The Mahābhārata is a great epic of India. Undoubtedly, it is an encyclopedia of ancient Indian tradition. Persons of different regions, time and mentalities enlarged it at different periods. Like other works, it also contains matter on polity as well. Its significance lies in the fact that it has summarized the views of ancient Indian political theorists, and further, its writers have discussed numerous political problems in detail.

In this thesis a study of political values in Śāntiparva of the Mahābhārata has been presented. The present thesis, for the better understanding of the political value, is divided into five chapters. The opening chapter gives detail information regarding the Date, significance and gist of the Mahābhārata. The next chapter gives the information regarding the political ideas of vedic age, sutra period, Smṛti period and Rāmāyana period. In the third chapter, contents of the Śāntiparva are narrated. Fourth chapter gives the detailed information regarding the political values in santiparva and the last chapter offers the concluding remarks.

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