Vishva-saMskRta-dinam (World Sanskrit Day, Aug 20th 2013) message:

namaste MIT Samskritam friends,

Today (Aug 20th - full moon day of the shrAvaNa month) is World Sanskrit Day (vishva-saMskRta-dinam)

Wish you all a very happy vishva-saMskRta-dinam !! विश्वसंस्कृतदिन-शुभाशयः !

Look out for further emails about various ways in which you can get involved with MIT Samskritam this year.

- **Special weekend boot camps** - Great start or as a refresher
- **Weekly classes at various levels** - Continuous structured learning to make significant progress
- **Special lectures and seminars**
- **Informal open house discussions**

This is what some of our active members say about the club activities:

1. "भूतजानं भविष्यस्य दर्पणम् " - संस्कृतभाषाद्वारा अस्माकं पूर्वका: समाज -प्रकृति -
हस्तीविनां विषये कीदशं दर्शितकोणं स्थापितवत्त: इति जातुं शक्यते | मै.प्रो.सं
संस्कृतक्षेत्राद्वारा प्राचीनरहस्यनिधि: कीलिकं संस्कृतभाषा जातुं आरम्भप्रयतः:
संजातः |

"Knowledge of the past is the mirror to the future" - Through Samskritam, it is possible to know the perspectives of our ancestors in relation to society, nature and people. Through MIT Samskritam class an attempt to learn Samskritam which is the key to unlock the mysteries of the past has started.

2. मदथवा संस्कृतभाषा प्रियतमा | अहं संस्कृतभाषां पठाति यतः तस्या: व्याकरणम् अति
वैज्ञानिकम् | तस्या: च जाने बहुभारतीयभाषाणां शब्दान्नां निरूरति जातुं शक्यनुमः |

To me, Sanskrit is the dearest of all languages. I study Sanskrit because its grammar is very scientific. By its (Sanskrit's) knowledge, the etymology of the words of many Indian languages can be understood.

3. संस्कृतजाने भारतीय शास्त्राणि, इतिहासपुस्ताणादीनि साक्षात् मूलश्च स्वयं च
पठितम् शब्दोमि इति कारणात् मम संस्कृतभिचिरासीत् | इदानीम् अस्माकं
वर्गेशु पठित्वा भाषासौन्दर्यस्यापि आस्वादं करोमि।

My motivation to learn Sanskrit was based on the conviction that it would help me read and understand the philosophies, knowledge systems and mythologies of the Indian subcontinent in their original form. Learning more through MIT Samskritam, I have started appreciating the beauty of the language as well.

May we taste the nectar of samskritam more and more this academic year as well!

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