



Panditaraja Jagannatha: The Renowned Sanskrit Poet of Medieval India

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Mittal Publications, New Delhi, 1994. N.A. Condition: New. xiv, 215 p. In the galaxy of Indian poets-cum-critics, Jagannatha occupies a formidable position by virtue of his creative imagination and critical study. His age, no doubt synchronises with appearance of other literary geniuses and scholars. But Jagannatha is unparalleled in the field of Sanskrit poetry on account of his dynamism and versatile intellect. In the sphere of Indian aesthetics his contribution has not been fully assessed only because he is a modern writer with a stigma attached to his name and also doctrine to traditional poetics have been firmly established. He has written good poems from the aesthetic point of view but not from a mere rhetorical one. He has done this with his power of close reasoning inspired by the subtle logic of the neo-logicians and he imported the technical language of Navya Nyaya for accurate expression. Panditaraja also has based Indian aesthetics on metaphysical foundation of the Vedanta Philosophy and has done it ably with the help of technique of Navya Nyaya. His treatment of some poetic principles like rasa, guna and alankara exhibits the salient features of Indian aesthetics and adds new values to all of them. Here...



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