



Jain Society of San Diego (JSSD)



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Jai Jinendra,

From President's Desk

Dear Friends,
Jai Jinendra,

Our “Mahavir Janma Kalyanak” celebration was a great success! The entire center was filled with joy, smile and enthusiasm. The Auditorium, Derasar and Dining hall - all looked just great.

We thank all the volunteers, Trustee Committee members, Building Committee members, Fundraising Committee members who have contributed immensely in creating a great welcoming center. All the performances from stavans to dances to plays, all were excellent and full of great Jain values and messages! We are sure everyone got a lot out of all the performances.

We also thank Nipulbhai for going out of the way to bring lighting system. We thank Vipulbhai for providing video projector which enhanced the plays.

We thank Tarang for managing audio system which is the heart of the entire program. We also thank Mehul and his team for managing parking arrangements.

Dineshbhai and Sushilaben - your dedication and commitment towards the Sangh and the center are indeed exemplary.

We sincerely thank everyone for coming and being a part of this event. We thank all the participants, all the directors and all the parents for taking time and working so hard to put up a great performance! We thank all the volunteers who helped organize entire program, especially helping in the kitchen, at the dishwashing station and clean up. Reusable dinnerware is being used at Pathshala lunches but using reusable dinnerware for 250 people shows we are committed towards the environment. This would not have been possible without everyone's help and cooperation!

Pathshala kids were rewarded with gifts for their excellent performances during Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Event.

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

Executive Committee Member	President:	Rohak Vora
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	Treasurer:	Jagruti Maniar
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		Jiten Shah
		Maulik Shah
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Trustee:	Rohit Saraiya
	Rekha Savla
	Sudha Vora
Pathshala Coordinator:	Parul Kothari

Donations & Pledges

We thank you if you have already paid your pledges.

We would like to remind others who have not paid to take a few minutes of your time and 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.

Building Committee Updates

Major Facility improvements

New and improved stage in Main Hall big project under Nipul Shah was completed in time for the Mahavir Janma Kalyanak celebrations on April 22 with rather small budget and with the grace of god through cheerful and helping volunteers, timely committee decisions and trust of the members. It was lot of fun and satisfaction for those involved. Some of the pictures are attached.

Two big new doors between Conference Hall (dining room) and South Hall made both halls very functional. South Hall is under upgrade. Walls are painted and wood paneling is re-fixed. Doors and Window painting is next. Then will come floor tiles and Baseboards. Hopefully it will be ready by the first week of June.

Timers are installed on all thermostats for over-run protection. First timer is turned on to desired time to energize the thermostat and turn on and then to stop use before timer times out, thermostat is turned off.



Desirable items donations

Exhaust fan donated by Govind Shah will be installed in Room 4. This will help circulate fresh air through all East-West rooms.

Usha and Ranjit Shah donated 45 blue used chairs. They are light weight, comfortable and stack up nicely and were nicely cleaned up by volunteers.

New Dinner dishes were donated 100 by Gopi & Kiran Randeri and 110+ by Rekha & Lalit Savla. This started our environmentally friendly reusable food serving. We are still learning and will improve over the time, specially the cleaning part. Members welcomed this idea.

Main Hall Stage and two dressing room curtains with mounting are also donated by a friendly member.

Member's donations of desirable, useful and quality items and no unwanted trash at home are appreciated.

Pathshala

We are teaching Jain philosophy, integrating a way of life, creating social environment and enriching cultural base which can balance with Indo-American values. We have four age levels from 5 years of age to 18 years. We also have English classes for Adults (20 years and older). We educate students through games, music, dance, stories, plays, debates, presentations, etc., along with hands on activities.

We have Pathshala twice a Month, 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month, with some exceptions.

NOTE: Last day of Pathshala will be Sunday, June 3rd, 2012. Pathshala will resume again in August 2012.

We have good dedicated blend of young and experienced teachers. For more information please visit our [website](#)

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
Annual Family Fun Day (Pathshala)	Sunday, June 3 rd , 2012	10:30am – 12:15pm	JSSD – Vista Facility
Health Seminar + Swadhyay	Sunday, June 10 th , 2012	10:00am – 3:30pm	JSSD - Vista Facility
Dignitary Visit: Jayeshbhai Khona	Fri/Sat/Sun, June 22 nd , 23 rd , 24 th 2012	See details below	JSSD - Vista Facility

Dignitary Visits

JSSD is pleased to announce a visit from **Jayeshbhai Khona**, a vibrant young individual, spreading Jain Dharma by performing Jain Vidhis/Poojans/Pratisthas, lecturing young individuals by conducting Jain Shibir, Bhavanas and Bhakti and many more engaging activities. **Opportunities for Labh sign-ups will follow in a separate email.**

Description	Date	Time	Venue
Lecture: Maha Navakar Mantra	June 22 nd , 2012	8:00pm – 9:30pm	JSSD – Vista Facility
Astha Prakari Puja + Bhakti/Bhavna	June 23 rd , 2012	10:00am – 2:30pm	JSSD - Vista Facility
Lecture: History of Palitana and Jainism	June 24 th , 2012	10:00am - Noon	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 