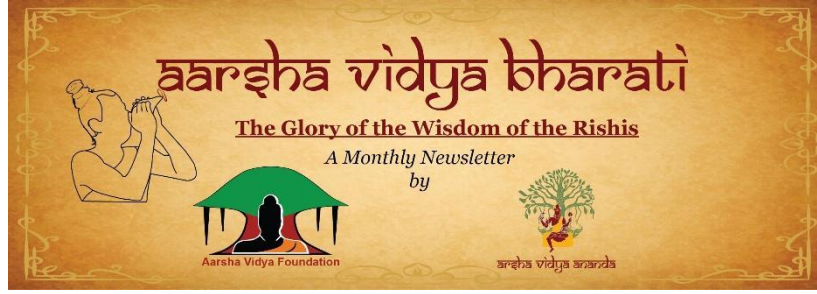


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# Aarsha Vidya Bharati - Jan 2024

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## Sampūrṇa Gītā Pārāyaṇam

### on Moksha Ekadashi 2023

By Swamini Brahmaṇjananda

A group of 55 people from all over the world- including Vedanta students of Swami Brahmaṇjananda ji and Swamini Brahmaṇjananda ji and others - celebrated the Bhagavad Gita Jayanti online on 23rd December 2023. Thirty six of them offered *Sampūrṇa Gītā Pārāyaṇam* to *Bhagavān* Sri Krishna, the day the *Gītā* was revealed.

The participants were from India, the US, the UK, Australia, Portugal, Spain, Croatia and Argentina. Swamiji opened the session with his message where he said that the *Gītā* is sufficient for one's success in life and fulfillment (*mokṣa*). Acts like chanting increases our devotion to the Lord and helps us to assimilate the teaching better. He called upon all of us to re-dedicate ourselves to the study of the *Gītā*. Some took turns to chant a few verses and others chanted full chapters in about three hours. It has been a few years since we started this tradition to commemorate the day when *Bhagavān* Sri Krishna gave out the teaching of the Bhagavad Gita to Arjuna and thereby to the entire world. The increasing number of participants from all over the world is a testament to the universal appeal of the *Gītā* and the teaching tradition irrespective of one's nationality, culture or other differences. Jai Sri Krishna!



Sharing of experiences by participants –

Jagadishan, Mumbai, India - *I thoroughly enjoyed chanting Gita on Gita Jayanthi Day organised by AV Mumbai! It was Heartening to see the visible enthusiasm of Devotees ! Glory to Pujya Swamiji, Swaminiji, Lord Krishna offering a Divine helping hand!!*

Meera, India - *It was my first experience at chanting the Gita and it was simply amazing. The 700 verses, including the Dhyana shlokas , were chanted in a little over two hours with hardly any hitch. The marathon session concluded with Swaminiji's melodious rendition of the shlokas.*

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Sharath, London, The UK - *Thanks to the Grace of Īśvara and the organisers' coordination and hardwork, the inclusive approach of chanting The Bhagavad Gītā was a divine and enjoyable experience. We are very grateful to have been part of this and eagerly look forward to the future events.*

**Sampūrṇa Gītā Pārāyaṇam on the first Ekadashi of every month**

॥ ॐ श्री परमात्मने नमः ॥

On the auspicious occasion of the Bhagavad Gita Jayanti, I had proposed that we chant the entire Bhagavad Gita on Ekadashi. A lot of you had agreed.

**And so, starting 7<sup>th</sup> January, Sunday and only on the first Ekadashi of every month, from 5 – 8 pm IST we will meet on Zoom.**

This will help Vedanta students to make a prayerful offering to Bhagavan, resonate more with the text, improve their pronunciation and chanting, gain punya and in time memorise the Gita.

People will take turns to chant 1 or more chapters. Since everyone (including me) may not be able to join all the 12 times during the year, we will attend when possible. The group will keep this going.

If you are interested to join this collective Gita chanting (in principle), then please join this whatsapp group quickly

- <https://chat.whatsapp.com/H4hR9Do89HXD9ePDHpSUy8>

All other details will be shared in that chanting group.