

# ISHWAR ASHRAM TRUST

(Kashmir Shaiva Institute)



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## Kashmir Shaivism Essay presentation Competition for Children

Venue Ishwar Ashram Trust, at Bangalore and Delhi Centers

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (1 PM to 5.30 PM)

Ishwar Ashram Trust was founded by the Great Shaiva Master and Acharya - Swami Lakshmanjoo Maharaj. During His life time, the Great Master lived and propounded the Philosophy of Kashmir Shaivism (Trika Sampradaya). Many Spiritual Aspirants and Scholars flocked to him for guidance and solace. His life and works have become a Beacon of Light for all who want to delve into and learn about the Great Philosophy. Since the Mahasamadhi of Swamiji in 1991 the Ishwar Ashram Trust has been diligently trying to propagate Kashmir Shaivism at its Ashrams and centers' at Srinagar, Jammu, Delhi, Mumbai and Bangalore. Classes, Seminars and Workshops have been regularly held by the Trust to disseminate the teachings of Kashmir Shaivism. Details of these are available can be obtained from the Trust website: [www.ishwarashramtrust.com](http://www.ishwarashramtrust.com)

In continuation of this pursuit and especially to create awareness of this unique philosophy amongst the young population , Ishwar Ahram Trust is planning to hold an essay competition on Kashmir Shaivism. The following shall be the format of the competition.

- 1. The eligible ages shall be Group A: 8-12 years and Group B : 13-18 years**
2. The subject matter has to be on any aspect related to Kashmir Shaivism Philosophy. It is encouraged (although not mandatory) that those participating in the competition refer to the several books on the subject by Shaivacharya Swami Lakshman joo Maharaj. Such books are available for sale at the IAT ashrams around the country OR can be borrowed from the Library at the Ashrams.
3. Participants can take help from anyone (including their family members, friends and other resources/books) in developing their essays.
4. The Essays shall be hand written by the students legibly in their own handwriting and no computer printouts will be accepted.
5. The essay should be in the own words of the participant, except when any portion is referred to as a quote from some other source. If it is observed that a participant has predominantly copied from other sources, without making any self-effort in developing the essay, the participant shall be disqualified from the competition.

6. The Essays can be sent by Email (scanned copy) or by Courier or Hand delivered, latest by 25<sup>th</sup> April, 2019 to “ The Coordinator, Essay competition, Kashmir Shaiva Institute,

**For Delhi participants:** Ishwar Ashram Trust, R-5 , pocket D, Sarita Vihar, New Delhi - 110076 . e-mail: [anusheel8@hotmail.com](mailto:anusheel8@hotmail.com)

**For Bangalore Participants:** Ishwar Ashram Trust, c/o Kashmir Bhawan, 108 NAL Layout, 4T block Jayanagar Bangalore 560041, e-mail: [iatbengaluru@gmail.com](mailto:iatbengaluru@gmail.com)

7. The competition shall be held on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2018 (1 PM to 5 PM) . Results will be declared the same day at 6 PM.
8. All participants present at the contest will have to present their essay. Each participant will be given a time period of 15 minutes each. Time limits shall be strictly followed. Though the participants can refer to the written script of their essay as much as possible while reading, but additional points will be given to participants for minimal referral to their written text.
9. The Essays can be written and presented in any of the 3 languages - Hindi/English/Sanskrit
10. IAT suggests a word limit of 1800 words for the essay. Kindly note that irrespective of number of words/pages, the time allowed for participant to speak shall be only 15 minutes. Candidates can also get additional content in the form of power point slides , however hard copy back up of the same should be with candidate in case of technical issues leading to inability in display of power point.
11. All entries/slides will become the property of IAT and IAT will publish the winning entries/other deserving entries in IAT’s periodical –Malini.
12. A panel of experts on Kashmir Shaivism shall be the Judges of the event. Judges shall score each candidate on clarity of expression in the written as well as verbal delivery, time adherence etc., The Judges’ decision shall be final.
- 13. The top two winners in each category shall be given cash awards and certificates by the Trust on the same date**
- 14. Consolation cash prizes and certificates shall be awarded to all participants on the same date**