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संस्कृतलेखः द्वितीयपुटे अस्ति ।

Dear Friend of Samskrita Bharati,

नमस्ते । Greetings to you and your family in this auspicious lunar month of Kārttika. Hope all is well. As you probably know, Samskrita Bharati continues to advance its core mission of promoting Samskritam learning and teaching in North America. We have come this far with your unstinted support, financial contributions, and your steadfast faith in Samskrita Bharati's mission. Our programs cater to all people (children, youth and adults), with the goal of making Samskritam an integral part of our lives. Through the language of Samskritam, we can uphold our rich and diverse cultural heritage, and broaden our horizons and by doing so, we may progress spiritually and intellectually.

Children and young adults are our future and integral to growth of Samskritam

More than two decades of persistent efforts by our volunteers and well-wishers have resulted in thousands of people in the US learning Samskritam. Most of them have continued their learning and are now able to converse in Samskritam. This has provided a firm base of Samskritam speakers and teachers whose dedicated efforts have helped our movement grow organically in forty metropolitan areas across the country. Additionally, this has helped us launch programs specifically designed for our future generations - children and young adults. 'Samskrita-Kendram' is one such program where families come together as a community with children, their parents and other adults studying Samskritam in their respective classes. The increase in the number of children and adults enrolling in our in-person classes across the country since the end of the Covid-pandemic reassures us that we will be able to fulfill our mission of making Samskritam an everyday spoken language in the coming years.

The "Samskritam As a Foreign Language (SAFL)" program for high school students has seen consistent growth over the years with a total enrollment of more than 500 students in the current academic year. Similarly, our Division of Youth Education and Engagement offers opportunities for youth currently in college or working to continue to be engaged with Samskritam thereby helping them retain their ties with our Samskriti. All these planned efforts are helping us nurture Samskritam enthusiasts that will help lead Samskrita Bharati in the future.

Current Status of Samskrita Bharati in the US

Samskrita Bharati currently has more than 45 chapters spread across 26 states in the USA and is poised for further growth with more than 600 dedicated volunteers. Scores of families use Samskritam as one of the languages for communication at home. In addition to a rented office that we maintain in Santa Clara for official transactions, we have our own center called 'Padam' in Aldie, VA (near Washington, DC). We plan to develop 'Padam' in the coming years as a center of excellence in teaching, training, publishing, and research in Samskritam.

We need your support

Samskrita Bharati conducts its programs and activities primarily with generous financial support from well-wishers like you. Your contributions are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. You can contribute online or send in your contribution by check. All the details can be found in the following link - <http://samskritabharatiusa.org/index.php/contribute/samajanidhi>. Please contact us by phone (650-407-5335) or by email (info@sbusa.org) if you have any questions or need more information.

Jayatu Samskritam.



Natesa Janakiraman, President

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संस्कृतभारत्याः प्रियसुहृदः,

नमो नमः । भगवतः कृपया भवतां गृहेषु सर्वं कुशलमिति आशास्महे । संस्कृतभारत्याः संस्कृत-शिक्षण-अध्ययन-व्यवसायाः उत्तर-अमेरिका-खण्डे सम्यक् वर्धमानाः सन्ति । भवताम् अविच्छिन्नसाहाय्येन, धनप्रदानेन, पूर्णविश्वासेन च एव वयम् एतादृशीं प्रगतिं साधयन्तः स्मः । अस्माकं कार्यक्रमाणां ध्येयम् अस्ति यत् आबालवृद्धानां सर्वेषां दैनन्दिनजीवने संस्कृतं प्रमुखभागं वहेदिति । अस्माकं वैविध्यपूर्णम् उन्नतां संस्कृतिम् अभिवर्धयितुं तथैव ज्ञानदृष्ट्या, आध्यात्मिकदृष्ट्या च स्वप्रगतिं साधयितुं च संस्कृतभाषा अत्युत्तमा सहकारिणी भवति इत्यत्र नास्ति संशयः ।

बालाः युवकाः च अस्मद्भविष्यम् , अतः तान् मनसि निधाय प्रकल्पितानि कार्याणि

आ गतेभ्यः बहुभ्यः वर्षेभ्यः संस्कृतभारत्याः कार्यकर्तृणां, भवाद्दशानां हितैषिणां च निरन्तरपरिश्रमेण अमेरिकादेशे सहस्राधिकाः जनाः इदानीं संस्कृतसम्भाषणे समर्थाः सन्ति । आरम्भिकवर्षेषु अस्माकं कार्यक्रमाः प्रौढकेन्द्रिताः आसन् । अनया रीत्या संस्कृतभाषाभाषिणां, शिक्षकाणां च आधारभूमिः निर्मिता येन संस्कृतान्दोलनस्य सङ्घटनशक्तिः अमेरिकादेशे संवर्धिता । अधुना संस्कृतभारत्याः कार्यक्रमाः बालान्, युवजनान् च केन्द्रीकृत्य अपि आयोज्यन्ते । तथा आयोजितेषु कार्यक्रमेषु अन्यतमः अस्ति 'संस्कृतकेन्द्रं' यत्र बालाः, तेषां मातापितरः, अन्ये प्रौढाश्च युगपत् संस्कृतं पठन्ति । इदानीं नैकेषु नगरेषु संस्कृतकेन्द्राणि प्रवर्तन्ते यत्र सहस्रशः बालाः, प्रौढाश्च संस्कृतभारत्याः विशिष्टया पाठनपद्धत्या लाभान्विताः भवन्ति । अन्याः भाषाः इव सामान्यव्यवहारे संस्कृतभाषा अपि भवेदिति यद् अस्माकं लक्ष्यमस्ति तदग्रे कदाचित् सिद्ध्यति इति संस्कृतकेन्द्राणां प्रगतिः अस्मान् विश्वासयति । एवमेव 'विदेशभाषारूपेण संस्कृतम् (SAFL)' इत्यस्मिन् शिक्षणक्रमे एतावता शतशः उच्चविद्यालयच्छात्राः संस्कृतं पठितवन्तः, पठन्तः च सन्ति । संस्कृतानुरागिणां विश्वविद्यालयच्छात्राणां संस्कृतरुचिं वर्धयितुं, तेषां परस्परं सम्पर्कं साधयितुं च अस्माकं युवविभागेन विविधाः कार्यक्रमाः आयोज्यन्ते । एतैः भिन्नैः आयामैः विश्वविद्यालयेषु पठतः छात्रान्, अन्यान् युवजनान् च संस्कृतपठनपाठनार्थं प्रेरयन्तः अस्माकं संस्कृत्या सह तेषां दृढसम्बन्धं कल्पयितुं प्रयत्नामहे ।

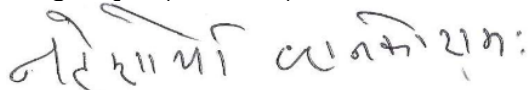
संस्कृतभारत्याः प्रवृद्धिः

साम्प्रतम् अमेरिकादेशे २६ राज्येषु संस्कृतभारत्याः संस्कृतकेन्द्राणि सन्ति यत्र आहत्य षट्शताधिकाः कार्यकर्तारः श्रद्धया सुरवाण्याः सेवां कुर्वन्ति । एतेषु पञ्चशताधिकाः कार्यकर्तारः भिन्नान् संस्कृतवर्गान् पाठयन्ति । नैकेषु कुटुम्बेषु प्रतिदिनं सम्भाषणार्थं संस्कृतमपि उपयुज्यते । भवाद्दशैः कृतेन साहाय्येन वर्षद्वयात् पूर्वं Aldie, VA इत्यत्र भवनमेकं संस्कृतभारत्या क्रीतम् । पदम् इत्यनेन अभिधीयमानम् एतद् भवनं गच्छता कालेन अध्यापन-प्रशिक्षण-प्रकाशन-संशोधन-केन्द्रं भवेदिति आशास्महे ।

भवतां साहाय्यम् अपेक्ष्यते

उपरि सूचितानां कार्यक्रमाणाम् आयोजनं भवाद्दशानां हितैषिणां सहयोगेनैव शक्यम् । करमुक्तं व्यवकलनार्हं समर्पणं जालस्थानेन, धनपत्ररूपेण वा प्रेष्यतामिति प्रार्थयामहे । <http://samskritabharatiusa.org/index.php/contribute/samajanidhi> इत्यत्र सर्वं विवरणम् अस्ति । प्रश्नाः, सूचनाः वा सन्ति चेत् अस्माकं सम्पर्कं (650-407-5335; info@sbusa.org) कुर्वन्तु ।

जयतु संस्कृतम् । इति शम् ।



नटेशः जानकीरामः, अध्यक्षः

Information about Samskrita Bharati's Activities in the US

Our unique Samskritam learning program caters to people of all ages – children, high school & college students, working professionals and other adults. In addition, we conduct community outreach programs and activities throughout the year. Information and highlights about our various activities are indicated below.

1. Classes for Adults: Praudhaśikṣaṇam is the backbone of all Samskrita Bharati instructional programs. Our Division of Adults' Education (DAE) oversees a well-honed teaching system built around a meticulous syllabus involving 6 levels of study including Sambhāṣaṇa-śībīram. This syllabus, in turn, becomes the foundation for all other classes - adults, youth and children alike. The DAE team also organizes training workshops and other programs throughout the year. If you want to help organize a 10-day (or weekend) Sambhāṣaṇa-śībīram in your area, please contact us at praudha@sbusa.org or call us at 650-407-5335.

2. Samskrita-Kendram: Our chapters in various states run Samskritam-Kendrams, a place where weekly classes are conducted for children (Kindergarten to 7th grade), their parents and other adults. High quality, student-friendly, level-based curriculum is implemented in all our children's classes to systematically build speaking, reading, and writing skills in Samskritam. Events such as Samskrita-Melā, Gītā-Jayantī and Ślokaśpardhā that are conducted through our Samskrita-Kendrams provide an immersive Spoken Samskritam environ for our communities while anchoring our children in our rich Samskriti. If you are interested to help start a Samskrita-Kendram in your city, please send us an email to info@sbusa.org or call us at 650-407-5335.

3. Division of Distance Learning provides the following opportunities to facilitate Samskritam learning in a structured manner that culminates in formal certification. (i) Kovida Certificate Program (KCP) involves the progressive study of Samskritam in four levels, beginning with the basics of learning Devanagari script all the way to understanding simple Samskritam poetry. (ii) Sambhāṣaṇam to Śāstrapraveśaḥ (s2s) Certificate Course involves learning Samskritam from the basics of conversational Samskritam all the way to getting an introductory glimpse of the Śāstra-s. (iii) Gītāpraveśa Certificate Program (GCP) involves assessment of students through nationally administered tests at various levels. (iv) Introductory courses on various śāstrāṇi like vyākaraṇam, kāvyam, yogasthāstram, āyurvedaḥ. For details, please contact us at DLP@sbusa.org.

4. Samskritam As a Foreign Language (SAFL) Program: This is a three-year online program that provides an avenue for 8th through 12th grade students to learn Samskritam as part of foreign language requirement in high schools. Enrollment in the SAFL program and the associated youth camps has steadily grown over the years. 'Direct Entry Exam' registration for fast-track students will open in February 2025 and general registration will commence from April 2025 for the 2025-2026 academic year. All students entering eighth or higher grade by Fall 2025 will be eligible to enroll. For details, please visit <http://safl.sbusa.org>.

5. Division of Youth Education and Engagement: As part of this program, we conduct classes, workshops, and other activities for college students and working professionals in the 18-30 age group to develop their continued interest in Samskritam and stay connected with our culture. Some of the activities include (i) online Samskritam courses during the academic year, (ii) Leadership and Samskritam workshop during Summer, (iii) Campus Samskritam Network (CSN) related activities, and (iv) Study Abroad Program. For details, please write to us at yuva@sbusa.org.

6. Samskrita Bharati is active in Canada and elsewhere too: If you know anyone in Canada, kindly request them to support our efforts in Canada through <https://www.paypal.me/sbca>. Please send an email to toronto@sbusa.org. For other countries, people can connect via our Viśvavibhāga webpage <https://samskritabharati.org/>

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जयतु संस्कृतम् ।

संस्कृतभारती

जयतु मनुकुलम् ।

An overview of revenue and expenses for the past year

Revenue	Amount	Expenses	Amount
Bookstore (Online and Onsite)	\$105,558	Bookstore (Online and Onsite)	\$83,146
Sanskrita-Kendram Program	\$354,067	Sanskrita-Kendram Program	\$504,987
Residential Camps	\$116,635	Residential Camps	\$146,582
Samajanidhi (Individual and Matching)	\$544,653	Contributions sent to SB India	\$148,750
SAFL Program	\$520,110	SAFL Program	\$434,255
Distance Learning Program	\$118,935	Distance Learning Program	\$94,383
Padam (SB Location in Aldie, VA)	\$150,463	Padam (SB Location in Aldie, VA)	\$165,656
Other (non-categorized, interest, etc)	\$8,894	Website, insurance, legal, etc	\$75,740
		Refunds, taxes, fees, etc	\$101,864
Revenue Total	\$1,919,315	Expenses Total	\$1,755,362

We rely on contributions from well-wishers like you to run our programs. May we request a generous contribution from you? Please see below for ways to contribute.

i) Online via our website using credit card

<http://sanskritabharatiusa.org/index.php/contribute/samajanidhi>

ii) Online via PayPal Giving Fund (with no company match)

<https://www.paypal.com/fundraiser/charity/60584>

iii) By sending a check (payable to Samskrita Bharati) using the form given below

Name:

Residential Address (Street, City, State and Zip):

Phone:

Email:

Name of the company you work for (Microsoft, Google, Apple, Nvidia etc.):

Does your company match employee contributions to non-profits? Yes No Don't Know

If yes, please let us know what Samskrita Bharati needs to do to get the matching contribution.

Amount Enclosed:

1) Contribution towards general Samskritam work
\$100 \$200 \$500 \$1000 \$5000 Other amount \$_____

2) Sponsorship towards one of the programs (or projects) mentioned in pages 1 to 3.
Amount Enclosed (Minimum \$5000) \$_____ Program/Project you would like to sponsor _____

Please mail your check to

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