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Foreword

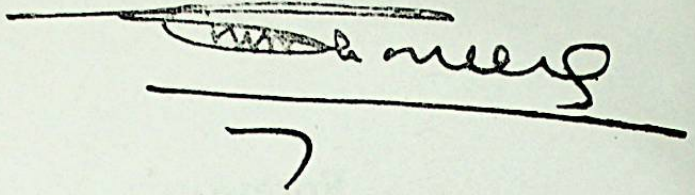
Composed of the three principal cultural units and geographical divisions, namely, Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh, Jammu and Kashmir State has had a rich and variegated cultural heritage accompanied by a glorious and uninterrupted series of written records of history ; a singular pride which only we have had in the sub-continent. The State is a three-storeyed edifice founded upon common bonds of history and geography and now linked together by a common destiny.

Jammu and Kashmir State provides vast range of interests for persons of varied tastes. To the holiday-maker Kashmir is the "Garden of Asia", while for a lover of sports a wide range of game is available here. The great wealth of flora and fauna, the lovely glens, the striking monuments and lofty mountains provide an inexhaustible fund of delight to the botanist, the poet, the explorer, the historian and the philosopher alike.

I am delighted to see that Shri Kulbhusan Warikoo, presently working as Chief Librarian in the State Department of Information, has been able to compile a comprehensive Bibliography of documents published on our State upto 1974, covering all branches of learning.

The book, which is the first of its kind, will undoubtedly prove an indispensable tool for all those interested in the Area Study of Jammu and Kashmir. Thus due to the tiresome and arduous work done by Shri Warikoo in his individual capacity, our State has come on the map of Bibliographical control, which forms a pedestal in the field of Library Service in modern society.

I would wish that similar efforts could be initiated in other parts of our country.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Sheikh Mohammad Abdullah', is written over a horizontal line. Below the signature, there is a large, stylized flourish or mark.

(SHEIKH MOHAMMAD ABDULLAH)

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