



JCYC PATHSHALA PHENOMENA

Pathshala: Continuing Operations - remotely

The “shelter at home” guidance from the Orange County Health Department may have required the closure of the Jain Center and the cancellation of in-person classes, but our enterprising teachers and students did not allow that to stop the pathshala program.

Zoom Online classes

- Most classes continue to be held remotely. Many teachers have moved forward with zoom online classes.
- Attendance has been close to that of in-person classes. Zoom meetings are being held for religion as well as language classes.
- The classes have been well appreciated by students and parents alike. In a number of cases teachers held classes on both pathshala days as well as on other Sundays
- The Jain Center obtained a corporate level subscription to Zoom, allowing teachers to hold an online version of the full length of their normal class and use additional features of the virtual meeting platform.



Staying home during the quarantine period is just another way to keep our Jain Center clean.



Mommy and Me class conduct evening prayers online.

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Connecting Online



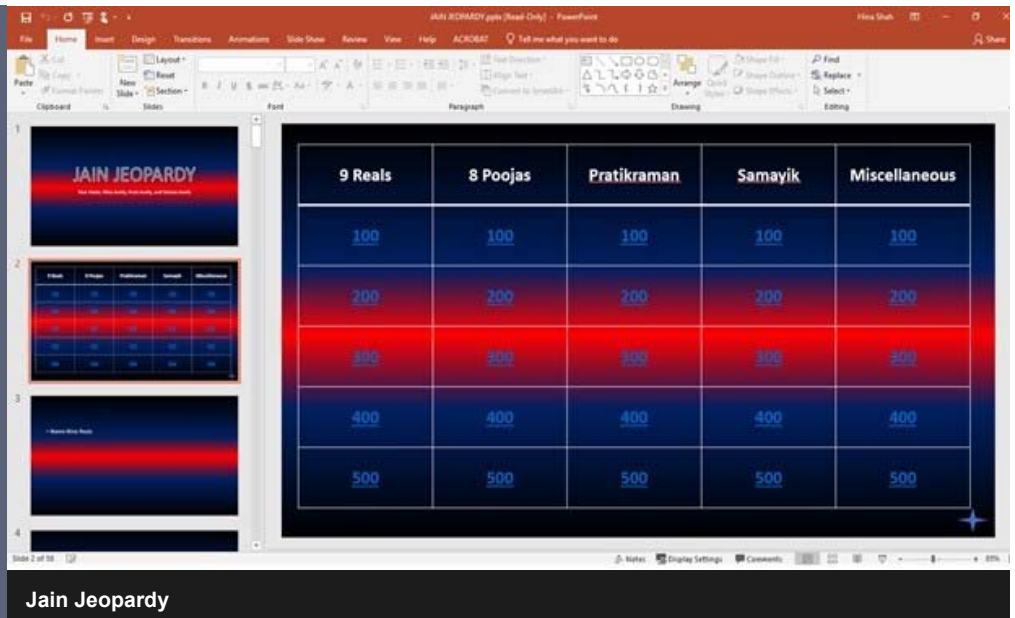
Each evening the 5-year old pathshala students gather with their family and log on to the online Navkaar Mantra group prayers. As the above screenshot shows, it brings friends and families together at the end of the day before bedtime to bond over prayers. Sonaly Dudhekar, teacher for the 5-year class, has also been conducting the regular Sunday classes online.

11-year old students looked forward each week to their religion class with their teachers Dr. Jiten Vasa and Kamini Shah. There was full attendance and the children actively participated with live discussions. The class gave the students and opportunity to connect with their friends as well. Many teachers conducted class every Sunday in response to the interest and requests shown by the students and parents. Below is a capture of the client busy taking a quiz on "Punya" and being able to see the accuracy of their answers in real time. Parents that are savvy with technology have stepped in and helped teachers make the most of these online meeting platforms.



Teachers get innovative with online Classes

It did not take long for teachers to realize that they may have to control the “chat” feature while class was in session. “We let everyone get online 15 minutes before class so that they could chat with one another. By the time class started, they were ready to focus.”



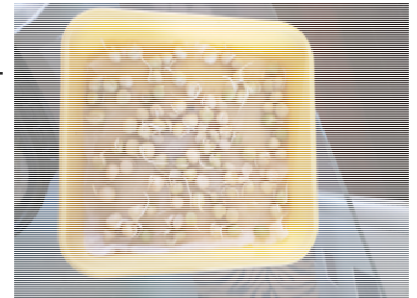
Class Activities

As teachers became more comfortable with Zoom, they quickly started adding activities to the classes. Above is Jain Jeopardy put together by the teachers of the 12-year old religion class.

The 10-year old class conducted Ashthaprakari Pooja online. The teachers conducted the pooja from their home. Most of the students watched online while some were able to follow along and do pooja along side from their home.



The 5-year old class celebrated earth day with a project involving seed sprouting. The Children sent back pictures of their seeds at various stages of germination and growth between classes.



Language class teachers took a similar approach with their classes, providing instruction as well as assignments. Tests were scheduled for April and May to determine whether students can advance to the next class. A placement test will take place again at the beginning of next pathshala year to confirm the class that each student will be attending for the year.



Mommy and Me class students were given the assignment to color the sathiya as well as the siddhashila. Most submitted a photograph of their completed assignment back to their teacher.



Students can listen to the story of Bhagwan Rushabhdev online

Online Story Telling

Rapir Dedhia, who teaches the 7-year olds put together videos of Jain stories for his students.

These videos were put on YouTube so that the children can watch them whenever they want and as often as they want while at home during these times of “Shelter in Place”

For the video on the story of Bhagwan Rushabhdev, click on the following link:

<https://youtu.be/72d2hHsw9Xw>

Upcoming Activities

MJK Cultural Program : *Postponed*

The MJK cultural program, which was originally scheduled for mid-April, has been postponed.

The hope is that if we are able to hold Paryushan activities in person at the Jain Center in August, then we will hold the cultural program during the Saturday at the onset of Paryushan parv. If that is not possible, we will schedule it as is feasible.

Pathshala Registration

Online registration for the 2020-2021 pathshala year will commence in early May 2020. Those who register prior to June 7, 2020 will pay the early bird price of \$75 per student. From June 8, the one-year registration fee will be \$100 per child until August 31, after which the fee will go up to \$125.

Parents will be able to log and register their child for next year’s pathshala classes for religion as well as language and to also sign up for a date for snack duty. Please go to www.jaincenter.org/jcyc to complete the registration.

2020-2021 JCYC Committee

High School age students that regularly attend pathshala are eligible to be part of the JCYC Committee. This April we accepted applications from eligible students to be on the JCYC Committee. 9th and 10th grade students were accepted as members at large. Junior and Senior could apply for a functional role, for which they went through an interview process to confirm the role that they would take on.

The interviews were conducted by a 7 member selection panel that included representatives from the EC, the BOD, one teacher, one parent, one young adult and the 2 current JCYC presidents.

Given the shelter in place mandates, the interviews were conducted online over a three day span from April 24—26.

The 2020-2021 JCYC Committee

Interviews for the JCYC Committee were conducted online during the weekend of April 24-26.

A total of 58 pathshala students applied to be part of the JCYC Committee.

23 of the applicants were interviewed for functional roles.

JCYC Committee Officers

Rising Juniors and Seniors were given the opportunity to apply for a position with title and specific responsibilities. Here are the officers and their assignments.

<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Role</u>	<u>Name</u>
President	Savan Shah	Vice President	Anika Shah
President	Sahil Kale	Vice President	Jaina Doshi
Dir of Community Svc	Anya Shah	Dir of Pathshala Activities	Anjal Jain
Dir of Community Svc	Aryan Jain	Dir of Pathshala Activities	Rhea Mehta
Dir of Community Svc	Rahul Shah		
Public Relations	Krishi Shah	Dir of Technology	Sacaar Jain
Public Relations	Anesh Solanki	Dir of Technology	Parshwa Sarvayia
		Dir of Technology	Krish Vora
Publications	Tejas Mehta	Secretary	Preet Desai
Publications	Anay Dagli	Secretary	Sahil Chekuri
		Secretary	Shukan Shah
Historian	Kalash Kothari	Treasurer	Acharya Ranawat
Historian	Paree Nagda	Treasurer	Janav Shah

Members at Large

The following members were accepted into the committee as Member at Large. They take part in organizing activities and can take the lead in managing a specific event. The committee organizes a monthly event during the pathshala year and also children's activities during Paryushan Parv.

<u>Name</u>	<u>2020-2021 Grade</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>2020-2021 Grade</u>
Aryan Parikh	Freshman (9th)	Anjali Kale	Sophomore (10th)
Diya Mehta	Freshman (9th)	Ayushi Shah	Sophomore (10th)
Gitali Jain	Freshman (9th)	Deep Mehta	Sophomore (10th)
Grishma Jain	Freshman (9th)	Devanshi Kothari	Sophomore (10th)
Janki Kothari	Freshman (9th)	Haley Kothari	Sophomore (10th)
Krishna Parekh	Freshman (9th)	Hansika Jain	Sophomore (10th)
Mahika Shah	Freshman (9th)	Karina Shah	Sophomore (10th)
Neeva Mehta	Freshman (9th)	Kriti Jain	Sophomore (10th)
Nishi Vyas	Freshman (9th)	Kyra Shah	Sophomore (10th)
Prachi Jain	Freshman (9th)	Mili Pavagadhi	Sophomore (10th)
Rini Dagli	Freshman (9th)	Sarina Shah	Sophomore (10th)
Rishita Dugar	Freshman (9th)	Siddhanth Kumar	Sophomore (10th)
Sachi Jain	Freshman (9th)	Tanay Shah	Sophomore (10th)
Sanaya Bose	Freshman (9th)		
Siddh Ranawat	Freshman (9th)	Veeraj Mehat	Junior (11th)
Siddharth Gandhi	Freshman (9th)	Kriteen Jain	Senior (12th)
Trisha Mehta	Freshman (9th)	Raj Parekh	Senior (12th)
Vidhi Shah	Freshman (9th)		
Yash Khot	Freshman (9th)		

Upcoming Phenomena at Pathshala

Here are some key events coming up over the next few pathshala classes.

We observed a few festivities in April while sheltering in place. See if you can find the words associated with Ayambil Oli and MJK in the puzzle on the right

May - June 2020		
May-20	Jun-20	Aug-20
Begin Early-bird price: \$75 for 2020-2021 Pathshala Registration	June 6th - Last day for early bird price for 2020-2021 Pathshala Registration	Paryushan: Aug 16 - 23 Das Lakshan: Aug 23 - Sept 1
	Jun 7 - Aug 31: Registratio price: \$100	Aug-20 Children's Cultural Program
September - October 2020		
Sept 13	Sept 20, Oct 4 & Oct 18	November 1, 2020
9:00 am Prathna 9:15 am Mandatory Parents Meeting 10:00 am Religion Class 11:15 am Language Class 12:15 pm Lunch	9:30 am Prathna 10:00 am Religion Class 11:15 am Language Class 12:15 pm Lunch	Halloween

The planned calendar is contingent upon Jain Center returning to normal operations

Ayambil Oli / Mahavir Janm Kalyanak

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Find the following words that are associated with Chatra mas:

ACHARYA	ARIHANT	AYMBIL	CELEBRATION	CHAKRA
CHARITRA	CULTURE	DANCE	DARSHAN	GYAN
JANM	KALYANAK	MAHAVIR	NAVAPAD	OLI
SADHU	SAMYAG	SIDDHA	SWAPNA	TAP
TRISHLAMATA	UPADHYAY	VARDHMAN		

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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