

# Sanskrit: Language of universal welfare



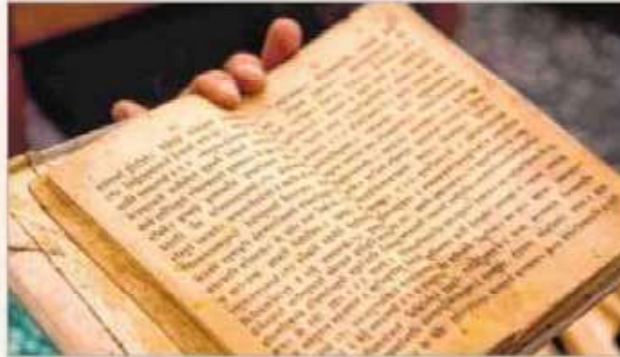
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Language gives a true introduction to society and culture. Having a rich language is considered a major contribution to a civilized society. Today there is a need for a language of universal welfare that teaches us to communicate with our loved ones, identify ourselves and which

leads us to *Tamaso ma jyotirgamaya* i.e. from darkness to light. Sanskrit is the language in which a civilized society, prosperous family, advanced nation, serene thoughts, strong intellect, trained skills, rational dialogue and all-round human ethics are cultivated. These rituals are thousands of years of our culture. There is a great need of a Sanskrit Central University in the country to protect the values. Promotion and preservation of Sanskrit language as a central university is necessary.

There is a science in Sanskrit language that India gave to the world, for example, the mathematical theorem that Maharishi Boudhayan has explained is accepted by the world today. Maharishi Charak, Maharishi Shushruta, Maharishi Vaghat -- the three big names of Indian medical science -- gave medical formulas in Sanskrit language to protect the heart of the creature, while Maharishi Patanjali gave yoga formulas for physical and mental health. Sanskrit language has given infinite amount of knowledge to the whole world from geography to astronomy. Maharishi Aryabhata, Maharishi Varabamihira and Acharya Jagadh, Maharishi Bharadwaj have given us cosmic knowledge. It is based on the principles of pure mathematics.

For the first time in the history of the Parliament of this country in the 17th Lok Sabha, 44 MPs from multilingual provinces took their oath of office and secrecy in Sanskrit.



It was surprising to the whole world that the life of Sanskrit language is being seen in the Parliament of India and in the administration headed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. When each of the subjects are established in Parliament by the representatives of the people, then all those subjects are for national reform and not for the individual.

This inspiration of public welfare is got from Sanskrit. They are found only in the hymns of the Vedas. In the 281st session of the Rajya Sabha, a bill on the Central Sanskrit University is presented by the Ministry of Human Resource Development.

Under the leadership of Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, three prestigious Sanskrit Universities of Sanskrit complete world-class knowledge and research will be given to the world, namely Lal Bahadur Shastri Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, New Delhi National Sanskrit Sansthan and Rashtriya Sanskrit Vidyapeeth, Tirupati. When the Central Sanskrit University is formed, the youth would have aroused a

strong interest to research Sanskrit. There will also be an opportunity to research and publish manuscripts of Sanskrit Pali and Prnkrit in these Central Sanskrit Universities. World-class teachers and scientists will also be able to work together in universities. These three Central Universities will ensure the fulfillment of the ancient knowledge Gaurav Nalanda, Taxila and Vikramashila Universities of India.

In many countries outside India, students of Sanskrit language are being trained at primary level only. In London, St James The school ([www.sanskritstjames.org.uk](http://www.sanskritstjames.org.uk)) is leading its students in Sanskrit. Gabriella Burnel, a London-based girl from Oxford, sings songs in Sanskrit every day for the global promotion of the Sanskrit language. Another woman from London, Lucy Guest has been doing research in Sanskrit language for the last 30 years.

Dr. James Hartzell, a scientist, has proved through his research that learning of Sanskrit language increases memory. His re-

search was called 'Sanskrit Effect'.

Prof. Peter M Scharf, a Sanskrit professor at Brown University in the United States, teaches Computational Sanskrit Linguistics in India these days. The sounds of the Spanish language Catalan and the official Spanish language have so many similarities with Sanskrit that you will be surprised. Dr Oscar Pujol, director of the Instituto Cervantes, the academic centre of the Spanish Embassy in India, has even drawn up the Sanskrit Catalan dictionary and Sanskrit Spanish dictionary. The Rucinski family in Poland has all six of its members speaking Sanskrit. Dr Anna Rucinska and Dr Thomas Rucinski have together translated many Sanskrit texts into Polish including the *Ramayana*, *Mahabharata* and *Srimad-Bhavadgita*. There are beautiful Sanskrit elements on the wall of the prestigious University of Warsaw, which have also been translated into Polish.

The culture of India and Lithuania country is very similar and the people of Lithuania associate themselves with Vedic culture. Madodaya, our Vice President who visited Lithuania last year, was conferred the 'Sanskrit-Lithuanian word dictionary' (Sanskrit Latvya Mala). Earlier in the year 2017, Foreign Minister Linus Linkevicius of Lithuania had also gifted our Foreign Affairs Minister the Late Sushma Swaraj this dictionary. Prof. Milena Bratoeva of Bulgaria has translated eight Sanskrit Upanishads into Bulgarian. Fluent Sanskrit-speaking Canadian Vanessa Acevedo of McGill University Montreal has visited India more than ten times. Now she is doing research on the art skills contained in *Vastu Shastra* written in Sanskrit. And isn't it special that Princess Maha Chakri Sirindhorn of Thailand, who recently visited India, has herself studied Sanskrit.

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