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ा। वाक् ।। अहं राष्ट्री सुंगर्मनी वसूनाम् ।।

// Vak // aham rastrī samgamanī vasūnām //
Speech: 'I am of the State. I make all that is Good come together'

-Rgveda, X, 125, 3.

।। यामृषयो मन्त्रकृतो मनीषिणः । अन्वैच्छन् देवास्तर्पसा श्रमण । ता देवीं वाच हिविषा यजामहे । सा नी दधातु सुकृतस्य लोके ।।

> //yam rsayo mantrakrto manisinah/ anv áicchan devas tápasa srámena/ tam devim vacam havisa yajamahe/ sa no dadhatu sukrtásya loké//

'Whom the Sages, the Makers of Hymns, the Wise Ones,
And the Gods also, sought with Fervour and with Effort:
Her, the Divine Speech, with this Offering we pray;
May She vouchsafe Welfare unto the World'.

-Toittiriya-Brahmana, II, 8, 8.

।। संस्कृत नाम देवी वागन्वास्थाता महर्षिभिः ।।

//samskritam nama daivi vag anvakhyata maharşibhih//

'Sanskrit is the Divine Speech set forth by the Great Sages.'

—Dandin, Kavyadarsa, 1.

ய வடசொல் எல்வாத்தேயத்திற்டும் பொதுவாகலானும் ப

//vatacol ella-t-feyattirkum potuvakalanum//

'Because Sanskrit is Common to all Parts of the Country.'

—Sēnāvaraiyār, Commentary to Tol-kāppiyam, Collatikāram 9, Eccaviyal Verse 5

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