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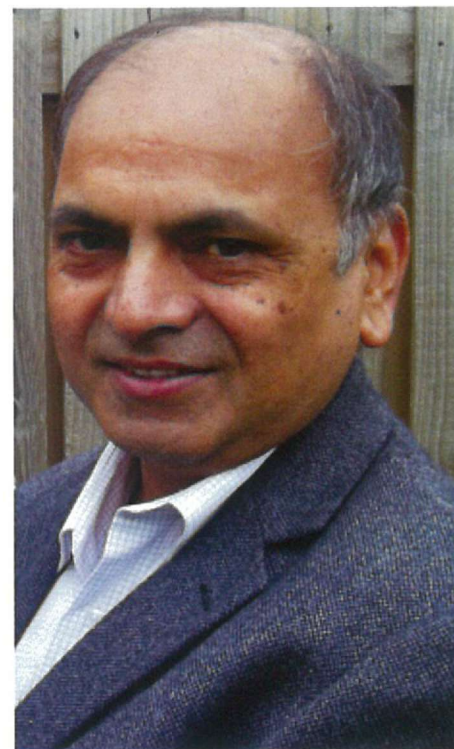
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FOREWORD

It is our pleasure to publish the Fifth Rabindranath Tagore Memorial Lecture delivered by Professor Ganesh Devy on 12th March 2012, at Netaji Subhas Open University. After the completion of sesquicentennial birth anniversary of Rabindranath Tagore, we feel proud to extend our homage to the great humanist by publishing this series of lectures.

Professor Ganesh Devy is one of the most revered and serious literary critics of our time in this country. His works have been appreciated at the highest levels of Indian academia and in international arena as well. Professor Devy's thoughts and insights on Indian Literary Historiography have created a separate canon among the contemporary readership of India. His passionate and praxis oriented activity among the denotified nomadic tribes is known to all of us. He is the founder of Bhasa Research Centre, Baroda and Adivasi Academy, Tejgadh, which are examples of his vision towards life the lives of the marginalised. He has received 'Padma Shri' from Govt. of India and was awarded 'Prince Clause' for his writings and community work.

To hear from such learned person was really a good experience. Now, it is my pleasure to publish his lecture on behalf of an Open University which strives to reach the 'unreached' in all its best possible endeavours.

I am thankful to Dr. Manan Kumar Mandal, Associate Professor & Officer-in-charge of School of Humanities and his colleagues for organizing the lecture and for its publication.

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