

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

How do I register for the competitions?

Please click [here](#) to register

Will I get a registration number after I register?

No there is no registration number, but a confirmation email will be sent to the email which you used to register. If you did not receive a confirmation email:

1. Wait 24 hours after registering.
2. Check your spam.
3. If you still have not received a confirmation, please email us at egmoresamskrtschool@gmail.com

How long are registrations open?

Registrations are open until Dec 1. We will close registrations on Dec 1, 2020.

Are competitions held in Chennai?

No, the 2021 competitions are going to be held online (virtual) using Microsoft Teams.

When are the actual competitions going to be held?

The competitions will be held during the last week of January, and you will get the actual dates in December.

What if my child has school at the same time?

We will try to schedule the competitions in the afternoon and evening and if there is a conflict, you will have to make the decision. We cannot move the competition time based on individual conveniences.

Will someone contact me before the competitions?

You will get most of your information through email. In December, a WhatsApp group will be created so your room coordinator can answer your questions.

What is “Pre-Session”?

Since the format is new this year, we require participants to participate in a session a few days before the competitions where we will go over important rules, do a technical check, and answer any questions you might have. You will also receive the link to the actual competitions in that meeting.

What do I do if I cannot connect the day of the competition or have another technical issue?

During the pre-session, you will be given a tech support WhatsApp number to contact (message, DO NOT CALL) in case of technical or connectivity issues. We will try to help you solve the issue, but ultimately it is your responsibility to ensure that your Wi-Fi connection works (you can test it during the pre-session).

What happens if I miss the pre-session?

If you miss the pre-session, you will not be allowed to participate in the actual competition. No exceptions.

What is “Open to All” competitions?

Open to All is where the competition is open to all without any restriction on age. Anyone of any age can participate in these (3, 6, and all 18 chapter) competitions. Yes, your 2 year daughter and your 60 year old mother can participate in the open to all competitions!

Will I know the order in which I will recite before the competition?

No, you will not know the order. During the competition, names will be picked randomly and you will be expected to recite when your name is called.

How will I know if I have come to the correct “teams’ room for the competitions?

The Teams room will be open 10 minutes before the competition start time. A list of all participants in alphabetical order will be posted. This list is not the order in which you will recite.

What do I do if you do not find my name?

Send a what’s app message to or send a chat message to your room coordinator. Remember you will not be allowed to participate if you did not attend the pre-session even if you got into the Teams room

What are the rules of the competitions?

Refer to the video on our website for the rules and additional information will be provided during our pre-session

Do the judges speak in Hindi?

The judges usually speak Tamil and English. Please make sure you can speak one of these languages to understand what the judges and volunteers say.

How long will my competition be?

Be ready to spend about 2 hours in the competition.

Will you send me a video recording of my child’s chanting?

No

Can other family members join the link separately to listen to the participant recite?

No. The link is for the participant to join alone so that there are no distractions. Others joining the link, even with video off, will affect your score.

Should I keep my camera on when others are reciting?

We would recommend that you do not keep your camera on, but if you do, you should refrain from moving around and disturbing the others in your room. A point will be docked every time you disturb the others.

Can I request that I recite first?

No, you will not be allowed to recite ahead of your turn. If you don’t show up by turning on your camera and mic when your name is called, you will be called again once at the end.

Can I chat with other participants in the chat window during the competition?

No, the chat window is only to chat with the coordinator if you have any issues with your mic, camera, etc. You should not chat with the other participants and make any comments about any participants.

My child did not learn all the verses assigned to her, is that ok?

You will not be qualified for a prize if you do not know all the verses. You still have time, so start studying now!

How can I make sure I am studying the correct portions?

Please refer to our [website](#) for the portions.

Are you offering any online Gita classes?

Yes, we have been offering multiple online Gita classes, but all of them are full and we cannot take any more students.

There seems to be a change in the prize system, can you explain more?

We are doing away with first, second and third and consolation prizes. We are going with a new approach. We look at a candidate's total score (memory, pronunciation, and general impression). If his marks are above a certain threshold, then they are a "STAR". There can be many STARS in a Standard. The bar for a STAR will be extremely high, but if your performance is very good you will get a prize irrespective of how others chant. The one participant with the highest score in each standard will be the "SUPERSTAR"

Why did you make this change?

The quality of chanting has improved tremendously over the years that we find many students disappointed because their children did not win a prize. We often see a pool of very highly talented students. If you are very good you will be recognized, if you are the best you will be recognized and if you are not in the STAR level, the pool of STARS should motivate you to get there!

I still have more questions that are not answered here, what do I do?

Email us at egmoresamskrtschool@gmail.com and we will get back to you soon.