



Jain Society of San Diego (JSSD)



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Jai Jinendra,

From President's Desk

Dear Friends,
Jai Jinendra,

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to all fine members of our community for their financial support as well as coming down to the center and helping make our center better and cleaner. More importantly, they have found time out of their busy schedules, personal, social and professional commitments. I am sure we will continue to make progress because of this dedication.

We had very nice Shri Bhaktamar Puja performed by Jayesh Bhai Khona. We have organized a slumber party coming this weekend. We are putting together a program for our 1st Anniversary of acquiring this Vista Center. I hope many of you will participate and make our program full of love and joy. We are also planning to have one day as "Kids Day" full of games and fun. We are going to celebrate Paryushan Parva starting Sept 12th. We have invited Shamnijis to be here with us.

Our facility was also used by other religious group for the first time. The program was successful. I am looking forward to seeing all of you in every activity that we do whether it is religious or social.

Importantly, we thank all for donating generously. We have a great start and we are sure we will continue to grow and our center will become focal point for all.

-Rohak Vora

Executive/Trustee Committees for 2010-2012

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| Executive Committee Member | President: | Rohak Vora | Trustee: | Rohit Saraiya |
| | Secretary: | Meghavi Shah | | Rekha Savla |
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Important Announcements

Securing Our Premises

The Executive Committee would like to inform our community that we recently had an Act of Vandalism at our JSSD - Vista Facility. No items were missing from our center. Our puja room was sprayed with Fire-Extinguisher powder all across the carpet area. All the members, from various committees, came together immediately to discuss the matter and come up with a solution to secure the premises. Many volunteers came together to clean-up this act of vandalism. Our Building Committee is working very hard to implement the near-term safety measures for our Vista Facility. We are also exploring on long-term solutions, which can provide better safe-guarding for our Members that volunteer on the premises, all the members that attend the events and the longevity of our JSSD - Vista Center.

Event Date Change: For 1st Anniversary Celebration of JSSD – Vista Facility

Donations & Pledges

We are really delighted with our Community's Generosity. We thank every donor for their support.

- We now have pledges totaling \$122,525.
- 106 Families have pledged the funds
- So far the collections have been \$73,213
- We need to yet collect \$49,312
- We have met our goal of \$60,000 in Seed Fund
- We are still looking for 8 Families to pledge \$100 for 3 Years

Recent Pledges:

- Kiritbhai & Leenaben Jariwala has pledged \$100 per month for the next 5 years.
- Harshad & Neela Mehta from Placentia, CA. Have signed up for \$100 per month for Year 2012.
- Vaishnav Parivar of San Diego has donated \$1001.

We are requesting every donor to review the follow-on (in separate email) Partial Collection Spreadsheet to see the amount they still owe against their pledge. These amounts are due right now and your urgent response is highly appreciated. Please make the check payable to **JSSD** and sent to following address:

Treasurer – JSSD
11605 Alderidge Lane
San Diego CA. 92131

For any questions regarding your pledge, please contact donations@jssd.org.

Devotional Songs Event - Summary

Some years ago, there was a magazine named Jain Spirit. It was done very professionally and way ahead of its time. On one occasion, they had distributed a CD. That CD is still very popular. Two female singers in that CD were visiting Los Angeles for voice enhancement training and offered to do a program in San Diego at no cost. On Saturday, July 7th, 2012, a devotional songs program was held at the JSSD – Vista Center. It was on short notice and we had many friends who were going out of town for a wedding. Yet because of the popularity of the singers, we decided to carry on with the program. Our sincere apologies to everyone who missed this event.

About the Singers:

Anuradha Shukla, born in Nairobi, Kenya, came to UK, enhanced her singing by training with many well-known masters in London. She has performed on many International Events, such as in Moscow, Munich, Singapore to name a few. Her band is called **The Strings and Bollywood Pandits**. She has come over to a special camp to learn to enhance her voice. With her was Sheena, a western style singer who brought a new dimension in Jain Stavans that would appeal the younger crowd. Sheena too has her own band and has come over for more training.

Accompanying them was our own Pareshbhai who for years has given a lot of service to the events in our Jain community. He complimented very well with Anuradhaji with his own unique style of singing and keyboard. Then we had the very best tabalji, Ustad Rahis Khan. He comes from a well-known family of musicians and teaches this art to the new generation.

In all, it was a nice evening for all those who made it. We hope we can get them again with their full band and more time to set it all up.

Pathshala

Our new session will begin from Sunday, September 9th, 2012, mark your calendar. We will have Parents Teachers Orientation and Registration. Students will be awarded for their class performances test and exam, from last year. We are working on curriculum for next year. For more information please visit our [website](#)

New/Update Membership Information

JSSD is in the process of updating their database with latest information about their Members. **Please take this opportunity update your information [HERE](#).**

Upcoming Events

Always visit www.jssd.org for up-to-date information

| Description | Date | Time | Venue |
|---|---|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Monthly Bhavana | Last Friday of Every Month | 8:00pm – 9:30pm | JSSD – Vista Facility |
| 2N4 Swadhyay – “Hu Atma Chu” | Every 2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the Month | 10:30am – 12:30pm | JSSD – Vista Facility |
| 1st Slumberzzz Party | Sat/Sun, July 21 st , 22 nd 2012 | 3:00pm – 11:00am | JSSD – Vista Facility |
| Celebrating 1st Anniversary of JSSD – Vista Center | Saturday, August 25 th , 2012 (date change) | 2:00pm – 9:00pm | JSSD - Vista Facility |

Community Reach-out

Our Building Committee is always looking for volunteers to help out at the JSSD – Vista Facility. If you or someone you know is interested in volunteering their time for this Seva, please contact Dinesh Shah for guidance.

Do you have an idea for content within our next Newsletter? If so, please feel free to drop a suggestion through our webpage [Suggestion Box](#). If approved, we will implement it.

Would you or your child like to share your some hand-made Jain-related Artwork on our next Newsletter? If so, please send an email to pr@jssd.org.

New Website

Many thanks to Tarang Dadia, for revamping our [JSSD website](#). Please take time and visit us. Here is a brief overview of our [JSSD website](#):

[Home Page](#): General information about JSSD is provided here.

[Events Page](#): Here we show a Schedule of Events in the form of calendar. Each of the events is clickable, providing further details of that particular Event.

[Announcements Page](#): Here we make Announcements about any Ongoing or One-Time Events. Please feel free to  [Tweet](#) **or**  [Like](#) the corresponding Events. If you want to subscribe to the  RSS Feed, you may do so by clicking on the icon.

[Regular Event Page](#): All Ongoing/Recurring Events are listed here.

[Pathshala Page](#): All Pathshala related details are listed here.

Donate Page: If anyone would like to pledge a donation, use the form on this page. Someone from the Donations Committee will contact you. Please ensure that you enter a valid Email and/or Phone Number. All individual personal details are kept private.

Carpool Page: Use this page to Request/Provide a Carpool to/from JSSD – Vista Facility. Follow the detailed instructions on the webpage, for using this service. Please contact the **Webmaster** for any technical assistance.

RSVP Page: This page will list all the RSVPs for varying Ongoing Events.

Committee Page: This page lists all the committee members for the present term.

Contact Us Page: In case you need to contact any of the committees, please use the form provided on this page to post your suggestion/concern/feedback. Someone from the respective committee will contact you on an ASAP basis. This page also lists our JSSD – Vista Facility Address + Phone #. Mailing Address for our Treasurer is also provided here. Lastly, if you or anyone you know would like to subscribe to our JSSD Yahoogroups, please submit your email

address by clicking on 