Kathmandu University’s Centre for Buddhist Studies at Rangjung Yeshe Institute

Course Description

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<td>Credits:</td>
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| Schedule:     | Main Lecture: Tuesday and Thursday 7:15pm-8:45pm NPT (Online)  
                Traditional class: Wednesday 7:15pm-8:15pm NPT (Online) |
| Required text(s) | There is no required text for this course. The instructors will distribute all necessary materials electronically, including video lessons, grammar documents, homework assignments, vocabulary lists, etc. |
| Optional Readings | Students registered in Sanskrit Language VI must have completed Sanskrit Language I–V or have taken equivalent courses at another institution. |

The Sanskrit Language Program at RYI:

- The Sanskrit Language program at RYI is designed so that students complete Sanskrit grammar during their second year of study. During Sanskrit Language I and II, the students focus almost exclusively on the study of grammar. In Sanskrit Language III and IV, students will complete their study of Sanskrit grammar and begin to translate texts. Further study of Sanskrit (Sanskrit Language V–VI) will focus on the reading of selected texts, with increasing emphasis placed on independent reading of Sanskrit texts.

Sanskrit Language VI Course Description:

- Sanskrit Language VI develops the students’ ability to read Sanskrit texts independently.
- The course focuses on the translation of Buddhist Sanskrit texts. To that end, the students will be expected to prepare and discuss a Buddhist Sanskrit text during weekly meetings.
- Students will use various resources, print and electronic, to aid their understanding and translation of Sanskrit texts.
- In the traditional component, students further refine their understanding of Sanskrit metres. They also begin to read texts with the traditional teacher.
- There will also be discussion of the historical, cultural, linguistic and religious contexts of the language. These aspects of the course will not be part of the assessments.
Sanskrit Language VI Course Objectives:

- Students will be able to explain all of the common grammatical features of the Sanskrit language.
- Students will be able to translate Sanskrit texts with the aid of grammar and dictionary.
- Students will begin to understand the features of what is called Buddhist Hybrid Sanskrit.
- Students will work easily with resources to aid their translation of Sanskrit texts.
- Students will develop a sophisticated understanding of the South Asian context that produced the texts they read.