**Assumptions, based upon the MB texts below:**

1. **It is safe to assume that the BG was spoken the commencement of the battle.**
2. **The ‘new moon’ being referred to in #1 below is Margasirsa Amavasya. This means that BG was spoken on Margasirsa Amavasya – not 12 days later on Moksada Ekadasi!**
3. **With the above understanding, our tradition of honoring Gita Jayanti as the very day of Krsna’s narrating BG should be accompanied with an explicit understanding that the BG was actually spoken on the new moon day, i.e. 12 days before Moksada Ekadasi.**

**1.**

**(Spoken by Sanjaya, narrating Kesava’s words spoken to Karna): “Seven days after will be the day of the new moon. Let the battle commence then, for that day, it has been said, is presided over by Indra.”**

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**2.**

Bhisma was laying on his bed of arrows starting from the 10th day of the battle (**9th day of the waning moon in the month of Pauña)**, for a total of 58 days – ending on Bhisma Astami

**(Vaisampayana narrating -- Bhisma speaking to Yudhisthira) “The thousand-rayed maker of day, the holy Surya has begun his northward course. I have been lying on my bed here for eight and fifty nights. Stretched on these sharp-pointed arrows I have felt this period to be as long as if it was a century. 0 Yudhishthira, the lunar month of Magha has come. This is, again, the lighted fortnight and a fourth part of it ought by this (according to my calculations) be over.”**

**Section CLXVII (167) Part 2 (Anusasana Parva) of the Mahabharata – Ganguli’s translation**