

An invitation to join the

The St James International Sanskrit Exam Resource Society

The purpose of the Society is to support the provision of Sanskrit examinations worldwide.

At present the Oxford Cambridge and RSA (OCR) and the Cambridge International Examinations (CIE) Boards provide a full range of Sanskrit public examinations, which are solely managed by the **St James International Sanskrit Examination Resource**.

Due to restructuring of the Examination Boards concerned with Sanskrit examinations, the CIE Board will be the sole provider of these examinations from year 2010. This change brings with it a considerable rise in the cost of managing and providing these exams, for which an estimate is about £6,000 per year. In addition to this, there are these associated costs:

- Postage costs of about £500 p.a.
- Production costs. Whilst the labour involved in formatting the papers is provided without charge - for which we are most grateful – there are necessary associated computer costs of about £1,000 p.a.

The OCR and CIE costs are at present covered by the examination fees charged to students who

take the examinations. It is felt that the existing examination charge of about £70 is reasonable, and a substantial increase in this amount would not be prudent. An increase in the number of students taking exams would significantly absorb costs, and this is being pursued by better advertising through the new web site. But it is anticipated that there will be a significant shortfall in funding that will have to be made up through donations, sponsorship and similar fund raising methods.

Thus support for **The St James ISER Society** will assist the continuation of these important examinations and your membership will give strength to the Sanskrit faculty.

Membership benefits:

- The annual **St James ISER Society** Newsletter, containing worldwide Sanskrit news and articles.
- An invitation to the **St James Junior Schools Annual Sanskrit Speech Competition** and other associated events.
- An account of the disbursement of the **St James ISER Society's** income.
- Updates on exam facilities and exam results.
- News of recent Sanskrit publications.
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