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Editor's Corner

Jai Jinendra,

As we draw near to the Mahavir Jayanti Celebration day on April 20th, the program participants and coordinators, and all volunteers are in a fervor to get everything ready to make this a successful event.

As a new Secretary of the JSNC committee, I have a great seat in being able to observe how all the members of our community are coming together in helping every which way they can. It brings a sense of pride that I belong to that same community and feel humbled in your dedication and generous donations of time and money.

I feel that any thanks and gratitude we accord you, is not enough. But, that doesn't mean that we don't. And to that, to all the sponsors, volunteers, and participants, I say "Aapno Abhaar!".

Let's all make this a great event! Come one, come all, to the April 20th, Mahavir Jayanti Celebrations! Read forth for more details ...

Regards,

Bhairav Shah

(Secretary, JSCNC)

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1. Monthly Meeting

The community holds its monthly meetings at the Hindu Temple in Morrisville, NC. We invite everyone to attend the monthly meetings.

For planning purposes, **Please inform our Food Coordinator, Mr. Ajay Shah**, if:

- a) You are not a regular attendee of the monthly meetings, but *are* planning to attend ... OR ...
- b) You are a regular attendee of the monthly meetings, but are *not* planning to attend

Monthly Meeting Format

10:45 a.m.	Prayer/Stavans
11:00 a.m.	Item(s) / Presentation(s) by Pathshala children
11:20 a.m.	Administrative/Committee Activities
11:30 a.m.	Adult Discourse/Discussion & Children Pathshala
12:30 p.m.	Discourse Q&A & Administrative Announcements
12:45 p.m.	Aarti
01:00 p.m.	Lunch

NEXT MONTHLY MEETING

No meeting this month due to Mahavir Jayanti celebrations

2. Announcements

Mahavir Jayanti Celebration

Mahavir Jayanti is one of the largest events sponsored by JSCNC, is open to everyone and demonstrates the unity and generosity of JAIN community. The Executive committee is fully dedicated to the planning, but your support - financial and volunteer - makes this program possible and successful every year. As such, this year has been no exception for community support. On behalf of the Executive Committee 2014, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all the sponsors who donated generously.

This month, and specifically on **April 20th, starting at 2PM**, we continue the tradition to celebrate Mahavir Jayanti at the Hindu Bhavan Cultural Hall. Please see the below table for program details:

2:00 - 2:05pm	Invocation of Mahavir Jayanti Puja by HSNC
2:05 - 3:30pm	Puja program conducted by Jain Youth Ashtaparakari Puja, Swapna Darshan, Shanti Kalash, Arti & Mangal Divo
4:00 - 4:15pm	Invocation of Cultural Program by HSNC President, and Welcome address by JSCNC
4:15 - 6:30pm	Cultural Program presented by Jain Youth
6:30 - 8:00pm	Swamivatsalya/Mahaprasad: Dinner sponsored by Jain members of Hindu Society of North Carolina

Reminders

- Please park only in designated spaces. Observe all fire lane rules.
- Please remove your shoes before entering the main hall.
- Wear clean Puja attire if you are participating in Puja. **If your child is participating in Puja, please be there at 1:45pm sharp. The Puja will start on time whether you are there or not.**
- The children, choreographers and program directors have put in a lot of hard work. Let's do our part by observing silence during the items, and be generous in applauding them.

Mahavir Jayanti Program Rehearsal

JSCNC will be holding a **mandatory dress rehearsal** for all program participants on **April 13th, between 3:00-7:00pm**. We have very limited time to complete two rounds of rehearsals. All volunteers and participants, please arrive on time so everyone gets the opportunity to complete their rehearsals.

Mahavir Jayanti Program Sponsors

As we do every year, we receive overwhelming support from new and continuing sponsors for this event. To that, we would like to recognize the following families for their generous donations towards the program. We greatly appreciate your support and contributions.

Amount	Name	Location
\$3500	Mr. Ramnikbhai & Mrs. Lataben Zota	Morrisville, NC
\$2500	Mr. Nipunbhai & Mrs. Sue Shah	Fayetteville, NC
\$501	Dr. Sunil Prakashchand & Mrs. Sunita Anchaliya	Raleigh, NC
\$500	Mr. Mayurbhai & Mrs. Ritaben Lodaya	Chapel Hill, NC
\$400	Dr. Selene and Mrs. Zankhana Parekh	Cary, NC

\$250	Mr. Pankesh & Mrs. Neha Mehta	Holly Springs, NC
\$200	Anonymous	

Thanks to Choreographers and Program Coordinators

It is no small feat to train youth with the awesome dances and sequences we see each year in our programs. I would like to thank you all for your time, dedication, patience and perseverance in continuing to do the same this year.

Mahavir Jayanti Program Practice

Practices will be held during Pathshala sessions. As such, there will be no Pathshala until after the Mahavir Jayanti Program. Please see the Pathshala Corner for complete information.

2014 YJA Convention

When: July 3 - 6, 2014

Where: [Crystal Gateway Marriott](#), Washington, DC

Young Jains of America would like to invite Jain youth between the ages of 14 and 29 to the 2014 YJA Convention: "Young Jains: Today's Learners, Tomorrow's Leaders." Join us in Washington, D.C. from July 3rd-6th at the [Crystal Gateway Marriott](#). Attendees will hear from a wide range of speakers, participate in engaging social events and forge everlasting connections!

REGISTER TODAY AT CONVENTION.YJA.ORG

Supporting our Youth

As most of us already know, we have a tremendous participation by our very own Jain youths in the YJA. This is quite a feat, and we should take pride in their accomplishments as members and leaders of the YJA. As such, we should support them in any way we can. As stated above, this year, the YJA convention is being held in Washington DC, and they are asking for our help in terms of any contributions we can make towards this event.

To get a sense of the cost of this event, following are some high-level amounts for various items:

- Speaker Travel Costs: \$12,000
- Guest Rooms: \$77,000
- Jain Food: \$162,000

For more details, please download and view their powerpoint presentation from the following link:

<http://jscnc.org/digitalmedia/JSCNC%20Fundraising.ppt>

The Jain Study Center has pledged \$501. If you, or anyone you know, is interested in pledging further, we will be happy to collect the funds and pass them on to YJA. There are two ways you can pledge:

- Bring your pledge amount to the Mahavir Jayanti Program on April 20th. Committee members will be available to collect your check.
- Send your pledge amount to Mr. Pratyush Mehta at the following address:
Mr. Pratyush Mehta
207 Forsyth Drive
Chapel Hill, NC 27517

Please make checks payable to JSCNC. Pledges will be accepted until April 30th.

Please sign-up at the following link to make your pledges:

http://jscnc.org/YJA_Pledge.php

Pathshala Dues

HSNC mandates that Pathshala dues are paid every year. It is very important that we compensate HSNC for the use of the Hindu Center facilities for classes. *To that, we thank everyone who have already paid these dues.* We are still short on the payments. If you have not already done so, please make every effort to send in the payments as soon as possible.

As mentioned in previous emails (Youth Pathshala dues), this year we are asking the dues be paid to JSCNC directly. We will collect and pass them on to HSNC. Note that, if you have direct auto-payments to HSNC already for this purpose, you do not have to pay twice.

To make payments, please bring a check (payable to JSCNC) to the Mahavir Jayanti program on April 20th, next Monthly meeting, or mail to Pratyush Mehta. Full information and instructions can be found at

<http://jscnc.org/Youth Pathshala Dues 2014.php>.

3. Upcoming Activities

A reminder, that the JSCNC 2014 calendar is now online. Please visit <http://www.jscnc.org> and click Events. The calendar has the most up-to-date listing of all confirmed activities for the year. All the tithis (Lunar Days) are also posted on the online calendar. Here is a list of some key dates:

Event	Time	Location	Contact
Weekly Swadhyaya (Mondays)	7.30 pm	Mr. Harshad Shah's House	Mr. Harshad Shah
Weekly Mahavir Puja (Saturdays)	10 am	HSNC Temple	Mrs. Rekha Banker
Mahavir Jayanti Cultural Program	April 20, 2PM	HSNC Cultural Hall	
Paryushan Parva	Aug 23 - Aug 30		
Paryushan Bhavana	Aug 28		

4. Pathshala Corner

Regular Pathshala sessions will resume on May 4th.

5. Supporting our Center

You can support our Center by:

- Becoming a member if you are not already: Please print a form from our website: <http://jscnc.org/docs/MembershipForm.doc>, complete it and mail it by following the instructions
- By making a generous donation for Education Fund, Jiv Daya, Mahavir Jayanti or General donation. Follow this link <http://jscnc.org/HowToMakeADonation.php> to learn how to make a donation.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Bhairav Shah
(Secretary, JSCNC)