

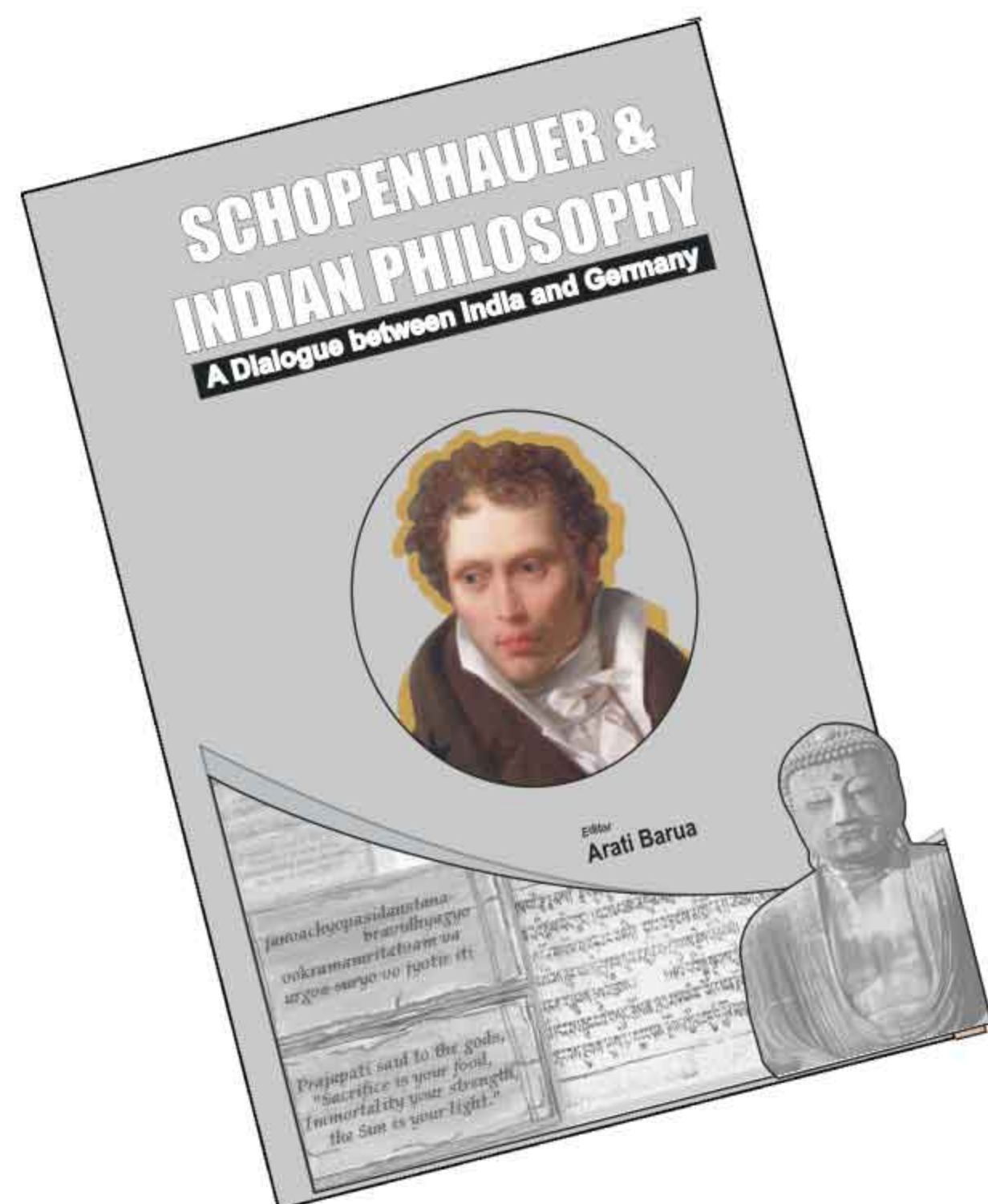
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It is hoped that this book will recreate an interest in Schopenhauer's philosophy in India and abroad with a new perspective. There is a recent revival of Schopenhauerism or at least a rediscovery of certain very original and fundamental ideas of Schopenhauer in the contemporary academic world.

Schopenhauer has been rightly described as a 'bridge' between Western and Indian philosophy. In this regard Prof Kossler (President of Schopenhauer Gesellschaft) writes, "I think in his (Schopenhauer's) thinking lies a way of bridging cultural differences but that requires a thorough investigation of the relations between the two, which can only be carried out in co-operation with scientists of both cultures." Hence, this kind of research-oriented volume will further foster mutual understanding between the Eastern and Western philosophical traditions.

Indian philosophy already owes so much to Schopenhauer in the sense that he paid homage to the Vedas, Upaniṣads and Buddhism. Hence the significance of the book would have to be judged in terms of a tribute to Schopenhauer. It will be an honour to the memory of Schopenhauer, one of the first Western thinkers who brought recognition to Indian Philosophy in the west.

The most important aspect of the book is that the list of paper-contributors is composed of an international team which includes selected Schopenhauerian scholars from Australia, Japan, USA, Canada, Germany and India who are working on this theme for a long time. But the significance is that the serious research works of these international scholars will be combined for the first time in one single book. Its specialty lies in the fact that the Indian scholars are participating in a large number in this book.

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