirappalli region and it also focuses the origin and growth of the Muslims higher educational institutions. The period chosen for the study is a span of fifty five years that is from 1951 to 2006. In 1951, Jamal Mohamed College was started, which had a greater impact in the development of the education of Tiruchirappalli region. This study period ends with the year 2006, which marks the submission of Sachar Committee Report. It is an attempt to examine how far the Muslim higher educational institutions helped the Muslims to meet the needs of emerging trends. The post independence period witnesses the transformation of religious oriented education into secular education. This study is an attempt to find out the condition of Muslim educational institutions of Tiruchirappalli in the study period.

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