FOREWORD

The University of Burdwan takes great pleasure in presenting to the Academic Community “Suniti Kumar Chatterji Commemoration Volume” containing learned articles contributed by distinguished scholars in linguistics of the country and abroad. Professor Suniti Kumar Chatterji happens to be one of the greatest Linguists of the world of the Twentieth Century and the University feels deeply honoured by having this opportunity of releasing a publication intended to commemorate the profound Linguist and the brilliant exponent on different aspects of Word Culture. This University has the distinction of associating Prof. Chatterji with some of its academic bodies, and a number of Faculty Members happen to be his former pupils. The entire academic community of the Institution offers its respectable homage to the memory of this eminent Linguist of the present century.

With the successful completion of numerous research projects in the field of Linguistics, the discipline has acquired a new dimension and many of the old-dated ideas have yielded place to new concepts. It is refreshing to note that the contributors to the present Volume have discussed some of the new trends in the field of Linguistics and have tried to expand the horizons of knowledge by bringing out fresh ideas in the fields of Morphology, Semantics and Comparative Philology. The study of non-aryan dialects has also found place in some of these articles and in some again an attempt has been made to prepare a comparative survey of the dialectal difference between few non-aryan languages, spoken by a cluster of people in one or other part of the country. All the contributors are experts in their own fields and their papers are marked by freshness of approach and novelty of thought. The spark of new thought traceable in these contributions really deserve commendation from the critical connoisseur.

The University of Burdwan is extremely indebted to
Dr. Bhakti Prasad Mallik, who initiated the proposition of presenting this collection of learned papers to his distinguished teacher late Professor Suniti Kumar Chatterji. With the sudden demise of Professor Chatterji, the scheme could not be translated into action then and there, but he approached the University of Burdwan with the request to publish the papers in this Commemoration Volume. The University Council seized upon this opportunity of paying homage to the profound Linguist and one of the most distinguished teachers in the country of the modern century. This Volume, therefore, owes its genesis to the scholarly imagination of Dr. Bhakti Prasad Mallik and the University of Burdwan feels thankful to him for this. The University regrets the delay in publication of the volume which has been caused mainly due to energy crisis and partly due to tight financial corners of the Indian Journal of Linguistics, the Official Organ of the West Bengal Institute of Linguistics. It is expected that eminent Linguists of International fame who have contributed very kindly to this volume will not mind this delay.

The University is extremely thankful to the members of the University Council, the members of the Publication Committee, the Publications Officer, Sri R. K. Palit and persons associated with the Printing concern all of whom are responsible for bringing out this nice publication, which I am sure will be endeared by all by its charmingness of form and profundity of content. The University is thankful to the printers M/s. B. B. Co. who have finished the job with great difficulty and have given a beautiful look to the publication. The valuable help received from Sri Suman Chattopadhyay in preparing photo plates for incorporation in the work also deserves commendation and acknowledgement.

I am sure "Suniti Kumar Chatterji Commemoration Volume" presented by the University of Burdwan will be appreciated by all students of Linguistics and persons desirous of entering into the hieroglyphics of language, and will be able to throw new light on some of the vexed problems of Linguistics. I have no doubt the volume will be able to establish itself as
one of the great monuments erected to commemorate the profound scholar Professor Suniti Kumar Chatterji.

I take great pleasure in presenting this volume to the Academic Community of the world.

The University of Burdwan
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