### Sanskrit Verbs and Tenses

Objective: To understand tenses and different types of sentences in Sanskrit

### **Concept A: Introduction to verbs**

10 tenses or লকাर (lakaara). So 5 tenses are enough for all our day-to-day needs. Below are the important points while learning verbs:

- 3 persons or प्रष (प्रष) 3rd person (प्रथमप्रष / prathamapuruSha)
- 2. 2nd person (मध्यमप्रेष / madhyamapuruSha)
- 3. 1st person (उत्तमपुरुष / uttamapuruSha)

And we also have 3 numbers:

- 1. singular (एकवचन / ekavachana)
- 2. dual (ददविवचन /dvivachana)
- 3. plural (बह्वचन / bahuvachana)

Below are some important points while making verbs:

- 1. The verb form is derived by adding special suffix तिप् (tip) to the root of the word. All such words are also called तिवन्तपद (tivantapada) meaning "ending with तिप् (tip)".
- 2. The verb form for each category of word is derived by adding pre-defined pattern of तिप् (tip) suffixes to the word root.
- 3. All other words in that category follow the same pattern. For example the verb "be" or भू (bhuu) has a form like भवति (bhavati), भवतः (bhavataH), भिन्त (bhavanti) and so on. The verb "read" or पठ् (paTh) is of the same category and follows the same pattern as पठित (paThati), पठतः (paThataH), पठिन्त (paThanti). In both the cases the suffixes ति (ti), तः (taH) and न्ति (nti) were added to the root words be (भू / bhuu) and read (पठ / paTh) to get the derived form.

In Sanskrit verbs are classified into different categories based on:

- 1. The receiver of their result
- 2. If the result of the action represented by the verb is for the doer (Subject), then it is आत्मनेपदी (aatmanepadii) meaning "for self".
- 3. All other verbs are परस्मैपदी (parasmaipadii) or "for others". The तिप् (tip) suffix used in these are different. Following table has the तिप (tip) suffixes, for both.

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