



# OM CHARITABLE TRUST

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To  
The Trustees/Principal/Teachers of Veda Pāṭhāsālā

24/12/2023

Namaste.

OM Charitable Trust wishes you the bountiful blessings of Bhagawan who creates, sustains and dissolves the Jagat. By the grace of Veda Puruṣa, OM Charitable Trust had been conducting National Vedic Competition for the **last 15 years**

Over these 15 years, we are pleased to observe a self-driven effort from the Pāṭhāsālās and the students to continuously excel in their Vedic recitation.. Taking inspiration from this experience, the Trust strongly feels that it should also reorient itself from its approach of **encouragement to empowerment**. As a result, the programme (Kāryakrama) will now focus:

- On examination (instead of competition) of Vedic recitation skills, and,
- On students who have completed either Mūlāpāṭhā or, Kramāpāṭhā or Ghanāpāṭhā.

From 2024 onwards, as part of its 16th year, with the guidance and blessings from elders, Om Charitable Trust humbly announces the launch of “**Vaidika Vijñāna Vikāsinī Sabhā**” which will conduct Vedic Examination (Parikṣa).

The terms and conditions relating to the participation under this programme are set out in the following pages. The change in the pattern aims to benefit the students to avail a certification from a panel of eminent examiners that awards marks based on the **wholesome and comprehensive assessment** of knowledge and recitation skills comprising of proper Uchhāraṇa (pronunciation), (Kaṇṭhastha) memory and (Swara) intonation **in the entire field of their expertise**.

Eligibility criteria: The **students who have completed either Mūlāpāṭhā or Kramāpāṭhā or Ghanāpāṭhā**.  
Śākhās covered presently: All Śākhās of **Ṛk, Śukla Yajur, Kṛṣṇa Yajur and Sāma Vedas**.

While profusely thanking all the Pāṭhāsālās, and your Pāṭhāsālā in specific, for their/your unfettered support all these years, we humbly seek your continued support and active participation in this new effort undertaken by OM Charitable Trust.

For more details, you may contact Śrī. Suryanarayanan (9840712172) or Sathyanārāyaṇa Ātreyaṃ (7349511810).

Offering humble Pranāms,

**Trustees**



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## Vaidika Vijñāna Vikāsinī Sabhā

(Exam Unit of OM Charitable Trust)

### Invitation for Examination

#### Eligibility

1. The Sabhā invites application from students who have completed **Mūlāpāṭhā, Kramāpāṭhā and Ghanāpāṭhā** in Ṛk, Śukla Yajur, Kṛṣṇa Yajur, and Sāma and Vedas in **all Śākhās** to participate in the examination. Applications filled up in all respects only shall be taken up for scrutiny and eligible students shall be notified about the exam.
2. The applicant for the examination can be students studying in any Pāṭhāśālā or under any Vedic Pundit separately or one who has completed the course of study and/or pursuing gainful employment. The age of eligibility to appear for the Sabhā exams shall not exceed 30 (Thirty) years as on 30<sup>th</sup> June of the year of appearing for the examination.
3. Only students who have memorized the whole syllabus and can recite from memory shall apply for the examination.
4. Students who have not completed the course for which they want to give examination or who have not sufficiently memorized the syllabus or who have not sufficiently prepared as to answer in accordance with the pattern of the examination specified in clauses 12 & 13 here, so as to get 60% or more marks are dissuaded from making an attempt.
5. Applicants who have cleared the admission test shall be notified by a “Call Letter” mentioning the date, time and venue of the examination and the eligible applicants shall present themselves on the notified date and time at the venue specified in the call letter.
6. The Trust reserves its right to reject any application if found ineligible for any reason whatsoever whether expressed or not.



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## Conduct of Exams

7. The exams shall be conducted at periodic intervals based on requirements.
8. After receipt of application, eligible applicants shall be subjected to online Admission test by an examiner from the panel of examiners of the Trust, to ascertain the fulfillment of the basic requirements of Sabha examinations. The Sabha will duly communicate the result within 2 days after the test.
9. If the applicant has cleared the Admission Test, the Trust shall organize conduct of exams to the applicant within 3 months from date of clearance.
10. The exams shall be oral and the students have to recite from memory only. Referral to any book or apparatus is prohibited. No external assistance shall be allowed during the course of examination.
11. The exams and evaluation methods shall be strict and standardized. Conduct of exams shall be kept transparent. The marks awarded by the panel of examiners of the Trust shall be final and are not subject to any dispute.
12. The students will be thoroughly examined using **Samānā Pañkti Praśna** by asking many questions that require recitation of the Pañcaśat/ Ṛk/ Mantra/ Sāma starting with the words mentioned by the examiners. .
13. In addition to the Samānā Pañkti Praśna, 15 questions shall be specifically based on:
  - **Saṁkhyā Praśna**: Five (5) questions will be asked by mentioning only the number of Kāṇḍa/ Adhyāya/ Praśna/Anuvāka/ Pañcaśat/Ṛk/Mantra etc.
  - **Uttarā Pañkti Praśna**: Five (5) questions will require reciting the next Pañcaśat/ Ṛk/ Mantra of the one specified by the examiner.
  - **Viśeṣa-Pañkti Praśna**: Five (5) questions will require answering the Special/Repeat aspects of Mantras.
14. Each question carries **10 marks: 4 for memory + 3 for pronunciation + 3 for intonation**. For the Saṁkhyā and Uttarā type of questions, if the students could not start reciting the portion asked for beginning correctly with the words of the respective stanza, he would be assisted with the beginning words but will get 1 mark reduced from memory from his eligibility otherwise. However, if the student could not answer the Viśeṣa type of questions in full, the examiner will determine the eligible marks.
15. The exam shall cover the whole syllabus specified for the respective Veda Shaaka and pass percentage shall be 60%



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- All communications from the Trust shall be through the WhatsApp number provided by the applicant. Email communication will be additional if requested by the applicant.

## Certificate and Reward

- Only successful candidates shall be eligible for reward, certificate and reimbursement of onward and return travel expenses for the venue of exam and reward ceremony.
- The Trust will hand over the certificates in person or by post. Cash rewards will be credited to the bank account of the applicant.
- Students securing less than 60% shall be declared as “Not Successful” and shall not be reimbursed onward and return travel cost for the venue of the examination besides their ineligibility to get any certificate and reward.
- The students who wish to improve upon their earlier performance, shall be permitted one additional attempt, to reappear for evaluation. The student can choose to take this additional attempt in a maximum period of 5 years from the date of first attempt or before his age of 30 years whichever is earlier. If the student in his second attempt, secures marks that falls in a higher range of reward, a new certificate with new percentage marks shall be issued by the Trust along with the differential additional amount of reward. The travel reimbursement will be given only to the student who has improved his performance.
- The successful students shall be given the following reward monies.

Course/Marks	60%- 69%	70%-79%	80%-89%	90% and above
Mūlāpāṭhā/Pūrvabhāga	5000	6000	8000	10000
Kramapāṭhā/Uttarabhāga	7500	8500	10500	12500
Ghanapāṭhā/Viśeṣabhāga	10000	11000	13000	15000

- In recognition of the invaluable services of the teachers in preparing the students, the teacher shall be awarded 20% of the eligible reward of each of his successful student.
- A provisional pass out certificate shall be issued to the successful students immediately after the exams. However the final pass out certificates of the successful students shall be handed over at the annual function to be held every year subsequent to the date of examination.



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## Travel Reimbursements and Reward Distribution

24. On submission of travel claim form with supporting tickets/documents, the applicants who have been declared successful in the exam shall be reimbursed the cost of travel from their Pāṭhāśālā/ hometown/employment location (whichever is actual) to the place of examination by way of
- Second class sleeper fare by ordinary express/mail trains or its equivalent.
  - Sleeper class Non-air conditioned night bus fares at actuals.
  - Local conveyance by government bus or if such buses are not available then by auto-rickshaw at the travel originating station.
  - Local conveyance by auto-rickshaw from destination station to the examination venue

The reimbursement shall be restricted to the actual cost incurred.

25. The teacher accompanying the successful student appearing for the exams shall also be eligible for reimbursement of travel expenses on submission of travel claim as per below mentioned terms:
- If the number of successful students studying under him and appearing for the exams at a time is 3 or less, the amount calculated as per the terms mentioned for students appearing for the examination.
  - If the number of successful students appearing for the exams at a time is 4 or more, travel cost by 3 Tier AC compartment from the place of home/ Pāṭhāśālā to the venue of examination.

The reimbursement shall be restricted to the actual cost incurred.

26. The travel expenses for the examination venue shall be reimbursed within 15 days of attending the examination and the travel expenses and the reward monies for the annual function shall be given within 15 days of the function.
27. Reward monies and travel reimbursements shall be effected by online bank transfers only. No advance payments nor cash reimbursements shall be entertained.

28. Exam Syllabus

29. Filled up and signed application along with self attested supporting documents should be sent to the office address: **OM Charitable Trust**, 49, Five Furlong Road, Guindy, Chennai – 600032 by speed post or courier. Acknowledgement of receipt of the application and other communications from the Trust will be done through WA 9600043276.