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Dr. Robert Goldman, Professor of Sanskrit and Dr. Alexander von Rospatt, Chairman
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Dear Professor Goldman and Chairman von Rospatt,

Sanskrita Bharati USA would like to congratulate University of California at Berkeley on the occasion of "101 years of Sanskrit studies at Berkeley". It gives immense pleasure to Sanskrit lovers around the world to see that a premier institution like UC Berkeley has given such great importance to Sanskrit learning in the 139 years of its history.

We at Samskrita Bharati have been focusing on popularizing this wonderful language as a tool for day-to-day conversation. UC Berkeley's attempts to keep the language alive and reach for the treasures of the East and Samskrita Bharati USA's efforts to spread the language and bring the treasures of the East to the entire world are complimentary. We would like to thank the Department of South and Southeast Asian Studies & the Center for South Asia Studies, UC Berkeley for its services to the language of Sanskrit as noted in the wonderful write-up on "History of Sanskrit Studies at Berkeley". We also would like to extend our felicitation to each and every member who has contributed all these years to the Sanskrit program at the University.

We join you in your celebrations and we are sure that the significance of the work that the University continues to carry on in the field of Sanskrit will go on for many more years to come. As noted by Professor Arthur Ryder in his translation of the Bhagavad Gita, "Uncounted millions have drawn from it comfort and joy. In it they have found an end to perplexity, a clear, if difficult, road to salvation.", we believe that the same is true of the Sanskrit language and efforts like that of UC Berkeley will continue to help spread the language and the vast treasure of knowledge that comes with it for ages to come.

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Best Regards,

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