Revision of Subhashitas

Class Objective : To Revise the subhashitas.

स्भाषित को दोहराना।

Concept A: Subhashitas and their meanings.

सुभाषित और उनके अर्थ।

Subhashita 1:

पृथिव्याम् त्रीणि रत्नानि जलमन्नम् सुभाषितम् | मूढै: पाषाणखण्डेषु रत्नसञ्ज्ञा प्रदीयते ||

Meaning: There are three jewels on earth: water, food, and good sayings. Fools, however, regard pieces of rocks as jewels.

Subhashita 2:

चन्दनम् शीतलम् लोके चंदनादिप चंद्रमाः | चन्द्र चन्दनयोः मध्ये शीतला साध्सङ्गतिः ॥

Meaning: Sandalwood is pleasant (cool), moon (or moon light) is more pleasant than sandal. (but) company of a good person (sādhu) is more pleasant than both moon and sandal.

Literal meaning of the word 'śītalaḥ' means cool/cold, in this context cool means something which is pleasant.

Subhashita 3:

परोऽपि हितवान् बन्धुः बन्धुरप्यहितः परः। अहितः देहजो व्याधिः हितमारण्यमौषधम् ॥

Meaning: The person with whom we have no relation, but who helps us in our difficult times is our Real relative/brother. In contrast the person who may be our relative/brother (With whom we have blood relations) but who always does bad things for us should not be considered as our relative/brother. Just like a disease which is in our own body does so much harm to us while the medicinal plant which grows in forest far off does so much of good to us!

Subhashita 4:

परस्परविरोधे तु वयम् पञ्चश्च ते शतम् । परैस्तु विग्रहे प्राप्ते वयम् पञ्चाधिकम् शतम् ॥

Meaning: A classic example as to how infighting amongst ourselves has ruined it, which is valid even today:

While fighting with each other, we are five and they are hundred. While fighting with others (enemy) we are a hundred plus five.

This are words of yudhiṣṭhira (dharmarāja). In araṇyaparva (i.e. when pāṇḍava were in vana-vāsa i.e. in jungle (forest exile) for 12 yrs), pāṇḍava got a news that kaurava are under attack from gandharvas and were losing the battle. In fact gandharvas had defeated

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