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MINI SANSKRIT COURSE

संस्कृतम्

Session 6

6 weeks, Thursdays from 01.08. to 05.09. at 6pm

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SESSION 6

- recap sandhi rules
- exercise Gīta verse
- Bīja Mantras of the chakras



SANDHI

FINAL VOWELS									INITIAL VOWELS
ă	ĩ	ũ	ṛ	e	ai	o	au		
ā	ya	va	ra	e'	ā a	o'	āva	a	
ā	yā	vā	rā	a ā	ā ā	a ā	āvā	ā	
e	ī	vĩ	rĩ	a ĩ	ā ĩ	a ĩ	āvĩ	ĩ	
o	yũ	ū	rũ	a ũ	ā ũ	a ũ	āvũ	ũ	
ar	yṛ	vṛ	ṛ	a ṛ	ā ṛ	a ṛ	āvṛ	ṛ	
ai	ye	ve	re	a e	ā e	a e	āve	e	
ai	yai	vai	rai	a ai	ā ai	a ai	āvai	ai	
au	yo	vo	ro	a o	ā o	a o	āvo	o	
au	yau	vau	rau	a au	ā au	a au	āvau	au	

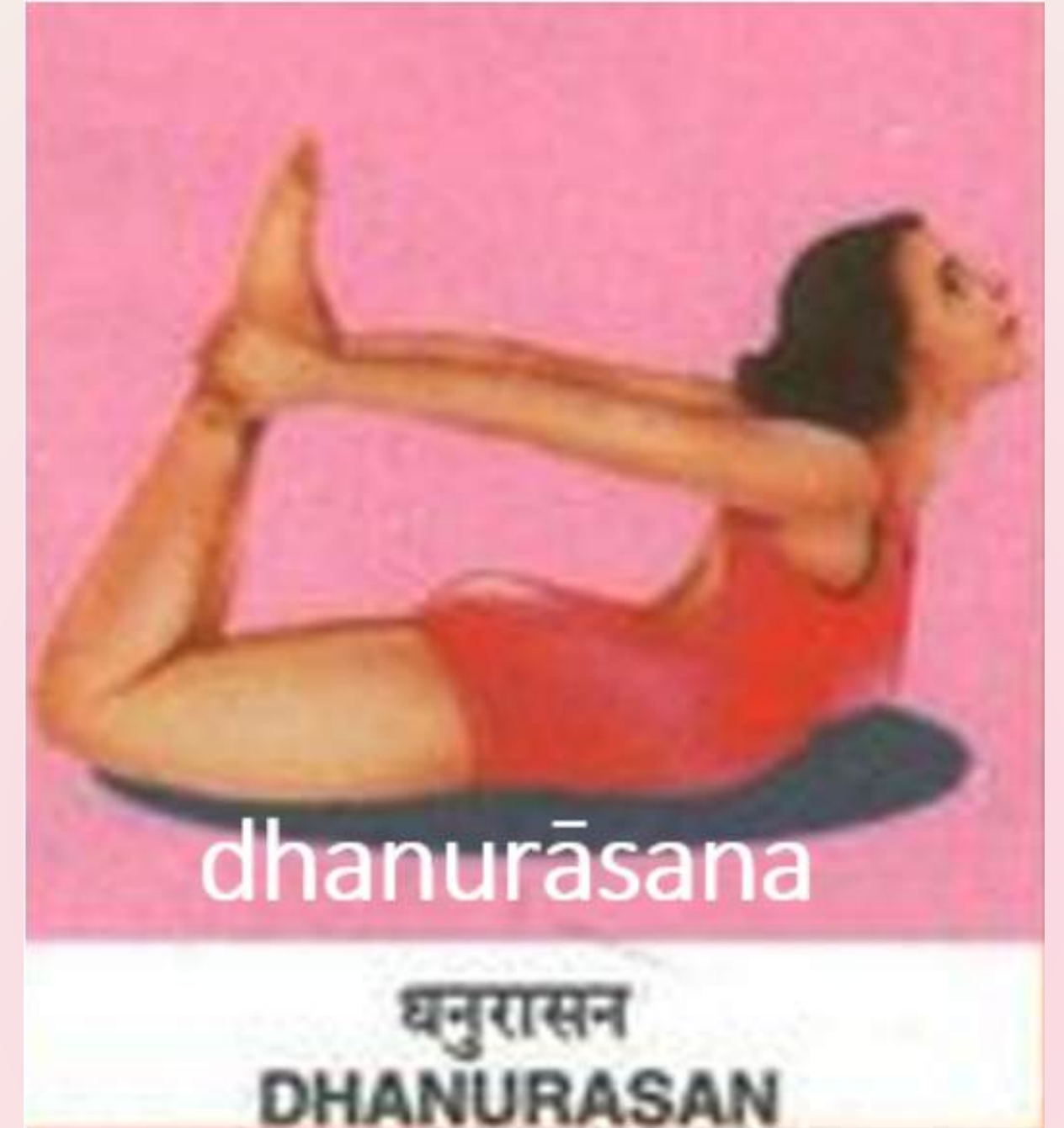
ă ĩ ũ □ indicate that the short and long vowels (e.g. short ă and long ā) behave in the same way here. Shaded columns: complex vowels whose original second element is dropped before a following vowel.

SANDHI

-uḥ + ā- = -urā-

dhanuḥ + āsana = dhanurāsana

the āsana [which is like a] bow (dhanuḥ)



SANDHI

-ḥ + ā- = -rā-

dhanuḥ + āsana = dhanurāsana

the āsana [which is like a] bow (dhanuḥ)

Final sound			Initial sound of following word
ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	
ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	zero
r	ā	a ¹	vowels
ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	k/kh
r	ā	o	g/gh
ś	āś	aś	c/ch
r	ā	o	j/jh
ṣ	āṣ	aṣ	ṭ/ṭh
r	ā	o	ḍ/ḍh
s	ās	as	t/th
r	ā	o	d/dh
ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	p/ph
r	ā	o	b/bh
r	ā	o	n/m
r	ā	o	y/v
ø ²	ā	o	r
r	ā	o	l
ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	ś
ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	ṣ/s
r	ā	o	h

SANDHI

oṃ namaḥ śivaya

oṃ namo bhagavate
vasudevaya

-aḥ + ś- = aḥ

-aḥ + b/bh- = o

F I N A L S O U N D										INITIAL SOUND OF FOLLOWING
k	ṭ	t	p	ṅ	n	m	ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	
k	ṭ	t	p	ṅ	n	m	ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	zero
g	ḍ	d	b	ṅ/ṅṅ ¹	n/nn ¹	m	r	ā	a ²	vowels
k	ṭ	t	p	ṅ	n	ṃ	ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	k/kh
g	ḍ	d	b	ṅ	n	ṃ	r	ā	o	g/gh
k	ṭ	c	p	ṅ	ṃś ³	ṃ	ś	ās	aś	c/ch
g	ḍ	j	b	ṅ	ñ	ṃ	r	ā	o	j/jh
k	ṭ	ṭ	p	ṅ	ṃṣ ³	ṃ	ṣ	āṣ	aṣ	ṭ/ṭh
g	ḍ	ḍ	b	ṅ	ṇ	ṃ	r	ā	o	ḍ/ḍh
k	ṭ	t	p	ṅ	ṃs ³	ṃ	s	ās	as	t/th
g	ḍ	d	b	ṅ	n	ṃ	r	ā	o	d/dh
k	ṭ	t	p	ṅ	n	ṃ	ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	p/ph
g	ḍ	d	b	ṅ	n	ṃ	r	ā	o	b/bh
ṅ	ṇ	n	m	ṅ	n	ṃ	r	ā	o	n/m
g	ḍ	d	b	ṅ	n	ṃ	r	ā	o	y/v
g	ḍ	d	b	ṅ	n	ṃ	∅ ⁶	ā	o	r
g	ḍ	l	b	ṅ	l̃ ⁷	ṃ	r	ā	o	l
k	ṭ	c (ch) ⁴	p	ṅ	ñ (ś/ch) ⁴	ṃ	ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	ś
k	ṭ	t	p	ṅ	n	ṃ	ḥ	āḥ	aḥ	ṣ/s
g (gh) ⁴	ḍ (ḍh) ⁴	d (dh) ⁴	b (bh) ⁴	ṅ	n	ṃ	r	ā	o	h

SANDHI

यदिहास्ति तदन्यत्र यन्नेहास्ति न तत्क्वचित्

(exercise 2 on the worksheet: about the Mahābhārata)

SANDHI

यदिहास्ति तदन्यत्र यन्नेहास्ति न तत्क्वचित्

yadihāsti tadanyatra yannehāsti na tatkvacit

resolving the sandhis to identify the words

(you can't put "yadihāsti" in the dictionary)

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yanna iha asti

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-t + vowel = d || -a + a- = ā || -t + n- = nn || -a + i- = e

TRANSLITERATION

अर्जुनः उवाच

चञ्चलम् हि मनः कृष्ण प्रमाथि बलवत् दृढम् ।
तस्य अहम् निग्रहम् मन्ये वायोः इव सुदुष्करम् ॥

arjunaḥ uvāca

cañcalam hi manaḥ kṛṣṇa pramāthi balavat dṛḍham ।
tasya ahaṁ nigrahaṁ manye vāyoḥ iva suduṣkaram ॥

TRANSLITERATION

arjuna uvāca

Arjuna said:

cañcalam hi manaḥ kṛṣṇa pramāthi balavat dṛdham |

unstable indeed (the) mind o Kṛṣṇa troubling powerful violent

tasya aham nigraham manye vāyoḥ iva suduṣkaram ||

of it I (the) restraining (I) think of the wind like very-difficult-to-do

TRANSLITERATION

Arjuna said:

The mind, indeed, is unstable, o Kṛṣṇa, troubling, powerful [and] violent.

Restraining it [lit. the restraining of it], I think, is like restraining [lit. the restraining of] the wind: very difficult to do.

(Bhagavad-Gīta 6.34)

TRANSLITERATION

श्रीभगवान् उवाच

असंशयम् महाबाहो मनः दुर्निग्रहम् चलम् ।

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abhyāsenā tu kaunteya vairāgyeṇa ca gr̥hyate

TRANSLITERATION

śri bhagavan uvāca

(The) blessed Lord said:

asamśayam mahābāho manaḥ durnigrahaṃ calam
doubtlessly o great-armed (strong) (the) mind hard-to-restrain moving

abhyāsenā tu kaunteya vairāgyeṇa ca gr̥hyate

through practice but o Kunti-son through indifference and it is restrained

TRANSLITERATION

The blessed Lord [Kṛṣṇa] said:

Doubtlessly, o strong one [Arjuna], the mind is hard to restrain and moving/unsteady.

But through practice, o son of Kunti, and by indifference (to worldly matters) it is/can be restrained.

(Bhagavad-Gīta 6.35)

BĪJA MANTRAS

बीजमन्त्र

लं वं रं यं हं ॐ

ऐं ह्रीं दुं क्लीं श्रीं रां गं हं

BĪJA MANTRAS

बीजमन्त्र bījamantra

लं वं रं यं हं ॐ
laṃ vaṃ raṃ yaṃ haṃ oṃ

ऐं ह्रीं दुं क्लीं श्रीं रां गं हं
aiṃ hrīṃ duṃ klīṃ śrīṃ rāṃ gaṃ haṃ

BĪJA MANTRAS

ह्रां ह्रीं हूं ह्रैं ह्रौं ह्रः ॐ श्री सूर्यय नमः

श्रां श्रीं श्रूं श्रैं श्रौं श्रः ॐ श्री चन्द्रय नमः

BĪJA MANTRAS

ह्रां ह्रीं ह्रूं ह्रैं ह्रौं ह्रः ॐ श्री सूर्यय नमः

hrām hrīm hrūm hraim hraum hraḥ om śrī sūryaya namaḥ

श्रां श्रीं श्रूं श्रैं श्रौं श्रः ॐ श्री चन्द्रय नमः

śram śrīm śrūm śraim śraḥ om candraya namaḥ

CONCLUSION

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- correct pronunciation of Sanskrit
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THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Teaching you Sanskrit was a pleasure!

If you enjoyed this course and feel that you learned something from it, you are welcome to make a donation of any amount your choose. 🙏

Much love, Elisa 💖

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