

## PREFACE

An account of India's freedom struggle and the role of the Indian freedom fighters is nothing new. Yet the novelty of the subject matter of this dissertation lies in the comprehensive treatment of Subhas Chandra Bose's relation with British at different stages of his life and his analysis of the different facets of British imperialism in India as well as the British reaction to Bose's intensive struggle for freedom. These aspects of Netaji's ideas and activities have so far been treated in an isolated or in a scattered manner, not in such a co-ordinated and interconnected comprehensive manner linking up the scattered parts into an integrated whole. This dissertation deals with this subject-matter right from the very beginning of his infancy to the final stage of his mysterious disappearance from the Indian panorama. Whether he survived the reported accident at Taihoku and the mystery of his whereabouts thereafter — this controversial subject-matter has been left outside the scope of the dissertation.

Finally, the subject matters and their treatment in Chapter I (B), Chapter III (A) and Chapter V are entirely original and novel, not discussed or written anywhere so far, while regarding the rest of the matters in this Thesis are marked by new approach and interpretation.

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