

## **STATEMENT - I**

### **HOW THE PRESENT WORK TENDS TO THE GENERAL ADVANCEMENT OF KNOWLEDGE**

The Vedānta is not mere a philosophy which reigns over the hearts of the people of the world but it furnishes the practicable life-style spent or intensely desired to be spent by numerous people. A person desirous of magnanimous spiritual life makes research into the Vedānta depending on his capacity and interest. There is rather no other philosophy closer to the spiritualism or humanity than the Vedānta. Innumerable efforts are made to disclose its secrets. Ādi Śaṅkarācārya's Sarva-siddhānta-saṅgraha is also one of such philosophical texts leading to the path of spiritualism.

No authentic study or research on the Sarva-siddhānta-saṅgraha has been carried out so far, though the translation of M. Rangacharya is available in English (1908 AD) is out of print. Recently it is published by Eastern Book Linkers, Delhi in 2006 AD.

The thesis deals with the following matters of discussion and relevant topics. The preface gives the clear indication of its necessity and importance of the topic of research proposed in the subsequent pages of thesis. The thesis comprises of 05 chapters and 07 Appendices followed by Bibliography.

The present study attempts to specify the significant contribution of Sarva-siddhānta-saṅgraha on the light of *Kevalādvaita* of Ādi Śaṅkarācārya in the field of Vedānta. Besides its philosophical aspect, it deals with the highly philosophical value. Hence the effort is made to evaluate Sarva-siddhānta-saṅgraha critically after comparison with Sarva-darśana-saṅgraha.

The study is comparative, comprehensive and critical, hence it tends to contribute towards the general enhancement of knowledge.

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## **STATEMENT – II**

### **SOURCES, INDEBTEDNESS AND ORIGINALITY**

In the preparation of the present thesis, I have fully drawn upon the available published literature on the Vedānta. All the sources, quotations and references occurring in the present thesis have been verified properly and traced to the original source.

I have studied the text of Sarva-siddhānta-saṅgraha published by Ajay Book Service, New Delhi, which was available to me from Shrimati Hansa Mehta Library, Vadodara. I have also carefully gone through all the available relevant literature and sources as well as the tenets of *Kevalādvaita*. I have expressed my own views in the light of the text of Sarva-siddhānta-saṅgraha and doctrines of Ādi Śaṅkarācārya's philosophy of *Kevalādvaita*.