

Lesson 1. Sanskrit Alphabets

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Instructions to Students

I understand that many of you have tried to send me email using the incorrectly stated ID trinity123@bandaru.com that was on the previous documentation. My sincere apologies for the typo.

The correct email ID is trinity012@bandaru.com

I received also emails and phone calls from some of you.

The updated notes for "Lesson 1" is now on the web. It includes the material that was given in the previous file. I have also corrected the email ID on the course outline.

Please print the following pages:

1. *If you have printed the previous file for "Lesson 1", please print only Pages 11-16 starting from Conjunct Consonants.*
2. *Others who did not print the previous material, you can print all the pages.*

I plan to use the same material in the Lesson 01, for a 2nd Level course I will be starting at a different location soon. So the notes has references to the Grammar rules from Panini.

Please "skip" the following sections:

- 1.6 Aphorisms by Sage Mahēśvara
- 1.7 Use of Pāṇini Sūtrās
- 1.8 Indicatory or Non-Efficient (इत्) Letters

and any reference to Panini rules in

- 1.5 Technical Terms - गुण guṇa and वृद्धि vṛddhi
- 1.9 Sanskrit Prosody - An Introduction:

From the next lesson onwards, I will separate the material for the two courses.

Next class we will cover the following topics:

- Review the classification of Alphabets
- Conjunct Consonants
- Some technical terms - *guṇa*, *vṛddhi*, *laghu* and *guru*
- Sanskrit Numerals
- Reading exercise - first 4 verses from Chapter 7 of Gita

Since the next class will be the last class devoted to Alphabets, please review the material and help me so we can move on to the Sandhi section of the language.

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