Compounds/Samàasa(समास) - intermediate level two

CLASS OBJECTIVE: To learn about Samàasa (समास) in Sanskrit and their uses.

CONCEPT A:- INTRODUCTION

हनुमान रामस्य भक्तः आसीत् ।	हनुमान रामभक्तः आसीत् ।
राष्ट्रध्वजः चक्रेण अङ्कित: अस्ति।	राष्ट्रध्वजः चक्राङ्कित: अस्ति।

- Clubbing of two or more words is called compound समास
- Their separation is called dissolution अवग्रह
- Use of compounds makes the sentence construction precise and compact
- Language becomes rich and attractive
- Compounds add beauty to the language

Dissolution	Compound
नेत्राभ्यां हीन:	नेत्रहीन:
कृष्ण: सर्प:	कृष्णसर्पः
गणेशस्य उत्सवः	गणेशोत्सव:
गृहं गतः	गृहगतः
ग्रन्थानाम् आलयः	ग्रन्थालयः

- Case terminations of former constituents disappear in compound word
- When compound is dissolved, case terminations need to be added to the former constituent
- समास = सम्+ आस् = to compound/to club

Basic rules of compounds

- 1. Two or more constituents come together to form a compound as per their meaning
- 2. While making a compound, there has to be some relation between the constituents the words should be compatible with each other

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