

MESSAGE

I was delighted to learn of Pujya Swami Chinmayananda Ji's online video Bhagavad Geeta Jnana Yajna. It is a noble initiative with an even nobler aim that deserves appreciation and encouragement.

Even in a land of the greatest spiritual works, the Bhagavad Geeta has an exalted place.

And in our land of spiritual greats, Pujya Swami Chinmayananda Ji has a unique contribution.

When these two come together in the form of the Bhagavad Geeta Jnana Yajna, the result can only be transformative and compelling.

Generations to come will remain thankful to Pujya Swami Chinmayananda Ji for taking the deep and nourishing insights of the Geeta to everyone. The Holy Geeta written by him is one of the most popular works among youngsters. Several people prefer to gift the Holy Geeta to others.

In times of crisis and challenges, the Geeta is a great source of resilience and inspiration. Bhagwan Shri Krishna's timeless wisdom on maintaining equanimity in the face of difficulties, putting Karma - or effort - above everything else, pursuit of truth and knowledge, and most importantly, the need to stand up and fight against all odds, is extremely relevant to all of us, especially in these times.

In these times of COVID-19 pandemic, a verse by Bhagwan Shri Krishna is very important.

नियतं कुरु कर्म त्वं कर्म ज्यायो ह्यकर्मणः। शरीरयात्रापि च ते न प्रसिद्ध्येदकर्मणः।।

To fight the pandemic, we must all resort to the right action in our own ways. While healthcare workers and frontline warriors put their lives on the line to save our lives, we must also perform our duty by following COVID guidelines and by vaccinating ourselves.

The seventh adhyaya of the Bhagavad Geeta also provides insights on self-development.

It indicates the highest level of perfection for a human being and also practical techniques to achieve this. This chapter of the Bhagavad Geeta inspires us to help one another and collectively overcome the challenges we face.

Chinmaya Mission has also played an admirable role in serving the people during this pandemic. Apart from the direct service of the people, the classes, discourses and knowledge that the Mission has spread have also strengthened everyone's spirit and imparted mental strength, which is an extremely important part of this fight. Once again, I congratulate Chinmaya Mission for this noble initiative and wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

(Narendra Modi)

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