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## *Preface*

It gives me great joy to know that Chinmaya International Foundation (CIF) is bringing out the Textbook as well as the Workbook on Easy Sanskrit. I am confident that the beginners who are interested in learning the basics of Sanskrit will find these books useful to start their journey into this Devabhāṣā, which indeed is a rich and glorious language. I invoke the grace of the Goddess Sarasvatī and the blessings of Pūjya Gurudev Swami Chinmayanandaji on all the students.

I congratulate Br. Gagan Chaitanya who has authored these books and has put enormous efforts to evolve this Course.

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## *Foreword and Acknowledgements*

The Chinmaya International Foundation (CIF), founded by Pūjya Swami Chinmayananda in 1989 is a Centre for Sanskrit Studies and Indology. The Foundation is affiliated to Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, New Delhi and recognized by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, Kerala. CIF has been actively engaged in the research and propagation of the Sanskrit language since its inception. A Sanskrit Home study Course that was started 15 years ago for the advanced student of Sanskrit is still made available. The present effort—Easy Sanskrit or Sulabha Saṁskṛtam Course—is for the beginners who are interested to start their journey into Sanskrit. The Course has a study kit that contains a Textbook, a Workbook as well as an interactive CD. The Course is designed in a manner that any individual, regardless of their mother tongue or age will get acquainted with the important aspects of Sanskrit language without being unduly burdened with details and nuances that could overwhelm a beginner.

We place on record our gratitude to Br. Gagan Chaitanya, Acharya, Chinmaya Mission, Nagapattinam, Tamilnadu for authoring these books and conducting Sulabha Saṁskṛtam Courses at CIF, introducing it to the schools and to the public in the various Chinmaya Mission Centres. The initial matter for this text was typeset at Coimbatore, Tamilnadu, by Smt. Mangalagowri and published by Chinmaya Mission, Nagapattinam. This was later thoroughly revised and edited by the scholars associated with CIF—Dr. K.H. Subramanian (Director, CIF), Smt. Sarala Kumari N.D. (Research Associate, CIF) and Br. Samvit Chaitanya. Smt. Radhika M.R. did the layout and painstaking formatting with enormous patience. Our profound thanks to all of them. Our appreciations are also due to M/s S.T.Redddiar & Sons for the excellent printing.

Our gratitude to Pujya Swami Swaroopanandaji for inspiring Chinmaya Mission, Sydney, Australia to sponsor this first CIF edition of Easy Sanskrit Textbook and Workbook.

Sanskrit is the embodiment of Indian culture. We hope that the Easy Sanskrit Course becomes the stepping-stone for learning the divine language Sanskrit and a window for all those who want to have a peep into the priceless tradition, culture and philosophy of India.

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## *Foreword for the Second Edition*

The good reception to Easy Sanskrit Textbook and Workbook that we have had is clearly indicative of its value in enabling the students to begin their journey in the study of Sanskrit.

In this second edition, a few errors that were there in the first edition have been corrected. We thank Dr. Sheeba Sudhir, Deputy Director, CIF Shodha Sansthan, for bringing them to our notice and also Prof. V.N. Jha, Former Director, Centre for Advanced Study in Sanskrit, University of Pune, for his valuable inputs.

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## *Author's Note*

Sanskrit is a beautiful and logical language. Over the years this language had lost its usage among the learned and laity alike and was soon regarded as a difficult language. When I joined the Vedanta Course in 1992, under the tutelage of Pūjya Swami Shridharanandaji at Tamaraipakkam, Chennai, I knew nothing about the Sanskrit language. During the two and half year course, along with the sacred Vedānta texts, I learnt and understood the beauty of this language. My pranams to Śrī Kannan, my Sanskrit Teacher, who instilled in me, the love for this language. Since my first assignment at Trichy, Tamilnadu, in 1995, I have been trying to spread the magical beauty of the Sanskrit language among the interested students. I strongly believe that all, irrespective of age, nationality or religion, can master this language, mistakenly considered to be difficult.

After 12 years of this teaching work, I thought of putting my teaching materials into a book format. The matter in this textbook is also based on the feedback I got from the students over the past years.

The need for a workbook was strongly felt when I took these classes. Therefore a workbook has also been made corresponding to the lessons in the textbook.

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