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Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in support of Dr. R. Suresh's application. I have worked with Dr. Suresh during the summers of 2018 and 2019 and I can testify to his expertise both in Sanskrit and its English translation.

I am an American research-scholar who am presently part of a team working on a multi-volume translation project supported and funded by the Indira Gandhi National Centre for the Arts (MOU dated 24.10.2017). Together with Drs. Pierre-Sylvain Filliozat and Vasundhara Filliozat, we will publish the critical text and English translation of the *Pampāmāhātmya*, the medieval *sthala purāna* for Pampā-kṣetra in present day Hampi, Karnataka. This is an enormous text comprising 173 *adhyāya*-s as contained in five sources.

Last year, I enlisted the help of Dr. Suresh for assistance to review about a dozen of my translated *adhyāya*-s and to consult with him regarding troublesome passages. Dr. Suresh is a rare find in his ability to straddle the worlds both of Sanskrit and of English, which has made him an ideal resource for translation consultation. The quality of our final product will undoubtedly be enriched thanks to his helpful comments and suggestions.

I recommend him to you with much enthusiasm.

Sincerely,

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