

Gita Jayanti Mahotsav at Bhuj-Kutch

The Bhuj-Kutch region of Gujarat has witnessed a remarkable positive incident in its history as ArshAdhyayan Kendra-Bhuj celebrates 20 years of spreading Indian Vedic knowledge. Under the guidance of Acharya Swami Shri Pradeeptananda Saraswati ji , initiated by the esteemed Padmashri Pujya Swami Shri Dayananda Saraswatij i of the Shankaracharya tradition, this institution has been a beacon of Vedic values, inspiring generations of young and old.

Recently, a groundbreaking initiative was undertaken to foster unity among the Sanatan Hindu Community. On December 24, 2024, a harmonious gathering of leaders from around 40 Hindu caste communities took place at ArshKutir Odhavbagh-2, Madhapar. The leaders honoured one another with Paghdi (Turbans of Kutch) and Sweets, showcasing mutual respect and camaraderie. Women's association presidents also participated in this beautiful exchange. Swami Pradeeptanand ji shared profound insights about the significance of devotion in Hinduism, emphasizing the importance of preserving Sanatan Dharma for future generations. The event concluded with Swami ji and other Sannyasins serving food to each president, further solidifying bonds of unity. A Saint Committee (SantSamiti) was established to guide these communities forward.

Following this, a grand Gita Granth Yatra unfolded on December 8, 2024, from the renowned Ramdhun Mandir of Bhuj to the Town Hall, under the leadership of Swami Pradeeptananda Saraswatiji and Sant Samiti. Approximately 250 women carried the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita on their heads, while 1200 to 1500 young participants, adorned in colorful Paghdis (turbans), celebrated with song and dance, making this journey truly unforgettable. H. H. Swami Shri Paramatmananda Saraswatiji delivered an inspiring MangalUdbodhan on " Shrimad Bhagavad Gita and Sanatan Dharma." The festival culminated with attendees from the 40 communities enjoying Maha-prasad together.

From December 9 to 12, 2024, the evenings were graced with Hanumant Katha by Dr. Mahadevprasad Mehta, followed by inspiring lectures on the Shrimad Bhagavad Gita by Swami Pradeeptananda Saraswati ji. On Gita Jayanti, December 11, 2024, an impressive 800 participants recited all 18 chapters of the Bhagavad Gita from 9 am to 11:30 am.

The spirit of this Gita Jayanti festival resonated far and wide, with thousands joining online to partake in this significant celebration. Around 100 dedicated young Swayam Sevak volunteers volunteered alongside Swami Pradeeptananda Saraswati ji, heightening the impact of the Gita Jayanti Mahotsav.

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