

Acknowledgement

It gives us immense pleasure to present this book to the readers out there! For the past one and half years, every one of us went through challenging times due to the pandemic (COVID-19). The book - its editors, contributors and publishers were no exception to this and the publication of the book, in fact, was affected massively due to the outbreak. However, with the sustained faith in each other everything that needed for seeing this book to be published was taken care of confidently.

The idea of this book revolves around one of the most contentious issues in contemporary times today – is ‘Migration.’ It primarily brings to the fore a group of students, research scholars and academicians who trace the phenomenon of migration through engaged studies involving literature, culture and translation. One of the important aspects of this book is that its contributors (the students and research scholars) put an additional effort and rewrote their essays after presenting them during the three-day national conference on ‘Migration’ at GITAM (Deemed to be University), Hyderabad campus in January 2020. In addition, the invited speakers (academicians) who shared their academic expertise on the theme of Migration during the conference also agreed to make their contributions in the form of essays/articles for publication purposes further. Our efforts towards making this conference a success leading to the publication of this volume could not have been possible without academic collaboration as well as the generous financial support provided by the CIIL (Central Institute of Indian Languages), Mysuru. We are grateful to all of them for their cordial support and encouragement.

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