

FOREWORD

The Index to the Proper Names in the *Mahābhārata* by Sörensen has long been out-of-print. Its want was being felt by scholars interested in Indological studies all over the world. In order that the book may be made available in the market at a reasonable price, the Ministry of Education have sponsored the reprinting of the work by offset process under their scheme of reprinting of important out-of-print Sanskrit works. I hope, the reprint will go a long way towards facilitating Indological studies, specially studies in the *Mahābhārata*.

At the time when this indexing was attempted by Sörensen, no critical edition of the *Mahābhārata* was available. Now that the entire *Mahābhārata* has already been critically edited by the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute, it would be quite in the fitness of things if someone undertakes the revision of the material presented by the learned author in the present work in the light of the material found in the critical edition. That would perhaps be the best way of our honouring Sörensen and his aspirations. I am quite sure, this reprint will inspire such an undertaking in our country.

I am deeply appreciative of the efforts of M/S Motilal Banarsidass in bringing out this reprint expeditiously.

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