

Brief Profile of the Institute

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Institute of Sanskrit and Indological Studies is a research Institute furnished with an exclusive Reference library and other necessary infrastructure needed for higher research in all disciplines of Indology *i.e.* comparative study of Ancient Indian Literature, Languages, Scripts, Indian Philosophy and Religion, Ancient Indian Culture, Civilization and History including Jainism and Buddhism.

Initially this Institute was established with the vision and leadership of late Prof. Dharmendra Nath Shastri and late Prof. Buddha Prakash in 1963. On the occasion of Silver Jubilee Celebrations of KUK in 1981, with the sincere efforts of the then Director late Prof. Gopikamohan Bhattacharya, the institute was strengthened by the UGC by accepting the enhancement proposal and in 1985 provided with full faculty along with helping staff, grants for spacious and beautiful building and books for library.

At the very outset it started publication of **Prācī-Jyoti**, a Digest of Indological Studies in 1963. Forty four volumes of this Digest have been published so far. It started working on another long term project of publication of Mahabharata Word Concordance. A brief account of both of these projects is as below:

(A) Preparation and Publication of Long Term Collaborative Research Project (Mahābhāratapadānukramakośa) : Mahābhārata Word Concordance is to be completed in fifteen volumes and Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India (through Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthana, New Delhi) had sanctioned a grant of ₹ 30 Lac for its publication . The concept of this project is to prepare a highly beneficial Research tool which is to supply well alphabetized and grammatically analyzed record of each and every word unit occurring in the text of different *Parvas* of *Mahābhārata*.

The Word Concordance of Mahābhārata will supply the definite clue to find the references related to Ancient History, Geography, Law, Administration, Linguistics, Philosophy and Religion, Social and Economic Institutions, Responsiveness to Environmental balance etc. All the declensions are systematically arranged under their respective nominal head-words (*prātipadikas*) and verbal roots (*dhātus*) according to Pāṇinian system. Eleven volumes of this project have already been published. Completed basic data of remaining four volumes is quickly being shaped for final printing.

(B) Publication of Prācī Jyoti – Digest of Indological Studies

Prācī-Jyoti has been a unique publication of this Institute since 1963. Its XLIII-XLIV volume has been released in 2014. Next volume is in progress.

Prācī-Jyoti, being the Digest of Indological Studies is a reliable and inevitable source available to old and new scholars alike for obtaining updated research information. It supplies the abridgement divided in fifteen Sections of the research papers published world over in different journals of Indological Studies. It also includes topics of Research degrees awarded or being pursued along with projects (short/long terms) completed or being pursued at different Universities/Research Institutions world over. **Prācī-Jyoti** also publishes critical reviews of the latest arrivals. Thus **Prācī-Jyoti** is a reliable source of information and helps to get updated and eliminate duplicity in research.