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Preface

(Second Edition)

It was in 1998 that the first edition of the present work had made its appearance. It had got exhausted within a few months testifying to its wide acceptance. Bringing out its second edition had been under active consideration since then. For various reasons it had not been possible to do so earlier. It is now only that the second edition is hitting the stands.

For a while it was thought desirable to add certain number of Subhāṣitas to those in the first edition, there being a lot more in Sanskrit literature equally interesting and illuminating. But on second thought the idea was dropped for its being opposed to the very concept of the production of the work; viz., to make available to a reader a handy reference book of Subhāṣitas of daily use which had prompted the undersigned to limit their number to a thousand (though it exceeds by eighty) and to title it, appropriately enough, Sāhasrī. It has, therefore, been thought to be more prudent to bring out a reprint of the original matter only with such improvements as were deemed necessary.

I have every hope the reprint will also meet with the same approbation as had met its earlier print.

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Satya Vrat Shastri

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तावन्महत्त्वं पाण्डित्यं कुलीनत्वं विवेकिता ।
यावज्ज्वलति नाङ्गेषु हन्त पञ्चेषुपावकः ॥

—शृङ्गारशतक, १

तभी तक ही गौरव, पाण्डित्य, कुलीनता और विवेकशीलता रहती है जब तक अंगों में कामाग्नि प्रज्वलित नहीं होती ।

The greatness, the learning, the noble descent and the sense of discrimination exist only up to that time when the fire of passion does not burn the limbs.

कायरता— Cowardice

पृष्ठस्य दर्शनं येन कारितं कातरात्मना ।
जीवन्मृतस्य तस्यान्यत् क्रियतां किं मनस्विना ॥

—पद्मपुराण, ६.४९९

जिस कायर ने पीठ दिखा दी उस जीते हुए ही मरे के समान व्यक्ति का मनस्वी पुरुष और क्या करे ?

What else a high-minded is to do to a person who, though alive, is as good as dead in that he, the coward, has shown the back.

कार्य— Doing a thing

प्रस्तुतस्य विरोधेन ग्राम्यस्सर्वोऽप्युपक्रमः ।
वीणायां वाद्यमानयां वेदोद्गारो न युज्यते ॥

—नलचम्पू, ६.४६

जो कार्य हो रहा हो उसके विपरीत सभी कार्य अशोभन होते हैं । जब वीणा बजाई जा रही हो तो वेद-ध्वनि उचित नहीं ।



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