

YAGYAVALKYA VIDYA MANDIR – PORBANDAR

Report on Inter School Shreemad Bhagavad Geeta Shloka Chanting Competition 2025

The School is highly pleased and honored to host the **Inter School Shreemad Bhagavad Geeta Shloka Chanting Competition**. It was held with great enthusiasm and devotion at Birla Hall, Khijadi Plot, Porbandar on 1st September 2025 under the AEGIS of **Sahodaya Saurashtra Complex** (A voluntary Organization of CBSE Affiliated Schools in Saurashtra Region).

The program was organized under the expertise guidance of **Mr. Hitesh Thanki and Mr. Jayesh Rangwani**, whose efforts ensured smooth coordination and successful execution of the event. The program commenced at 8:30 a.m. with a warm welcome extended to all dignitaries, participants, and guests. The event was gracefully hosted by **Ms. Meenakshi Gohel and Ms. Janki Vyas**, who conducted the proceedings with confidence and devotion.

The competition was honored by the esteemed presence of **Mr. Jatin Raval, District Education Inspector, Porbandar**, who graced the occasion as the Chief Guest whose words of wisdom inspired the participants to uphold cultural values that imbibed with Indian Culture, the other Guest was **Dr. Ashvin Savjani, Principal of K.H. Madhavani College, Porbandar** added his gracious presence to the Shreemad Bhagavad Geeta Shloka Chanting Competition.

The school was also privileged to have the Managing Trustee of Yagyavalkya Vidya Mandir, Shri Ashok Jungi, along with trustees Mr. Dinesh Lodhari and Mr. Suryakant Joshi, whose encouragement and support added to the grandeur of the event.

The competition was held in two main categories: पठन (Reading) and कंठस्थ (Memorized Recitation) with students from Std. 1 to 9 Participating in different groups. The selected Adhyayas for पठन included Adhyay 12, 9, and 10 for different standards, while for कंठस्थ, students presented any five shlokas of their choice from Adhyay 1 to 18.

The participants were evaluated by an esteemed panel of Jury members:

Mr. Shubham Samani. (Professor at Arya Kanya Gurukul College, Porbandar)

Dr. Harsha Madlani. (Assistant Professor at Shri K.H. Madhavani College, Porbandar)

Dr. Narendra Dodiya. (Associated Professor at Shri Ramba District Institute of Education, Porbandar)

Participants were judged on the basis of pronunciation, accuracy, rhythm, voice modulation, spontaneity, memory, attire, and overall presentation. The competition witnessed an overwhelming participation, with students chanting the sacred verses melodiously, creating a serene and spiritual atmosphere.

There were total 63 participants and all participants received certificates of participation, while trophies were awarded to the winners from all the categories followed by winning team and runners-up. The first place was bagged by **Nand Vidyaniketan School Jamnagar**, while the second runner up position was secured by **Kokilaben Dhirubhai Ambani Reliance Public School Jamnagar**. The best performances across categories were specillay recognized. Refreshments including tea, breakfast and lunch were served to all attendees.

The Principal **Mrs. Nirja Agrawal** expressed her heartfelt gratitude to all the Principals of the schools, guests, Sahodaya Saurashtra, teachers and students for their valuable contributions to the success of the competition.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks, leaving the audience inspired by the timeless wisdom of the Shreemad Bhagavad Geeta and the devotion of the young participants. It was truly a memorable day that highlighted the values of discipline, spirituality, and cultural pride.

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