

CHINMAYA MISSION ATLANTA



Chapter 4 Jñāna-karma-sannyāsa Yoga



GITA CHANTING COMPETITION 2024

“Chant Gita, Enchant Krishna”

Everyone who is a Chinmaya Niketan or Hindu Temple of Atlanta BalaVihar student, parent or grandparent of a student, or a teacher is invited to participate.

Venue: Chinmaya Niketan, 5511 Williams Rd, Norcross, GA 30093

Date: February 24th, 2024 (Format 1 and Format 2)

Time: 1:00 – 4:30 PM

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VERSES By GRADES & ADULTS

Group	VERSES IN SYLLABUS*	NO. OF VERSES TO CHANT
Sishu Vihar	1 - 5 (format 1 only)	5
Pre-K and Kindergarten	1 - 10 (format 1 only)	5
Grades 1 and 2	1 - 15 (format 1 only)	5
Grades 3 and 4	1 - 20 (format 1 only)	7
Grades 5 and 6	1 - 25 (format 1 only)	8
Grades 7, 8, and 9	1 - 30 (format 1 only)	10
Grades 10, 11, and 12	1 - 30 (formats 1 & 2)	10
Adults (College & above)	1 - 15 (memorization + meaning of verses) 1 - 30 (format 2)	5

****Please note***

- ***Two of the above groups (Group-Grades 10,11, and 12 and Group-Adults) can participate in either format 1 or format 2 but not BOTH.***
- ***For all the remaining groups (Grades 9 and below), only format 1 is available.***
- ***Only format 1 requires memorization of the verses in the syllabus.***
- ***Adults taking part in format 1 need to memorize only 15 verses but also need to know the meanings of those 15 verses.***

- ***Those in Grades 1 through 12 participating in format 1 will have an opportunity to compete at the State level competition happening in May 2024***

The Chapter 4 audio files, verses, versus meanings, and vocabulary are available online at <https://www.chinmaya-atlanta.com/geeta-chanting>

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

The last date for registration is February 18th, 2024.

**Registration Fee due by February 18th, 2024
\$15.00 per participant**

Competition Format 1

(Memorization of the verses &

for adults: Memorization + Meaning of the verses)

This is the traditional competition where participants will memorize the verses according to their group (please refer to the table on page #2).

This competition will be held on **February 24th, 2024**.

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 (Grades 12 and below)

1. Each participant must memorize all the verses for their group as shown in the table on page #2.
2. The participant will need to begin chanting from the cueing of the first few words of any verse (within the limits for the respective group) in the chapter. The starting verse will depend on the cue card randomly picked by the participant.
3. After cueing of the first few words of any verse, if the participant is not able to chant, that participant will be disqualified.
4. From the starting verse picked by the participant, they will need to consecutively chant the number of verses required for their group (please refer to the last column in the table on page #2).
5. The verses must be chanted in correct order.

6. Disqualified participants will not be given a participation prize.

Rules for the competition (Adults)

1. Format 1 competition for adults will have 3 rounds.
2. Each participant must memorize all 15 verses in the chapter.
3. The participant will need to begin chanting from the cueing of the first few words of any of the 15 verses in the chapter. The starting verse will depend on the cue card randomly picked by the participant.
4. From the starting verse picked by the participant, they will need to consecutively chant 5 verses.
5. The verses must be chanted in correct order.
6. In the second round, the participant will need to provide the meaning of a verse (within the 15 verses) chanted by the pronouncer.
7. In the third round, the participant will need to chant the verse corresponding to the meaning of the verse (within the 15 verses) provided by the pronouncer.
8. If the participant is not able to chant the verse or recite the meaning, points will be deducted.
9. Disqualified participants will not be given a participation prize.

Competition Format 2 (Chanting of the verses from the script & Memorization of the vocabulary with its meaning)

This option is only for group-Grades 10,11, and 12 and group-adults.

This competition will be held on **February 24th, 2024.**

For the verses round, participants can chant by reading from the script (memorization is not required). 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 round, participants must memorize the vocabulary words and their meanings (please refer to the link for vocabulary words on page #2). They will be given 5 Samskritam words from the list and must tell the corresponding meanings. Then they will be given 5 meanings and must identify the corresponding Samskritam words. This is an oral only test. 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. Format 2 competition will have 2 rounds.
2. The participant will need to begin chanting from the cueing of the first few words of any verse (within the limits for the respective group) in the chapter. They can refer to the script if needed. The starting verse will depend on the cue card randomly picked by the participant.
3. After cueing the first few words of any verse, if the participant is not able to chant (even after looking at the script) that participant will be disqualified.
4. From the starting verse picked by the participant, they will need to consecutively chant the number of verses required for their group (please refer to the last column in the table on page #2).
5. The verses must be chanted in correct order.
6. For the vocabulary round, the choice of words will be random and within the vocabulary words provided.
7. Disqualified participants will not be given a participation prize.

The judges' decision will be final.