

Krishna Pastime Storytelling

Competition Guidelines

Eligibility: Both Age Groups

Guidelines

- ✓ Participants may choose and narrate any pastime of Lord Krishna.
- ✓ The narration should be based on an authentic and appropriate Krishna-lila source.
- ✓ Participants should narrate the pastime in their own words rather than simply reading from a prepared script.
- ✓ The story should have a clear flow, including an introduction, the main events, and a conclusion.
- ✓ At the end of the narration, participants should explain the spiritual teaching, lesson, or takeaway they understand from the pastime.
- ✓ Parents may assist children during preparation; however, the actual storytelling must be performed by the participant.

Recommended Sources

- Śrīmad-Bhāgavatam
- Kṛṣṇa, The Supreme Personality of Godhead (Krishna Book)
- Other approved ISKCON / Vaishnava books and publications

Participants should select pastimes from recognized Vaishnava scriptures and authorized Vaishnava literature, and are encouraged to verify the storyline and details from an authentic source rather than relying solely on general internet articles, social-media posts, or popular retellings, which may contain inaccurate or altered details.

Younger Age Group: Recommended duration should be more than 2 minutes.

Older Age Group: Recommended duration should be more than 3 minutes.

Judging Criteria

Accuracy of the Pastime

25%

Storytelling & Sequence

25%

Expression & Voice Modulation

20%

Understanding of Teaching

20%

Confidence & Presentation

10%

General Guidelines

- The video must be recorded specifically for this competition.
- The participant should remain clearly visible and audible throughout the performance.
- Parents may assist children with preparation, costumes, and recording; however, the actual performance must be done by the participant.
- AI-generated voices, dubbing, or the use of another person's performance are not permitted.
- Basic video trimming and necessary audio/video adjustments are permitted, provided they do not alter or misrepresent the participant's actual performance.
- All content, costumes, music, language, and presentation should be appropriate for a devotional and Vaishnava setting.
- Participants must submit their videos within the specified deadline.
- Submissions that do not follow the competition guidelines may be disqualified.
- The decision of the judging panel will be final.

Important Note

Participants are encouraged to focus on devotion, understanding, sincerity, and presentation rather than expensive costumes, elaborate production, or professional-level editing. The purpose of the competition is to encourage children and young devotees to learn about Lord Krishna and express their understanding and devotion creatively.

Prizes

The top participants in each competition will be awarded prizes based on the final scores given by the judging panel.

Certificate

All participants who successfully complete and submit their entries according to the competition guidelines will receive an E-Certificate of Participation.