

CHINMAYA MISSION ATLANTA



GITA CHANTING COMPETITION 2021

“Chant Gita, Enchant Krishna”

Everyone who is registered as a Chinmaya Niketan or Hindu Temple of Atlanta Balavihar student or the parent, grandparent of a student, or a teacher is invited to participate

Groupings based on age as of January 1, 2021

Below 4 years	4-5 years	6-7 years	8-9 years	10-12 years	13-15 years	16-21 years	21+ years
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Chapter 2 – Sankhya Yoga

Venue : Virtual (Zoom link will be published)

Time: 1:00 – 4:30 PM

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VERSES BY AGE GROUPS

Age as of January 1 st , 2021	VERSES IN SYLLABUS*	NO. OF VERSES TO CHANT
Under 4 years	1-5	5
4 to 5 years	1-10	5
6 to 7 years	1-12	5
8 to 9 years	1-20	7
10 to 12 years	1-25	8
13 to 15 years	1-30	10
16 to 21 years	1-30	10
21+ years	1-15 (with meaning)	5

****Please note that this year, we have two formats of the competition which are described later in the document. Only Format 2 requires memorization of the verses in syllabus. You can choose only one of the two formats.***

The Chapter 2 audio files and the verses are available online at <https://www.chinmaya-atlanta.com/gita-chanting>

Registrations can be done **ONLINE ONLY** at the following website: <https://www.chinmaya-atlanta.com/gita-chanting>

The last date for registration is March 13th, 2021

Registration Fee due BY March 13th, 2021: \$15.00 per child per competition

For the first time ever, we have two formats for competitions this year. Participants can choose to participate in either one of the two formats but NOT BOTH.

Competition Format 1 (Memorization of the verses is optional & Memorization of the vocabulary and meaning is required)

This is the new competition we are introducing this year. This competition will have two rounds. Gita Chanting round and Vocabulary round.

This competition will be held on **March 20th, 2021.**

For Gita Chanting, participants can chant by reading from the script (memorization is not mandatory). The following criteria will be used to judge the participants in this round and select the winners:

1. Proper intonation and pronunciation of the verses.
2. Flawless delivery.
3. Presentation and overall effect.

For the vocabulary test, some Samskritam words from chapter 2 are selected. They will have to memorize those words and their meanings.

Ages 5 and under have to memorize 10 words along with their meanings (PDF provided containing the words) while ages 6 and above will have 25 words (PDF provided containing the words). They will be given 5 Samskritam words and they have to tell the corresponding meanings. Then they will be given 5 meanings and they have to identify the corresponding Samskritam words.

The test will be oral only. No written testing will be done. They will only be tested for correctly identifying the word and meaning pairs. They will not be tested for any additional information about the word (parts of speech, gender etc.).

The following criteria will be used to judge the participants and select the winners:

1. Say the correct meaning of the word.
2. Identify the correct word for the meaning.

Rules for the competition

1. The participant will need to begin chanting from the cueing of the first two words of any verse (within the limits for the respective age group) in the chapter (can refer to the

script if needed). The starting verse will depend on the cue card randomly picked by the participant.

2. After cueing of the first two words of any verse, if the participant is not able to chant (even after looking at the script) that participant will be disqualified.
3. Disqualified participants will not be given a participation prize.
4. From the starting verse picked by the participant, they will be required to consecutively chant the number of versus required for their age group (please refer to the last column in the table in page #2). Each participant in the group will chant the same number of verses although the starting verse could be different depending on the cue card.
5. The verses must be chanted in correct order.
6. As for the vocabulary round, the choice of words will be totally random within the confines of the vocabulary words given.

Competition Format 2 (As was done in previous years / with memorization of the verses & (for adults) meaning of the verses):

This is the traditional competition where children will memorize the versus according to their age (please refer to the table above).

This competition will be held on **March 27th, 2021**.

The following criteria will be used to judge the participants and select the winners:

1. Proper intonation and pronunciation of the verses.
2. Flawless delivery from memory.
3. Presentation and overall effect.

Rules for the competition (under 21 years of age)

1. Each participant is expected to memorize all the verses for their age group as stated (please refer to the table in page #2).
2. The participant should be able to begin chanting from the cueing of the first two words of any verse (within the limits for the respective age group) in the chapter. The starting verse will depend on the cue card randomly picked by the participant.
3. After cueing of the first two words of any verse, if the participant is not able to chant that participant will be disqualified.
4. Disqualified participants will not be given a participation prize.
5. From the starting verse picked by the participant, they will be required to consecutively chant the number of versus required for their age group (please refer to the last column in the table in page #2). Each participant in the group will chant the same number of verses although the starting verse could be different depending on the cue card.
6. The verses must be chanted in correct order.

Rules for the competition (21+ years)

1. Each participant is expected to memorize all the verses as stated above and their meanings (please refer to the table in page #2).
2. The participant should be able to begin chanting from the cueing of the first two words of any verse (within the limits for the respective age group) in the chapter. The starting verse will depend on the cue card randomly picked by the participant.
3. From the starting verse picked by the participant, they will be required to consecutively chant 5 verses. Each participant in the group will chant the same number of verses although the starting verse could be different depending on the cue card.
4. The verses must be chanted in correct order.
5. In the next round, the participant should be able to provide the meaning of the verse when the pronouncer chants the verse. The verse number will depend on the cue card picked by the participant.
6. In the last round, the participant should be able to chant the verse based on the meaning of the verse provided by the pronouncer. The verse number will depend on the cue card picked by the participant.
7. If the participant is not able to chant the verse or recite the meaning, (s)he will lose points for that round.
8. Disqualified participants will not be given a participation gift.

Zoom Etiquette

1. Participants will have to keep their cameras on.
2. Cameras should be positioned properly so that participants can be seen either from their chest or from their waist up.
3. Participants should be in a well lit and quiet area.
4. Participants will be spotlighted when it is their turn.

The judges' decision will be final.