PREFACE

Sankardeva, the great Assamese poet was born and worked in the Brahmaputra valley; the great Hindi poet Tulsidása's place of birth and field of work was the Hindi speaking North-India. However, they thought of India as a whole. Their messages and thoughts are useful not only for India but for the entire world. Even after a lapse of about four hundred years their relevance remains intact.

The present dissertation is the first attempt of its kind towards making a comparative study of Sankar's and Tulsi's thoughts from different angles. Their thoughts relating to Philosophy, devotion, religion, society and economy, politics and poetry are studied in separate chapters. The dissertation ends with the conclusion about the findings of the present investigation. Comparative study of the great Indian personalities will undoubtedly lead not only to a better understanding of Indian thoughts as a whole but also towards strengthening the sense of national unity and integration.

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