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## PREFACE

Dr. James T. Rutnam has to his credit a total of one hundred and ninety two items published in the leading Newspapers of the Island, periodicals and Professional Academic Journals. These publications were spread over a period of 60 years since 1923. During his long residence in the City of Colombo, Dr. James T. Rutnam was associated with leading elite circles of the city and had an intimate knowledge of contemporary affairs.

Besides, he was a political activist and a social worker. His contributions are on a wide variety of items such as Politics, Politicians, Constitution, History, Art and Archaeology.

As these contributions could be useful for students and research workers, we have undertaken the task of compiling and publishing this Bibliography of his writings which is now made available to the public.

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# INTRODUCTION

Dr. James Thevathasan Rutnam is a lover of books, lover of humanity and a firm believer in the defusion of knowledge among all sectors of the population. To achieve this, he built an Institution in memory of his beloved wife - Evelyn.

He built the Evelyn Rutnam Institute in Jaffna, where his heart lies.

He is not only a prolific reader, but also a Researcher, Geneologist, Historian and a lover of Art and Archaeology.

In order to bring out his many faceted personality, the compiler has undertaken to publish the select bibliography of his own writings and writings about him.

The preparation of the bibliography was started during the latter part of 1984. Dr. V. E. Packiyanaathan, Lecturer in Library Science, Sri Lanka Library Association, gave valuable advice and encouragement during the compiling of this Bibliography.

The Bibliography is arranged in Chronological order with the English and Tamil publications given seperately. An Alphabetical Index to titles is also given.

A Bio - Data of Dr. James T. Rutnam is given at the end of the Bibliography.

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