

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA  
MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING**

**RAJYA SABHA  
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO.1032  
(TO BE ANSWERED ON 10.02.2022)**

**SANSKRIT TV CHANNEL**

**1032. SHRI NARAYANA KORAGAPPA:**

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government has a plan to launch a TV Channel dedicated to Sanskrit language as reading, writing and speaking mode of Sanskrit has a presence in all the States; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER**

**THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING; AND MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS & SPORTS (SHRI ANURAG SINGH THAKUR)**

(a) & (b): Prasar Bharati has been telecasting weekly Sanskrit News Programme 'Vaartavali' since June 28, 2015 on its "DD News" channel. In addition, DD News has been carrying daily Sanskrit News Bulletin since 1994. This News bulletin and Weekly "Vaartavali" news programmes are also being carried by all other Doordarshan Regional channels which are also available on 'DD FreeDish', a DTH platform of Prasar Bharati across the country (except Andaman & Nicobar Island). Prasar Bharati has also created a dedicated YouTube channel where Sanskrit content from across TV/Radio is being uploaded regularly for on-demand listening and viewing.

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