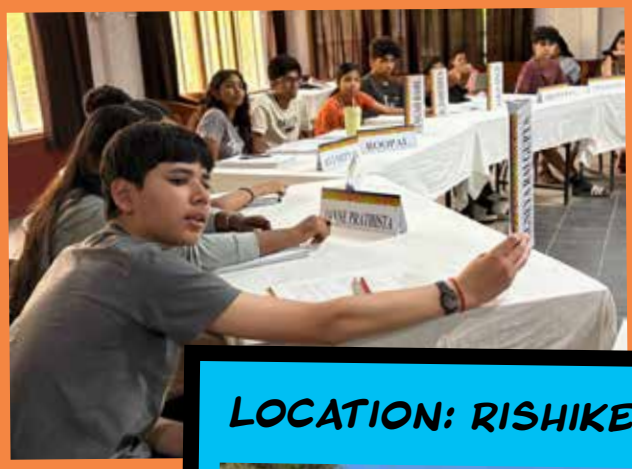
THE SHRIRAM ANANTA ASPEN LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME

The Shri Ram Ananta Aspen Leadership School

22 MAY—3 JUNE, 2026

A LEADERSHIP PROGRAMME USING THE ASPEN INSTITUTE'S UNIQUE PEDAGOGY TO HELP STUDENTS MOVE FROM THOUGHT TO ACTION.



FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 9-12

LOCATION: RISHIKESH

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THE SHRI RAM SCHOOL

Snow Leopard Adventures

The Programme

The Programme is centred around **Socratic Dialogue**, which explores personal values with the help of literature from around the world and across the ages. Each text presents challenges and asks students to articulate and explore their values and their leadership styles. Socratic Dialogue is the core of the Aspen Institute's Leadership Programmes, conducted around the world for over 70 years. This core is buttressed with theatre and experiential learning to help put their ideas into practice, communication skills to encourage clarity of thought, and team building and adventure sports to challenge their boundaries.

Objectives of the programme

- Help students grow emotionally, intellectually and socially.
- Introduce leadership skills.
- Build appreciation for diversity in viewpoints.
- Discover personal ethics and values-based leadership.
- Inculcate respect for society, business, science & environment.
- Prepare them for the Fellowship of Values-based Leaders.

A Unique Values-Based Leadership Programme

- Only programme which has Aspen trained and certified moderators.
- Only programme where a student graduates as an Aspen Junior Fellow.
- All aspects of the programme are continually enriched with the Aspen Global curriculum.

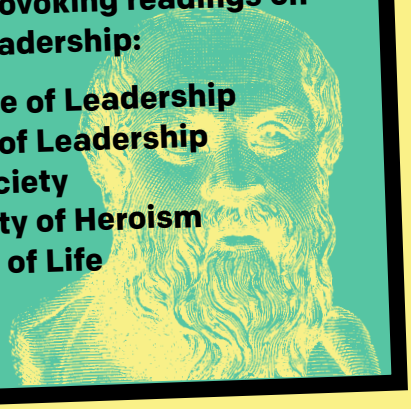
Leadership Venture

As part of the leadership programme, the student will be required to initiate a project (venture). This venture should make significant changes in their respective communities. Students will write a short Project Proposal during the programme with the following details:

TEXT-BASED SOCRATIC DIALOGUE

Students will read, reflect and discuss thought provoking readings on the issues of Leadership:

- **The Challenge of Leadership**
- **The Promise of Leadership**
- **The Good Society**
- **The Possibility of Heroism**
- **The Meaning of Life**



- Name of the venture.
- What will the venture do.
- Who/what will it benefit and how.
- How will it be measured.
- Does it meet the criteria for ventures laid out in the descriptor.
- Why is the venture worthy of the Leadership School.

The student will then provide regular updates as the venture is implemented.

TSAALS Handbook

Participants will be provided a Student Handbook four weeks before the Programme. The participants must read the entire Handbook before the Programme.

The Process

- Text-based Socratic Dialogue: **35%**
- Performing Arts: **20%**
- Communication & Soft Skills Training: **15%**
- Sports – Adventure & Wilderness Lab: **15%**
- Educational Visits: **10%**
- Guest Lectures: **5%**

(Pedagogy: 100% = 90 hours)

Travel & Logistics

- TSAALS is a two-week long offsite residential programme.

- The group will drive up to Camp Panther beyond Rishikesh on 22nd May 2026.
- Closing ceremony will be held at The Shri Ram School, Gurgaon.

Accommodation, Food & Safety

Accommodation: The selected location has spectacular scenic beauty, is safe and creates an inspirational environment for learning.
Food: Care is taken to provide food that is nutritious, wholesome and tasty. The menu has a combination of vegetarian and non-vegetarian items. Fruits are served regularly and nimbu-paani or other fruit-flavoured drinks are available through the day to keep the participants hydrated. Mineral water is available on all sites and locations.
Safety: Right from the time a child is handed over to us, they are our responsibility. We have a well-trained and certified team; the adult to child ratio is 1:5. There are six faculty members in addition to administrative staff in camp. A resident nurse is available for the duration of the Camp and a doctor is available on call.

TEAM BUILDING AND ADVENTURE SPORTS LIKE RAFTING, ZIP-LINING AND TREKKING DEVELOP BONDING, COORDINATION AND LEADERSHIP SKILLS IN A SAFE ENVIRONMENT.

THE THEATRE MODULE IS USED TO ENHANCE SELF-CONFIDENCE AND EMOTIONAL INTELLIGENCE. THE STUDENTS WILL WRITE A PLAY ON VALUES-BASED LEADERSHIP TO "EXPERIENCE" LEADERSHIP CHALLENGES.

Admission & Selection

Criteria for Admission

- Students from grades 9–12 are eligible for the programme.
- The student should be academically inquisitive with strong record of extra-curricular activities.
- An overall performer and team player, ready for challenges.
- Should have good command over written and spoken English.

Admission Process

The first round of selection will involve the following:

1. Answer to the question: *A newspaper article has been written about you 10 years from now. You have been extremely successful. What do you want the article to say?* (Not more than 300 words).
2. A recommendation letter from a teacher/ school administrator/guidance counsellor.

Short-listed candidates will be interviewed in person/telephonically. **For the online form please visit** https://anantaaspencentre.in/tsaals-school-students/

Cost of the Programme

Early Bird, till 28 Feb 2026 : **Rs 1,50,000**
1 March 2026 onwards : **Rs 1,55,000**

- This includes boarding, lodging, excursions and travel from and to Delhi.
- Payments can be made through multicity cheques or electronic transfer.
- Cheques must be payable at Gurgaon and made in favour of The Shri Ram School. The short-listed candidates will be confirmed only after the realization of cheques.

Details for electronic transfer of payment:

- **Beneficiary name:** The Shri Ram School
- **Bank & branch:** HDFC BANK, DLF Phase I
- **Account No.:** 00441110000162
- **IFSC Code:** HDFC0000044

Last date for application: 31 March 2026

Please send an e-mail to roshni.kerketta@anantacentre.in with the remittance details. In case a child is not selected, the amount will be refunded.

Cancellation Policy

If a cancellation request is made **before 31 March 2026**, 10% of the total amount will be deducted as processing fee. If a cancellation request is made **after 31 March 2026**, 10% processing fee will be charged if we are able to fill the seat, or else the entire amount will be forfeited.

"It makes you a better person in every sense. It gives you a fresh perspective and enlarges your worldview. I notice that my son is more self-aware and empathetic."

— TSAALS parent

COMMUNITY VISIT TO A CHILDREN'S HOME SENSITIZES THE STUDENTS TO SOCIAL ISSUES, AND TO AN ENVIRONMENT MARKED BY SCARCITY AND INEQUITIES.

ORGANISERS

Ananta Aspen Centre is an educational and policy studies organisation based in New Delhi. It focusses on values-based leadership, and open dialogue to bring about transformative change in society. The Centre convenes civil society, business and governments for exchange of ideas and perspectives on issues important to India's social, political and economic development. Ananta Aspen Centre is an independent non-profit organization registered under the Indian Trusts Act and under 12A and 80G of the Income Tax Act.
www.anantaaspencentre.in

The Shri Ram School is a progressive, child centred, co-educational private school, committed to providing quality education for all its pupils. Established in 1988, it now proudly spans three campuses in the National Capital Region of India, offering an alternate and unique educational experience to children from Nursery to Class 12. The Shri Ram School has been awarded The Education World India School Rankings 2014 award in the top 10 category.
www.tsrs.org

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