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# **Sharada Script Learning**

# (Under the aegis of MOU between MIEF & KSU)

(Level 1 course)

13th -20th July, 2020,4-6pm

On Zoom App Platform



**Ancient Kashmir Map** 



Sharada Temple Ruins Pakistan Occupied Kashmir



**Sharada Script Inscription** 



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**Sharada Script Learning Workshop** 



Sharada Script trained scholars



Sharada Script Learning workshop Banner



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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 theprincipal 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 Sharda alphabet for writing and calculating astrological and ritual formulations. The Goddess Sharda's temple is in PoK.

# **About the Workshop**

MIEF and KSU in association with Heart Care Foundation of India and Kashur Sumchar, is conducting a workshop for people interested in learning the Sharada script.

#### 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 in to other scripts or vice versa etc.

#### Course Structure:

Learning Sharada Script Allphabets,

Word and sentence making, manuscript reading & transliteration practice.

#### Medium of Training:

English/Hindi/Sanskrit/Kannad

#### Who Can take Part

Any interested person who may or may not be knowing Sanskrit language/Devnagari script.

Sanskrit knowing scholars/Academicians/Researchers/Philosphers etc.

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

# **Program Schedule**

13 July 2020 Day 1			
4.00-04.30 pm Inaugural session			
4.30-5.00 pm	History about development of Sharada Script	Spkr Prof Sushma Devi Gupta Sanskrit Dept.& Coordinator Sharada Script Revival Program University of Jammu	
5.00-5.45 pm	Introduction to Learning Sharada script & Practice	Spkr Ms Neelam Razdan	
5.45-6.00 pm	discussions and interaction		
14 July 2020 Day 2			
4.00-5.30 pm	Introduction to Learning Sharada script & Practice Contd.	Spkr Ms Neelam Razdan	
5.30-6.00 pm	Discussions and Interaction with participants		
15 July 2020 Day 3			
4.00-5.30 pm	Introduction to Learning Sharada script & Practice Contd.	Spkr Ms Neelam Razdan	
5.30-6.00 pm	Discussions and Interaction with participants		
16 July 2020 Day 4			
4.00-5.30 pm	Wordbuilding, Sentence making & Practicecontd.	Spkr Ms Neelam Razdan & Dr Narender Bharati	
5.30-6.00 pm	Discussions and Interaction with participants		
17 July 2020 Day 5			
4.00-5.30 pm	WordBuilding, Sentence making & Practice Contd.	Spkr Dr Narender Bharati	

5.30-6.00 pm	Discussions and Interaction with participants		
18 July 2020 Day 6			
4.00-5.30 pm	Word Building, Sentence making & Practice Contd.	Spkr Dr Narender Bharati	
5.30-6.00 pm	Discussions and Interaction with participants		
19 July 2020 Day7			
4.00-5.30 pm	Sharada Manuscript Reading practice	Spkr Dr Narender Bharati & Ms Neelam Razdan	
5.30-6.00 pm	Discussions and Interaction with participants		
20 July 2020 Day 8			
4.00-5.00 pm	Sharada Manuscript Reading practice	Spkr Dr Narender Bharati & Ms Neelam Razdan	
5.00-5.30 pm	On line exams	Expert: Dr Kirti Kant Sharma	
5.30-6.00 pm	Result and workshop concluding session plus e-certificate distribution	Prof.Pandurangi, Dr Uday Kakroo, Prof.Sushma Devi Gupta, Dr Kirti Kant Sharma, Prof.B V Venketaramana ,Sh H L Wangnoo	

# **About Organisers**

### Millennium India Education Foundation

A delhi-based not-for- profit organization headquartered in Delhi, India. MIEF works towards the promotion, encouragement and conduction of research in the fields of education, health, science & technology and community development (art, environment & culture). MIEF is registered under Indian Trust Act 1882 Regd no:8070/4 year 2003.

Revival of Sharada script at global levels an ancient and almost extinct Indian script believed to have been one of the major project in hand. MIEF has made following contributions in this direction

- MIEF has take up Sharada Script Revival programs in India since 2013 in association with famous and renowned central & state universities.
- 2. MIEF is the only organisation in the country, which has signed MoUs with 6 universities in India for taking up revival

- of Sharada script in India:JawaharLal Nehru University (JNU), New Delhi; Mumbai University, Mumbai;University of Jammu UT of J & K; Karnataka Samskrit University, Bangalore; Kavikulaguru Kalidas Sanskrit University, Nagpur & Shri Vishwakarma Skill Development University, Haryana
- MIEF and Vishwkarma Skill Development University
  Haryana are the pioneers to have Sharada script included
  in its skill development program by signing MoU on 13th
  January 2019.
- MIEF has designed the syllabus for Sharada script learning and also produced the learning material used in the training programs.

# Karnataka Sanskrit University, Bangalore

Has been formed in 2010 exclusively for the development of Sanskrit language and with the vision and mission of bringing all the Sanskrit colleges and traditional gurukulas of the state under a single umbrella, to maintain uniformity in education, to provide greater opportunities for study and research in Sanskrit at international level.

The objective of the university is to integrate our ancient knowledge with modern science & technology and social sciences . The university offers courses from diploma level to PhD. It is aiming towards offering programs in all fields — language, literature, culture, tradition, Vedic studies, humanities, philosophy and sciences of different disciplines — with traditional profundity and modern approach. The varsity has been contributing towards the publications of books, journals, proceedings and research journals through KSU Prasaranga and also organise national and international seminars and conferences

#### In association with

#### **Heart Care Foundation of India**

Was Founded in 1986 as a National Charitable Trust with the basic objective of creating awareness about all aspects of health for people from all walks of life incorporating all pathies incorporating low cost infotainment modules under one roof.

Koshur Sumchar: is a Delhi based charitable society registered in 1959. The organization works with an objective to preserve and promote the cultural heritage of Kashmir and its language (Kashmiri); the people of Kashmiri origin both in India and abroad; To establish administer, manage and maintain libraries, reading rooms, documentation centres (to preserve books, pamphlets, magazines, journals, reprints and literature and procure produce or purchase, store, utilize and exhibit audio-visual material like recorders, duplicators, cassettes, video-tapes, films, fill-strips, flip-charts) and auditorium for these purposes and to undertake programmes aimed at poverty alleviation, community

development, health development, social justice, environment preservation like social forestry, utilization of renewable sources of energy etc.

# **Registration Fee**

Rs 200/person by NEFT transfer to Millennium India Education Foundation, Bank: Dena Bank Branch: Okhla Industrial Estate New Delhi, SB Account No 025110005215, RTGS /IFSC BKDN0710251)

All registered delegates should inform about their registration by email mief02@gmail.com/whats app.no 9810301261.

The information should contain: name-----Profession-----Designation------Email------Ph(M)------ and payment confirmation, details etc.

Joining ID and Password of Zoom App. will be separately after registration.

All Registered delegates will receive Sharada script learning material (pdf copy ), And certificate signed by KS

University rep and MIEF rep.

# **Organising Committee**

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Certificate distribution at the end of Sharada Script Learning workshop



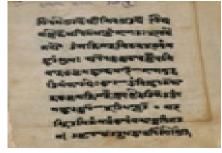
Sharada Script Learning workshop in Nagpur



Press coverage after signing of MOU with KSU Bangalore



Release of Sharada Script Primer by Hon'ble MOS PMO Dr Jitender Singh



Sharada Manuscript