PREFACE

A.R. Rājarāja Varma, popularly known as ‘A.R.’ and respectfully referred to as the ‘Kerala Pāṇini is a famous scholar poet and grammarian of Kerala, well-versed in Malayalam, Sanskrit and English. He lived in the latter half of the 19th century and former half the 20th century. A.D.(1983 – 1918) Laghupāṇiniya and Maṇidīpika are his significant contributions to Sanskrit grammar. In Laghupāṇiniya, he has rearranged the sutras of Aṣṭādhyāyī with an independent and linguistic outlook. Maṇidīpika is a work on Sanskrit grammar written in Malayalam language and is intended to familiarize Sanskrit grammar, a knowledge of which is a necessary requisite for getting proficiency in Malayalam language which abound in Sanskrit words. However no serious effort has been made to study these two works in their diverse aspects and to estimate their importance in grammatical literature. The present thesis titled ‘Contribution of A.R.Rājarāja Varma to Sanskrit Grammar’ is intended to serve the above purpose.
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