

ASPECTS OF BUDDHISM

On 29 July 1983, on the occasion of the inauguration of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations of the Sikkim Research Institute of Tibetology, Hon'ble Smt. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister was pleased to release the publication *Aspects of Buddhism*.

This is a handsome and handy volume containing erudite yet popular presentation of diverse topics of Dharma. Among the contributors are Dilip Kumar Barua, Bishwanath Banerjee; Anukul Chandra Banerjee, Heramba Chatterjee, Chimed Rigzin Lama, N. K. Devaraja, Trevor Ling. Parasmani Pradhan, H. E. Richardson and Ringu Tulku. The book has an Introduction titled 'Gandhi and Buddha' by Shri Homi J. H. Taleyarkhan, Governor of Sikkim and President, Institute of Tibetology. It is to be noted that this book, like the other items of the Silver Jubilee programme, owes most to His Excellency Homi Taleyarkhan.

Captions of some articles may be cited : Legacies of Buddhism in Bengal, Conception of Avalokitesvara, Contemporary Relevance of Buddhism, Religion and Statecraft in Tibet, Significance of Supernormal Powers in Spiritual Life, Role of Tibet in the History of Buddhism, Problem of Dukha in Buddhism. Both scholars and general readers will no doubt appreciate contents of the volume.

