Subhashita 1. Desi Daffodils.

School brings back wonderful memories. One particular poem, "Daffodils" by William Wordsworth has haunted me ever since I first heard it.

"....For oft when on my couch I lie,
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon the inward eye,
Which is the bliss of solitude.
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils."

And so do subhashitas, like those daffodils, they flash within and give not only pleasure but a wealth of advice. They are deep thoughts, full of wisdom, expressed in superb poetic style. A subhashita literally means "a good saying."
Easy to memorize,
a treasure trove of advice,
applicable here
to our modern lives.

We have a subhashita that glorifies itself. And quite rightly too.

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ततो०४पिकाव्यं मदुरं तस्मादि सुभाषितम् ॥
भाषापूर्वे..Amongst languages, मुख्यम..the (most) important, मदुरा..the (most) sweet, दिव्य..the (most) divine, गीर्मणभारती (is) Sanskrit.
ततो०४पिः(literally, from it also) conveying the idea, more than that काव्यं..a poem (is) मदुरं..sweet. तस्मादि पिः(literally, from it also) conveying the idea, more than that, सुभाषितम्..is a good saying.

Twice a month, let’s dip into this treasure and discover for ourselves, the wisdom.