

To

March 16, 2017

**THE RESPECTED PRINCIPAL/ TEACHER OF THE ŚĀSTRA PĀTAŚĀLĀ**

Namaste.

OM Charitable Trust is pleased to announce 9<sup>th</sup> Inter-Patashala Vedic Competition to be held during August 2017. As part of this programme, an Inter-college oratorical competition on Shastras has also been arranged.

The Elocution contest is for traditional Sanskrit students, studying in various Sanskrit Patashalas and Universities promoting Sanskrit education.

The Institutions are requested to send their students for the competition which will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 at Chennai. Students are requested to reach the programme hall at or before 8 a.m on 05/08/2017 and may leave on 6<sup>th</sup> evening after 6.00 p.m. The venue of the programme and the terms and conditions for participants are enclosed. The expenses on travel are reimbursed and food is served in-house. Students may stay in the place provided by the Trust at the venue of the competition.

It will be a pleasure to have the Principal/teachers of your institution treading traditional Vedic life accompanying the students at our venue for these two days. Kindly intimate us about those accompanying the students as an additional information in the list of students form. We request the teachers to treat this letter as an invitation from our side in this regard.

We request your goodself to send students to our programme and encourage our academic activities. **The enrollment form and the list of students may kindly be sent so as to reach us on or before 15.04.2017.**

We humbly request your goodself that besides your participation, you may kindly inform other Patashalas not knowing about this competition and make them also to join. Requisite details and forms are available in our website.

For **OM Charitable Trust**

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## Participation Rules

### For Śāstra Competition

1. Students who are studying in a College (any course not beyond M.A) or Pāṭhaśāla or Privately under a teacher are all eligible to participate.
2. The competition will be held on 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of August 2017 starting from 9 a.m at **SRI MEENAKSHI KALYANA MANDAPAM**, 10, South Boag Road (Chevalier Sivaji Ganesan Road), T.Nagar, Chennai – 600017 (Ph: 044-24341832)
3. Any student undergoing the study of following Śāstras are eligible to appear for the competition. –  
**Vedānta- Advaita/ Viśiṣṭādvaita /Dvaita, Mīmāṃsā, Tarka, Sāhitya and Vyākaraṇa**
4. The maximum number of participants allowed per institution is as follows:  
**For each Śāstra: Two Students**  
The institution /Ācārya-ji is requested to send learned students for the competition and necessary coaching may be given to the students.
5. There is no age limit for the participating students who are undergoing the studies. However whoever has cleared the final exam after completing his study and those who have left the institution are **strictly** not eligible to participate.
6. The first prize winner will be honoured with cash award of Rs. 5,000/-, second prize winner with Rs. 4,000/- and third prize winner with Rs.3,000/- along with a certificate. The above prizes are subject to other conditions specified. All other students will be honoured with gifts.
7. **The prizes shall be reckoned for each Śāstra separately.**
8. The student should have secured 80% and above for being eligible for first prize, 70% and above for the second prize and 60% and above for the third prize.

9. The debate shall be on the **topics mentioned below** on the following text/Syllabus. (Questions will be from any part of the Text/Syllabus mentioned- Refer Rule No.10 Also)

Subject	Text for Competition	Topic for Talk
In Vedānta	Brahmasūtra Bhāṣyam First Chapter Third Quarter (as per respective traditions)	Devatādhikaraṇam
वेदान्ते	ब्रह्मसूत्रभाष्ये प्रथमाध्याये तृतीयः पादः	देवताधिकरणम्
In Mīmāṃsā	Bhāṭṭa Dīpikā Second Chapter	Guṇāt karmabhedah
मीमांसायाम्	भाट्टदीपिकायां द्वितीयाध्यायः	गुणात् कर्मभेदः
In Tarka	Muktāvalī khandas – Śabda and Guṇa	Lakṣaṇāvicārah
तर्के	मुक्तावल्यां शब्दखण्ड-गुणखण्डौ	लक्षणाविचारः
In Sāhitya	Kirātārjunīya First and Second Sargas	Bhāraverarthagouravam
साहित्ये	किरातार्जुनीये प्रथम-द्वितीयसर्गौ	भारवेरर्थगौरवम्
In Vyākaraṇam	Siddhānta Kaumudi Prakaraṇas Strīpratyaaya & Kāraka	Kartṛkarmaṇoḥ kṛti
व्याकरणे	सिद्धान्तकौमुद्यां स्त्रीप्रत्यय-कारकप्रकरणे	कर्तृकर्मणोः कृति

10. Students are required to talk for 5 minutes in **Sanskrit only** on the topic mentioned. At the end of the talk, the student will be asked 3 questions by the panel of examiners from any portion of the prescribed syllabus of the text and based on his/her reply and the presented talk, marks will be awarded.
11. The decision of the panel of evaluators will be final and shall not be subject to dispute.

12. The to and fro travel charges by way of second class sleeper fare in Train will be reimbursed by the Trust and restricted to actual expenditure. Students are required to submit the filled up travel reimbursement form issued by the Trust in this regard with proof. Maximum of one teacher can accompany the students from a college.
13. Lady students/teachers who will be eligible to visit Hindu temples on competition dates as per Hindu Śāstras are welcome to participate/accompany in the events. A separate room for ladies will be allotted.
14. Wearing of Indian traditional dresses by male and female students and teachers in the competition venue is to be adhered to strictly.
15. The students may arrange their own stay or can stay at the venue of the competition at the place allotted by the organizers. No specific reimbursement will be made on that account.
16. Students participating in the competition are requested to book the train tickets well in advance. Students are requested to reach the venue before 8 a.m on 05/08/2017 and may leave on 06/08/2017 after 6-00 p.m. Stay facility is available for those arriving on 04/08/2017 also.
17. The Institution / teacher should **send the enrollment form and the list of students within 15 days of receipt** of this letter, latest by **15<sup>th</sup> April, 2017** to the Trust office at **49, Five Furlong Road, Guindy, Chennai – 600032.**
18. The forms are enclosed. For extra entries, kindly take photo copies of the formats. You may download from our website (**[www.omcharitabletrust.com](http://www.omcharitabletrust.com)**) also. All items are to be filled up compulsorily.
19. Kindly inform other Śāstra Pāṭaśālas who are not aware about this competition and make them to join. The purpose of this competition is to encourage those pursuing Śāstras – studies having Indian heritage value.

### **For Further details**

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