

TOWARDS TAGORE

An aspirational pledge, a Promethean bid to reach
out to the sun that never sets



It is therefore crucial that we aspire to reach out not just to the texts authored by Tagore, but we need to learn from Tagore as text, for here was a man who lived through eight decades of British governed India, never surrendered to the abjectness that defines cultural colonization and was able to find a singular path among the mazes of conservative, conventional, traditional or politically motivated convoluted routes that merely led to strengthening bondage rather than liberation of the self and society. He never hesitated to express his outrage at the brutality and callousness of British rule, at the same time he was candid and confident about pointing out the narrow self-seeking goals of nationalism.

The thirty-seven essays in this volume have been authored by the distinguished Tagore scholars of our times. It must be noticed that true to the Tagorean tradition, the authors are representatives of diverse races, religion, caste, class and gender, but all of them have one common invincible link, they are all dedicated Tagore scholars and their objective is to further Tagore studies both at home and in the world.



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