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*Dear Dr. Anayath,*

**Subject: Celebration of International Gita Mahotsav at Kurukshetra.**

The revered land of Kurukshetra is recognised as the pivot of Indian Culture and Spirituality through the ages. Here on the sacred banks of river Sarasvati seers visualized Vedas, Upanishads and Puranas- the most ancient books of humanity. For this reason Kurukshetra is also known as cradle of Indian Civilization. The seeds of Indian philosophical thoughts were sown here since time immemorial. The divine consciousness and age-old wisdom have found culmination in the didactic narrative of the Bhagavadgita which is accepted as the only message to humanity directly emanating from the Supreme Lord in the battlefield of Kurukshetra.

Every year on Shukla Ekadashi of the month of Marghsheesh, the birth anniversary of the Bhagavadgita is celebrated as 'Gita Jayanti' at Kurukshetra. This year the Gita Jayanti falls on 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2020 and International Gita Mahotsav is being organized in Kurukshetra from 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.

This year due to Covid-19, most programs of International Gita Mahotsav are being organised online, while few events of religious significance will be held at Brahmsarovar. The broad events are as below :-

- (a) The Mahotsav will commence on 20<sup>th</sup> December 2020 with a Gita Yajna at Brahmsarovar.
- (b) International Gita webinar being organised in Kurukshetra University from 20<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> December, 2020. Learned Scholars and Sants will speak on the relevance of Gita for human kind. Many national and international scholars will participate in this Webinar.
- (c) Gita Paath will be held at Jyotisor, the birth place of Gita from 20<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2020.
- (d) Sant Sammelan at Brahmsarovar.
- (e) Online competitions on Gita.
- (f) Global Gita Chanting.
- (g) Deepotsav will be held at Brahmsarovar, Kurukshetra and at all 134 tirths related to Mahabharat.
- (h) We are also starting a daily discourse on Gita, one shlok, a day being conducted by Maharishi Valmiki Sanskrit University, Mundri, Kaithal.

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All the programmes of International Gita Mahotsav-2020 will be available to viewers online. They can now participate and experience the spiritual gratification from their homes. All sections of society are being encouraged to view/log-in in large numbers and benefit from the yajna, discourse, chanting and so on.

The International Gita Mahotsav-2020 will be available to viewers live on Facebook, Instagram, Youtube and Twitter at [/kdbkurukshestra](https://www.facebook.com/kdbkurukshestra) and the Kurukshetra Development Board's website page <https://internationalgitamahotsav.in> and <https://48koskurukshestra.com>.

Chief Executive Officer, Kurukshetra Development Board Shri Anubhav Mehta, HCS (Mobile No.9467029325) may be contacted for any clarifications regarding International Gita Mahotsav (IGM-2020).

You are requested to host appropriate events like Gita chanting, talk/discourse on Gita, holding competitions, conducting seminar/webinar etc. in the university in order to rekindle amongst youth, the eternal values of dharma and karma. Students and faculty may be encouraged to view online the various events of Gita Mahotsav (IGM-2020) from 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> December, 2020. The above given links may be hosted on the university webpage well in advance.

Your cooperation is solicited to make this digital effort a success.

*warm regards,*

Yours sincerely

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