

CHINMAYA MISSION ATLANTA



Chapter 12 bhaktiyogaḥ



GITA CHANTING COMPETITION 2026

“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 7th, 2026 (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 - 6 (format 1 only)	5
Pre-K and Kindergarten	1 - 8 (format 1 only)	5
Grades 1 and 2	1 - 11 (format 1 only)	5
Grades 3 and 4	1 - 14 (format 1 only)	7
Grades 5 and 6	1 - 17 (format 1 only)	8
Grades 7, 8, and 9	1 - 20 (format 1 only)	10
Grades 10, 11, and 12	1 - 20 (formats 1 & 2)	10
Adults (College & above)	1 - 15 (memorization + meaning of verses) 1 - 20 (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 20 verses but also need to know the meanings of those 20 verses.***

The Chapter 12 audio files, verses, versus meanings, and vocabulary 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-signup>

The last date for registration is February 1st, 2026.

**Registration Fee due by February 1st, 2026
\$20.00 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 7th, 2026.**

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 prompter will cue the last pada of the previous verse and the participant will need to begin chanting from the first pada of the next verse. From that verse, the participant 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)
3. After cuing, if the participant is not able to chant, that participant will be disqualified.
4. The verses must be chanted in correct order.
5. 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 the first 15 verses in the chapter.
3. In the first round, the prompter will cue the last pada of the previous verse and the participant will need to begin chanting from the first pada of the next verse. From that verse, the participant 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). The verses must be chanted in correct order.
4. In the second round, one of the judges will chant a verse from the first 15 verses and the participant will need to provide the English meaning of that verse.
5. In the third round, one of the judges will provide the English meaning of a verse from the first 15 verses and the participant will need to chant that verse.
6. If the participant is not able to chant the verse or recite the meaning, points will be deducted.
7. 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 7th, 2026.**

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). 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. In the first round, the prompter will cue the last pada of the previous verse and the participant will need to begin chanting from the first pada of the next verse. From that verse, the participant 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). The verses must be chanted in correct order. They can refer to the script.

3. After cueing, if the participant is not able to chant that participant will be disqualified.
4. In the second round, one of the judges will say a Samskritam word from the vocabulary list and the participant will need to provide the English meaning of that word. They will be tested for 5 words.
5. In the third round, one of the judges will provide the English meaning for a Samskritam word from the vocabulary list and the participant will need to provide the corresponding Samskritam word. They will be tested for 5 words.
6. Disqualified participants will not be given a participation prize.

The judges' decision will be final.