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Kashmir Shaiva Institute
Ishwar Ashram Trust
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National Seminar on

Influence of Kashmir Shaivism on Indian Intellectual Traditions

● **15th-16th March 2019** ●

Dear Madam/Sir,

India has a very rich traditional legacy that has influenced the social and philosophical ideologies significantly. These intellectual traditions are known as Shastra, covering a wide range of subjects under the sky. Language, grammar, astronomy, mathematics, logic, metaphysics and many more sciences were studied by Indian intellectuals and sages with great devotion so as to arrive at the Truth of their enquiry.

Kashmir Shaivism (Trika Darshana), which is based on the ancient Agamic Bhairava Tantras which are Advaitic in character, is one of the most important intellectual traditions of India. The philosophy has been developed from a hoary past by great Acharyas and philosophers of this tradition. The system presents a holistic view and does not negate the world in its journey to the Supreme Reality but embraces the creation as an expansion of the Supreme Reality. The thoughts of Kashmir Shaivism have inspired multitude of scholars in different intellectual traditions other than spiritualism like poetics, aesthetics etc. It is noteworthy to mention that it has influenced the mediaeval philosophers from various regions like Saint Jnaneshwara from Maharashtra.

With this background, it is a desideratum to undertake an academic endeavor related to Kashmir Shaivism. Hence, a Two-Day National Seminar on “**Influence of Kashmir Shaivism on Indian Intellectual Traditions**” will be organized by Department of Sanskrit and Prakrit Languages, Savitribai Phule Pune University and Ishwar Ashram Trust, Srinagar during **15th-16th March 2019**.

Being a scholar in the field of Sanskrit and Philosophy, you are requested to participate in the seminar and contribute in placing the system of Kashmir Shaivism in front of the world for further research in its true position amongst the other philosophical systems of India.

Guideline topics:

- 1) Comparative Study of Kashmir Shaivism and other Shaiva, Vaishnava and Shakta Sampradayas.
- 2) Shivasutra and other Sutra literature such as Sankhyasutra, Brahmasutra etc.
- 3) Kashmir Shaivism in comparison with Vedas/Vedant.
- 4) Contribution of Ancient and Modern Acharyas/Pandits to Kashmir Shaivism.
- 5) Sub-themes of Kashmir Shaivism such as Kaula, Spanda, Aagam, Pratyabhijna, Krama, Upaya, Mala-Sankalpana, Sadhana etc.
- 6) Doctrines of Kashmir Shaivism and their impact on Indian literature/religion.
- 7) Kashmir Shaivism and Tantric Literature.
- 8) Impact of Kashmir Shaivism on Indian Saints’ literature such as Jnaneshwari, Amrutanubhava etc.
- 9) Impact of Kashmir Shaivism on Fine Arts.
- 10) Contribution of Abhinava Gupta/Utpaladeva/ Kshemaraja/ Vasugupta/Somananda etc.
- 11) Impact of Kashmir Shaivism on the Society and History of Kashmir.
- 12) Peculiar deities with relation to Kashmir Shaivism.

Other topics related to the theme are also welcome.

We request you to kindly confirm your participation by replying on Email. Kindly also send a brief abstract latest by **28/02/2019**. For organization purpose, kindly use Times New Roman Font for English and any UNICODE Font for Devanagari typing with 12 Font size and justified alignment while sending the abstract.

The registration fees of Paper Presentation for Teachers will be Rs. 1000/- and Rs. 700/- for Research Scholars. Travel expenses by Train (2nd AC for teachers and 3rd AC for research scholars)/Bus fare will be reimbursed as per University rules. Local hospitality will be our pleasure. If you require accommodation please let us know.

Awaiting your positive response,

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