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प्रियः संस्कृतप्रियाः,

य । मू । कृष्णशास्त्री मडोदयस्य अमेरिका प्रवास विषयं श्रुत्वा  
उर्षितोऽस्मि । अहं भारते संस्कृत संभाषण शिबिरं गतवान् ।  
अद्यापि तस्य स्मरणः मे आनन्दं ददाति ।

Dear Sanskrit lovers,

I am very happy to hear about Sri . cha . mU . Krishnashastry's America trip.  
I had attended Sanskrit Speaking camp in India . Even today that memory makes  
me happy.

तस्मिन् समये अहं दशम कक्षां पठामि स्म । शिबिरः दशदिवस  
पर्यन्तं आसीत् । प्रातः काले वयं छात्राः संस्कृत शालां गच्छामः स्म ।  
संस्कृतज्ञान विना प्रथमदिवसात् एव वयं संस्कृत संभाषणं आरभेम ।  
“मम नाम राघवेन्द्रः । त्वत्तु नाम किं ? ” इत्यादि सरल वाक्यान्  
वदामः स्म । नन्तरे, यदि मार्गमध्ये मित्रं मिलामः स्म तदा  
“कति वादनं ? ”, “भो मित्र ! अष्टवादनः अभवत् । शीघ्रं गन्तव्यं,  
धावतु ”, इति अस्माकं वार्तालापः अभवत् । वयं प्रतिदिनं संस्कृत  
गीताभ्यासं च कृतवन्तः ।

During that time, I was studying in 10th class . The camp was for ten  
days . In the early morning, we students used to attend the Sanskrit class.  
Without the knowledge of Sanskrit, we started speaking in Sanskrit from  
day one ! We used to speak simple sentences in Sanskrit like  
“My name is Raghavendra . What is your name ? ” Later, if we meet a friend on  
the way we used to converse in Sanskrit like “What is the time ? ”  
“Heh friend ! It is eight O' clock . Camp's time, let us run ”. Also, we used  
to practice a Sanskrit song everyday.

मध्याह्न समये महिलाः देवालय प्रांगणे, उद्यानवने च शिबिरं  
 कुर्वन्ति स्म । अहः मातरः गूढकार्यं कृत्वा उत्सालेन शिबिरस्य  
 प्रति धावन्ति स्म । तत्र ते भोजनविधानं, गूढसमाचारान्य  
 वार्तालापं कर्तुं आरभन्ते ! “अध्य अहं यथाति कृतवति ।  
 भवत्याः गूढे किं विशेषः ?” इति अेका पृच्छति । कापि “वयं  
 आदित्यवासरे जोग जलपातं दृष्टुं गच्छामः” इति अवदति स्म ।  
 संस्कृतमाध्यमेन ते अस्माकं संस्कृतिपरिचिताः च अभवन् ।

During the afternoons, ladies used to have the camp in the temple halls  
 and parks . Many ladies used to run towards the camp after finishing their  
 household work . They started discussing about food preparation and  
 household topics in Sanskrit ! One used to ask “I made chapatis today.  
 What is special in your house ?” Someone else will say, “We are going  
 to Jog falls on Sunday ”. Also they learnt about our culture through  
 the media of Sanskrit.

सायंकाले च कार्यकर्ताः तुंगानद्याः तीरे संस्कृते सांस्कृतिक  
 कार्यक्रमान् आयोजयन्ति स्म । कोऽपि कथां वदतु ‘प्रयत्नं’ करोति,  
 अन्यः कश्चन् तस्मिन् दिवसस्य विशेषं वक्तुं शक्यति -  
 सर्वं संस्कृते अेव ! वयं सर्वे कृष्णामूर्ती मडोदयेन तथा  
 जनार्दन मडोदयेन (अन्यः शिक्षकः) सः संस्कृते अेव  
 सरल वार्तालापं कर्तुं आरभन्ते ।

In the evening, volunteers used to organize the cultural program in  
 Sanskrit on the banks of Tunga river . Somebody ‘tries’ to narrate a story,  
 somebody else wants to tell that day’s special events - all in Sanskrit !  
 We all started having simple conversation with Sri . Krishnamurthy and  
 Sri . Janardhan (another teacher) in Sanskrit itself !

शिबिरस्य समारोप समारंभः कर्नाटक संघे (रंगमन्दिरः) अभवत् ।  
 संस्कृते यत् ज्ञानसंग्रहः अस्ति, तस्य संक्षिप्तं परिचयं कृष्णामूर्ती  
 मडोदयः दत्तवान् । नन्तरे बालकाः सरल नाटकान् अभिनयेत् । अहः  
 किञ्चित् दैनन्दिन सन्निवेशान् संस्कृते प्रदर्शयेत् । केचन यतुराः

डास्य प्रसंगान् य संस्कृते दत्तवन्तः ! शिबिरस्य उपाहार नियोजकः  
 य तस्य अनुभवं संस्कृते अवदत् - “अधुना अहं अपि संस्कृतं जानामि ।  
 दोसा अस्ति वा ? अलं, अलं, यट्टनि अस्ति वा ? अद्य को विशेषः ? ” !!

The valedictory function of the camp was held at Karnatakha Sangh (auditorium).  
 Sri . Krishnamurthy explained briefly the ocean of knowledge contained in  
 Sanskrit . After that the kids enacted simple dramas . Many exhibited some  
 incidents of daily life in Sanskrit . Some intelligent persons also gave  
 comic episodes in Sanskrit . The snacks co-ordinator for the camp also  
 explained his experience at the camp - “Today I also know Sanskrit . Is  
 dosa there ? Enough, Enough, is chatni there ? What is today’s special ? ”!!

शिबिरात् पश्चात् वयं संस्कृते आसक्तवन्तः अभवन् । अेतद् भाषा  
 सामान्य जनानां भाषा अवश्यं भवति इति अस्माकं अभिमतः अभवत् ।  
 वयं तु संस्कृत ज्ञानभंडारस्य भननं आरभेत् (सुभाषित  
 संग्रहः, वेद मन्त्राः, भगवद्गीता पठणं, वेदगणितं इत्यादि) ।

After attending the camp we became very much interested in Sanskrit . We  
 felt that this language will definitely become the language of common men.  
 We started digging the treasury of Sanskrit knowledge (SubhAshitas,  
 Vedic prayers, Bhagavadgita study, Vedic mathematics etc).

अद्य शिवमोग्ग नगरे भडवः संस्कृते वार्तालापं कर्तुं समर्थाः सन्ति ।  
 विशेषतः मत्तूरु ग्रामे (शिवमोग्ग जिल्ला) अधीति प्रतिशतं जनाः  
 संस्कृते अेव संभाषणं कुर्वन्ति ! छिन्दु सेवा प्रतिष्ठानस्य प्रयत्नेन  
 संस्कृत भारतस्य प्रतिग्रामं गतः । अमेरिका देशे य अेतद्  
 कार्यक्रमेण “देव भाषा ” मनुकुल भाषा भवतु इति मे आशा ।  
 अेतन्मार्गे वयं सर्वे कार्यं कुर्वामः ।

Today in Shimoga city lot of people have capacity to converse in Sanskrit.  
 Especially in Mattor village (Shimoga District) 80% With the efforts of Hindu Seva Pratistana,  
 Sanskrit has reached every  
 village in India . I hope with this program in America the “language of gods ”  
 will become the language of entire humanity.  
 Let us all work in this direction.

पठत संस्कृतं वदत संस्कृतं  
गृहे गृहे च पुनरपि ।

let us learn Sanskrit, let us speak Sanskrit  
in each and every house, again and again.

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कृपया दोषान् क्षम्यतु ।

Please pardon the mistakes.

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