Grammar: Rules and exceptions 1

Class Objective : To know some Rules and Exceptions of Sanskrit Grammar.

Concept A: Introduction and Origin of Sanskrit.

Sanskrit is a living language with ancient Vedic roots. Here using the term "living language" in it's obvious sense – that it is still existing, still spoken, still studied, still communicative (and not just descriptive of what once was), and at least in one most highly desirable and non-academic area of study, namely, the Vedanta studied by people who newly come to its study to this day in the hundreds or thousands every year, is an irreplaceable medium for its full appreciation.

Many scholars, even till today, are slow in accepting the Indus-Saraswati civilization, also called the Harappian or the Indus Valley civilization, as the oldest known appearance of Vedic culture or Vedic literature and language. These things take time to be assimilated and accepted. Many of these scholars are beholding to a great deal of investment by themselves, their teachers, the institutions they work under, their funding sources, their nation's empire builders, and even their religion in the so-called Aryan invasion theory and its variants, which claim the soon-to-be authors of the Vedas invaded, or at least migrated, into the Northwest Indian subcontinent around 1500 B.C. from parts unknown, but widely speculated from anywhere except the Indian sub-continent itself.

Concept A : The Sounds in the Sanskrit Language.

We have learnt the pronunciation of the vowels and consonants, the below table is for reference.

	Vowels			
Location	Sounds Like	Transit.	Medial	Initial
guttural	o in s o n	a	а	अ
	o in bottle	ā	ା	आ
palatal	e in be	i	б	इ
	e in b ee	ī	ी	ई
labial	o in m o ve	u	Ş	उ
	00 in m 00 n	ū	Q	ऊ
cerebral	rh in rhythm	r	8	羽
	in rhrhythm	Ţ.	ę	昶
dental	le in tabl e	1	্ব	ल
gutteral-palatal	a in t a pe	e	ò	Ų
	y in m y	ai	ै	ऐ
gutteral-labial	oe in t oe	0	ो	ओ
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