

PROF. UDAYA NARAYANA SINGH

A major linguist, translator, lexicographer & creative writer, Singh was born in 1951 at Calcutta; Grassroot bilingual in Bangla (from mother) and Maithili (from Father). Studied through the medium of Bangla (Hare School, Kolkata) and English (Sanskrit College, Kolkata and at Delhi) Currently, Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Visva-Bharati and occupant of its Tagore Research Chair, Rabindra Bhavana.

Studied Honors in Linguistics at Calcutta 1969-1972 (designated Eshan Scholar), and Master's at the University of Delhi 1972-74 (awarded Uggarsain Memorial Gold Medal), and a semester at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, USA in 1978. Earned Ph.D. degree in Linguistics (in Syntax and Semantics) in 1979; University of Delhi.

As a litterateur, Singh is known to be a major poet, playwright and an essayist in Bangla and Maithili; Also writes in English and Hindi.

Udaya Narayana has published 6 collections of poems and 11 plays as well as 6 books of literary essays, besides translating 6 books ó with special reference to translation of **Tagore's complete works on Children's literature from Bangla into Maithili for Sahitya Akademi**. In addition, he has authored over 150 research papers in Linguistics and edited about 16 books. Awarded the Keertinarayan Mishra Award (Chetana Samiti) for his play *No entry: Maa Pravishaq* 2009; by the Chief Minister of Bihar on 31st October, 2009. His latest book-length publication is *Translation as Growth: Towards a theory of Language Development* (2010), published by Longman-Pearson.

Professor Singh had a rich administrative experience in various capacities. He was formerly the Director of *Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL)*, Ministry of HRD at the level of Joint Secretary, Govt of India from Dec 2000 to June 10, 2009. He also served as the Dean, Students' welfare at the University of Hyderabad. He was the founder-Head, Centre for Applied Linguistics and Translation Studies at the University of Hyderabad: (1987-2000), better known as CALTS, grew up to be an internationally renowned institution on its own right. **Professor Singh had also set up** as its founder-Director at the University of Hyderabad ó the internationally acclaimed **SIP** or the '**Study India Program**'. He had also established the large **Centre for Distance Education** at Hyderabad. He is a part of the SAARC Inter-Governmental Council for the establishment of the South Asian University (SAU), appointed by the Ministry of External Affairs, Govt of India.