

# About Akhanda Guru Gita Parayana during Guru Purnima 2021

## Non-stop 24-hour online chanting

We welcome all Datta family members to join us in the non-stop 24-hour Guru Gita Parayana seva on the occasion of Guru Purnima on July 24<sup>th</sup>. **Registration for participation closes July 16 at 10pm Pacific** (July 17 at 10:30am IST).

Chanting will commence right after the Pratyaksha Pada Puja, streamed live by Avadhoota Dattapeetham the morning of 24<sup>th</sup> July IST. You are welcome to join the Akhanda Parayana at a time convenient to you. The exact start time will be communicated by July 23<sup>rd</sup> evening IST via the WhatsApp group.

Three simple steps to participate in Akhanda Parayana -

- 1 Click [here](#) to register if you haven't already
- 2 Join the [WhatsApp group](#) for event updates
- 3 Join the [daily practice sessions](#)

## Who is organizing this?

[Dashavatara Yoga Center](#) in San Francisco Bay Area is organizing this marathon chanting. This is the second year in a row that Dashavatara Yoga Center is organizing the event. Last year, Pujya Swamiji as well as Pujya Bala Swamiji gave Darshana on Zoom and blessed the participants.

## How will this work?

Those interested in joining the chanting Seva will receive a Zoom link to join the event. (Make sure you are on the [WhatsApp group](#) to receive the link and event updates). The event will be broadcast live on Dashavatara Yoga Center's [Facebook page](#). Devotees around the world will be able to join the chanting live via Facebook as well. As noted, the chanting will commence right after Pratyaksha Pada Puja to Parama Pujya Swamiji (and the morning program from Dattapeetham) concludes. Those who are signing up to lead a round of chanting (in other words, chant on an unmuted line) will need to log in to Zoom 10 minutes prior to their scheduled time of chanting.

Each round will be led by one person chanting the Guru Gita on an unmuted line while everyone else will chant along on muted lines.

### **How are lead chanters selected?**

Lead chanters self-select themselves during the sign-up process. (If you signed up for the event using the [form](#), and you selected the option to lead one round of chanting, you are considered as ready to lead one round of chanting). Please join the practice sessions, especially if you signed up to lead a round of chanting (details below). Based on those practice sessions, we will allocate times for your chanting according to the time zone you live in.

If we get more lead chanters than there are time slots available, chanters will be allotted slots on a first-come-first-served basis.

### **Are we expected to sing in the tune sung by Pujya Swamiji?**

It is preferred that the lead chanters sing the Guru Gita sung in tune and with clear diction. The tune can be found in Guru Gita album as well as the Guru Gita app. If the lead chanter cannot sing in tune, then we require them to fluently chant with clear intonation. Please contact us ([GuruGitaParayana@Gmail.com](mailto:GuruGitaParayana@Gmail.com)) if further clarification is needed.

### **Can we join the Zoom link even if we are not leading a round of chanting?**

Yes, by all means. If, however, the Zoom account is at its maximum concurrent users, you can chant along following Facebook Live, or try to join the Zoom link a little later.

### **When are the practice sessions? Are they mandatory?**

We request all devotees especially those signing up to lead the chanting to kindly attend the daily practice sessions.

Time: 8am IST / 7:30pm PT

Location: [Click here to join](#) the daily Zoom practice sessions.

### **Is there a dress code for chanting during Akhanda Parayana?**

Modest clothing (as if we were seated in Pujya Swamiji's presence) with a Datta Vastram would be great.