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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.

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.
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.

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!
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?”!!

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).

Today in Shimoga city lot of people have capacity to converse in Sanskrit. Especially in Mattor village (Shimoga District) 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.

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

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