

NAGGAR, Kulu, Punjab.

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To The Conference  
of All-India Samskrit Students  
Benares Hindu University  
Benares.

Dear Friends,

From your letter I was delighted to see that you gather for mutual discussion of questions of Samskrit learning. For us, Russians, Samskrit always has a special significance. Our language abounds with Samskrit roots and during ordinary conversation one can distinguish familiar Samskrit words. The very construction of the language and the harmonious musicality make Samskrit for us essentially near to the heart. When I hear Samskrit chanting, it always reminds me of old Russian bards, who melodiously narrate ancient legends about heroes and - as they are called - bogatyrs (bahadurs?). These traditions of preservation of ancient folklore wisdom also unite us. Thus when I hear about Samskrit learning, I joyfully realize that in our days of great scientific discoveries and inventions the roots of eternal wisdom are also alive. Retaining the purity and sonority of Samskrit you safeguard one more treasure of India. Of course, ancient Kashi is the most befitting place for guarding such a treasure. May this ancient wisdom guide you to the most radiant attainments of the future.

Satyam ! Sivam ! Sundaram !

P.S.

For your exhibition I am sending you as you requested several coloured reproductions. After the close of your exhibition, please present the pictures from my name to the Benares Hindu University.

Large: Sword of Ghessar Khan  
Guga Chohan  
Chenrazi  
Pearls of Searching  
Himalayan Fire Blossom  
Shadow of the Teacher

Small: Tibet  
Command of Rigden Jyepo  
The Master's Command  
Terra Slavonica