PREFACE

The Campus occupy a unique position in Sanskrit Literature. The Campu form attracted the poets of South India most. This audio-visual proso-poetic form is more intersting to trace the origin and development of the experiment of free style in Sanskrit literature. But Campus are hardly studied. Formlessness of this form known as Campu attracted me. I selected Visvagunadarsa-campu being a distinguished type of Campu. The study of Campu literature shows that the poet Venkatadhvarin has set a model before the Campu-authors.

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