

PREFACE

When I was studying Paninian grammar during the Shastri course (1996-1999), once my guiding teacher Dr. Jaydev Jani showed his voluminous work *Bhojavyākaraṇam* on the Sārasvata System of Sanskrit Grammar. I read the pages of introduction at one stretch and I asked him whether I could engage myself into the research in this field. Dr. Jani told me in affirmation and pointed out this topic “Anubhūtiśvarūpācārya- A Study”.

Dr. Jani also added that the research in this field requires patience, sincerity, hard work and concentration which all I promised. So this thesis is the result of his blessings.

As always in the case with such research, the text *Sārasvata-vyākaraṇam* of Anubhūtiśvarūpācārya (Pub. Nirnayasaagara press, Mumbai, VS 1942) which was chosen for the present study, was not scientifically edited. The numbering of the aphorisms was haphazard. The *Vārttikas* and the explanations were given numbering. The illustrations were misplaced and so on.

First of all the *Sārasvata-sūtrapāṭha* (critical text collated with the two ms. of ORI, Baroda and one from BORI, Pune) was compared and cross-checked with the *Sārasvata-vyākaraṇam*. I prepared the text on the line of Bhaṭṭoji Dīkṣita's *Vaiyākaraṇa-Siddhānta-Kaumudī*, and thus the serial numbering was taken up of the whole text along with *Sūtrapāṭha* numbers at the end of every aphorism.

The *Vārttikas* (furnished at the end of the Pune Ms.) were numbered serially and that number is supplied in the text. Anubhūtiśvarūpācārya quotes *kārikas* including verses from *Śrīmadbhāgavata-purāṇam*, *Śiśupālavadham*, etc. as the illustrations. They are also numbered serially, giving their references in the footnotes.

Muni Candrakīrti's *Subodhikā* (Pub. Chaukhamma Sanskarit Samsthana, Varanasi, 3rd Edition, 1985) on the *Sārasvata-vyākaraṇam* of Anubhūtiśvarūpācārya was also available. I read and compared it with my text. Other two important works viz. Rāmāśama's *Siddhāntacandrikā* (Pub. Shree Venkateshvar Press, Mumbai, VS 1981) and Jinacandra's *Siddhantaratnikā* (Pub. Shri Yashovijay Jainagranthamala, Bhavanagar) are also studied and their study is included in this thesis, too.

The modern works must be noted as they have been of tremendous help to me in preparing this thesis.

The initial and inevitable book Systems of Sanskrit Grammar by Belvalkar Shripad Krishna (Pub. With the Permission of the University of Bombay, Poona, 1st Edition, 1915) is undoubtedly an epoch-making work in this field. The next comes the effort of Pandit Yudhiṣṭhira Mīmāṃsaka's *Sanskrit Vyākaraṇa Śāstra kā Itihāsa* (Pub. Ramlal Kapoor Trust, Bahalaghadha, Hariyana, VS 2030) and the third is Post Pāṇinian Systems of Sanskrit Grammar by Saini Ranjit Singh (Pub. Parimal Publications, Delhi, 1999).

A part from the three mentioned above, I collected many important necessary material from other books, journals, etc. and they are listed in the bibliography at the end of this thesis.

While finalising the textual data of this thesis, I found that the discussion about the life & date of Anubhūtiśvarūpācārya would be proper to include in the Third chapter (Anubhūtiśvarūpācārya - Controversy about the author ship of Sārasvata text) instated of the fourth chapter (An outline of Anubhūtiśvarūpācārya's *Sārasvata-prakriyā* (*Prathamāvṛtti*, *Dvitiyāvṛtti* & *Trtīyāvṛtti*)). I discussed the idea with my guide and he accepted the same.

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