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Preface

Vyākaraṇam (The Sanskrit Grammar) is one of the six Vedāṅga-s that holds a very important place in the Vedic tradition. It is considered the primary śāstra that facilitates the learning of the language and forms a foundation to study and interpret the texts that form the repository of the Indian Knowledge Systems. Pāṇini's Aṣṭādhyāyī codifies the grammar of Saṃskṛta elegantly. After Pāṇini, a whole tradition developed and produced rich works by Kātyāyana, Patañjali, Bhartṛhari, Bhojarāja, Candrakīrti, Hemacandra, Bhaṭṭojīdīkṣita, Nāgeśabhaṭṭa and many others. It also inspired work in literature and philosophy and has left its mark on the entire intellectual tradition.

A Saṃskṛta verse elaborated the importance of Vyākaraṇa as –

यद्यपि बहु नाधीषे तथापि पठ पुत्र व्याकरणम् ।

स्वजनः श्वजनो मा भूत्सकलं शकलं सकृच्छकृत् ॥

yadyapi bahu nādhiṣe tathāpi paṭha putra vyākaraṇam |
svajanaḥ śvajano mā bhūtsakalaṃ śakalaṃ sakṛcchakṛt ||

“Even if you do not study a lot, at least study vyākaraṇa [i.e., grammar], my son, let svajana (a relative) not be śvajana (a dog), sakala (a whole) not be śakala (a part), and sakṛt (once) not be śakṛt (excrement) [i.e., so that at least you do not pronounce svajana as śvajana, sakala as śakala, and sakṛt as śakṛt, and do not change the context of the speech completely].”

Many languages in India have emerged and evolved from Saṃskṛta. Goa's prominent languages, i.e., Konkani and Marathi, also belong to the Indo-European group of languages. Students of these languages often struggle to grasp the concepts of grammar, such as Vibhakti-s (Cases) and Samāsa-s (Compounds) which are common concepts in these languages. There is a misconception about grammar studies, that they are burdensome and tedious. However, the extensive grammar tradition of India has kept the languages intact. Instead of treating Sanskrit as an 'external influence', if the students of grammar can understand it as the underlying operating system, they will be able to debug or understand the modern softwares i.e. Marathi and Konkani easily!

This book will help Sanskrit students as well as students of many other Indian languages to learn and refer to grammar concepts. An effort will be taken to keep the style of the book simple, combining brevity with clarity. The book intends to provide supplementary information related to grammar and facilitate learning.