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Hindu Scriptures and Sanskrit -- Alive and Well on the Web!

Over the years a stream of Gita, Mahabharata and Ramayana editions have been widely available. But these are not Hinduism's primary scriptures--the Vedas. Of these, one could only find a few volumes of Upanishads, many out of print. But the Internet is breaking the barriers. The answer to "Where are the Vedas?" is now "On the web!" Here are just three sites among many that are doing great service to the ancient heritage and future generations. At <http://www.omkarananda-ashram.org> ashram devotees continue to push the envelope on making Devanagiri easy to enter, use and print with their Itranslator technology. At <http://sanskrit.gde.to> we find a clear, refreshingly no-nonsense site that is an ocean of documents and audio recordings. And the scholars of Sri Sathya Sai Veda Prathishtan, <http://www.vedamu.org> are committed to delivering "Vedic literature in its entirety, " putting thousands of scans into "e-books." All this in less than a decade, and it's just the beginning. From being "trapped" on ola leaves and in an oral tradition, Sanskrit is suddenly "instantly" accessible. Of course you do need to learn it. But, no problem, these sites also provide tools for those who want to read and chant the "language of the Gods."

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