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Millennium India Education Foundation (MIEF)

Under the aegis of MOU signed by SVSU & MIEF
for Revival of Sharada Script

1st National Digital Workshop

on

Sharada Script Learning

(Level 1 course)



Date
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Time

03:00 - 05:00 PM

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Background

About Sharada Script

Among the Western Himalayan scripts, the Sharada alphabet has a place of pride. Evolved from north western Brahmi a millennium ago in the 9th century A.D. It remained in popular use for several centuries in an extensive area of Western Himalayas including North Western Frontier Province, Dardistan, Kashmir, Jammu, Ladakh and Himachal Pradesh. Later it got restricted to Kashmir only, where it was the principal means of writing until the 20th century. This form was widely used for writing Vedic texts. The epigraphic and literary records written in this script, that have been found in these regions, have thrown light on many facets of the history and culture of the areas of their provenance. The Gurmukhi script was developed from Sarada. Like the Brahmi and the Kharoshti in the ancient period, the Sharada script in the early medieval period formed a vital link in the chain of communication of ideas, knowledge, and culture among the states comprised in the Western Himalayan region. Unfortunately, the knowledge of this important script is fast disappearing threatening thereby the loss of this rich and proud heritage of Western Himalayas to posterity for ever. Today only a small group of Brahmins continue to use the Sharada alphabet for writing and calculating astrological and ritual formulations. The Goddess Sharda's temple is in PoK.

About the Workshop

To preserve and promote the use of "Sharada Script" Shri Vishwakarma Skill University, Dudhola in collaboration with Millennium India Education Foundation, New Delhi organizes a seven days workshop. Sharada is one of the ancient scripts of India in which the secrets of Indian knowledge are inscribed. The script was used for Kashmiri language. The experts of the workshop will shed light on the use of the letters and grammar of this now extinct script. The workshop will unravel the history and origin of Sharada Script, word building and sentence formation, basics of Sharada manuscript reading etc. In the direction of reviving the cultural relics of great Indian Civilization, Shri Vishwakarma Skill University offers a certificate course in Sharada Script through distance education.

Registration

<https://forms.gle/dY6G6qxmVhSSz5aw9>

All Registered delegates will receive Sharada script learning material (pdf copy), and certificate of participation that will be signed by SVSU University rep and MIEF rep.

Participation Criterion

All Age Groups (Sanskrit/Non Sanskrit knowing) Interested persons / Sanskrit Professionals/ Academicians/Researchers / Philosophers

Objectives:

To develop the action plan to connect young generation to the scripts and languages like Sharada, Kashmiri language, so that the ancient scripts of great relevance can be deciphered. Capacity building to help revive the almost extinct Sharada script and thus impart knowledge and skill to understand the ways & means of learning Sharada script alphabets, word making, sentence making, transliteration, cataloging technique, maintaining and preservation (through chemical processes, digitization and various forms etc.) To train by demonstrating the practical training of important procedures like reading of Sharada manuscripts, typing in Sharada using computers, direct translation into other scripts or vice versa etc.

Course Structure:

Learning Sharada Script Alphabets, Word and sentence making, manuscript reading & transliteration practice.

Medium of Training: English/Hindi/Sanskrit

Who Can take Part

Any interested person who may or may not be knowing Sanskrit language/Devnagari script. Sanskrit knowing scholars/Academicians/Researchers/Philosophers etc.

E-Certificate of participation will be given to all participants (speakers/experts/panelists/delegates).



