## GLOSSARY OF INDIAN NAMES AND TERMS

## Names

- Abhinavagupta (990-1020) Writer on Poetics dramaturgy etc.

  Known for his commentaries on <u>Dhvanyaloka</u> titled

  Abhinavabharati and <u>Kavyaloka-lochana</u>.
- Anandvardhana (855 ? ) Poet, rhetorician author of <a href="Dhvanyaloka">Dhvanyaloka</a>, a treatise on <a href="Dhvani">Dhvani</a> being the essence of poetry.
- Bhamah (7th or 8th cen.) author of <u>Kavyalamkara</u>, associated with alamkara school.
- Bhartrhari (6th or 7th cen.) Poet, author of <u>Vakyapadiya</u>, a treatise on grammar.
- Bhoja (1000-1055) King, writer of Sringara Prakash on poetics.
- Dandin (6th cen.) Writer of Kavyadarsha on poetics.
- Dhananjaya (10th cen.) author of Dasarupaka on dramaturgy.
- Kuntaka (10th cen.) author of <u>Vakrokti-Jivita</u> Vakrokti school.
- Mammata (1050-1125) author of <u>Kavyaprakash</u>, alamkara school.
- Katyayana (3rd cen. B.C.) grammarian.
- Nagarjuna (2nd cen.) Buddhist Philosopher.
- Panini (5th cen. B.C.) Sanskrit grammarian author of Ashtadhy ayi on grammar.
- Patanjali (2nd cen. B.C.) grammarian and a commentator on Panini.
- Rajushekhar (9th, or 10th cen.) Sanskrit and Prakrit Writer.

Valmiki. Traditional author of Ramayana.

Vishvanatha (1300 - ) author of <u>Sahitya-darpana</u> alamkara school.

Vyasa - Traditional author of Mahabharata.

## Terms

Akarma inefficient, idle.

Akshar-darshan realisation of the supreme.

Alamkara figure of speech.

Alamkarashastra ancient name for Sanskrit Poetics, later

referring to rhetorics or figures of speech. Alamkara school of believes - alamkara to be the essence of poetry.

Alokikabhayan experiencing the uncommon i.e., aesthetic

experience.

Alaukika not relating to this world, uncommon.

Ananda joy, delight.

Anandalakshi leading to joy.

Anubhava external manifestation of a feeling by

appropriate symptoms, accidental emotion.

Apoha remove, dispell.

<u>Arani</u> a kind of wood used for kindling sacred

fire.

Artha sense, meaning.

Arthaghatan act of perceiving the sense or meaning.

Atman soul

Bhadra-lok the elite

Bhana knowledge, awareness

Bhava state of mind.

Bhoga enjoyment.

Buddhi perception, intellect.

Cheto-laya dissolution of consciousness.

Cheto-vitar extension of consciousness.

Chita reasoning faculty, reason.

Chitshuddhi purity of mind, reason.

Desi Provincial, local, regional

Dhyani sound. Dhyani school of Sanskrit believes

'suggested sense' to be the essence of

poetry.

Ghatnavilop dissolution, disappearance of an episode.

Gnana knowledge

Griha house.

Jyoti light, brightness.

Kalpana imagination, thought

Karan reason, cause

Karika Verse on grammatical or philosophical

subject.

Karya-Karan cause and effect

Kavita-bija the seed of poetry.

Kavya poetry, poetics

Kritic an object of creation.

Laukika wordly, common

Lila play.

Mantra sacred verse, prayer to a deity.

Mantric incantative, devotional

Mantrin one familiar with sacred texts.

Marg a high style of something hence a mainstream.

Mimansa branch of philosophy discussing sources of

knowledge and validity of vedas.

Nada Sound.

Naty as hastra a treatise on dramaturgy, music, acting

etc., ascribed to Bharata (2nd century)
Almost all important concepts of Sanskrit
Poetics emerge from it, <u>rasa</u> being one of

them.

Nimitta cause, motive

Nyaya branch of philosophy discussing knowledge

logically

Pasyanti utterence of a special or divine kind.

Pingal Prosody

Pramana proof, evidence, scale

Pran principle of life, vitality, essence

Prapanch illusion, amplification

<u>Pratibhana</u> genius Pratikriti replica

Rajasic morally dark

Rasa taste, or flavour, aesthetic emotion.

Rasa school of Sanskrit poetics assigns primacy to aesthetic experience in poetry

Rasanubhava aesthetic experience.

Rasaswadana perception or appreciation of poetic

sentiments or charm.

Rasika a man of taste

Riti Style, diction, or mode of expression.

Riti school of Sanskrit Poetics considers characteristic style to be the essence of

poetry.

Sabda-brahman eternal verbum

Sabda-vidah man of letters

Sadhaka one possessed of supernatural powers, one

who seeks spiritual power

Sadhana spiritual quest

Sahitya literature

Samasa compound, union

Samkhya branch of philosophy discussing liberation.

Samvega the moment of aesthetic shock, or delight.

Sattwic virtuous, good

Shastra science

Shruti a micro-note in music

Sphota idea which flashes on the mind when a

sound is uttered.

Sthayi-bhava permanent emotion

Tadatmya sameness, equivalence, unity of nature.

Tamasic ignorant, opaque

<u>Vachaka</u> reader

Vachya stated

<u>Vachyartha</u> literal or stated meaning

Vagdevi Speech godess

Vaisesika branch of philosophy discussing matter,

mind universe, etc.

<u>Vakrokti</u> indirect or oblique expression. <u>Vakrokti</u>

school of Sanskrit Poetics considers the obliqueness of poetic utterence to be the

essence of poetry.

<u>Vibhava</u> transitory emotion.

<u>Vikalpa</u> fancy

<u>Vritti</u> commentary

Vyangyartha suggested or implied meaning.

Yogin Yogi.