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Dear Readers and Scholars,

We are delighted to introduce you to the book “Islam in Kanyakumari District: A Historical Overview,” authored by the diligent researcher and scholar, Dr. A. Shahila Banu. This book is the result of years of dedicated research and a deep commitment to preserving and sharing the history and culture of the Muslim community in Kanyakumari.

Dr. Shahila Banu’s work is not just a book; it is a labor of love and a valuable contribution to the field of historical research. She has summarized the extensive research she conducted for her Ph.D. thesis, spanning from 2015 to 2018, into a comprehensive and insightful volume.

This book provides a thorough examination of the historical background of Islam in Kanyakumari District, shedding light on the significant role played by Sufi saints and religious leaders in its spread. The chapters on important dargahs, mosques, and the socio-economic and cultural aspects of Muslims in the region offer a wealth of information for researchers, scholars, and enthusiasts interested in the history of Islam in Kanyakumari.

Furthermore, “Islam in Kanyakumari District: A Historical Overview” serves as an invaluable reference material and lays the foundation for future research endeavors in this field. It is a testament to Dr. Shahila Banu’s dedication and her desire to

promote awareness among Muslim women regarding their rights of family life under personal law.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dr. A. Shahila Banu for her unwavering commitment and tireless efforts in preserving this history. We also acknowledge the support and encouragement she received from her family, friends, relatives, and well-wishers.

We invite you, our esteemed readers, to immerse yourselves in the pages of this remarkable work and explore the rich tapestry of history, culture, and tradition it presents. "Islam in Kanyakumari District: A Historical Overview" is a testament to the author's passion and dedication to her subject, and we are confident that it will be an invaluable resource for researchers, scholars, and anyone interested in the history of Islam in Kanyakumari District.

Thank you for joining us in celebrating this outstanding achievement.

Warm regards,

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PREFACE

It gives me great pleasure to place the book of "Islam in Kanyakumari District" in the hands of esteemed readers. Infact I summarized this book from my Ph D thesis. During the preparation of my Ph D thesis, I have taken great efforts. This sources were collected from 2015 to 2018. Based on those sources I have exposed the short summary of Islam in kanyakumari district.

I am not yet mature enough to claim to be the author of the book. My desire is that my work should be useful to you in diversity while this book is in your hands and become an impetus for the next book.

This book provides as standard material and this will be very useful for the future researchers. The first chapter deals with historical background of Islam in kanyakumari district, and I have exposed the role played by the Sufi saints and religious leaders for the spread of Islam. The chapter on the important dargahs and mosques in kanyakumari district also provides lot of information. The chapter on the socio economic and culture of muslims in kanyakumari district provides the trustworthy information for future researchers who wish to examine and explore the growth and development of Islam in kanyakumari district and to enkindle the awareness among muslim women regarding their rights of family life under personal law.

I express my gratitude to my husband, children, friends, relatives and Sun Nexus Digital Eco System & Ulagathamilan pathippagam and those who gave full support and wellwishes for writing this book. This book is dedicated in honour to my beloved husband K. Jaffer Sadiq.

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"Islam in Kanyakumari District: A Historical Overview,"
- Dr. A. Shahila Banu. is a dedicated researcher and scholar whose work has shed light on the historical landscape of Kanyakumari District in the context of Islam.

Dr. A. Shahila Banu hails from Nagercoil and boasts an impressive academic journey in the field of history. She holds MA, MPhil, and Ph.D. degrees, with each step of her educational path contributing to her profound knowledge in her chosen field.

She commenced her higher education at Women's Christian College, Nagercoil, where she completed her undergraduate and postgraduate studies in history. Following this, she pursued her MPhil degree at Scott Christian College, Nagercoil.

Dr. Banu's commitment to the field of education is evident in her professional journey. She has served as an assistant professor at Government Arts and Science College, Konam, Nagercoil, and has contributed her expertise as a temporary assistant professor at Women's Christian College, Nagercoil, on two separate occasions. Presently, she holds the position of assistant professor at Muslim Arts College, Thiruvithancode.

In the realm of research and academic contributions, Dr. A. Shahila Banu has been prolific. She has authored and published research papers in four respected journals and has presented her work at numerous national and international conferences.

Her dedication to historical research, particularly in the context of Islam in Kanyakumari District, has culminated in the publication of "Islam in Kanyakumari District: A Historical Overview." This book offers profound insights into the history and cultural richness of the region, with a specific focus on the influence of Islam.

Dr. Banu's meticulous research and scholarly endeavors have not only enriched the academic world but also provided a valuable resource for those seeking a deeper understanding of Kanyakumari District's history and heritage.