



JCYC PATHSHALA PHENOMENA

Virtual Pathshala keeps students engaged

- Pathshala classes have been going virtually as normal, but most of us in the Pathshala program are looking forward to coming back to in-person classes and events.
- Hoping for a “Back to Normal” pathshala year in the fall. A new registration website is in the works as is new teaching material for the Gujarati Language classes.
- JCYC Committee continue community building and community service activities with virtual Holi event as well as toy and book drive for CHOC. Pathshala children provide tech coaching to senior members of the Community.

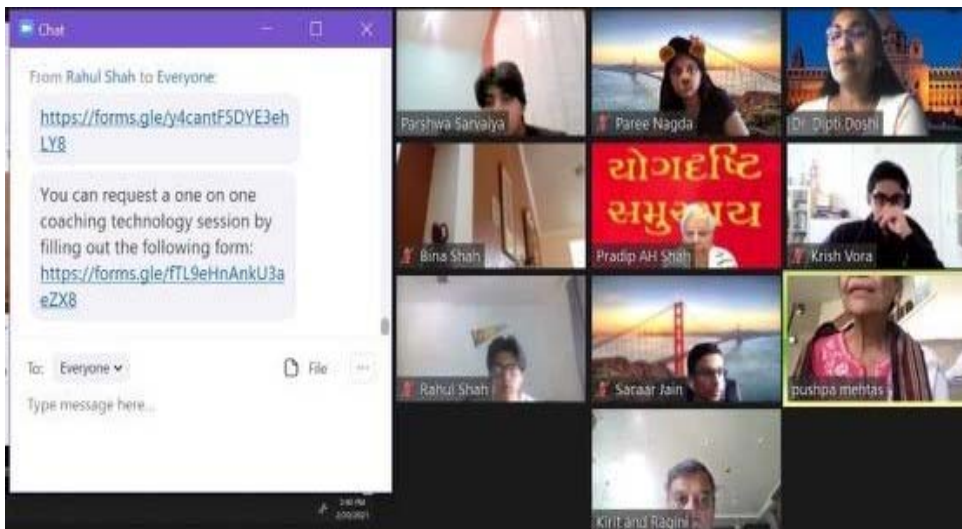


The Indian Culture Class has a new curriculum that immerses our students into the rich heritage and diversity of the country

Upcoming Events:

- Sunday, April 18, 2:30 pm: MJK Cultural Program.
- Saturday, May 1: 11:00 am: All Hands Parents Meeting

Participants have worked hard to overcome hurdles of virtual platform to put wonderful programs that can demonstrate their intellectual, artistic and musical prowess.



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Our pathshala students conducting a group technology session for our Senior members.

Refreshing the Gujarati Language Teaching Material



“Ka”

Sound: Cup, bake, corn

	કાકડી kaakadi cucumber		કેરી keri mango
	કબૂતર kabootar pigeon		કેળા kelda bananas
	કમળ kamald lotus		કાગળ kaagald paper

While we have had Gujarati Classes for many years, one of the challenges has been finding helpful teaching material that can be used in the classes. The books available in India tend to be geared towards students that are in India that speak Gujarati regularly at home and may already have familiarity with the language.

One of the projects that Gujarati Teachers have taken on during the Spring has been to put together a new set of Instruction material and workbooks that are geared to help our pathshala students learn Gujarati as a “foreign language”. Many of our students do not speak Gujarati regularly at home. The material covers vocabulary, sentence structures, concepts of grammar, and a lot of reading and comprehension exercises.

Conversation continues to be an important starting point for first year students, but as they pick up the unique phonetics of Gujarati consonants through learning day to day words, they can build on that with additional instruction in writing and reading. The objective of the Gujarati course is to make students feel comfortable with the language and have fun with the new skill.

The material for the younger students helps to build vocabulary with day to day words and phrases. The first three years provides the foundation for reading and writing words so that students can learn the basics of grammar and sentence structure. Conversational skills continue to be a key factor in each successive class. The teaching material provides more reference for the theories and rules that make up Gujarati grammar. Students can take a more systematic approach to building their capabilities towards reading comprehension and writing.

- To apply vowel sound of “aa”, add a hockey stick after the letter : ઠ

• Vowel:	ક + l = કલ	kaa	કલ કલ
			kaa - kaa
અ	ખ + l = ખલ	khaa	ખલ ખલ ઠ
“car, far”			khaa - kha - aa
	ગ + l = ગલ	gaa	ગલ જ ઠ
			gaa - ja - aa

Subject	nathi	Verb stem + Suffix
હું	નથી	બોલ + તો

Masculine Singular	Suffix	Masculine Plural	Suffix
I, You (masculine)	હું (hu) તું (tu)	We (masculine)	અમે આપણે તી (taa)
He, This, That (masculine)	આ / એ / તે (aa, e, te) e.g. બોલતો	You (masc. plural) You (masc. sing. for)	તમે e.g. બોલતી
		They, Those	તેઓ / આ / એ / તે (teo, aa, e, te)
Feminine Singular and Plural	Suffix	Feminine plural “We” and “You”	Suffix
I, You (feminine)	હું (hu) તું (tu)	We (feminine)	અમે આપણે તી (taa) (naaa)
She, This, That	આ / એ / તે / તેઓ (aa, e, te, teo) e.g. બોલતી	You (fem. plural) You (fem. sing. form)	તમે e.g. બોલતી
Neutral Singular	Suffix	Neutral Plural	Suffix
It/This/That	આ / એ / તે (aa, e, te) e.g. બોલતું	They, Those	તેઓ / આ / એ / તે (teo, aa, e, te) તી (taa) (naaa) e.g. બોલતી

The teaching material is also being designed with the parents’ role in mind. It walks through each concept in theory as well as use in a way that parents can help their children with homework as necessary.

Since the material is customized for our pathshala student, it can evolve over time. Each year the material will be updated prior to being printed and bound for the students.

The material will also include elements that allow children to use their linguistic skills to read basic concepts and prayers that they learn in the religion

Immersing in the richness of the Indian Culture

From music and mathematics, students learn the many facets of our mother country.



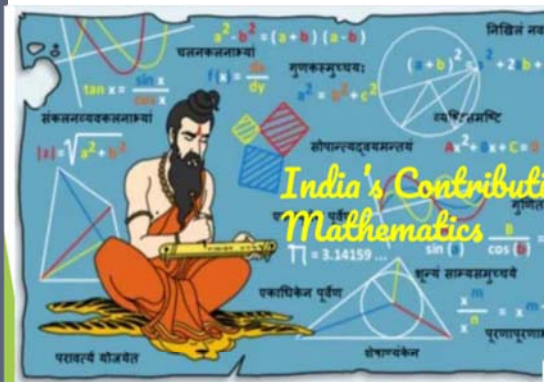
India's
contribution
to the rest of
the world

Class 11 - India's contribution to the world of arts and sciences

New curriculum for Culture Class gives students an appreciation of India in all its history and diversity

Students that complete their language course move on to the Indian Culture class during their high school sophomore year.

- The class covers a broad spectrum of topics on India—from history, geography food and fashion to festivals and significant aspects of India's contribution to the world of arts, mathematics, science and astronomy.
- Students learn about the diversity of the country's languages and traditions as they differ from one state to another.



Our children that are brought up outside of India often have very little visibility on the long history of India and its many facets that are not covered by popular media.

Students take a hands-on approach in learning about certain elements such as music and food

The class course culminates into each student putting together a report on the all facets of one of the states in India.

While the zoom class environment has been limiting for a lot of the "hands on" class experience, the class has had a strong start with guest speakers and vivid discussions.

Basant Panchmi



Significance:- Basant Panchmi marks the starting of Spring Season

How it is Celebrated:- On this Festival of India, People make Yellow dishes like saffron rice, Kadhi, and Besan Chakki, etc.

Historic Origin:- According to Hindu Calendar, Celebrated every year on the 5th Day of Magha Month

Where:- Indian States of Bihar, Assam, West Bengal, Odisha, Punjab, and Haryana

JCYC Committee continues with community-building events amidst the lockdown.

Community Service Projects and social events to celebrate the arrival of Spring

Our pathshala children and members of our has been busy behind the scenes putting together a series of community projects. In March the committee conducted a number of community service projects:

Toy Drive and Book Drive for CHOC

- Students held two drives to collect books and toys for the pediatric patients at the Children's Hospital of Orange County. One was a Toy Drive and the other was a Book Drive.
- Families were invited to drop their donations of children's books and toys at the Jain Center in a safe and contact-less manner. The committee raised a sizeable collection of items for the benefit of the CHOC patients.



Pathshala providing Technology coaching to Senior members at JCSC

- Our children responded to a request from the senior community to help them with technology support on hardware and software related topics. This has occurred over one-on-one coaching sessions as well as group sessions.



- Senior looking to for some tech guidance can request a one-on-one session using this link: <https://forms.gle/FTL9eHnAnkU3aeZX8>

Sneak Peak into the MJK children's cultural program.

Children and their parents have put together a variety program that celebrates the joy of the occasion.

The MJK Cultural program will take place on Sunday, April 18, 2021 from 2:30 - 4:30 pm.

Mahavir Jayanti Kalyanak Cultural Program

The enterprising spirit of our pathshala children and their parents promises to keep this year's Mahavir Jayanti Program as educational and entertaining as always.

Our hosts of the program, the JCYC Committee, has special plans to make the audience feel virtually present at the Jain Center.



Our Mommy and Me prepare to initiate the cultural program with the Navkaar Mantra. Participants include students representing religion class as well as language class. Children are going to demonstrate both their intellectual as well as artistic abilities.



In a new venture, the children in our Jain Academic Bowl team will take on some of the adult teachers and parents in a friendly Jeopardy style game.

Our JAB team had their first foray into the competition during the 2019 JANIA Convention two years ago and will be taking part again in the JAB contest in this year's JAINA Convention.

The JAB team students have been training under the tutelage of Niraj Shah, Arpi-ta Shah and Devang Dedhia. The children are well trained and quick with their fingers on the trigger. We take pride in our children's capabilities, but we are also rooting for our adult team and the enthusiasm with which they are participating in the friendly competition!

This year's cultural program celebrates the virtues of our 24th Tirthankar. The children demonstrate their appreciation for the knowledge, bravery, compassion and the many other virtues of our Tirthankars that we all seek to emulate.

The celebration of Mahavir Janm Kalyanak will be spread through the weekend of April 17-18, including an 18 Abhishek Pooja for private idols on the morning of April 17th. Please check the JCSC e-mails on the pooja for instructions and details.

Upcoming Phenomena at Pathshala

Here are some key events coming up over the next 2 months

The period between October and December is observed with a series of festivals. See if you can find them in the puzzle

April - June 2021

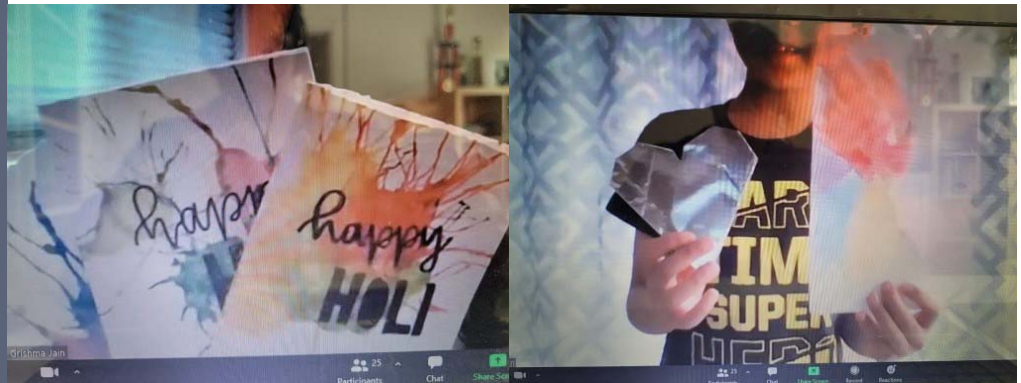
April 4 & 11, May 2 & 23, June 6 & 13		April Events	
9:30 am	Prathna	April 3 - 4: 11:00 am - 4:00 pm	English Shibir "Meditation"
10:00 am	Religion Class	April 10, 11:00 am	All Hands Parents Meeting
11:30 am	Language Class	April 18, 2:30 pm	MJK Cultural Program

All Events and Activities listed will be conducted on Zoom

Celebrating Holi with Colorful Art Activities

Children welcomed the season of Spring and color with a virtual Holi program. The JCYC Committee put together a colorful art project event that brought in both young and senior members of the community.

Participants put together Holi cards made with paint that was "blown" on the card using straws. Participants also learnt the art of origami by folding paper into various shapes. One of the folding projects was a heart. The JCYC Committee instructor showed everyone how the hearts could be pasted together to form a flower.



It was a great way to spend an afternoon playing with color in a creative manner and welcome the onset of Spring.

April-May activities for Pathshala Parents

English Shibir on “Meditation - journey within” conducted by Pujya Shree Girishbhai.

This was a true experiential treat to get away from the stress of day to day responsibilities and journey towards inner reflection.

- April 3-4, 2021 11:00 am -1:00 pm,
2:30 pm - 4:00 pm (two sessions each day)

Those not able to attend will find replay of the shibir at the following link:
<https://youtube.com/playlist?list=PLUsKNR46LcqbL5dqmkf8weXnYDk9g6TIG>

All-Hands Parents Meeting

Learn about plans for the remaining pathshala year as well as early registration for the 2020-2021 pathshala year.

- Saturday, May1, 2021 11:00 am

We want to hear from you

As we move forward with the Pathshala phenomena, we want to incorporate more of the things that matter to the pathshala community. Let us know if there is a particular topic or story you would like us to cover or highlight. Send us some photos and a little narrative of an occasion that you know of that we should share with the readers.

Send your ideas to pathshala@jaincenter.org. Put “suggestions for the Phenomena” in the subject line.

We are still looking to add to our Teachers’ group. If you are able to connect with children and would like to give back to our youth, apply for a teaching position. We are looking to recruit from both our first and second generation community members!

JCYC Pathshala is a part of the Jain Center of Southern California.

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