Summary of class 1

Today we discussed the following points –

* What is Indian Knowledge System?
  + Indian civilization is one of the oldest “surviving” civilizations.
  + a lot of knowledge has been created in the course of time
  + all this knowledge is Indian Knowledge
  + comprehending this knowledge and contemplating over its relevance today is of utmost importance
  + वेदs (Vedas) are at the centre of all the Indian Knowledge
  + संस्कृत व्याकरण (Sanskrit Vyakarana) or Grammar developed as a tool to decode वेदs Vedas
* Background of संस्कृत व्याकरण
  + a lot of knowledge created in past is coded in संस्कृत
  + संस्कृत व्याकरण (or Grammar) is a rule base created to ensure that the knowledge thus created in Sanskrit can be decoded at all places and at all times.
  + पाणिनि’s (Panini’s) व्याकरण is a culmination of all previous attempts to create a sound व्याकरण for Sanskrit
  + It has 8 chapters, therefore it is called as अष्टाध्यायी (Ashtadhyayi).