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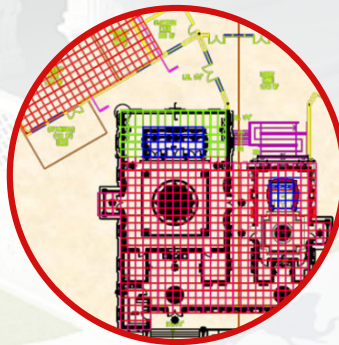
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Jai Jinendra!

On behalf of the Executive Committee, I take this opportunity to thank every member of our society for their continuous support and engagement within the community.

2022 has been a memorable year in JSMW's history. We had an in person Paryushan ceremony after a gap of 2 years, daily lectures and kriyas were done under the guidance of Shri Kamlesh Bhai Jota. He connected with our members and taught us many things that were easy to implement in our day-to-day life. Several events starting with MJK, followed by Takana ceremony in India, 27 Parshwanath Bhaav Yatra with Narendra Bhai Nandu, Swapna ceremony & Anjana Shalaka program in India; our members and well-wishers opened their hearts and donated/pledged generously to make the path for our dreams to reality. We received the highest donations in JSMW's history in 2022. I am sure we will continue the upward trend and keep the same momentum going into 2023.

Because of the delay in getting carved marble from India, construction of our temple will not be completed early enough to get occupancy permit this year. Hence, Pratishtha will have to be postponed to 2024. Muhurat for performing Pratishtha in 2024 will not be available until late November 2023 (after Diwali).

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We will celebrate Mahavir Janma Kalyanak (MJK) on Saturday, March 25, 2023, at Eleanor Roosevelt High School. The MJK committee is hard at work with its preparations. Several Pathshala students will participate in this event along with several adults. This will be an excellent program to attend and join our new generation in celebrating Bhagwan Mahavir's Janma Kalyanak by showcasing their talents. We will also be sharing updates on our Temple progress & Pratishtha.

Our community performs several activities at our Jain Center. We are now having monthly Snatra Pooja, Abhishek, Dev Shashtra Guru Pooja, Jinvani, Pathshala, etc. Please check the calendar of events on our website. The Jain Center belongs to all its members and ownership comes with certain responsibilities. Volunteering and making financial contributions to our temple should be an integral part of us. I encourage everyone to actively participate, volunteer, and donate generously to our community efforts.

We look forward to your engagement and feedback. Please feel free to reach out to me at President@jainsocietydc.org.

Vishal Mehta, President, Executive Committee

TRUSTEE'S MESSAGE

2022 was a landmark year in the history of JSMW. We had excellent Anjan Shalaka and Takana ceremony programs in India under the guidance of P. P. Acharya Shree Padmasagar Surishwarji Maharaj Saheb, and we are now closer to our dream of performing a grand Pratishtha at our new temple. We thank our India team for arranging such great programs. All our Bhagwan Pratimaji are incredibly beautiful; special thanks to the Murtikars for their great work.

We would like to thank each one of you for your donations/pledges last year. It has reduced the financial gap to complete Phase 1 of our project. Construction has made great progress, but we still need funds to complete the project and perform a grand Pratishtha program. If you have taken a labh but have not paid yet, we would like to make a special request to you to please send in your donation and pay it now. Similarly, we request all those who have made a pledge for donation or interest free loan to send their donation right now to fulfil their pledges. We need funds right now to complete the project! Your donation will be accumulated in the flexible "General Fund" and can be used for taking any Gheeboli or Nakro Labh in the future.

We had large donations/pledges made in 2022. Let us keep the momentum going so that we can complete not just Phase 1 but also the remaining phases of our project. Looking forward to a great 2023!!!

Manoj Dharamsi, Chairman, Board of Trustees

NEW TEMPLE & JAIN CENTER PROJECT UPDATE (AS OF 2/3/2023)

Construction of our New Jain Center in next nine months will be very critical. In addition to DD&B building construction work, Marble and FRP installation will be in full swing. Marble carving, Wooden Doors, Paat, and shipping of marble/FRP from India is going on in full swing with progressive updates each week. Each day passing, we are coming closer to Pratishtha Mahotsav.

Thank you to the entire Temple Committee and various sub-committees for their hard work and dedication. Let us all continue to work together to make our dreams turn into reality. Detailed report is as follows:

Construction and Sitework:

- Under DD & B, the Drywall work for wall and ceiling is ongoing. Paint on walls and ceiling will follow once the drywall work is complete.
- The remaining electrical and mechanical work is in progress and is scheduled to be completed in the next 3 to 4 months.
- Material for floor finishing (LVT, tiles etc.) will be ordered by JSMW and installed under a separate contract.
- The A/V committee is working with an A/V contractor to take care of the remaining A/V work.
- Six FRP domes were installed and some of the FRP Chhajjas are also installed. Two FRP domes will be installed in the next two weeks. Remaining FRP material is ready (in India) and will be shipped soon.

- FRP Manufacturer visited our new temple site. He inspected all FRP work and provided valuable guidance regarding quality control work.
- Finishing: Team has worked on finalizing various finishes and will continue to review the in-lay designs.
- Shipping: 9 Containers for marble work have been received and all materials are installed on walls and Shikhars.
- Container #10 arrived on Feb 9th and Container 11th is expected to arrive March 17th at Baltimore port.
- Sitework: Once the building work is complete, remaining site work and additional road work (design to complete circular road) will take place.
- Time duration for original sitework contract is expired, so there will be cost increase to complete the remaining sitework.

Finance:

Reviewed and approved 50+ invoices from various contractors totaling \$2,500,000. Keeping log of account payable for each contractor. The current financial picture is summarized below as of December 31, 2022, for awarded contracts.

Contractor	Activities	Original Contract value	Change Order	Total Contract Value	Payment made	Balance
Mid Atlantic Site Contracting	Site Work	\$1,620,000.00	\$43,581.30	\$1,663,581.30	\$1,409,976.00	\$253,605.30
Birkhead Electric	Site Electrical Work	\$149,850.00		\$149,850.00	\$125,854.45	\$23,995.55
DD&B General Contractor	Building Work – CLIN 1	\$900,000.00	\$39,375.00	\$939,375.00	\$939,375.00	\$0.00
DD&B General Contractor	Building Work – CLIN 2	\$3,650,000.00	\$334,883.34	\$3,984,883.34	\$3,235,620.17	\$749,263.17
Nbj Architect	Design services	\$390,000.00	\$49,075.00	\$439,075.00	\$417,536.00	\$21,539.00
Hillis-Carnes Engineering	Third Party Inspection	\$30,000.00	10000	\$40,000.00	\$32,943.00	\$7,057.00
CV Inc	Civil Engg	\$84,000.00	\$66,000.00	\$150,000.00	\$131,407.00	\$18,593.00
Apex Marble	Marble from India	\$931,580.67		\$931,580.67	\$229,756.18	\$701,824.49
Devgeet Art and Craft (CLIN 2)	FRP dome from India	\$214,032.00	\$19,076.00	\$233,108.00	\$162,113.00	\$70,995.00
P.K International	Door and Pratima	\$200,000.00		\$200,000.00	\$117,144.00	\$82,856.00
CH Robinson/GlobeLink	Shipping	\$250,000.00		\$250,000.00	\$106,805.00	\$143,195.00
FTM Enterprise	Marble and FRP Installation	\$650,000.00	\$135,000.00	\$785,000.00	\$126,650.00	\$658,350.00
Clear Connection Inc (CLIN 2)	Low Voltage and Security	\$130,135.00		\$130,135.00	\$20,000.00	\$110,135.00
	Total	\$9,199,597.67	\$696,990.64	\$9,896,588.31	\$7,055,179.80	\$2,841,408.51

Policy Sub-Committee:

The Policy Sub-Committee has prepared Initial Draft Policy Documents for (a) Facility Usage and Renting Policy, (b) Performing Pooja and other Rituals, (c) Food Policy, (d) Visiting Scholars and (e) Education Policy. Received feedback on their Initial Draft Education Policy from Education Directors & some teachers, revised the draft based on their feedback, sent the revised version to them, and are awaiting their feedback.

Process Sub-Committee:

The Process Sub-Committee has completed 3 drafts (Communication, Facility Utilization and Passing of a Member), for formal submission to the Temple Committee, and is pending the Committee's approval for formal submission to the EC and BOT. Documentation is arduous work, and most volunteers have other commitments with JSMW. The group has stopped its efforts and has recommended reallocating the function elsewhere.

AV Sub Committee:

The A/V technology subcommittee had several meetings with Clear Connection and DD&B to finalize the low voltage requirements/changes and schedules. Cable Run is completed for Phase 1. Laid CAT6 cables for Data Network and Audio/Video. Laid Access Control and Alarm Control System cables.

If you are ever in the area, please swing by the construction site and visualize our grand New Temple and Jain Center installed there in just a few years.

Arvind Shah (Chair, Temple Committee)

PRATISHTHA UPDATE

We are very close to achieving our dream of building a world-class Shikharbandi Derasar & associated building complex (Jain Center) in the suburb of Nation's Capital.

Many of us are tirelessly working countless hours every week to complete Phase 1 which includes the Derasars, Upashray, Sthanak, Library, Office, two classrooms, and other required facilities.

There is delay in the delivery of carved Marble, which in turn impacts getting of the occupancy permit and pending Mahurat from Maharaj Saheb, Pratishtha dates in 2024 is TBD. We still have a lot of preliminary/preparatory work to complete for a successful and auspicious Grand Pratishtha Mahotsav.

In 2022, Pratishtha Core Team was established that has started working in earnest and meets every other Wednesday. The Pratishtha Core Team has planned over 27 Teams (a complete list can be viewed at www.jsmw.org/pratishtha) and is now seeking many subject matter expert volunteers and other volunteers to work towards our common goal of successfully completing the Grand Pratishtha Mahotsav. The commitment for most of the volunteers will be until completion of the Grand Pratishtha Mahotsav and for some it may be a few more months thereafter.

Below teams have started work and other teams will be initiated soon.

Shwetambar Ritual, Digambar Ritual, Sthanakvasi Ritual, Technology, Volunteer, Publication, Finance, India Coordination, Souvenir, Day Time Activity, Medical/First Aid, Site/Contractor/County Permits, Bhagwan/Dev/Devi Transportation.

Our dream will soon become a reality! For updated information, please bookmark this page www.jsmw.org/pratishtha

Sign Up form along with the Area of Interest at: <https://forms.gle/LvEYSc6BNm6Lr1xa8>

Harshid Shah (Lead, Pratishtha Team)

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

Our Sangh and the International supporters continue to demonstrate strong support for building our dream Shikharbandi Temple. The past 12 months have been quite active for the new temple fundraising team, starting with MJK event followed by Bharaai & Takana Vidhi (Ahmedabad), Paryushan parva, followed by Anjan Shalaka event again in Ahmedabad. Each event was financially rewarding and met or exceeded our expectations for pledges and collection. Our team including members in India worked very hard to make each event a grand success and put JSMW on a Global platform for others to emulate.

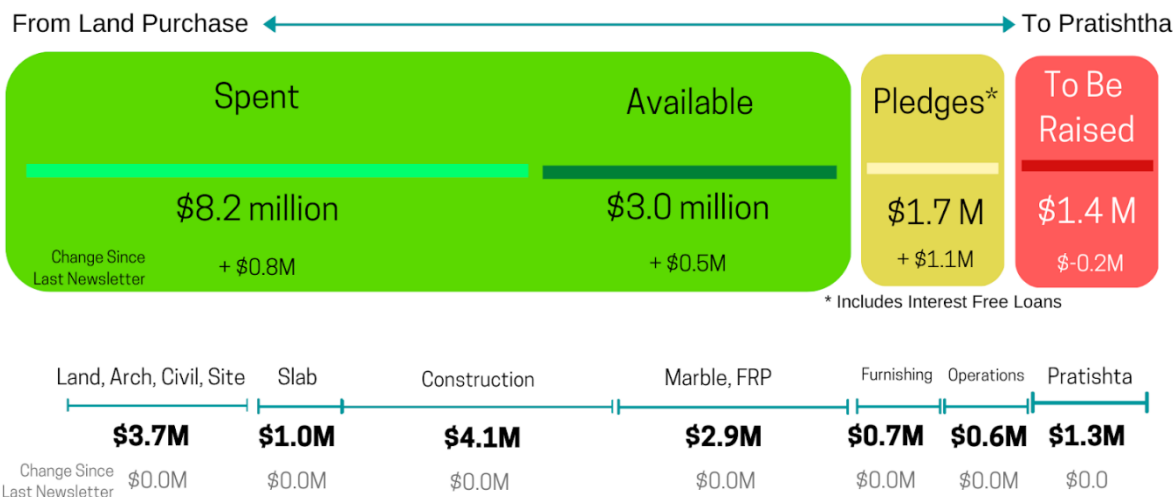
The Shankheshwar Parshwanath Temple, Adinath Temple, and Sthanak teams have been researching and meeting frequently to plan detailed logistics, rituals, murtis/patts, and all the related processes for events in India and the USA.

In recent days, Sushil Jain visited Jaipur to meet with Adinath temple murti and parikar consultants and designers to finalize options. Thereafter visited Makrana to speak with our Marble fabricator to enhance communications and identified challenges with proposed solutions, and Indore to meet with possible host Sangh members for the upcoming Adinath Bhagwan Panch Kalyanak to be held in late April/early May under the guidance of 108 Munishri Aditya Sagarji Maharaj. Sushil Jain, his wife Asha Jain, and Kushal bhai Bhansali's family went on a 2-day trip to Sanchoe and Virayatan school and temple opening as well as Hadecha temple project. Virayatan temple collected over 6 crores, Sanchoe temple collected over 123 crores in 4 days with only 400 families and nearly 200 crores in Hadecha. Many of our trustees and supporters were there. He spoke to everyone and invited them to our Pratishtha ceremony. More recently on February 13th, Sushil Jain went to meet with Pujya Padmasagar Surishwarji MS in Daman for a day trip to request help with dev dravya funds as well as requested muhurat for our Pratishtha in Washington. On 14 Feb in AM Sushil Jain plans to meet with Naya Padmasagar Surishwarji MS in Mumbai.

As you can imagine, it takes many hours to do the planning, execution, and follow-up on these events. For those who have stepped up, and the list is long, Khub Khub Anumodana for your support. Our next step is to collect pledges as soon as possible to ensure our quest of our dream is not challenged for financial reasons.

NEW TEMPLE PROJECT

Financial Overview (as of 12/15/2022)



For questions, reach out to Sushil Jain, co-chair Fundraising team or any of the fundraising team members at fundraising@jainsocietydc.org

PATHSHALA UPDATE

Pathshala classes are in full swing with 170 students gathering at Cloverly Elementary every other Sunday. Classes are for students ranging from 3 years to 15 years covering topics from Jain Tirthankara stories to Jain philosophy and application in today's world. In addition to Pathshala classes, we have Gujarati & Hindi class, Adult Class, and Sutra Class. We also have a handful of our youth who are already preparing for the upcoming JAINA Jain Academic Bowl competition. Pathshala is a volunteer run organization with several teams making this a true community event. In addition to 40 teachers and 12 student aids, there are many folks who work on special Pathshala projects to include lunch coordination, registration, distributing materials, essay competition, and various teams to run special events. This year, we have a new speaker series to engage parents on various wellness topics to include financial management, health, and more. Speakers present materials to parents while students are in class. Lunch is provided to all JSMW members, parents, grandparents, students, are all welcome. For questions about JSMW's Pathshala program, please reach out to our Director of Education, Monica Shah at Education@JainSocietyDC.org

- 09:15-10:15 - Gujarati / Hindi Language Class
- 10:15-10:30 - Morning Assembly with all parents and students
- 10:30-12:00 - Pathshala Class
- 12:00 - Lunch

Pathshala 2022-2023 Schedule

- Mar 5, 19, MJK on 3/25
- Apr 16, 30
- May 14, 21* (Finals)
- Jun 4 (EOY celebration)

RECENT EVENTS

Anjan Shalaka Events in India

Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington, Jain Society of Toronto along with Mahotsav Samiti, India celebrated the [Anjan Shalaka Mahotsav](#) at Mahavir Jain Aradhana Kendra, Koba Tirth, Ahmedabad in November 2022.

Several members from our sangh traveled for this event and participated in the enactment of the five kalyanaks and related performances. A temple has been created in Koba for our pratimajis and dev-devis.



The entire event was [recorded](#) as well as available to attend virtually for sangh members.

Program Details

Nov 22, 2022: Kumbh Sthapana/Prabhu Pravesh

Nov 25, 2022: Mahamahotsav Prarambh

Nov 26-28, 2022: Chyavan Kalyanak, Janma Kalyanak, Lagna Mahotsav

Nov 29, 2022: Diksha Kalyanak, Anjan Shalaka

Nov 30, 2022 - Manglachari Chal Pratishtha

Dec 1, 2022: Dwar Udghatan (Inauguration of the temple)

Please check out all [the pictures](#) from the grand event.

Anjan Shalaka on our following Dev and Devis was performed in Palitana, India by Rashtasant Param Puja Acharya Shree Padmasagar Surishwarji Maharaj Saheb on Monday, January 16, 2023. Indravadan bhai Loladia performed the rituals.

1. Parshwa Yaksh
2. Padmavati Devi
3. Nirvani Devi

4. Chakreshwari Devi
5. Saraswati Devi
6. Ghantakaran Mahavir
7. Manibhadra Veer

JSMW speaker series

The Pathshala Speaker Series is aimed at our Parents, and covers a variety of topics, including Health, Financial, Lifestyle, College, etc. From September to January, we hosted 4 sessions:

October 30, 2022 - Caregiver Stress in Asian American Communities - Phoebe Shih from Asian American Health Initiative (AAHI)

Over 40% of Maryland's Asian Americans live in Montgomery County and 25% of those are of Indian descent. Compared to other minority groups, Asian Americans have the largest proportion of older adults, with 17.2% of Asian Americans being over the age of 65 years. More than 1 in 4 Asian Americans aged 65 years or older have a disability. With the increase in the number of Asian American older adults, the need for caregiver support will also increase. However, taking care of someone while managing jobs, kids, and daily chores is not easy. It can build a lot of stress on the caregiver in the long run.

JSMW Members are encouraged to visit www.AAHInfo.org for additional information. For specific follow-up on Caregiver Stress, please contact Phoebe Shih, Senior Wellness Coordinator of the Asian American Health Initiative, via email Phoebe.Shih@montgomerycountymd.gov or phone (240-773-1109).

November 20, 2022 – Estate and Financial Planning - Mrs. Veena Gandhi (Chicago)

Veena is on a mission to create financial literacy for 30 million families by 2030. Her organization provides free virtual lessons on these topics several times a week and you can be added to her list by emailing veenagandhi1@gmail.com

Key take-aways include:

- Health care premiums per couple after retirement can be as high as \$285,000
- Should you need long term care (something that 70% of people age 65+ need) there could be an additional yearly cost \$83,000, which Medicare won't cover.
- Noting that just a few of the 50+ audience members had wills, she encouraged everyone to update their planning documents (wills, trusts, power of attorney, etc.), in addition to ensuring beneficiaries on all assets (financial, property, etc.) are updated, especially as family situations evolve.
- Encourage families to communicate / discuss intentions to avoid future problems.
- To maintain your lifestyle, factor of 20 should be planned for retirement savings (20 x your yearly income)

December 4th, 2022 – Dental Hygiene - Dr. Sangita Doshi, a pediatric dentist

Dental caries is an infectious and transmissible disease primarily caused by streptococci mutans (a bacterial strain). More than 40% of kids have cavities by the age of 5. Here are some key takeaways to help prevent cavities and promote good oral hygiene.

Key take-aways include:

- Visit the dentist every 3-6 months.
- Use fluoride toothpaste. Lack of fluoride in drinking water (such as well water) or toothpaste can lead to cavities. The fluoride in toothpaste protects to keep the enamel (a protective covering on the teeth) intact.
- Dilute fruit juices by adding water to the juice This will minimize the sugar in the drink, protecting the enamel
- Avoid fruit snacks and/or gummies. Eat fruit or veggies after the snack to minimize the sugar sticking to the teeth. These are considered “brushing foods.”

- For children aged 1 and up, straw cups are preferred. The use of sippy cups and/or feeding bottles should be minimized to protect the enamel.
- American Academy of Pediatric Dentistry (AAPD) recommends parents should help kids until the age of 9 years with brushing and daily flossing to help prevent cavities.

December 4th – All of Us Research Initiative – Information Session

The second session on December 4, 2022, was organized with the All of Us Research Program team. The All of Us (AoU) Research Program, spanning 10 years, is part of an effort to advance individualized health care by enrolling one million or more participants to contribute their health data over many years. The program aims to reflect the diversity of the United States and to include participants from groups that have been underrepresented in health research in the past. Participation is voluntary. Eligible JSMW members are encouraged to participate in this important program. For more information, please visit the [AoU website](#).

January 8, 2023 – Giving and Receiving Feedback - Virtual session by: Mrs. Priti Shah (Michigan)

JSMW hosted Mrs. Priti Shah who lives in Michigan. Priti's interactive and engaging workshop founded on Jain principles of Anekantvad, Kashayas, Ratnatraya, and Panch Anuvratas has been widely popular throughout the Fortune 100 company she's been working in for over 11 years. She shared with us on how often we must give or receive feedback at the workplace or other environments and what if we feel the feedback provided lacks credibility, has faulty information, or their advice will do us more harm than good? Priti highlighted that feedback may not always be tactful or constructive, but with the right tools, we can empower ourselves to receive information and expand on our ability to be inclusive of others' perceptions of ourselves.

February 5, 2023 – Use of All of Us Research Data with Hiral Master and Dr. Irene Das

This event highlighted the All of Us Research Program, the important health research conducted using All of Us data, and how to increase South Asian representation in research. The discussion featured Irene Prabhu Das, PhD, MPH, Director of Regional Enrollment in the Division of Cohort Development in the All of Us Research Program with a background in cancer prevention research and public health, and Hiral Master, PT, PhD, MPH, Senior Scientific Project Manager at Vanderbilt University Medical Center whose research uses All of Us data to study the link between physical activity and chronic disease.

Future Jain Leadership Program (FJLP)

Future Jain Leadership Program (FJLP) is committed to developing Jain leadership by providing Jain youth with entrepreneurial education, leadership opportunities, and mentorship services, helping them create, deliver, and amplify value from new ideas, regardless of their future career path. FJLP is an initiative of the Jain International Trade Organization (JITO USA) which was founded in 2007 in India as a global organization made up of visionary Jain industrialists, businesspersons, and professionals.

FJLP envisions helping Jain youth define their life mission in alignment with JITO's principles, including economic empowerment, knowledge, and service. FJLP started its pilot year in the San Francisco Bay Area, soon expanding to Southern California. FJLP is rapidly growing with 1-2 new chapters every 6 months. FJLP also launched chapters in New York/New Jersey and Chicago in early 2021 and launched in DC in late 2021.

Go to <https://www.jitousa.org/memberships/applications/jito-pledge-FJLP/> or scan this QR code.





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MEET ALL OF US

All of us have a unique genetic code. Inside that code holds the answers to what makes you YOU. By studying our unique genetic codes with the genetic codes of others, researchers can look for patterns to better understand what affects people's health. What makes us all unique, makes us invaluable to medical research.

We understand that health research has left many communities out in the past. *All of Us* is committed to including everyone so that all communities can one day benefit from our research learnings.



WHY SHOULD I JOIN?

1 Today's research may lead to tomorrow's discoveries. Be Included.

In the past, medical research has left many people behind. The *All of Us* Research Program wants to change that by including everyone. Only when all communities are part of medical research can all of us benefit from future medical advances.

2 You have the power to help researchers find answers to tough health questions.

As researchers study our health data, they start to see patterns. These patterns can help us understand how different people react to different prevention and treatment plans. We hope that, in the future, our findings will help health care providers deliver treatments that are tailored to our differences.

3 Get health information that matters to you, including DNA results, at no cost.

When you join, you can get information about yourself, like your weight and blood pressure. In the future, you can choose to receive your genetic results along with guidance on what it means. Your results may tell you about your risk for certain diseases or how your body responds to certain medications. Information about your DNA may help you and your health care providers make health decisions that are better informed and as unique as you are.

HOW WE'RE DIFFERENT

- There's no cost to you. Ever.
- We will return unique, personal health information to you.
- Together, we can more quickly learn about diseases that may affect your community.
- We will share what researchers learn from *All of Us* data with you.
- We are part of the National Institutes of Health, the largest biomedical research agency in the world.
- Our diversity is our strength. We are building the largest and most diverse health research program of its kind.

Join now at JoinAllofUs.org/togetherDMV and help power medical research.

ANSWERS ARE IN ALL OF US



KEY UPCOMING EVENTS

**Mahavir Janma Kalyanak – Saturday, March 25, 2023 @ Eleanor Roosevelt High School**

Venue: Eleanor Roosevelt High School, 7601 Hanover Pkwy, Greenbelt, MD 20770, USA starting at 1 pm

On March 25, 2023, JSMW will be celebrating Bhagwan Mahavir Swami's Janma Kalyanak, a very auspicious day for all Jains. Our celebration will feature stage performances. JSMW invites all Sangh members to be part of this festive occasion.

RSVP details coming soon. For any questions or for more information, please reach out to the MJK team at mjk@jainsocietydc.org.

DC Kitchen – Saturday, May 13, 2023

Want to practice Ahimsa and Jivadaya? Here is a golden opportunity to do so actively.

For many years, more than 45 volunteers have joined us for this community service project. Once again, JSMW is planning to prepare a vegetarian meal for approximately 4,500 needy people in DC-Metro area. This means 4,500 individuals will be eating JAIN meals on this day (and not eating meat), saving the lives of countless animals (giving them Abhay Daan). This is an excellent opportunity to do a community service project, publicize Jainism to the mainstream, and volunteer services directly to the needy in our own community.

**Health Fair – Blood Draw – Sunday, May 14, 2023 – Health Fair – Sunday, May 21, 2023**

JSMW is hosting a free blood draw and health fair. Pre-registration is highly recommended.

Stay tuned for the more details.



Invitation to Participate in Cultural Show at JAINA Convention 2023

During the JAINA Convention, as part of the Cultural Night, JAINA is bringing a musical drama on the story of Neminath & Rajul. They have asked a few talented Sangh's to participate with dance segments. JSMW has been assigned a Rajasthani song and will be provided a drama segment. We are inviting JSMW female members who are registered for the JAINA convention 2023 to participate in this dance. Our member, Savita Jain, will help choreograph the dance. Regular practices will begin after the spring break in April, likely at our temple.

If you are interested in joining, please contact Savita Jain at savita.jain@jaina.org or 240-784-0140 by Feb 28th, 2023.

JSMW Spring Camp

JSMW is hosting a Spring camp from May 27- May 29 at Pecometh, Centreville, Maryland. It will be a fun filled event over 2 nights and 3 days, with delicious Jain food, team building games, and engaging sessions This camp is completely free from technology and phones.

Recurring Events

Following are the details of the ongoing programs at the Jain Center:

Every Saturday at 10.30 am	Kesar Pooja Contact: Pallavi Shah at 240-281-2984
2 nd Sunday at 10:30 am	Snatra Pooja followed by lunch. Contact: Vaishali Chheda at vaishali.chheda@gmail.com
4 th Sunday at 10 am	Dev Shashtra Guru Pooja followed by lunch. Contact: Samir Tatiya at samir.tatiya@gmail.com
2 nd Saturday at 10.30 am	Jinvani – Samayik starts sharp at 10.30 am followed by lunch. Contact: Yash Mehta at mehtaya@gmail.com or Sonal Ajmera at sonalajmera93@gmail.com or Savita Jain at savita@savitajain.com

JAIN YOUTH OF THE CAPITAL (JYOC) CORNER

These past couple of months, the JYOC 2022-2023 board has been hard at work planning monthly events for youth to enjoy. The goal was to focus on social, service, and religious topics to engage youth and Pathshala members.

Back in October, JYOC members met up to participate in the Adopt a Road Event, where group members work together to clean the roads along the new temple! We also had so many amazing parent chaperones help out to make it a successful event. These service events happen three times a year, so there are many opportunities for members to join and help out.





During Diwali, the board planned a Diwali Event for all Pathshala kids B2 and older. Everyone had fun painting, crafting, dancing, and eating yummy sweets at the end! It was a great opportunity for everyone to meet each other and learn about Diwali in a fun way. So happy with all the participation in this event and hopefully everyone enjoyed it!

In celebration of Thanksgiving, JYOC hosted a potluck dinner in November for members. While integrating the modern concepts of Thanksgiving- gratefulness, discussion, and food- we also performed Jaap for all of the violence that occurs on that day.

Lastly, in the spirit of the holiday season, JYOC partnered with Planet Aid- an organization dedicated to recycling and distributing older clothes to people who are less fortunate- to conduct a Pathshala-wide clothing drive! So many students and adults participated (there were quite a lot of bags!), which is sure to have a great impact on the community. **600 pounds** of clothes were collected from JSMW as a whole! Hopefully everyone had fun donating and giving back to the community in such a simple way and are looking forward to more donation drives in the future!

To start off the 2023 year, in January, JYOC hosted a Winter Party! We had so much fun participating in a scavenger hunt, cupcake wars (the designs were quite creative!), White Elephant, and Just Dance! It was all complete with a sleepover at the temple and Pathshala the next day.

On February 25th, JYOC is bringing back the Sky zone event so many of you enjoyed in the previous years. The event will be in Sterling, Virginia and will be followed by lunch. For payment details please look for the JYOC Events email coming soon.

Can't wait to see everyone at upcoming events! Feel free to reach out to any one of the board members to answer your questions. More information about JYOC and events can be found on the website: <https://jainyouthofthecapital.weebly.com>

TREASURER'S REPORT

Below is a list of all donations above \$50 received between **July 1, 2022, and Dec 31, 2022**. We have the largest donation received in 2022 in JSMW history. The total donation amount for 2022 is \$2,055,160. JSMW sincerely appreciates your generous donations. If we have missed anyone's name, or if you find an error, please let us know by sending an email to Treasurer@jainsocietydc.org. The donation recognitions below are split between the donations toward the current temple and the new temple.

CURRENT TEMPLE DONATIONS

TOTAL DONATIONS \$5,000 AND ABOVE			
Donors	Donation	Donors	Donation
Akshay & Shaila Shah	\$ 11,111.00	Kamlesh & Gita Shah	\$ 5,293.00

TOTAL DONATION \$1,000 AND ABOVE			
Donors	Donation	Donors	Donation
Nilay & Namita Shah	\$ 3,455.00	Sandeep & Jhalak Mehta	\$ 1,450.00
Pavan & Meenal Zaveri	\$ 2,962.00	Parakh Jain	\$ 1,301.00
Devang & Rani Ajmera	\$ 2,786.00	Pragneshkumar & Sonal Shah	\$ 1,153.00

Rahul & Naini Jain	\$ 2,455.00	Nitin & Meeta Sogani	\$ 1,152.00
Palak & Janki Shah	\$ 2,294.00	Ruby Mehta	\$ 1,109.00
Deep & Hiral Desai	\$ 2,285.00	Pinak & Dharmishta Shah	\$ 1,102.00
Navin & Nirmala Vora	\$ 2,231.00	Krunal & Darsha Desai	\$ 1,101.00
Nilesh & Manna Shah	\$ 2,105.00	Deepak & Anita Padliya	\$ 1,100.00
Jatin & Toral Shah	\$ 2,069.00	Mahaveer & Anitha Prabhu	\$ 1,068.00
Jain Temple of New York Corp	\$ 2,001.00	Bhavesht & Ketki Maisheri	\$ 1,046.00
Ashok & Pallavi Shah	\$ 1,845.00	Dimple Nemchand Chheda	\$ 1,030.00
Jiten Hemant Sanghvi	\$ 1,700.00	Vishal & Mily Mehta	\$ 1,003.00
Tushar & Nishma Shah	\$ 1,676.00	Jay & Rakhi Jariwala	\$985.00
Jatin & Parul Jain	\$ 1,556.00	Pradhuman & Dhanlaxmi Zaveri	\$ 1,001.00

TOTAL DONATION \$50 – \$999			
Kantilal & Meeta Gangar	\$976.00	Vishal & Shimoli Parekh	\$276.00
Hiranya & Anupa Maru	\$952.00	Dilip & Kusum Dharamshi	\$252.00
Priyank Suresh & Himadri Mukesh Doshi	\$951.00	Harshil Jain	\$252.00
Pinkesh & Minal Shah	\$936.00	Jasvant & Urmila Doshi	\$252.00
Harilal & Jhaver Gangar	\$906.00	Maheshchandra & Suvarna Shah	\$251.00
Sahil & Ripal Shah	\$899.00	Payesh & Niyati Jhaveri	\$251.00
Anjana Joglekar	\$854.00	Amit & Jill Vora	\$225.00
Vikas & Ritu Godha	\$853.00	Yash & Nirali Shah	\$223.00
Dhairya & Stuti Shah	\$852.00	Kamlesh & Chandrika Shah	\$203.00
Kailash & Anita Gangar	\$801.00	Sharad & Sonal Doshi	\$202.00
Sheel & Tejal Lodaya	\$801.00	Shashikant & Manju Bhandari	\$202.00
Pankajkumar & Saritha Golecha	\$764.00	Kapil & Richa Shah	\$201.00
Prasanth & Nirmala Jain	\$752.00	Amol & Cari Shah	\$200.00
Lt. Manu & Niru Shah	\$751.00	Anand & Sushama Jain	\$200.00
Jatin & Ami Shah	\$702.00	Bhupesh & Yash Mehta	\$200.00
Gautam & Dhruti Shah	\$667.00	Bhushan & Abha Parekh	\$200.00
Paresh & Shilpa Shah	\$667.00	Bijal & Jigisha Shah	\$200.00
Sanjay & Indu Jain	\$655.00	Chirag & Sejal Shah	\$200.00
Ravindra & Manju Kasliwal	\$653.00	Puneet & Mamata Jain	\$200.00
Ajay & Payal Mallesha	\$626.00	Sandeep & Annupama Gangar	\$200.00
Bhavesht & Chhaya Shah	\$611.00	Kunal & Poonam Shah	\$184.00
Parag & Nirali Mehta	\$600.00	Gunvanti & Pinkesh & Vaishali Gala	\$179.00
Deepak & Mamata Mukkara	\$552.00	Kirit & Bharti Khajuria	\$162.00
Akshat Shah and Shetal Sutaria	\$551.00	Saurabh & Neha Shah	\$162.00
Chirag & Shachi Kapadia	\$551.00	Bhavin & Bhavna Savla	\$152.00
Kanu & Jyoti Doshi	\$537.00	Hemen & Bela Gandhi	\$152.00
Vijay & Khushali Chheda	\$530.00	Rahul & Savita Jain	\$152.00
Sailesh & Mona Shah	\$519.00	Darshan Shah	\$151.00
Paresh & Kavita Modi	\$518.00	Harendra & Dipti Shah	\$151.00
Harsukh & Rekha Kamani	\$505.00	Hasmukh & Varsha Mehta	\$151.00
Vinod & Seema Singhai	\$502.00	Kinjal & Sneha Sheth	\$151.00
Falgun & Rupal Shah	\$501.00	Manoj & Shilpa Shah	\$151.00

Harshad Lakhani Charitable Trust	\$501.00	Minaxi N Shah	\$151.00
Jain Society of Greater Cleveland	\$501.00	Minoli Shah	\$151.00
Keerti & Hema Dharamsi	\$501.00	Mital Doshi	\$151.00
Pawan & Nisha Jain	\$501.00	Nilay Fursule	\$151.00
Pragnesh & Neeta Shah	\$501.00	Prashant & Meghana Shah	\$151.00
Ujjval & Deepal Shah	\$501.00	Pratik & Mital Sheth	\$151.00
Nilesh & Megha Doshi	\$500.00	Priyal Gala	\$151.00
Rut & Purvi Dholakia	\$476.00	Sahil Raju Desai	\$151.00
Ramesh & Priti Mehta	\$466.00	Takshak & Bhoomi Shah	\$151.00
Mahesh & Ramila Shah	\$454.00	Varun Bhagat & Siddhi Daftary	\$151.00
Viral Shah	\$453.00	Adarsh Gandhi & Gunjan Gugale	\$150.00
Parimal & Shefali Dalal	\$427.00	Arvind & Sanyukta Shah	\$150.00
Pankit & Dipesha Shah	\$426.00	Tejas & Sangita Doshi	\$150.00
Priyank Chaudhary & Nidhi Jain	\$416.00	Dwip Gandhi	\$141.00
Ajay & Chandna Jain	\$402.00	Dipak & Nila Shah	\$125.00
Ajay & Reshma Palvia	\$400.00	Janak & Keyuri Rajani	\$125.00
Allap & Sheetal Shah	\$400.00	Nilang & Neel Shah	\$125.00
Arun & Nitika Jain	\$400.00	Mehul & Ami Doshi	\$103.00
Pratik & Krupa Shah	\$400.00	Arpen Jhaveri & Swati Arora	\$101.00
Savindra & Sonali Jain	\$400.00	Bachubhai & Hansa Ajmera	\$101.00
Sonal & Shawn Adams	\$400.00	Chetan & Sonal Ajmera	\$101.00
Tapan & Sonal Shah	\$400.00	Dimple & Rupal Doshi	\$101.00
Utsav Lathia	\$400.00	Dinesh & Bhavana Mehta	\$101.00
Sanjay & Sangeeta Shah	\$385.00	Hitesh & Falguni Doshi	\$101.00
Jatin & Alpa Nagda	\$379.00	Jadhavji & Meena Gangar	\$101.00
Rishi & Shilpa Dharamsey	\$379.00	Jignesh & Jaimini Shah	\$101.00
Viral & Payal Gala	\$379.00	Jyotindra & Jyotsna Mehta	\$101.00
Alpa Shah	\$376.00	Kailash & Rekha Mehta	\$101.00
Jainey Bavishi & Jerome Hughes	\$376.00	Keyur & Roochi Dharamshi	\$101.00
Sameer & Rubina Jain	\$376.00	Lakin & Sonali Haria	\$101.00
Ashish & Shilpa Jain	\$365.00	Manish & Nirmala Vora	\$101.00
Jigar & Nancy Shah	\$365.00	Manohar & Kalpana Hegde	\$101.00
Sachin & Ruchita Shah	\$365.00	Mitesh & Minal Trambadia	\$101.00
Shilpa Udani	\$365.00	Muskaan Kasliwal	\$101.00
Sheetal & Poonam Jain	\$362.00	Naresh & Indira Shah	\$101.00
Raju & Monica Shah	\$362.00	Ojas D Shah	\$101.00
Vedarya Inc.	\$362.00	Rita S. Jain	\$101.00
Maulin & Nima Shah	\$351.00	Rohit & Rajni Jain	\$101.00
Tapan & Disha Shah	\$351.00	Manchand & Nirmala Maloo	\$100.00
Viren Patel & Dhyani Shah	\$351.00	Niti Jain	\$100.00
Ashish & Kinnari Mehta	\$350.00	Veeral & Ria Shah	\$100.00
Gautam A. & Dipa Rattehalli	\$325.00	Sapan & Anvi Mehta	\$82.00
Hetal & Palak Shah	\$325.00	Vikram & Mamta Shah	\$81.00
Hitesh & Ripal Shah	\$314.00	Rasik & Kalpana Parekh	\$76.00
Ankitha Jain Kala	\$303.00	Mrudang & Mausami Kothari	\$75.00

Mahendra & Nea Maloo	\$303.00	Jinal & Saloni Shah	\$61.00
Priyas & Ria Shah	\$303.00	Arvind & Nayana Mehta	\$51.00
Taraben & Shefali Dhila	\$303.00	Jayesh & Parul Mehta	\$51.00
Kunal & Khushali Shah	\$302.00	Kirit & Jyoti Parikh	\$51.00
Virendra & Sadhana Shavdia	\$302.00	Kunj & Ushma Doshi	\$51.00
Darpan Manojkumar Shah	\$301.00	Mukesh & Alka Shah	\$51.00
Ketul M Shah	\$301.00	Natwarlal & Pushpa Shah	\$51.00
Amit & Harshada Patani	\$300.00	Nikunj & Jessica Karani	\$51.00
Anup & Tanvi Shah	\$300.00	Vasant & Kokila Shah	\$51.00
Mahendra & Jyoti Shah	\$300.00		

NEW TEMPLE DONATIONS

TOTAL DONATIONS \$50,000 AND ABOVE			
Donors	Donation	Donors	Donation
Kamlesh & Gita Shah	\$ 100,000.00	Atul & Aruna Shah	\$ 56,000.00
Devang & Rani Ajmera	\$ 84,548.00	Kanu & Jyoti Doshi	\$ 50,200.00
Pravin & Veena Dand	\$ 66,700.00	Pinak & Dharmishta Shah	\$ 50,000.00

TOTAL DONATIONS \$10,000 AND ABOVE			
Donors	Donation	Donors	Donation
Lt. Manu & Niru Shah	\$38,737.00	Jay & Rakhi Jariwala	\$13,804.00
Kishor & Mayurika Doshi	\$36,386.00	Narendra & Sangita Shah	\$10,906.96
Sushil & Asha Jain	\$29,200.00	Pavan & Meenal Zaveri	\$10,201.00
Arvind & Sanyukta Shah	\$26,493.50	Saurabh Dalal	\$10,002.00
Dilip & Aruna Arwindekar	\$25,450.00	Vasant & Ela Shah	\$10,002.00
Deepak & Sunila Merchant	\$25,000.00	Tapan & Sonal Shah	\$10,001.00
Dilip & Dr. Leena Parikh	\$25,000.00	Arvind & Nayana Mehta	\$10,000.00
Mahendra & Asharani Pandya	\$25,000.00	Autumn & Nidhi Dhanote	\$10,000.00
Sandeep & Jhalak Mehta	\$25,000.00	Divyesh & Jaya Shah	\$10,000.00
Pragneshkumar & Sonal Shah	\$23,318.00	Jatin & Ami Shah	\$10,000.00
Hetal & Palak Shah	\$20,008.00	Kaushal & Hemali Shah	\$10,000.00
Manoj & Kanta Dharamsi	\$19,100.00	Nimesh & Vaishali Chheda	\$10,000.00
Pradhuman & Dhanlaxmi Zaveri	\$15,000.00	Saurabh & Neha Shah	\$10,000.00
Satish & Mayuri Shah	\$15,000.00		

TOTAL DONATIONS \$5,000 TO \$9,999			
Vinod & Seema Singhai	\$8,800.00	Mukesh & Nimmi Turakhia	\$5,001.00
Pinkesh & Minal Shah	\$7,766.00	Piyush & Shreya Shah	\$5,001.00
Navin & Nirmala Vora	\$7,501.00	Prakash & Nalini Shah	\$5,001.00
Pawan & Nisha Jain	\$7,501.00	Rajan & Dhara Shah	\$5,001.00
Samir & Megha Tatiya	\$7,334.00	Rajnikant & Jyoti Gandhi	\$5,001.00
Prakash & Kirtida Mehta	\$5,803.00	Shilpa Udani	\$5,001.00
Sanjay & Indu Jain	\$5,502.00	Suresh & Saroj Doshi	\$5,001.00
Harshid & Hemangini Shah	\$5,400.00	Swetal & Darshini Shah	\$5,001.00
Sahil & Ripal Shah	\$5,004.00	Vijay & Khushali Chheda	\$5,001.00
Bhavanji & Hira Lodaya	\$5,001.00	Vinaykant & Jyotsana Shah	\$5,001.00

Arun & Punita Shah	\$5,001.00	Vinit & Jayshree Shah	\$5,001.00
Arvind & Hema Shah	\$5,001.00	Virchand & Laxmi Hefa	\$5,001.00
Dhairya & Stuti Shah	\$5,001.00	Adinath & Aruna Patil	\$5,000.00
Dinesh & Pratibha Shah	\$5,001.00	Akhil & Renuka Jain	\$5,000.00
Ekta K. Jhaveri	\$5,001.00	Anushri Shah	\$5,000.00
Jignesh & Jaimini Shah	\$5,001.00	Jayesh & Rupa Mehta	\$5,000.00
Kamlesh & Arti Shah	\$5,001.00	Jitendra & Sombala Kotadia	\$5,000.00
Kamlesh & Aruna Parekh	\$5,001.00	Krushang Ashish Shah	\$5,000.00
Kantilal & Meeta Gangar	\$5,001.00	Paras Savani	\$5,000.00
Kirti & Bharati Shah	\$5,001.00	Vijay & Minaxi Shah	\$5,000.00
Mehul & Ami Doshi	\$5,001.00	Yash & Nirali Shah	\$5,000.00
Mrugesh & Jasmili Majmudar	\$5,001.00	Yogesh & Ritu Bapna	\$5,000.00

TOTAL DONATIONS \$50 TO \$4,999			
Hemen & Bela Gandhi	\$4,748.00	Mehal Shah	\$1,001.00
Raju & Rupal Desai	\$4,700.00	Navin C. Shah	\$1,001.00
Bhavesh & Chhaya Shah	\$4,350.00	Shailesh & Rashmika Shah	\$1,001.00
Nitin & Meeta Sogani	\$3,246.61	Sanjit & Puja Shah	\$1,000.00
Vikas & Ruchi Jain	\$3,000.00	Rahul & Savita Jain	\$910.00
Nilesh & Manna Shah	\$2,543.00	Sheel & Tejal Lodaya	\$801.00
Mitesh & Palak Sanghvi	\$2,501.00	Mahesh & Premila Shah	\$701.00
Savindra & Sonali Jain	\$2,501.00	Ramesh & Roopa Ajmera	\$500.00
Viren & Apeksha Shah	\$2,500.00	Tushar & Nishma Shah	\$303.00
Bhupesh & Pallavi Babu	\$2,244.00	Pareesh & Kavita Modi	\$301.00
Pulkit & Pratiksha Gangwal	\$2,101.00	Gautam & Dhruvi Shah	\$253.00
Natwarlal & Pushpa Shah	\$2,002.00	Sanjay & Swati Jain	\$202.00
Jatin & Toral Shah	\$2,001.00	Manan & Monali Shah	\$200.00
Nisarg & Jigna Modi	\$2,000.00	Tejas & Sangita Doshi	\$200.00
Vishal & Mily Mehta	\$1,830.00	Vikas & Ritu Godha	\$200.00
Bhupendra & Kokila Mehta	\$1,800.00	Vishal & Shweta Jain	\$200.00
Dimple & Rupal Doshi	\$1,700.00	Allap & Sheetal Shah	\$101.00
Nayan & Jyotsana Shah	\$1,503.00	Bhushan & Abha Parekh	\$101.00
Parimal & Shefali Dalal	\$1,439.00	Hiranya & Anupa Maru	\$101.00
Praful & Chetna Dand	\$1,312.00	Pareesh & Shilpa Shah	\$101.00
Nilesh & Megha Doshi	\$1,300.00	Prakash & Nisha Parekh	\$101.00
Dinesh & Bhavana Mehta	\$1,157.00	Shailesh & Milan Shah	\$101.00
Himanshu & Anusri Jain	\$1,100.00	Jinal Shah	\$100.00
Manchand & Nirmala Maloo	\$1,001.00		

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Pratistha Mahotsav | Volunteer signup

Please sign up here to help with prep work for JSMW new temple Pratistha Mahotsav.

*** Required**

* ☐ Mr. ☐ Mrs. ☐ Ms. First Name * Last Name *

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Your email (Gmail address is preferred to get Google drive access)

Profession * Area of Expertise *

Cell # * Average weekly volunteer hours commitment for Pratistha prep work *

Area of Interest (Select one or more):

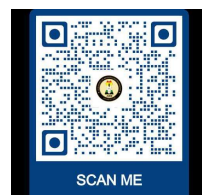
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Public Relations | <input type="checkbox"/> Recognition | <input type="checkbox"/> Registration & HelpDesk |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Swetamber Ritual | <input type="checkbox"/> Technology | <input type="checkbox"/> Vidhikar/Artist |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Volunteer | <input type="checkbox"/> Open to any of the above selection | |

If you have any questions feel free to reach out to volunteers@jainsocietydc.org OR pctlead@jainsocietydc.org.

Please fill out the attached Grand Pratistha Mahotsav Volunteer SignUp form along with the Area of Interest at: <https://forms.gle/LvEYSc6BNm6Lr1xa8> OR mail the completed form to

Attn: Director of Volunteers

Jain Society Of Metropolitan Washington, P.O. Box 4548, Silver Spring, MD 20914





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