

OM SHREE SATNAM SAKHI



Geeta Jayanti, 6th December, 2011

6th December, 2011 is Gita Jayanti. It is observed on the 11th day of the Shukla Paksha (waxing phase of moon) of Margashirsha month as per traditional Hindu calendar. It is believed that the Bhagavad Gita was rendered by Lord Krishna to Arjuna on this day. Gita Jayanti falls on the Ekadashi day of the Margashirsha month.

Starting today i.e. 17th November, 2011, there are exactly 18 days left for the festival which coincides with the 18 chapters of the sacred Bhagvad Gita. As we all are aware, there is no difference between the 'Gyan of Gita' and 'Gyan of Guru'; an attempt is being made to use these next 18 days to extract the nectar of the Shrimad Bhagvad Gita and correlate it with the teachings of our Acharya 'Satsguru Swami Teonramji Maharaj'. Let us pray in the holy feet of our Satsguru that we absorb the optimum nectar from this sacred scripture and enlighten ourselves; and light the lamp of knowledge and love within us. **Dhan Guru Teonram!**

Introduction

The term Bhagvat Gita, means 'The Eternal Song'. It occurs in the thick of the war field, where the Almighty Lord Vishnu in His avatar as Lord Krishna advises a disillusioned Arjuna on the various facets of life and work. With 700 shlokas covered in 18 chapters, it focuses on the eternal quest to reach God. It teaches the three basic paths to reach the Almighty – namely **Bhakti, Karma and Jnana**.

Chapter 1: Arjuna's Dilemma

This chapter captures the view at the battlefield of Mahabharata where the armies are ready to begin the war. While all were completely prepared and geared to fight the war Arjuna asked Krishna to take the chariot in midst of the battle field where he can see the enemy who have gathered in the battlefield and who have partnered with the Kurus in the act of non –righteousness. As soon as Arjuna took a glimpse of the people against whom he would be waging the war, fear ran down his spine. He realised that he was about to attack members of his very own family; his teachers, his cousins and his uncles! At that time, he broke down emotionally. He wondered what would be the point to win a war whose success is coloured with the blood of members of his very own family. He described the wave of emotions he went through and narrated to Krishna that he would prefer to live a life as a beggar or get killed in the warfront rather than fight against his relatives!

One of the sixteen teachings of the Swami Teonramji Maharaj

"Dharam apne mahi hardam, pyaar kar natna nahi, Seesh jaave jaan de par Dharam se hatna nahi"

Swamiji through this teaching says that we must follow the path of righteousness. If required, we may even sacrifice our lives to tread on this path but should not abstain from our duty.

O Satsguru Swami Teonram, you are our Lord Krishna!!! We pray to you Sai that we become a disciple like Arjuna so that we comprehend and imbibe the treasure of knowledge in our lives that you have bestowed on us. Reverence in your Holy feet!