

## Arpanam

## A Bhagavad Gita theme-based art competition

Arpanam is an art competition based on the theme of Bhagavad-gita, organized by ISKCON Samskriti, to commemorate Gita Jayanti.

Bhagavad-gita literally means the song of the Supreme Lord, spoken by Lord Sri Krishna, the Supreme Personality of Godhead to His intimate friend Arjuna, around 5000 years ago. The Lord imparted the essence of Vedic knowledge and enlightened Arjuna about the ultimate goal of life. Gita Jayanti is the day, when Lord Krishna actually spoke the Bhagavad-gita.

The Bhagavad-gita is the Crown-jewel of India's spiritual wisdom. "Arpanam" is a small tribute to this great scripture. The Gita's seven hundred verses provide a definitive guide to the science of self-realization. No other book reveals truths in such a lucid and profound way, like the Gita does.

It is stated in the Gita-mahatmya (the glories of Gita) that if one properly follows the instructions of Bhagavad-gita, one can be freed from all miseries and anxieties in this life, and one's next life will be spiritual.

This year we are celebrating Gita Jayanti on December 03rd, 2022. On this occasion, we wish to invite our young participants to pay their tribute to the timeless greatness of this scripture. What better way than to express through the medium of art! Create an art piece to glorify the Bhagavad-gita and share your joy with us.

Hare Krishna.

## About ISKCON Samskriti

ISKCON Samskriti, a cultural and an educational initiative of ISKCON Bangalore for students, aims to impart spiritual knowledge and develop an appreciation towards our heritage, through cultural educational camps, short term and medium term courses, round the year competitions, heritage tours, a national-level quiz etc. We believe that this will help our participants learn about and value Indian culture and traditions, drawn from the rich Vedic wisdom. The idea is to make these enriching programs available to students, offline during school vacations as always and also to have them rolled out online through the entire year.

