



## सम्पादकीय—



किसी भी संस्था का रजत जयंती वर्ष में पदार्पण करना अपने आप में एक विशेष गौरव एवं सफलता का मापदंड होता है। अवन्तिका की रजत जयंती को उपलब्धि वर्ष मान कर इसे रोचक एवं व्यापक रूप से मनाने का निश्चय लिया गया एवं तदर्थ एक स्मारिका प्रकाशित करने का भी निर्णय लिया गया।

अवन्तिका के सदस्यों में आशातीत वृद्धि हुई है और इसे दृष्टिगत रखकर स्मारिका में सदस्यों के नाम पते चित्र आदि प्रकाशित किये गये हैं। इस तरह से स्मारिका और भी रोचक एवं उपादेय हो गई है।

अवन्तिका के सभापति श्री इन्द्रचंद्र संचेती एवं रजत जयंती उत्सव समिति के अध्यक्ष श्री मदनलाल सराफ ने समय समय पर अपने सुझाव देकर स्मारिका के प्रकाशन में जो सहयोग दिया है उसके लिये उन्हें धन्यवाद।

स्मारिका को सफलतापूर्वक एवं समय पर प्रकाशित करने में स्मारिका उप समिति के सभी सदस्यों का, विशेषकर श्री पारस कोचर का, सराहनीय सहयोग मिला, तदर्थ सबको साधुवाद।

इस स्मारिका को प्रकाशित करने में किसी भी प्रकार की भूल चूक एवं अशुद्धि के लिये क्षमा प्रार्थी हूँ।

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**Welcome Speech**  
**by**  
**CHAIRMAN**  
**Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee**



**M. L. SARAF**

Hon'ble Sri Chittatosh Mukherjee  
Chief Justice, Calcutta High Court  
Hon'ble Sri Thakurdas Sugla  
Judge, Bombay High Court

Ladies, Gentlemen and Friends,

AVANTIKA was established way back in the year 1962. Since then about quarter of a century has passed and the year 1987 is the Silver Jubilee year of the Organisation. The period of 25 years in the life of an organisation is not a very long one but nevertheless it is a land-mark in the history of any organisation.

Avantikans are proud that today's function is being inaugurated by a person of no less eminence than the Honourable Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court, Sri Chittatosh Mookherjee. Honourable Shri Mookherjee is a well known personality of this great city. He comes from the illustrious family of great legal illuminaries. His grand-father Sir Asutosh Mookherjee and father Shri Rama Prasad Mookherjee had both acted as Chief Justice of the Hon'ble Calcutta High Court and keeping the heritage, our Chief Guest Shri Chittatosh Mookherjee is also holding the high office of Chief Justice of the same High Court. Such instances are rare to be found in history. Hon'ble Sri Mookherjee had a successful and distinguished practice at the Bar of the Calcutta High Court for about sixteen years when he was elevated to the Bench of Calcutta High Court from 2nd April, 1969 and thereafter appointed its Chief Justice on 1st November, 1986

Earlier also, Avantikans had the honour of receiving Chief Justice Shri D. N. Sinha as their Chief Guest and keeping up the tradition, I feel greatly honoured to offer, on my own behalf and on behalf of the whole Avantika Pariwar, a very warm welcome to honourable Chief Justice Shri Chittatosh Mookherjee.



Hon'ble Shri Thakurdas Sugla does not need any introduction to the members of Avantika. Shri Sugla had been one of the oldest members of Avantika. When he was in Calcutta he had even served as President of our organisation during the year 1965-66. He continued to be an active member of Avantika till he joined the Income Tax Appellate Tribunal as a member thereof in 1967. Even thereafter, he did not lose his interest in Avantika and its members and whenever he had occasions to visit Calcutta he used to meet old Avantikans and enquire from them about the current activities of the organisation. As all of you are aware, he later on became the President of Income Tax Appellate Tribunal in the year 1980 and continued to function in that capacity till middle of 1986 when he was elevated to the Bench of Bombay High Court, an honour which he greatly deserved. Avantika and its members are proud that one of their members could rise to such an important position. It is, therefore, in the fitness of things that Hon'ble Justice T. D. Sugla is present on the occasion of Silver Jubilee Celebrations of Avantika and is presiding over the first function. I offer him a warm welcome not only on behalf of myself but also on behalf of all Avantikans.

I also offer a warm welcome to our invitee poets Smt. Maya Govind, Sri Som Thakur, Sri Hari Om Panwar and Sri Bharat Bhushan who are renowned and distinguished celebrities in their own field and who have very kindly joined us this morning in our celebrations.

I also welcome the members of Avantika, their families and friends and our guests of this morning who took the trouble of attending Avantika's inaugural function of Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

Before concluding I will fail in my duty if I do not express my heartfelt thanks to Shri I. C. Sancheti, President of Avantika, Sri J. R. Bhadani Secretary and other office bearers and members of Executive Committee, members of Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee and the Convenors of 3 Sub-Committees, namely Shri O. P. Ghiya, Convenor of Programme Sub-Committee, Shri S. L. Kochar, Convenor of Souvenir Sub-Committee and Shri G. L. Shroff, Convenor of Finance Sub-Committee and the members of the 3 Sub-Committees. Without their active help and participation, it would not have been possible for me to organise the Silver Jubilee Celebrations.

With these few words, I again welcome Hon'ble Chief Justice Sri C. T. Mukherjee, Hon'ble Justice Sri T. D. Sugla, and each one of you to this morning's inaugural function.



## ADDRESS BY PRESIDENT



I. C. SANCHETI

Twenty five years ago Calcutta was the economic and financial capital of India, the home of noted, talented and high calibre professionals. The contribution of these individuals in all important spheres of life was immense. Not only were they recognised in India but some of them also became international professional figures. But there was a vacuum of common platform for discussion on Indian culture, literature etc.

With a view to bridge this gap as well as to create a consciousness among them about cultural and literary heritage of India "Avantika" was established in 1962 by a few friends—Lawyers, Chartered Accountants etc. who in their working life, were handling complex problems of law and accountancy while in their hearts they yearned for literature, culture and learning. The main object of "Avantika" is to promote cultural and mental development of members by organising intellectual, literary, cultural and social functions, at the same time remaining aloof from political and religious groups. Collectively, they act as a family and individually they have held high positions in various organisations such as, Chambers of Commerce, Bar Libraries, Law Benches, Associations, and various charitable, social and cultural organisations.

In "Avantika", members meet from time to time and discuss among themselves their mutual problems, realities existing in the society and the demands made upon their intelligence. Avantikans deal with complex problems of law and accounting which make them philomaths and their



professional practice teaches them philosophy. They also invite for deliberation dignitaries from the field of law, literature and culture because according to Avantikans, these three heritages go a long way in weaving the fabric of a strong society which is their own. They had in the past, privilege of receiving leading personalities of different fields as their honoured guests.

Over the years "Avantika" like any other society, had its ups and downs. During some years, it has been able to organise many literary as well as cultural events which were enjoyed and appreciated by members and outsiders alike. In other years its performance has been less outstanding. Avantika has demonstrated a tenacity and will to survive and flourish despite many odds in its path as demonstrated in this Hindi poem :

इस तरह तय हमने की मंजिले ।  
गिर पड़े, गिर कर उठे, उठ कर चले ।

On the whole, the organisation moved steadily towards its objectives and has proved a continued tremendous source of inspiration and education to its members.

Today as Avantika celebrates its inaugural function of Silver Jubilee, the enthusiasm of the older generation is matched with the energy of the younger generation. I do hope that Avantika, in future with the help of new members shall capture new horizons and made an important contribution to the sustained development of Indian culture out and literature.

Fance is what youie taken, characters what you give  
When to this truth you waken, then you begin to live.

—BOLDNESS



## Thanks Giving



**J. R. BHADANI**  
**Hony. Secretary**

Chief Guest of this morning Honourable Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court Sri Chittatosh Mukerjee, Honourable Justice of Bombay High Court Sri Thakurdas Sugla, beloved President Sri Indra Chand Sancheti, Silver Jubilee Celebration Committee Chairman Sri Madan Lal Saraf, distinguished Poets, respectable guests, Advertisers, my dear fellow Avantikans, gracious Ladies, & Gentleman.

I have been assigned a very pleasant task of expressing our gratitude and proposing a vote of thanks to our distinguished guests of this morning. AVANTIKA is grateful to Hon'ble Sri Chittatosh Mukerjee, Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court for accepting our request to be the Chief Guest at this morning's inaugural function of Silver Jubilee Celebrations. We are extremely thankful to Justice Mukerjee that he could spare his valuable time for AVANTIKA inspite of his busy schedule. We feel confident that the kind words with which you have blessed us today would act as a tower of light and guidance to us. AVANTIKA is also grateful to Hon'ble Justice Sri Thakurdas Sugla, Judge of Bombay High Court, for his kindly accepting our request to be with us this morning and preside over the function. Justice Sugla took the trouble of coming from Bombay to Calcutta for attending this function and we are extremely thankful to him for his kind words for Avantika which will go a long way in inspiring and encouraging us to achieve greater heights of our traditions.

I am thankful to all the Poets who came all the way from Bombay, Agra & Meerut to join literary function of 'Kavi Sammellan'.

I am also thankful to our guests and all the distinguished invitees present for attending our function of this morning. I have also to convey my thanks to representatives of the press and TV for covering our today's function.

With these few words, I now propose a very hearty vote of thanks to our Chief Guest, Hon'ble Justice Sri Chittatosh Mukerjee, Chief Justice of Calcutta High Court, Hon'ble Justice Sri Thakurdas Sugla, Judge of Bombay High Court and request all of you to carry the same with acclamation

Inspite of all efforts there might have been some lapses on my part or on the part of my colleagues. I as a Secretary of 'Avantika Family' express due apology. We may kindly be excused for our shortcomings & lapses. Let me once again thank you and conclude with the hope of receiving your continued assistance, co-operation and guidance.





दिनांक २७ दिसम्बर १९८६ को हिन्दुस्तान क्लब में आयोजित गोष्ठी में अवन्तिका परिवार के ऋतिपय सदस्य