

Newsletter

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editorial

There is never a dull day at CIF and the last year has been proof of that. The number of scholastic and academic workshops and camps have gone up which is extremely pleasing, for it means there is a visible shift in overall consciousness of Vedānta and Indological studies. The entire CIF family of Acharyas, scholars and other staff have never had a quiet moment, as a result.

And that is not just Indian students seeking teachings, but international students too. Tremendous waves have been generated by the camps of Father Massimo d'Orlando of Italy and Swamini Umananda of France, held in CIF. Both camps have key learning points and observations worthy of note.

Language study – be it Anusaaraka or Sanskrit – seems to be the theme. Anusaaraka's workshops and seminars on the NLP (Natural Language Processing) project, are already dotting the monthly diary; and so driven is the team by the enthusiasm shown by members towards the project that there is soon expected an online update – and an interactive one at that. This issue of the Newsletter has a special and interesting exchange between a volunteer at one of the camps and a senior team member on how the language processing in fact happens.

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Chinmaya International Foundation is a bridge between East and West, past and present, science and spirituality, and pundit and public.

— *Pujya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda*

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Running neck to neck is the Easy Sanskrit Online Course and the waves it has made in more ways than one. First was an offering of love from Fr. Massimo's Sacchidananda Mission of Assisi to fund the entire Easy Sanskrit Course's online version, including the setting up of the website. Close on its heels came IGNOU's proposal to make it their Certificate Course, which is very heartening. It has been a very encouraging year.

CIF is also preparing actively for the Chinmaya Birth Centenary Celebrations in 2016. Please read the special coverage elsewhere in the newsletter. Naturally none of that can succeed without your help, support and participation. The amount to be raised is large, yet not so large considering how large a family we are. And no amount is too little considering how long every Rupee will go in achieving Pūjya Gurudev's vision.

After all, that is why we are here, together! Hari Om!

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Pūjya Swami Tejomayananda, Dr. Radha Vallabha Tripathi, Prof. V. N. Jha, Dr. Muraleemadhavan and other dignitaries during the inauguration

CIF Shodha Sansthan Inaugurated

Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, Deemed University, New Delhi has recognized Chinmaya International Foundation as Shodha Sansthan (Sanskrit Research Centre). The Shodha Sansthan was inaugurated by **Dr. Radha Vallabha Tripathi**, Hon. Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, on 17th October 2008. **Pūjya Swami Tejomayananda**, Head, Chinmaya Mission worldwide, delivered the benedictory address and honoured **Dr. Tripathi**. Also present at this function, were Kavisārvabhauma **Dr. Srinivas Rath**, Ujjayini and **Dr. V.N. Jha**, Scholar in Nyāya-śāstra, who were honoured by Dr. Tripathi.

Another notable event on this occasion was the release of Tagore's *Gītāñjalī* translated into Sanskrit by **K. Ramakrishna Warier**, a traditional Sanskrit Scholar. The release was at the hands of the honorable Vice-Chancellor.

Dr. P.C. Muraleemadhavan, Chairman of CIF Shodha Sansthan managing committee chaired the function.

A pleasing and well received part of this event was a Kavisammelanam where own compositions in Sanskrit were presented and recited by the above dignitaries including that of Pūjya Swami Tejomayananda, as well as Dr. Gangadhar Panda of the Sampurnananda Sanskrit University, Vāraṇasī.

Yet another milestone event on this occasion, was a national seminar on "The Contribution of Pūjya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda to Indian Philosophy and Culture." This seminar was presided over by CIF's Acharya Swami Advayananda. Two key presentations at this seminar were a paper on 'Pūjya Swami Chinmayananda's Contribution to Indian Philosophy' by **Dr. P. Geervani**, former Vice-Chancellor, Padmavati Women's University, Andhra Pradesh, and one on 'Pūjya Swami Chinmayananda's Contribution to Indian Culture', by **Dr. Gangadhar Panda**.

The keynote address was delivered by Prof. V.N. Jha, Former Director, Centre of Advanced Study in Sanskrit, University of Pune. The seminar was well attended by many scholars, researchers and devotees of Pūjya Gurudev.

CIF and IGNOU Collaborate

In the auspicious presence of **Pūjya Swami Tejomayananda**, Chinmaya International Foundation (CIF) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), headquartered at New Delhi. Accordingly the Easy Sanskrit Online Course developed by CIF, shall be offered as a Certificate Programme in Sanskrit by IGNOU. Subsequently other courses developed by CIF, would also be offered in collaboration with IGNOU as per IGNOU guidelines and standards.

IGNOU is the world's largest open University which aims at dissemination of knowledge through novel techniques and methodologies for the benefit of large sections of society, specially the weaker and disadvantaged groups. Established in 1985, IGNOU serves the educational aspirations of about two million students in India and 35 countries abroad, through 21 Schools of Studies and an elaborate network of 62 regional centers, 1900 study centers, and 46 overseas centers. Apart from teaching and research, training forms the mainstay of its academic activities IGNOU also acts as a national resource centre; and more importantly, functions as an apex body to promote and maintain standards of distance education.



Pūjya Swami Tejomayananda and Dr. Srivathsan with the signed MoU

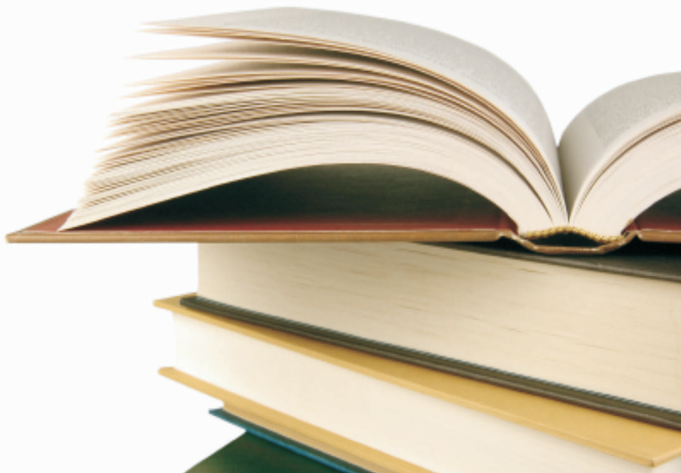
The MoU signed on **March 12, 2009** at the Chinmaya Centre for World Understanding, New Delhi, marks a big step towards Pūjya Gurudev's vision that CIF should be a 'Sanskrit University'. The first batch starting in July 2009, will admit 300 students.

Pro Vice-Chancellors of IGNOU – **Dr. Srivathsan** and **Dr. Latha Pillai** – were also present on the occasion and expressed their keenness to develop higher level courses in Sanskrit, along with CIF. They were joined by **Swami Nikhilananda**, **Swami Advayananda**, **K.K. Rajan** and **Dr. Geervani** on behalf of CIF.

Although CIF has been actively engaged in academic projects and promoting courses on Sanskrit, Indian Philosophy, Manuscriptology and Indology, it is only recently that it has started offering the Sanskrit course online.

This course was developed under the guidance of **Br. Gagan Chaitanya** and has been found to be very enjoyable, while providing basics of Sanskrit in a student-friendly manner.

A leap towards fulfilling Pūjya Gurudev's vision for CIF, this tie up with IGNOU is indeed a reason for the entire Chinmaya Family to celebrate and renew our enthusiasm.



ANUSAARAKA

Key Events 2008-09

Introductory Workshop Sept' 2008

This two-day workshop had enthusiastic participation from the Delhi devotees. Lighting the inaugural lamp, **Swami Nikhilananda**, Acharya – Chinmaya Mission, Delhi explained how each one can contribute in some way or the other to this Yajña called 'Anusaaraka'. Mentioning the significance of words and language in one's life, Swamiji asked the participants to make the 'exploring the world of words', their sādhanā.

In the Introductory session, **Dr. Dipti Misra Sharma** (Associate Professor – Linguistics, IIIT-Hyderabad) shared the Vision and Philosophy of Anusaaraka. She gave very interesting examples of how the use of a word with many meanings, can lead to rather strange translated text, if the inappropriate meaning is used. Thus, the need to 'explain' to a computer which word to use according to the context gains importance. Dr. Dipti Sharma shared how Anusaaraka was slightly different from other Machine Translation software tools available today, as it allows one to see the steps by which the computer has performed the translation.

The 27 participants spent the rest of the day doing some translations, discussing the various 'senses' (meanings) that some words can have to thus understand the method adopted by Anusaaraka's NLP.

On the second day, participants went through sessions on Transfer Grammar, Padasūtrās and also get a glimpse of 'Why Chinmaya Mission is involved in a Language Translation project'. **Dr. P. Geervani**, (project coordinator), explained that Pāṇini's *Aṣṭādhyāyī* (a treatise of Sanskrit grammar rules) by virtue of being a precise set of grammar rules, forms the basis for this project.

In the concluding session, participants expressed how a whole new dimension of language has opened up for them. Acknowledging this, Swami Nikhilananda who graced the session, encouraged the participants to take active part in this sevā, which can be done from home too.

Anusaaraka Workshop Feb' 2009

A second two-day workshop was conducted at the Chinmaya Centre for World Understanding (CCWU) with the objective of sharing the steps involved in the process of Language Resource Development for Anusaaraka.

A group of 12 people who have been working on the basic steps of Language Resource Development since the first workshop, went through theory and practice sessions of subsequent steps, such as Information Book Keeping, Grammar for Framing Rules, Framing of Rules, Transfer Verb Frames and Padasūtrās, that form part of the resource development process.

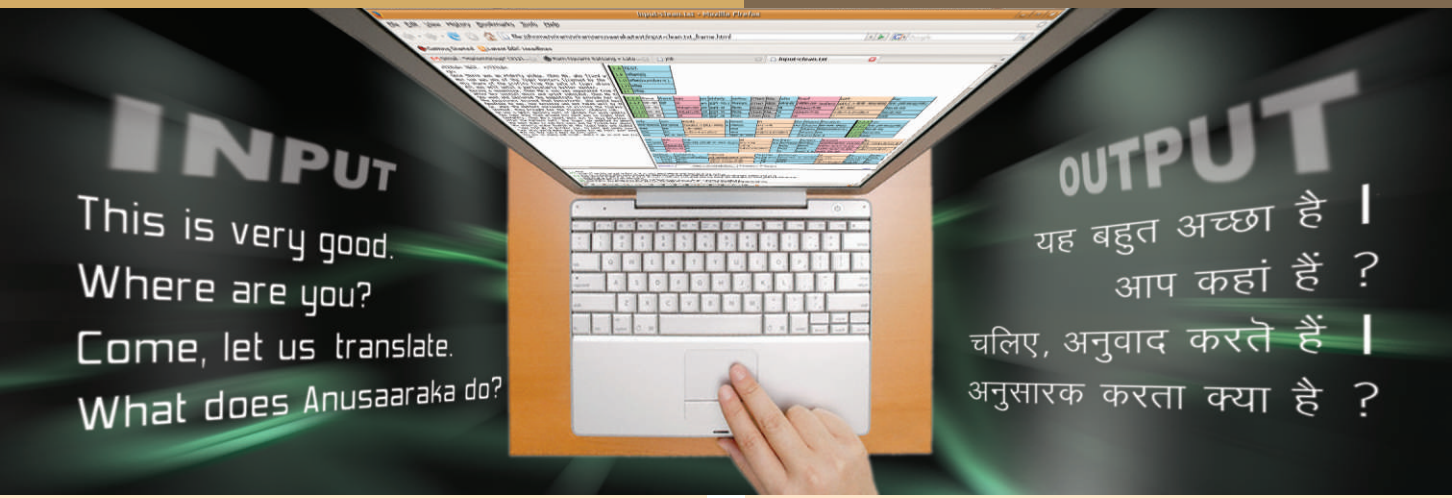
The workshop also had participation from 'first-timers' with a profile ranging from Chinmaya Mission devotees, people with a curious interest in Language, to Linguistics/Language lecturers at Universities and Heads of Departments.

Swami Nikhilananda lit the inaugural lamp along with **Dr. Dipti Sharma** and **Dr. Aditi Mukherjee** and addressed the participants. Swamiji mentioned how language is fascinating and words are like mantras. 'Language is alive' exclaimed Swamiji, with an infectious joy for study of language. During the concluding session Swamiji blessed the participants and encouraged each one to continue working on the project with inspiration and enthusiasm.

The second day of the workshop began with participants sharing their attempts to do the work assigned to them the previous evening. Interactive sessions interspersed with humour brought to the forefront the beauty in the study of language. Questions such as how Pāṇinian Grammar is used in Anusaaraka were addressed by Dr. Dipti Sharma. The concept of 'word watching' was introduced.



Dr. Dipti M Sharma conducting the workshop at CCWU, Delhi



Anusaaraka Sevak Training Camp

CIF, Kerala (April 20-25, 2009)

The first camp for Anusaaraka Sevaks was held at CIF from April 20-25, 2009. Focussing on the Language Resource Development aspect of the Anusaaraka Project, the camp had a mix of spiritual and academic sessions.

The inauguration of the camp was graced by **Swami Advayananda** and **Swamini Niranjanananda. K. K. Rajan** (Trustee, CIF), **Dr. Subramanian** (Director, CIF) and **Dr. P. Geervani** (Project Coordinator, Hyderabad), **Br. Sagar Chaitanya** (Acharya, CIF Vedānta Home Study Courses) were also present. Swami Advayananda, during the Inaugural address, shared that the Anusaaraka project has brought research to a common man and like all research projects, the fruits of the efforts of a few shall be enjoyed by many. Later in the day, Swamiji also shared Pūjya Gurudev's vision for CIF and projects that CIF is involved in.

Through the day, the 17 participants engaged in Anusaaraka Language Resource Development (LRD) sessions. **Dr. Dipti M. Sharma** (Associate Professor, IIT, Hyderabad) who has had a long association with Anusaaraka and **Dr. Aditi Mukherjee** (Consultant, Anusaaraka) kept the participants involved by interspersing theoretical sessions on the process, with practice sessions.

The participants came from varied backgrounds – ranging from people with a formal education in Linguistics, from IGNOU, New Delhi, Maulana Azad National Urdu University, Hyderabad, to Chinmaya Mission devotees who have comfortable knowledge of English and Hindi.

The days began with discourses on *Manīṣā-pañcakam* of Ādi Śaṅkarācārya by **Swami Advayananda** and the evening Satsaṅg by **Swamini Niranjanananda** was on 'The Goal and the Path' wherein Swaminiji shared the goal of human existence and the paths of karma, bhakti and jñāna to reach the goal.

The camp participants also participated in a **Cuṭṭuvilakku-pūjā** (lighting of 1008 lamps around the Ayyappa temple at CIF) and *Śaṅkaravāna-prasād* (tree planting). Days were packed and spirits were high: *sthala-prabhāva* (the influence of the place) was one of the factors for this. Being in the auspicious Ādi Śaṅkara Nilayam (CIF campus) has been memorable for all.

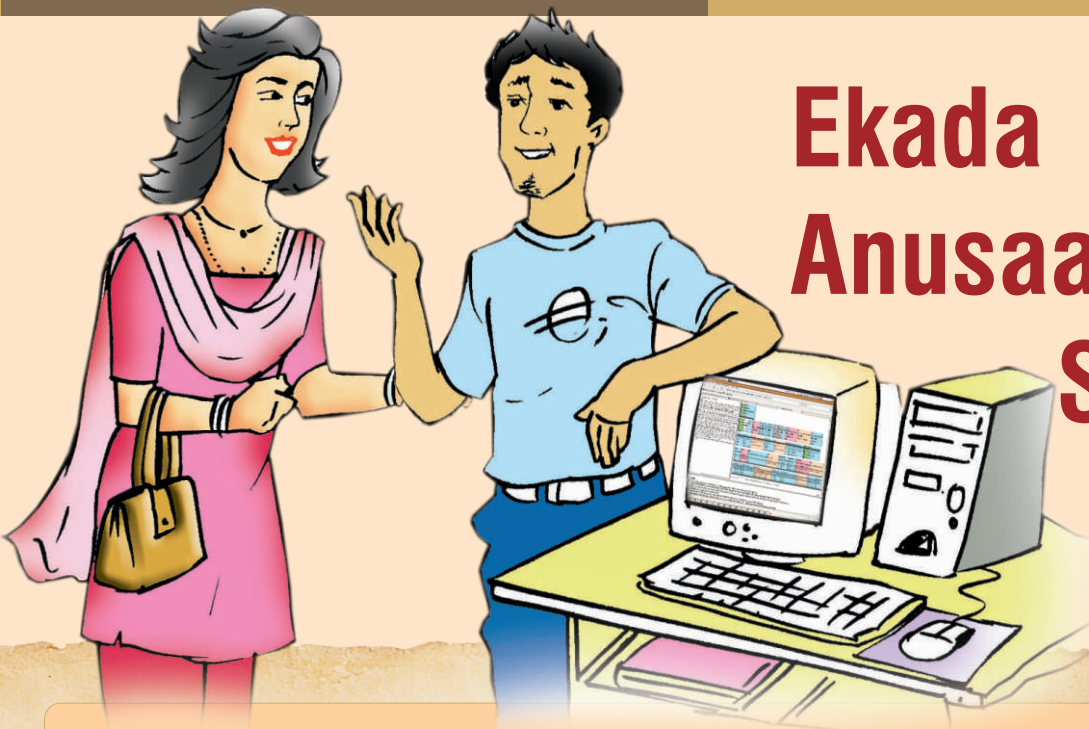
Language Resource Development Workshop

Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Hyderabad (May 5 & 6, 2009)

Dr. Aditi Mukherjee, Consultant – Anusaaraka, conducted a two day workshop on the language resource development (LRD) of the Anusaaraka project. Day one saw a group of 7 eager participants going through an introduction to the project and also the entire process involved. On day two the theoretical inputs on the process, which were shared on the first day, were put into practice. Discussions and one-to-one interaction were possible as this was a small group.

The faculty and the participants felt that frequent workshops will be beneficial as each workshop led to greater clarity on the process.

The Anusaaraka Team invites more people to join them.



Ekada Anusaarakena Saha....

Shibani Khorana

Background: Sumana, a long time Chinmaya Mission devotee and a long time associate with Project Anusaaraka, is bursting with enthusiasm post her visit to CIF, Kālaḍi and Guruvāyūr Temple. As she shares her joy and the prasādam from the temples visited, she is playfully accosted by a young Chinmaya Mission member – Raju.

Raju: Sumana Amma, I am told that you are helping with some software development. Did not know that you knew so much about software...

Sumana : Actually I don't know a thing about software; but am so fortunate to have got associated with CIF's new project, Anusaaraka!

Raju: But isn't Anusaaraka a software to translate from English to Hindi?

Sumana: Anusaaraka is a Language *Accessing* Tool – a slight improvement on a translation software. What Anusaaraka gives is translation closest to the meaning of the English sentence; with a step-by-step display of how this translation takes place from English into Hindi. For example: tell me a simple English sentence and I will show you how Anusaaraka would translate it.

Raju: I hope to understand what you are saying....

Sumana: Interesting sentence. Look at how Anusaaraka will display this translation:

A	I	hope	to	understand	what	you	are	saying.
B	I	hope	to	understand	what	you	are#be	say#saying.
C	PRP{pron}	VBP{v}	TO{to}	VB{v}	WP{wh}	PRP{pron}	VBP{v}	VBG{v}
D	मैं	आशा~कर {tam:ता_है	->{tam: }ने~की}	समझ	जो	आप	-->	कह{tam:0_ रहा_है{ब.}}.
E	मैं	आशा_करता_हूँ --		समझने_की	जो	आप	--	कह_रहे_हो.

Let me explain this table : the first Row A displays the sentence to be translated. The second Row B gives the 'root word' for each of the words in the English sentence. Row C displays the parts of speech of each of the words in Row B: that is a verb, pronoun, noun and so on. Row D gives the Hindi translation for each word and in the final row the tense, gender, number, person of words are taken into account and the sentence translation is given after the prepositions are moved to the correct position. Thus, Anusaaraka translation would be: मैं जो आप कह रहे हो समझने की आशा करता हूँ

So what I just described is the process that takes place in the human brain. Suppose I am a native Hindi speaker and you spoke that sentence to me in English. In a matter of milliseconds my brain will have translated the sentence into my native Hindi language. And that very process is replicated on the computer, that's all!

Raju: You mean you 'teach' the machine to do all this? How? Because when a human translates there are even aspects such as tone, expression, context, nuances of languages that one takes into account.

Sumana: Precisely, you have hit the nail on the head. That is, the challenge in developing a software that translates in a manner close to that of the human brain; and thus, it is called a language *accessor* – enabling the individual to understand how the translation is being done. Once this software is ready – people who are primarily Hindi speaking – will be able to access large amounts English language texts in Hindi, and within a few seconds! Also, this software will be available free of cost – what we call Freeware.

Raju: But tell me Amma, would this software be able to translate any English book, say even Dr. Kalam's 'India 2020'; or Pūjya Gurudev's 'Art of Man-making' or ...

Sumana: Yes, any text from English to Hindi.

R: Amma, I want to know more – shall request you for time again. Where can I find out more about Anusaaraka?

Sumana: You can write to Shibani Khorana, the Project Manager, at anusaaraka@chinfo.org or call her at 98187 59163 – she will tell you all that you wish to know, or go to the Anusaaraka website and walk around and read all that they are doing: <http://ltrc.iiit.net/~anusaaraka/> and <http://chinfo.org/anusaraka/anusaaraka.asp>

Participants of Anusaaraka Sevak Training Programme at CIF



Academic Overview

Sanskrit Day Celebrations

18 - 19
Jul '08 Jul '08

The Sanskrit Day Celebrations was inaugurated by traditional scholar Dr. Pasupathy Nathan who lit the inaugural lamp. About 150 students participated in a variety of competitions like recitations, quiz, elocution that were held on the occasion. Renowned Scholar and former Vice-Chancellor of Kālaḍi Śrī Śaṅkarācārya Sanskrit University, Dr. N.P. Unni was honoured with a traditional ponnāda (festive shawl) by Swami Advayananda. Dr. P.C. Muraleemadhavan, Chairman, CIF Shodha Sansthan and Dr. Vijayakrishna Pillai were prominent guests at the function.



Textual Workshop

15 - 29
Dec '08 Dec '08

A 15-day Textual Workshop, on Nyāya, Mīmāṃsā and Advaita-vedānta was conducted in collaboration with the Indian Council of Philosophical Research (ICPR), New Delhi, at CIF. Hon. Justice K. Narayana Kurup (retd.) inaugurated the workshop and Dr. P.C. Muraleemadhavan, Chairman, Managing Committee, CIF Shodha Sansthan, presided over the function.

The first six days were devoted to Nyāya and Mīmāṃsā. Prof. V. N. Jha, former Director of the Center of Advanced Study in Sanskrit, University of Pune and Prof. Ujjwala Jha from the same institution were the faculty members for Nyāya and Mīmāṃsā respectively. *Tarka-saṅgraha*, the most fundamental Sanskrit text on Indian Logic, and *Mīmāṃsā-paribhāṣā*, a

fundamental introductory text of Pūrva-mīmāṃsā, were taught during the period.

The remaining days of the workshop were devoted to Vedānta studies. *Vedānta-paribhāṣā* of Dharmarāja, *Bhāmati-catussūtrī* of Vācaspati and *Vedānta-saṅgraha* of Rāmarāja-kavi were the texts elucidated respectively by Prof. R. Balasubramanian, former Chairman, ICPR, Dr. Goda Venkateswara Sastri, traditional scholar from Chennai and Prof. G Mishra, Member-Secretary, ICPR. Thirty-five participants from all over India attended this workshop.



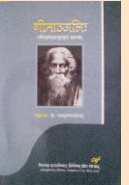
Participants of Textual Workshop with Faculty.

New Releases

The following are the new titles released by CIF:

1. Gītāñjali

The profound sense of beauty that pervades the work of Viśvakavi Rabindranath Tagore, touches everyone's heart. It was his *Gītāñjali* that won for him the Nobel Prize. CIF has brought out a simple and beautiful Sanskrit translation of *Gītāñjali* by K. Ramakrishna Warier. It was released by Dr. Radha Vallabha Tripathi, Hon. Vice-Chancellor, Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthaan on 17th Oct' 2008. This translation is indeed a boon for all lovers of Sanskrit and Tagore literature.



2. Easy Sanskrit Self Study Kit

On 30th December 2008 Pūjya Swami Tejomayananda launched the Easy Sanskrit Self Study Kit at the International Family Camp at Chinmaya Vibhuti, Kolwan. This Study Kit is for the beginners who are interested in learning Sanskrit. This Study Kit includes a Textbook, Workbook and an Interactive CD.

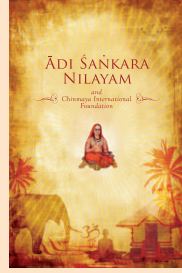


2.Easy Sanskrit Online Course

On 26th January 2009 (Indian Republic Day) Pūjya Swami Tejomayananda launched the Easy Sanskrit Online Course during his Gītā Jñāna Yajña at Pālakkād, Kerala. This is a course for beginners. It has been designed in a manner that any individual, regardless of mother tongue or age, will grasp the salient aspects of Sanskrit language without being unduly burdened with details and nuances that could overwhelm a beginner.

3.Ādi Śaṅkara Nilayam

On 23rd Feb' 2009 (Śivarātri day) in Allahabad, Pūjya Swami Tejomayananda released a book on Ādi Śaṅkara Nilayam, the premises on which CIF stands. The book details through the use of photographs and lucid text the history behind the vision of Pūjya Gurudev in conceptualizing CIF as well as how the property came to be acquired and named thus. Included in the book are the historic background of all the temples on the premises as well as in and around Veliyanād. The book also chronicles the life story of Ādi Śaṅkara. A must for any one who wants to know about Ādi Śaṅkara Nilayam and Chinmaya International Foundation.



Upcoming Publications

1. **Sūkti-sudhā:** A compendium of proverbs from Sanskrit literature, being compiled by Dr. Ratnam.
2. **Commentary on Viṣṇu-sahasranāma:** The text is presented along with the Sanskrit commentary of Melpattūr Dvijan. The team working on this are Deputy Directors of CIF, Dr. V.R. Manoj and Dr. Sheeba along with Research Fellows Dr. Ambika and Smt. Sarala Kumari.
3. **Anusaaraka:** Guidelines for Natural Resource Development. The observations of the language patterns of English and Hindi have been put by the Anusaaraka team in a format where it becomes usable logic for the computer software. A must for Computational Linguists.
4. **Dhīmahī :** The Research Journal of CIF with articles and essays on Indology is being prepared under the guidance of Dr. Dilip Kumar Rana, Director.

Camps of Acharyas of Chinmaya Mission

Spiritual camps abound in CIF. These camps are held by various Acharyas of the Chinmaya Mission and the subject matter of these camps too are rich and the content very detailed.

The audiences of these camps are a variety of individuals – visiting students and sādḥaks, members of other institutions and sometimes students from foreign universities on a quest for India and Indology.

What sets apart the CIF camps is one fundamental truth: the aura of Ādi Śaṅkara Nilayam and therefore the presence of Śrī Śaṅkara himself as the presiding Guru from the paramparā.

“Studying the scriptures at the birth place of Ādi Śaṅkara, where the vibrations and atmosphere helps us focus, not allowing for any deviation of the mind, does enhance the value of a camp,” says Br. Kutastha Chaitanya, who himself resides and conducts camps at CIF. Significant among the offerings of CIF as a camp point, is the meditation in the birth room of Ādi Śaṅkara and the reflections sitting among the lush trees and gardens of the *illom*, where the aura and sense of purity and divinity is unmistakable. “Therefore,” says Br. Kutastha Chaitanya, “even the subtlest Vedāntic concepts are revealed to us during the sessions or when we reflect after the sessions.”

These camps provide an opportunity for open discussions, and informal sessions with the Acharyas where comfort with the subject matter is ensured.

A snapshot of the camps held at CIF in the last 12 months:

Br.Amaresh Chaitanya from Chinmaya Mission Chennai, conducted a camp on ‘Training the Mind’ based on **Patañjali's Yoga-sūtra**. The camp included a visit by the 18 participants to Guruvāyūr, Kālaḍi, Coṭṭānikkara, Pāzhūr and Tirumarayūr temples.

A Spiritual Sādhana camp was also organized by the Chinmaya Mission-Trichy, where *Muṇḍakopaniṣad* was taught by **Acharya Vibhuti Shah. Br. Kutastha Chaitanya** spoke on 'Alwars and their Divine Poems'. 35 persons from Trichy and Bangalore participated in the camp.

Swami Tattwananda from Kasaragod, held a camp, where Swamiji discoursed on *Yati-pañcakam* to 14 keen participants, while **Swami Vishwananda**, also from Kasargode, took up with them **Chapter 12 of Bhagavad-gītā**.

Swami Adhyatmananda of the Calicut Chinmaya Mission, accompanied and aided by **Br. Kalyan Chaitanya** discussed *Aitareyopaniṣad*. 35 persons from various parts of Kerala attended the camp.

Then there was **Br. Prasad Chaitanya** of the Visakhapatnam branch of Chinmaya Mission who took up the *Dakṣiṇāmūrti-stotram*. The 40 campers then visited Vaikkom, Pāzhūr, Guruvāyūr Temples and also Kālaḍi.

Swami Satyananda, Acharya of Chinmaya Mission Ernakulam, held a residential camp for 16 participants, on *Nirvāṇamañjarī* of Śaṅkarācārya.

40 persons participated in the Telugu camp; **Swamini Bodhananda** from Ongole, Andhra Pradesh conducted discourses on *Aitareyopaniṣad* and **Br. Veda Chaitanya** took classes on the **9th Chapter of the Bhagavad-gītā**.

Swami Nikhilananda, Regional Head, Chinmaya Mission New Delhi, conducted a camp on *Aṣṭāvakra-gītā* which was attended by 50 persons. Swamiji also inaugurated the **Cuṭṭuvilakku-samarpaṇam** function at the Ayyappa Temple of Ādi Śaṅkara Nilayam.

Swamini Mangalananda's camp was in Marathi on *Aparokṣānubhūti*. 62 people participated in the camp.

Bhāgavata Saptāham

Early this year, the very enterprising and involved Chinmaya Yuva Kendra of Veliyanāḍ organized a Bhāgavata Saptāham at CIF. Br. Dhruva Chaitanya, Acharya of the Ālappuzha Chinmaya Mission conducted the week long camp where his discourses on the *Bhāgavatam* were much appreciated by the participants.



Students Empowerment Programme

Sixty MBA Students and 4 teachers including Dr. Falgunan, Director from the Chinmaya Institute of Technology (CHINTECH), Kannur stayed at CIF for the Students Empowerment Programme. Eminent Faculty members like Venugopal. C. Govind, Damu, CEO, Taj Malabar, Manomohan, Muthoott Capital, Anil Kumar, President Reliance, S.R. Nair, Team Front Line, took classes. Meditation by Swamini Niranananda and discourses by Swami Advayananda were also part of the course.

MBA students from CHINTECH,
Kannur

19 - 25
Oct '08 Oct '08



A Dream and a Promise: from Unusual to Unique

15 - 21
Sept '08 - Sept '08

Father Massimo d' Orlando's Camp

Father Massimo d' Orlando is a priest ordained in the Roman Catholic Order in Italy. He is the disciple of Fr. Antony Elenjittam, his revered teacher, who too is an ordained Roman Catholic priest.

Fr. Massimo arrived at CIF with his students from Italy and Switzerland, for a spiritual camp on Vivekacūḍāmaṇi!

But before that, who is Fr. Antony Elenjittam? He is a priest who runs the Sacchidananda Mission of Assisi in Italy, and has a story preceding him. One historical, blessed day some two decades ago, Fr. Elenjittam was driving over a bridge in Rome, when in the distance he espied a man standing at the curb, looking down at the river flowing under the bridge. Even from that distance, Fr. Elenjittam sensed an urgency to stop and ask after this man who appeared to be clad in orange garments.

Now, Fr. Elenjittam is of Indian origins even if he has been living in Italy over 40 years. Therefore the orange garments conveyed something. Stopping his car, he got down and on nearing the man, his feelings were confirmed. A spectacular moment was taking place....

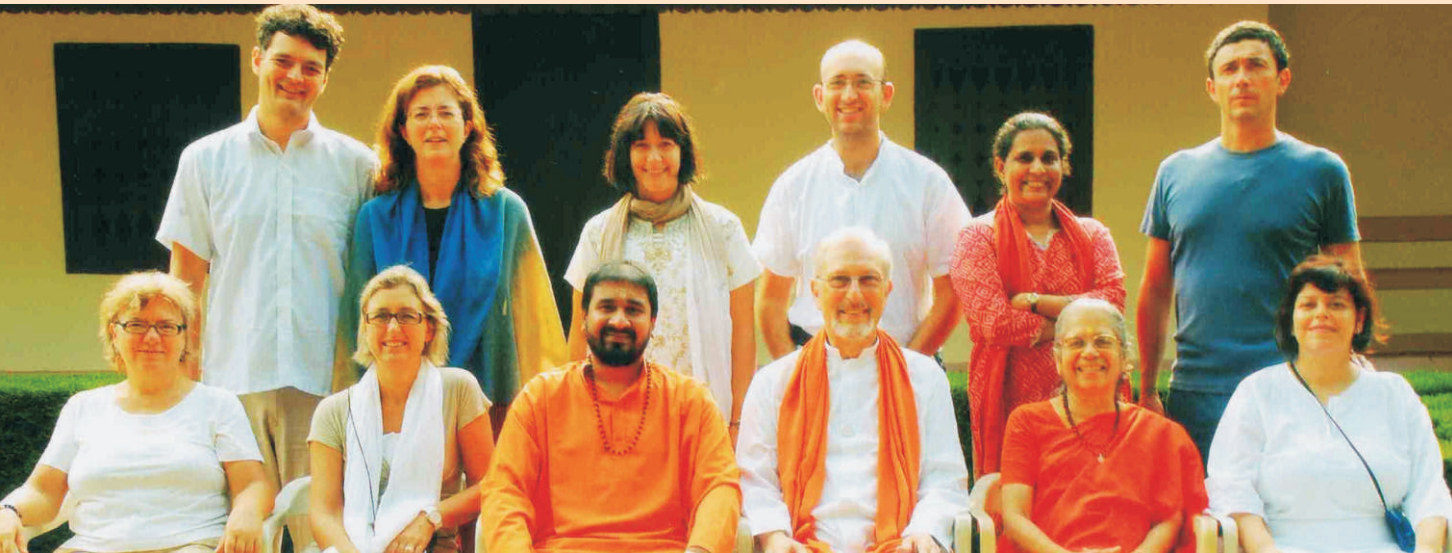
"Are you Swami Chinmayananda?" he asked. Gurudev affirmed and they greeted each other with the cordiality and respect that people of such elevated spiritual commitments accord one another. And as they talked, Pūjya Gurudev talked about his dream to set up a Sanskrit Research Foundation in Veliyanāḍ, Kerala.

At this point Fr. Elenjittam froze. "Where, did you say?"

"Veliyanāḍ, a small hamlet in Kerala," explained Gurudev, knowing that nobody would have even heard of the place. But not Fr. Elenjittam; "Veliyanāḍ!" he repeated slowly, relishing the name, and said, "But Swamiji! That is where I was born!"

The heavens must have smiled deeply that morning as two great men, converged after seeming years of separation. Like two roads that had parted to accomplish separate tasks and met again with greater purpose, so did Gurudev and Fr. Elenjittam.

A significant meeting had been accomplished by Time.



Unusual settings and unusual meetings unfold unusual occurrences. So it was that Gurudev invited Fr. Elenjimittam to visit CIF, "You must visit us!" he urged and the good Father accepted graciously.

Two roads met that morning and then diverged... as both went their ways. Some years after that meeting, Fr. Elenjimittam was watching the news on Italian TV one morning in 1993 and heard that India's revered teacher Swami Chinmayananda has attained Mahāsamādhi.

Fr. Elenjimittam now decided to find CIF. Gurudev had told him CIF was located at the birthplace of Ādi Śaṅkara. So, on his next visit to India, he landed at Kālaḍi. As these things usually go, he was led from one to another to CIF's Chief Sevak A. Balakrishnan. Recounting his meeting with Gurudev, Father said, "I want to do something for CIF, as I promised Swamiji..."

The residential block where the Acharyas of CIF live today – called the Scholars Block – was sponsored by Fr. Elenjimittam. He kept his word... but more was to come.

In September 2008, his disciple, the revered Fr. Massimo d' Orlando arrived at CIF and threw everyone off their feet as he wanted a *Vivekacūḍāmaṇi* camp for his team. He himself gave talks on *Vivekacūḍāmaṇi* in Italian. Next, Swami Advayananda and Swamini Niranjanananda addressed them in English, and Father Massimo translated it into Italian for the participants.

Fr. Massimo sang many bhajans, chanted Sanskrit verses from *Vivekacūḍāmaṇi* – all with the clarity, precision and diction rare even among born Indians. Then Swamini Niranjanananda held a QA session, where she spoke in English and Fr. Massimo translated it into Italian for his students and took back their queries translated, back to Swamini.

The visiting seekers were so happy that at the end of programme, they offered to sponsor the entire Easy Sanskrit Online Course; that is how CIF was able to deliver this course so effectively. The entire cost of

building the website, converting the Easy Sanskrit Interactive CD into an online course format and making it fully functional, was an offering of love from Fr. Massimo's team and the Sacchidananda Mission of Assisi. In fact it is this course that IGNOU has adopted as its Certificate Course in Sanskrit.

About two decades ago two great men met without a plan, in the middle of a busy street on top of a bridge, in the holy city of Rome.... One mentioned his dream; the other kept his promise.

The 2009 French Open Camp of Swamini Umananda

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Swamini Umananda of Chinmaya Mission, Paris, arrived at Veliyanāḍ with 18 French nationals keen to study Hindu Culture and Vedānta.

Swamini Umananda met Gurudev in 1983 and inspired by his vision and the tenets of Vedānta committed herself to deeper study under Gurudev in India. Chinmaya Shakti on Rue Jean Mace, Paris, was set up in 1992 as a means to increasing the Vedānta awareness in France.



The workshop was titled 'Foundation Course on Hinduism'. Swami Advayananda moved with ease across four different topics – Fundamentals of Hinduism, Theory of Reincarnation, Caste and Casteism and lastly Advaita-vedānta – while Swaminiji translated word for word, line by line and fed it back to the seekers. The flow and ebb of the lectures rising as English thoughts and flowing as French assimilations formed a beautiful symphony as East met West and French and English blended into Vedānta. And it was Vedānta playing out as the two Sanyāsins became one voice, one sound – for such was the rapport and pace at which two thoughts and the two languages melded to deliver Vedānta!

Great are the unfoldments of Vedānta that we see as cultures and people find each other at CIF!

Special Programmes

Cuṭṭuvilakku Samarpaṇam



Swami Nikhilananda, Regional Head Chinmaya Mission Delhi, inaugurating the Cuṭṭuvilakku by lighting the first lamp

'Cuṭṭuvilakku' literally means, 'lamps lit all around'. Offering a round of lamps usually 108 or 1008 is traditional and auspicious in temple worship in the South of India. Many temples have half walls with indentations for holding the lamps, built around the deities. CIF inaugurated its 1008 Cuṭṭuvilakku around the Ayyappa Temple at the worshipful hands of Swami Nikhilananda Saraswati, Regional Head, Chinmaya Mission Delhi.

As a mark of commencing the ceremonies, Swamiji planted a coconut tree in the premises of the temple. Swami Nikhilananda, Swami Advayananda, Swamini Niranjanananda, Shankaran Namboothiri (the descendent of Ādi Śaṅkara's mother's family from whom the Ādi Śaṅkara Nilayam property on which CIF stands today, was obtained), Shanta Balakrishnan, Chief Sevak of the CIF Trust board, M. K. Kuttappan Menon, Trustee, CIF, lit the initial lamps. All campers and other devotees from Veliyanād then started lighting the lamps. The temple, with 1008 lamps lit, presented a divine and celestial look. Śiṅgāri-melam (traditional drum beating), Kalamezhuthu-pāttu for Śāsta and Ayyappan-pāttu gave the programme a special touch.

All Kerala Acharya Śāstra-sadas

15 Acharya's under Pūjya Swami Viviktananda, Regional Head, Chinmaya Mission, Kerala joined the Śāstra-sadas, wherein the learned met and discussed on the scriptures. Ādi Śaṅkara's commentary on *Brahmasūtra* was the topic of discussion during the Śāstra-sadas.



Ādi Śaṅkara Jayantī Celebrated

Ādi Śaṅkara Jayantī was celebrated on 29th April 2009 at CIF. Early morning pūjā and Aṣṭōttara-śatanāmāvali-arcanā was performed in Śaṅkarācāryā's birth-room in CIF. This was led by Acharya Vibhuti Shah and Br. Kutastha Chaitanya. Later during the day the stotrās which were composed by Ādi Śaṅkara were chanted with great devotion. Swami Advayananda, Swamini Niranjanananda, Br. Sagar Chaitanya, Br. Kutastha Chaitanya, Br. Gautam Chaitanya, Acharya Vibhuti Shah, along with the campers from Trichy and the local people participated in this function. This was followed by Annadāna.

The major attraction was Śaṅkarakavi-saparyā, an enthralling poetic obeisance to Ādi Śaṅkara, the greatest of philosophers, offered by Dr. Radha Vallabha Tripathi (Hon.Vice-Chancellor Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi), Dr. Abhiraja Rajendra Misra (Former Vice-Chancellor Sampurnananda Sanskrit University, Vāraṇasī), Dr. Iccha Varma Dvivedi (Faculty of Rashtiya Sanskrit Vidyapitha, New Delhi) and Prof. P.C. Muraleemadhavan (Chairman, CIF Shodha Sansthan).

The Kavi-saparyā began with an invocation by Dr. C.P. Ambika, Research Associate. The esteemed guests were honored by Smt. Shanta Balakrishnan, Swami Advayananda, Dr. K.H. Subramanian, Dr. V.R. Manoj, and Trustee K.K. Rajan.



Dr. Radha Vallabha Tripathi (Hon.Vice-Chancellor Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi) lighting the lamp and inaugurating the Śaṅkarakavi-saparyā

New Delhi Center Sets the Mode for Vedānta Home Study Course

In Jan' 2008 when the Advanced Vedānta Course was launched worldwide, New Delhi Center's Acharya Swami Nikhilananda added another variant for the 25 Delhi students who enrolled.

Regardless of whether they had signed for postal or online course, Swamiji allocated every Wednesday for a classroom session. What more could one ask for! The 25 students came to the Delhi Mission centre; each student was asked to read a portion of the lesson and then explain the same in his or her own words.

The Vedānta Course has students all over the world but the response of the Delhi students is worthy of note:

- Swamiji's initiative of holding a weekly study-group class created an informal atmosphere of group reading and discussion in the presence of the Acharya. This eliminated conceptual errors – a fallout of private study.
- Key Vedāntic concepts and terminology was honed, clarified and quietly assimilated into regular parlance.
- It set into motion a systematic study of Vedānta.
- It encouraged self-study with purpose that perhaps may have been lacking.
- Doubts were clarified readily, boosted confidence and enabled evaluation of progress in individual sādhanā.
- Not only did it lay the foundation for understanding scriptural texts like the Upaniṣads both academically and subjectively, but it also created the right mental environment for its practice.
- Everyone enjoyed coming for class and did not want to miss out on even one – the 25 year olds and the 75 year old, alike!

Students have emphasised the difference that a Center-run Weekly Tutorial makes to their interest levels and assimilation, not to mention the group energy benefits and the opportunity to converge at the feet of Pūjya Swamiji!

Easy Sanskrit meet the designer



Br. Gagan Chaitanya is the Acharya of Chinmaya Mission, Reunion Island, a tiny 30 mile wide island in the Indian Ocean under French Government. Prior to this, Gaganji was the Acharya of Nāgapaṭṭinam Center, Tamilnadu, as well as the Acharya for Sanskrit for the first three batches of Youth Empowerment Programme (YEP) conducted by All India Chinmaya Yuva Kendra.

The Easy Sanskrit Course that CIF runs successfully today and which has won the accreditation of the Indira Gandhi Open University (IGNOU), was developed and designed by Gaganji, who also composed the entire Textbook, Workbook and the Interactive CD of Easy Sanskrit with the sole aim of taking the beautiful language of the Gods to the whole world.



How often has it happened that we come out of an intense Gītā Jñāna Yajña or a Upaniṣad Lecture and feel convinced and determined that we must learn the Sanskrit language! Yet when the application form for a Sanskrit Course is downloaded, printed, filled and ready for despatch we backtrack and imagine that the language of the Gods cannot be learnt by mere mortals; that it is truly impossible; that we must be perfectly deluded to even contemplate such an idea.... and at the next Upaniṣad class we declare to our friends, 'Sanskrit is not easy!'

But one Acharya has decided to call everyone's bluff. He went ahead and designed a course which he even grandly named, **Sulabha Saṃskṛtam** or **Easy Sanskrit**.

Here is **Br. Gagan Chaitanya**, the designer behind the course that has found favour with an exalted body like **IGNOU**, that even his French students in the Reunion Island are studying with great dedication and success.

*Hari Om Gaganji, many of us have secretly nursed the desire to study the ancient language of the Gods... many of us have also tried and tested various institutes that offer Sanskrit education, online. Each of us has had various reasons for why those courses did not work for us. Uniquely most prospective students of Sanskrit have not given up their quest, even if some may have put the interest on hold. Therefore when CIF comes up with a course like Easy Sanskrit, there is a certain confidence that comes with it, because CIF's E-Vedānta Course is already very successful. So there is a built in assurance that the **Easy Sanskrit Online Course** has those ingredients too.*

Now, we are faced with a different situation. The student has no doubts about the course, but about his or her own ability to do the course successfully, where success means: I who know nothing beyond English plus maybe my native mother tongue, and in some cases not even that, how am I going to learn such a new, language where even the script is all-new, will I be able to?

What do you think about this, Gaganji?

Gagan Chaitanya: First of all, my hearty greetings to those blessed students who want to learn the divine language Sanskrit through CIF.

In August 1992, I attended the Vedānta Course Interview which was conducted by Acharya Incharge of Tamilnadu Sandeepany, Brahmachari Praveen Chaitanyaji (now Swami Sridharananada – Acharya, Chinmaya Mission, Trichy, Tamilnadu). One of the questions he asked me during the interview was “Do you know Sanskrit?” I said, “Yes”; then he asked me to read a śloka from *Śrīmad-bhagavat-gītā* – the book he handed to me had both devanāgarī script of Sanskrit and the Tamil transliteration. I started reading the śloka reading the Tamil transliteration. He looked at me, started laughing and said, “What you are reading is not Sanskrit, but you are reading the Tamil script (yes, he could tell the difference from my delivery). If you don't know Sanskrit we will teach you at Sandeepany!”

Hearing his comment, I felt bad because for many years I had believed that the Sanskrit language which is in devanāgarī script was Hindi and the Tamil transliteration was Sanskrit; this was my knowledge of Sanskrit!

When I joined Sandeepany Tamilnadu, the same Acharya Br. Praveen Chaitanyaji introduced me to the Sanskrit Alphabet which was a very strange language for me, but I started loving it! The structure of the letters, the deep philosophical meaning of the words, systematic and logical structure of the grammar, all these things attracted me and I felt this is the only language which is satisfying to our head and heart simultaneously. And these are all the reasons for my interest in this language.

Therefore those who want to learn Sanskrit, should start loving the language; at each and every step of learning we should enjoy the language; that is the secret.

So you see, my background reveals how I started learning Sanskrit, even without any prior knowledge of

the language. Even I could pick up the language, then what to talk of those who *want* to learn it! The divine language will bless you. Actually the language is waiting for you to learn. Go ahead... you will get it.

Meera: *Your story is wonderful; anyone who hesitated until now, will be completely reassured by your story and will enrol instantly! It is almost amazing to read that in 1992 you didn't even know that you did not know Sanskrit! And 17 years later you have designed and structured an Easy Sanskrit Online Course, that is not just user friendly and assures success, but it has even become an accredited course at IGNOU. This is almost impossible. How long did you take to learn the language and what route did you take? Did you have a one-to-one teacher?*

Gaganji: I learnt the language in one year, but after that I worked on the improvements. We had only one teacher for all the students, no person to person teacher. In the beginning our Acharya Swami Sridharanandaji taught and pushed us to some level and then he asked Śrī.Kannan, the Sanskrit Teacher of Chinmaya Vidyalaya, Anna Nagar, Chennai to continue the teaching. Kannanji was a very friendly and dedicated teacher, he came down to our level and taught all the students, no person to person teacher. Truly speaking when Kannanji was teaching us, I could get few sparks of inspiration how to learn Sanskrit easily.

The development of teaching material began later and for 12 years now I have been teaching the language and simultaneously working on how to make it very easy to learn. What we have achieved now is a product of more than 12 to 13 years work. I enjoyed every step. What I have noticed through this period is that at every stage God sends the correct person for the correct work at the correct time. It is really wonderful to realise God's grace! And now CIF's Newsletter has come too, to showcase the product!

Those who want to learn Sanskrit must enjoy and love the language at every step; that is the secret!

I taught in Trichy, Srilanka, Coimbatore and Nāgapaṭṭinam, now I am in Reunion Island. Wherever I teach, Pūjya Guruji Swami Tejomayanandaji makes it a point to come there for the course completion and to award certificates to the students himself.

Reunion Island belongs to France. Last week I completed the translation and have produced a French version of Easy Sanskrit with the help of our Mission members. I use this version to teach here, where over 25 students are studying Sanskrit.

Teething Troubles: But developing this course in the current format had its challenges. It took almost one year to finish the CD in Flash format, before that the Power Point Version took a whole year. That also gave me high blood pressure!! It was an interesting experience: on one end the computer technician who was developing the CD was shouting at me because we had a deadline to meet; on another end, my Reunion visa was ready and I had to leave soon; on yet another end I had to finish the Sanskrit Kit cover and the designing team was putting pressure! And amidst all this confusion Swami Advayanandaji, Acharya Incharge of CIF, was telling me, 'Eiy Gagan! You cannot move from CIF without finishing the project!' Now people are enjoying the fruit of all those pulls. The lessons are being appreciated and enjoyed.

Meera: *I read on the site that this Easy Sanskrit Course does away with some details and nuances; can you tell us what these nuances would be, that the course has done away with, which otherwise overwhelms a newcomer? Therefore what are the pet difficulties that a student encounters in language study which you have simplified?*

Also therefore tell me please, have you had a chance to examine why these difficulties are experienced, that is, is it a function of the language of daily use interfering with learning a new language, or a function of complex grammar? Or, is this a function of modern practices that makes it difficult to shift to ancient or traditional methods?

Gaganji: A student's fundamental difficulty is: not visualising the complete framework of the language. You must take a walk around the structure, examine

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and know the edifice first. When you read our scriptures like *Vālmīkī-rāmāyaṇa*, *Mahābhārata* and *Śrīmad-bhāgavatam*, the author first outlines the story in brief; without this, the listener will not have the patience to hear the story not knowing what to anticipate. This is the simple technique which satisfies the questioning mind. Then the mind will get the confidence to go further.

Coming to the traditional method and replicating it: Since the traditional method of learning Sanskrit is very difficult, at CIF we developed a simple way to learn the language. Say we have an ancestral mansion in our native home town, and now we need to work in the city where we want to replicate that very ancestral mansion, but scaled down. If we observe, the mansion structure has some essential ingredients: four walls, roof, floor, front door, back door, ventilation and so on, which we will apply to building a simplified house. Likewise, the Mansion of Sanskrit also has its foundation, four walls, roof, interior and exterior decor, front and back doors, binding materials and lightings. Let us examine these:



First Level – Foundation

1st Module : Alphabets

In any language first thing you have to learn is Alphabet, that is the foundation upon which the Palace of Language can be built. Here too we should master the Alphabet first, then get to word formation.

Second Level – Building three walls

A word means collection of few alphabets in a particular structure which gives us a meaning. Now these words in Sanskrit can be classified into three categories: Nouns, Indeclinables and Verbs.

2nd Module : Nouns – the Left side wall

Again Nouns can be classified into masculine, feminine and neuter; every noun can be declined according to the case and number. When noun is so declined, it will get 24 formations. Now you can understand how the language gets enlarged slowly.

3rd Module : Indeclinables – Right side wall

Now we attend to the 2nd wall of indeclinables. Words that cannot be declined like nouns are indeclinables. The word never changes in the language, it is similar to prepositions in English.

4th Module : Verbs – the Rear wall

In Sanskrit we have ten varieties of tenses and moods. But to build a basic structure in the student's mind, the course teaches only three important tenses: the past, present and future, and two moods. Again, Sanskrit has in all 2200 verb roots, and each verb root has 9 formations according to person and number. However, the Easy Sanskrit Course covers only 50 verb roots, the logic and empirical experience being once you understand, the rest can be built on.

Third Level – Front wall

5th Module : Person and Number

Now next part of the language is Person and Number; the first, second and third person, gets divided into singular, dual and plural. The dual is the speciality of Sanskrit. This is the shortest module in this course.

Fourth Level – Roof

6th Module : Simple Sentences

Technically a sentence is constituted of a series of words arranged in scientific order. Take the sentence: “Now I read Sanskrit.” In this sentence there is an indeclinable ‘now’, pronoun ‘I’, verb ‘read’, noun ‘Sanskrit’. Putting these in a particular order, we get meaning and a sentence. This is what language means. Once you get to this level, you get tremendous confidence for the next level.

Now you can see the four walls, connected by the roof – which is Simple Sentences. Once you come to this stage, it is not at all difficult to understand the complete structure of the Sanskrit Palace.

On the course modalities, from the Course Coordinator,

Meera: *What if you want to revise your answers, after having written it? Since the questions are multiple choice format, the website says once a choice is made it cannot be changed. What is the purpose of this restrictive format?*

Course Coordinator: We have kept this format in order to ensure that students are cautious when they appear for the test. We want that they are sure of their answer before they attempt. This is a discipline. There are some technological limitations too because of which we had to adopt this format.

Meera: *The way the course is crafted, does it build in daily studying compulsorily? See, most people are working a full day at a job, and/or running a household. What in your opinion is the best way to get the most out of this course?*

Course Coordinator: Everyday, one should spend atleast 30 minutes learning the course, or in a week give a total time of 2-3 hours. Make it a point to spend atleast 15 minutes at each sitting on revising the earlier chapters.

We hope this interview has helped clarify some of the recurring doubts and helped you receive the Easy Sanskrit Course with more joy.

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Project CIF

CIF, a very significant part of the Chinmaya Mission, is on a continuous mission to unravel and keep lit the glorious knowledge tradition of India. By dedicating ourselves to Project CIF we offer our gratitude to our beloved Pūjya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda and thus keep the Light of Wisdom ever lit.

— **Pūjya Swami Tejomayananda**
Head, Chinmaya Mission Worldwide

The year 2016 marks the birth centenary of Pūjya Gurudev Swami Chinmayananda. On this occasion, it is only befitting that devotees of Pūjya Gurudev and lovers of Indian wisdom join hands to fulfill His vision. Amongst a host of projects on the anvil to mark the centenary celebrations, Project CIF is prime.

CIF was the last project undertaken by Pūjya Gurudev during his lifetime. The infrastructure at CIF is very limited. Given the tremendous amount of research and Indology related work that CIF has been undertaking, not to mention the efforts in the direction of language development (both Sanskrit and NLP, via Anusaaraka), it is naturally imperative that CIF's infrastructure and facilities be stepped up very fast so that these efforts bear the fruit commensurate with the vision of Pūjya Gurudev.

Fully in keeping with Gurudev's passion for making CIF the bridge that delivers the essence of Indian wisdom to the world, and thus to fulfill the objectives of CIF, a series of construction projects are envisaged, among them:

- A Residential Complex that will provide for 400 people
- A Convention Hall that can seat 750 persons equipped with state of the art facilities for conducting international conferences and seminars
- Staff-quarters, additional kitchen and dining facilities
- Office and Information Centre that will enable world-class publishing and production facilities for CIF's in-house productions
- Chinmaya Vani (book, audio and video stall)

This is verily what Pūjya Gurudev wanted, dreaming as he did way ahead of our times! It is then our fervent hope that by 2016, the envisioned infrastructure will be in place.

Estimated Project Cost: The estimated project cost is INR 12 crores or approx USD 2.5 million. Consisting chiefly of construction cost, members are invited to donate for the schemes outlined below.

(1) Bhūdāna or Gift of Land: The total construction cost is over an area of 120,000 Sq.Ft. of land. You may donate for the construction cost of one or more square feet of land at INR 1000/ USD 20 per square foot.

(2) Mahādāna or Block Donation: Within this are two options :

A. The total construction cost has been broken into 1200 units of INR 1,00,000 (USD 2000) each. The donating family's name will be embossed on a specified wall as a fond memory of their support to enable Pūjya Gurudev's vision.

B. Alternatively, donations can be made by segments of facilities, as mentioned against the facility below.

Proposed Facilities	INR	USD *
1. Residential Complex Full	4,00,00,000	8,00,000
Per floor (4 floors)	1,00,00,000	2,00,000
Per room (128 rooms)	5,00,000	10,000
2. Convention Hall	4,00,00,000	8,00,000
3. Staff-quarters and Residence	1,50,00,000	3,00,000
4. Kitchen Facility	50,00,000	1,00,000
5. Dining Facility	50,00,000	1,00,000
6. Office and Information Centre	1,00,00,000	2,00,000
7. Chinmaya Vani (Book Shop)	50,00,000	1,00,000

* The project cost is fixed at the Rupee value. Hence kindly calculate the Dollar value afresh at the time of donation.

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Importantly, from 2010 to 2016, on Makara-saṅkrānti day of each of those years, Lakṣmī-nārāyaṇa-pūjā and Lakṣmī-nārāyaṇa-yajña are planned for those who are participating in the Mahādāna and Bhūdāna, in Ādi Śaṅkara Nilayam.

All these prayers will be performed for the spiritual and material prosperity of the donors and their families.

Individuals can chant *Kanakadhārā-stotram* and/or *Viṣṇusahasranāma-stotram* for the successful completion of Project CIF.

For more details and to watch the progress of the project, please visit www.projectcif.chinfo.org

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