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**IMPORTANT PUBLICATIONS**

## I

***PRĀCYAPRAJÑĀPRADĪPA***

***(Professor Dr. Samaresh Bandyopadhyay Felicitation Volume on***

***Early Indian History and Culture).***

**Edited by Professor Dr. Ian W. Mabbett of Australia. Pp. xl + 642 with 15 Plates,**

**Index and *Addenda et Corrigenda*. Price Rs. 2500.00. U.S. $ 70.**

**Extracts of Opinions**

(i) I have the great pleasure in introducing this volume; I am sure that its contents will prove immensely valuable to its readers and attract their cordial approbation; it is to be hoped and expected that the volume will serve as a model in honouring similar personalities worthy of exceptional honour. **–** **Ian Mabbett (**Emeritus Professor of Indian and Buddhist Studies, Aichi Bunkyo University, Nagoya, Japan; President, ‘International Forum for Felicitating Professor Sr. Samaresh Bandyopadhyay’; Editor of the Volume) in his Preface for the Volume.

(ii) The volume, aptly titled *Prācyaprajñāpradīpa* … meaning ‘Lamp of Eastern Wisdom’, a befitting description indeed of Professor Dr. Samaresh Bandyopadhyay, contains two parts. The first part is dedicated to Professor Dr. Samaresh Bandyopadhyay, his life and works. It is in fact a mirror of his multi-faceted personality. The second is excellent, containing learned and original papers in his areas of research-interest. These were selected from over 250 submitted papers. – **Hanumatpresaka Swami** alias **Huber Hutchin Robinson** (Secretary General, North American Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies, Murfreesboro, Tennessee, U.S.A.), in *Bhārata Saṁskṛti*, edited by Samaresh Bandyopadhyay, USA. 2015. p. 13.

(iii) It is indeed a great achievement that Prof. Samaresh Bandyopadhyay, a doyen in the field of art, culture and ancient Indian history, is honoured by a foreign institute like the North American Institute for Oriental and Classical Studies, Franklin, Tennessee, U.S. A., and an International Forum constituted to felicitate him. They have brought out an excellent Volume… the publication is of high order. Every page is devoted to some new interpretation or new information. All of them have originality. . .

The printing, work of editing, binding of the book . . . excellent. This is a must for every university, college, museum libraries of our country and also other countries of the world. **– Dr. R. D. Chowdhuri** (Former Vice-Chancellor, National Museum Institute, Delhi) in *Kalā (Journal of Indian Art History Congress)*, Vol XVII, 2012-13, pp. 123-124.

(iv) The volume . . . is a unique gift presented to the prodigious scholar from Bengal by his admirers, friends, and former pupils in India and abroad, who joined together and formed an International Forum to felicitate him. ... the book … is no doubt a voluminous one with several contributions of personal greetings, memoirs, research dedications, which betray the emotional and academic attachment the learned hold for Professor Samaresh Bandyopadhyay …

*Prācyaprajñāpradīpa* … deserves appreciation for its being a well arranged and well commented comprehensive volume.

A rare effort which no doubt attests to the immaculate and professional editing of the volume for producing a perfect publication to be cherished. The book is finely printed and fairly priced. It is a must buy for every good library and it shall prove to be a rewarding asset for any private collection. – **Dr. Abhaykumar Singh** (Professor of Ancient Indian History and Archaeology, Rohilkhand University, Bareily) in *Aitihya* (*Journal of Ancient History , Culture and Archaeology)*, Vol 4, 2013, pp. 173-174. .(v) The felicitation volume *‘Prācyaprajñāpradīpa’* (Lamp of Eastern Wisdom) under review has been insightfully titled since Professor Samaresh Bandyopadhyay has been a beacon for scholars and researchers all over the world regarding Indological research.

It is unique indeed. An eminent and highly acclaimed academician, Prof. Bandypopadhyay is known for his illustrious contributions to the study of the ancient history and culture of India – **Dr.** **Atul Tripathi** (Professor of Historty of Indian Art and Tourism Management, Banaras Hindu Universtiy, Varanasi) in*Purātattva, (Journal of the Indian Archaeological Society)****,*** No.45, New Delhi,2015, pp. 322-323.

(vi) The articles of wide variety incorporated in the volume attempting to cover the multi-discipinary areas of research of Professor Dr. Samaresh Bandyopadhyay exhibit how much the contributors are inspired by the pioneering works done by him in several fields and specially the field of Art where notable contributions on Ardhanārīsvara, Gajalakṣmī, Gaṇapati, Muralīdhara Kṛṣṇa, Ardhanārī-Viṣṇu, Indian Cities, Cakravikrama-motif, depictions of musical instruments like Vīṇā, Vaṁśī and his deep study of Lakṣmī in Art. … … I am sure that the volume will be received well in the scholarly world since it is indeed a precious gift in the new millennium to the scholars of Early Indian History and Culture. – **Dr.** **Jyoti Rohila Rana** (Associate Professorof Historty of Indian Art and Tourism Management, Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi) in *Sthāpatyam**(Journal of the Indian Science of Architecture and Allied Sciences),* Vol. 2, Issue 1, May 2015, pp. 61-64.

## II

***ABHIVĀDANA***

(***A Volume on Aspects of Early Indian History and Culture in***

***Honour of Professor Dr. Samaresh Bandyopadhyay).***

**Edited by Professor Dr. I. W. Mabbett of Australia, Kolkata, 2008.**

**Pp. xxii + 144 with Index, *Addenda et Corrigenda* and 4 Art Plates. Price: Rs. 500.00. US $ 25.00.**

This tiny volume brings to the fore the many sided achievements of Dr. Samaresh Bandyopadhyay, retired Professor of Ancient Indian History and Culture in the Calcutta University, through the interesting and intimate write-ups of fellow scholars in and outside the country, his teachers, his admirers and his students.

The first part of the volume, divided into 8 sections, seeks to project the multifaceted personality of Prof. Bandyopadhyay as a scholar and as a man, through the eyes of eminent academicians including his own students.

The hall-mark of a teacher lies in the quality of the students he produces. Dr. Bandyopadhyay has imminently fulfilled the requirement as vouchsafed by his students who particularly stress his kind and helpful attitude towards them while being a strict disciplinarian in the matter of studies.

Part II of the Volume contains the Professor’s learned addresses delivered in several Seminars and Conferences. With numismatics and epigraphy being close to his heart, in his addresses while stressing the importance of these studies he has ably assessed the progress of research in these fields and has several sincere advices for the future generations for the furtherance of these studies.

Thus it is heartening to note that this volume fully brings out the whole personality of Prof. Bandyopadhyay as a scholar, researcher and teacher with profound concern for the furtherance of studies and enrichment of our cultural heritage and also human relationships.  **–** **Professor Dr. Shrinivas Ritti** in *Bhāratīya Purābhilekha Patrikā (Studies in Indian Epigraphy)*, The Epigraphical Society of India, Mysore, Vol. XXXIV, 2009, pp. xxx-xxxi.

## III

***BHĀRATA-SAṀSKṚTI***

***(Presentations at a Three-Day International Seminar on***

***Importance of Early Indian Culture in Making a Better World,***

***organized on the occasion of the Ceremonial Release of******Prācyaprajñāpradīpa).***