

## PREFACE

The present work entitled '*The concept of causality in Indian Logic : A critical study*' is an attempt to answer different problems concerning causal theories in Indian systems in a novel way. The discussions about this are arranged into five chapters. In the first chapter, I have tried to offer an account of the historical development of the causal theory in Indian Philosophical Systems and their metaphysical presuppositions behind the postulation of a particular theory. In the second chapter, I have tried to give an exposition of the nature of the concept of *Kāraṇa* and *Kārya*, the various forms of *Kāraṇa* & their philosophical significance from Indian standpoint. In the third chapter, an effort has been made to give a brief account of different causal theories in Advaita Vedānta, Buddhism, Sāṃkhya and Cārvāka. In the fourth chapter, I have tried to judge critically the opponents views concerning causation from Nyāya standpoint. In the fifth and concluding chapter, I have made an attempt to solve some philosophical problems, such as , whether causal relation is a kind of *Svarūpa* relation or not. Here I have also tried to make a brief comparison with some views of the Western thinkers concerning causation.

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