



# JCYC PATHSHALA PHENOMENA

## Pathshala starts on Sept 13

- As COVID-19 related quarantine measures continue, classes will start on the Zoom platform for as long as Jain Center has to observe social distancing measures.
- To ensure security on the zoom platform, only registered students will be given permission to attend class.

### In preparation for the new Pathshala Year

- Teachers continue to structure their curriculum to fit a zoom class environment. Classes will be held at the same time and for the same duration as in person class.
- Google Classroom has been set up for every classroom. Teachers will be using the program to communicate and share material with students and parents. Parents and students will require a g-mail address to be able to log on to Google Classroom.
- Mommy and Me students that are 6 and under will have shorter classes with some instruction and a greater focus on interactive activities such as Story Telling and academic games.
- Students that are between ages of 7 –14 will attend 1 religion class and 1 language class (Hindi or Gujarati). 15 year olds will have Culture class as their second class while 16 and 17 year old students will attend Life Balance Class.



**Children intently listen during story-time, one of the Paryushan evening activity organized by the JCYC Committee**



One day as Lord Mahavir was going from one place to another, he stopped near a big tree, outside the village, to meditate. While he was meditating, a cow herder came there with his cows. He needed someone to look after the cows, so he could go run some errands. He asked Mahavir swami if he would look after the cows for a few hours. Lord Mahavir was in deep meditation, and did not hear the cow herder at that time. However, the cow herder went away thinking that Lord Mahavir had heard him and would look after the cows.

**Mahavir Swami and the cow-herder — one of the stories covered during JCYC Storytelling.**

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# The Pathshala Curriculum



The **Religion Curriculum** is built on four pillars: Rituals, Jain Philosophy, Living the Jain way of Life and Providing Service.

**Rituals:** The curriculum for the religion classes has always included a number of stutis and stavans. The list of stutis has been structured to include all the stotras that are included in the Chaityavandan. Students are introduced a few stutis from the beginning of the toddler class such that by the age of 12, they are able to complete the Chaityavandan.

A team of Stotra Coaches will provide guidance and help our students to learn and remember correct pronunciation of stutis. They will be available outside of pathshala class time to work with smaller groups of students.

**Philosophy:** This consists of the study of basic principles and fundamentals of Jain Philosophy

**Jain Way of Life (Application):** The program strives to instill Jain values in the student and give them the confidence to live a life of non-violence and compassion.

**Service:** Middle school and high school age students have the ability to participate in activities where they can give back to the community. This can include mentoring the younger students and organizing community events as members of the JCYC Committee.

## Language Curriculum:

Starting at age of 7, students can pursue the study of Gujarati or Hindi Language

**Emphasis on Conversational Skills:** Students will be encouraged to develop oral skills from the very beginning and continue through the course of the program. Parents that speak the language at home are encouraged to have their children demonstrate what they have learnt in class and work with the teachers to determine how they can practice at home in between pathshala classes.

**Reading and Writing Skills:** Advanced stages of the program help develop reading and writing skills that gives students to explore new avenues to develop vocabulary and grammatical skills and further experience the beauty of the language.

## Culture/Life Balance:

**Culture:** The restructured and renewed course will allow students to immerse themselves into the diverse traditions and cultural aspects of India and Indian heritage.

**Life Balance:** Students explore areas of physical, psychological and spiritual growth as they move into independence and adulthood

## Collaborating and Communicating on a Virtual Platform

Keeping Teachers, Parents and Students connected while maintaining social distancing guidelines

Parents and Students need to keep up with communication from teachers.



# Google Classroom

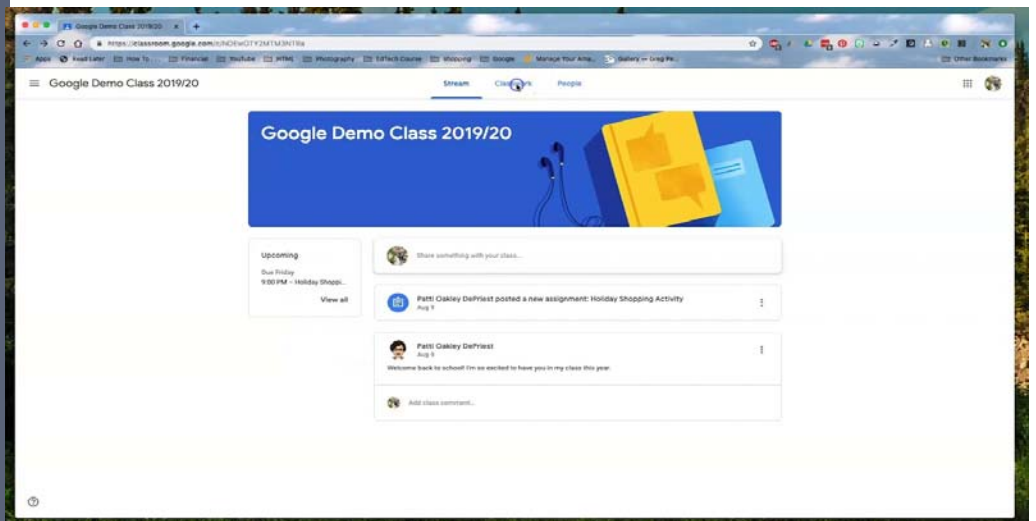
**Google Classroom will be the key platform to connect teachers, students and Parents**

While we are not able to have in person pathshala sessions, teachers of every class will be actively using Google Classroom to communicate with parents and students, share classroom materials, post and collect classroom assignments.

**Students Classroom:** Where teachers will be communicating and interacting with students

**Parents Classroom:** Where teachers can share resources and communicate with parents on matters related to their child.

**Parents' Lounge:** Where parents can share resources and communicate with pathshala administration



Parents and Students will find essential resources and communication in the various classrooms:

- Introductory video of teacher in students and parents classroom
- Text books and other class material as well as assignments for students
- Resources for parents as well

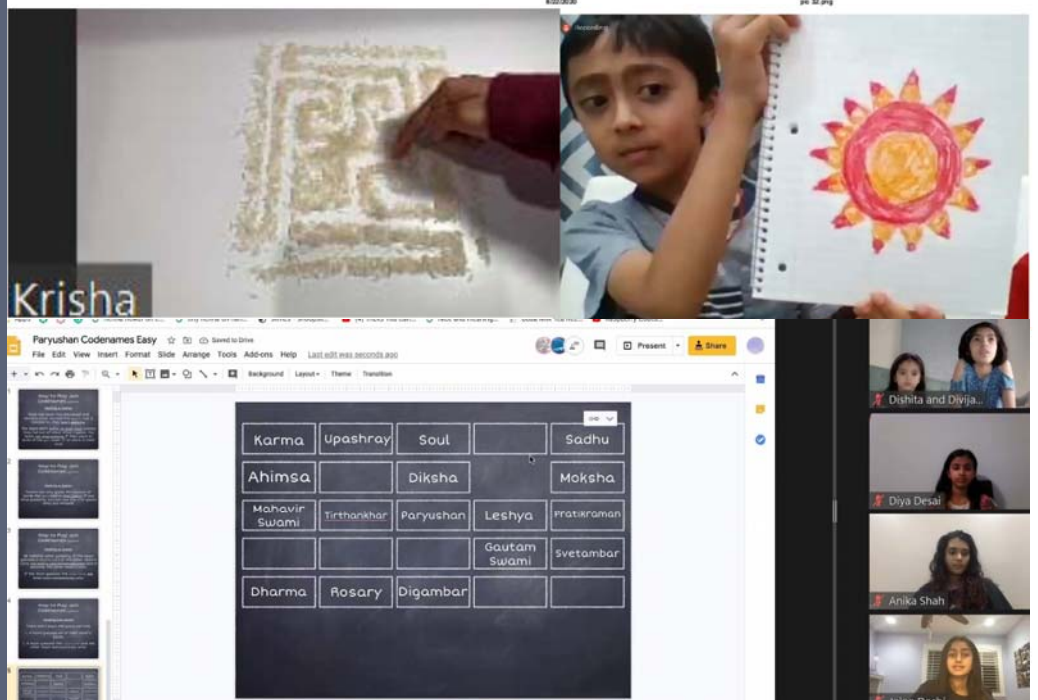
# Children shine during Paryushan/ Das Lakshan Parv

Our pathshala children played a prominent role in many of the celebrations and activities that took place during the Paryushan/Das Lakshan Parv

- The JCYC Committee hosted a cultural program that featured a montage of performances completed by our pathshala children during cultural programs in prior years. It was a journey down memory lane featuring dances, skits and songs.
- During the evening program, children demonstrated their knowledge of the significance of the festivals as well as the accompanying rituals
- Our committee children hosted an activity each evening for the younger members ranging from Gahuli and Rangoli to Story Telling and Games.
- During the event of Chaitra Pari Pati our children provided snippets of inspiration of the occasion.



## Children's Program During Paryushan



## Watch replay of the Committee led activity

Rangoli: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZMhUaqNK6U&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy\\_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=4&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LZMhUaqNK6U&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=4&t=0s)

Jain Jeopardy: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVxyqwYk8h4&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy\\_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=3&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rVxyqwYk8h4&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=3&t=0s)

Story Telling: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCIUZ-HIA&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy\\_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=2&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jCIUZ-HIA&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=2&t=0s)

Game Night: Codenames <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rSh9-Ru7V3Q>

Gahuli: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=poomtqiOB4o&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy\\_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=5&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=poomtqiOB4o&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=5&t=0s)

Puzzle Night: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEVoQneYupM&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy\\_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=6&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nEVoQneYupM&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=6&t=0s)

Pictionary Night: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdUwnQi7Opk&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy\\_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=7&t=0s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdUwnQi7Opk&list=PLUsKNR46LcqaE0UM-iy_J4w4kEs8DojmT&index=7&t=0s)



Jain Center of Southern California		2020 PARYUSHAN AND DAS LAKSHANA PARY-SHEET											
Jain Shiksha, Dr. J. B. Shrivastava, Shiksha, Dr.		Paryushan Pary: Saturday, August 15, 2020 - Saturday, August 22, 2020 Das Lakshana Pary: Sunday, August 23, 2020 - Tuesday, September 2, 2020											
Student Name: _____		Age: _____											
Activity	Points per Day	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5	Day 6	Day 7	Day 8	Day 9	Day 10	Day 11	Day 12
1. Recite 7 Shikhar Mantras in the morning and before going to bed	5												
2. Read parshadas on basis of 2 Shikhar Mantras 1 plate or 100 after bhavaniya	5												
3. Do not have any food or any plate or bowl of food	5												
4. Do not eat after sunset	5												
5. Do not eat any food with eggs, honey, milk, ghee or any animal products (do not allow the use of meat). Please, please keep up with the habit of practicing	10												
6. Do not eat any underground vegetables or fruits containing seeds such as potato, chili, etc.	5												
7. Do not eat or drink or use of the tongue	5												
8. Participation in virtual sangha with the Shikhar Mantras, Paryushan, Das Lakshana Pary.	5												
9. Do not watch TV, read or play any computer games	5												
10. Read Jain Holy Books 10 minutes per day or Parshads with the recitation of Shikhar Mantras 10 times in your children	10												
11. Do not talk with children with 7 beads or 100 beads	5												
12. Do not talk to anyone - children, etc. in the month	5												
13. Eat no more than 3 meals a day. No snacks. Please do not eat between meals. (i.e. Das Lakshana Pary)	5 x 100												
Parent's Signature _____													

# Paryushan Activity: Yam & Niyam

Last year we had a lot of children participate in Paryushan austerities and track them on the Paryushan activity sheet. We invited children to participate in the activity again.

The following children demonstrated great dedication and discipline by completing the elements of Yam (virtues) and Niyam (discipline) for each of the days of Paryushan / Das Lakshan.

Khub Khub Anumodana to each of our young shravaks and Shravikas.

Name	Age	Total Points Achieved	Max Points Possible	%
Aadi Sanghvi	7 yrs	305	560	54.5%
Aarya Jain	7 yrs	605	640	94.5%
Anaaisha Kamdar	8 yrs	405	560	72.3%
Ansh Sanghvi	9 yrs	325	560	58.0%
Anshi Vyas	11 yrs	325	560	58.0%
Antra Shah	10 yrs	665	900	73.9%
Areen Jain	11 yrs	540	720	75.0%
Arth Shah	5 yrs	235	560	42.0%
Deep Mehta	15 yrs	465	720	64.6%
Hridhaan Mehta	7 yrs	445	560	79.5%
Ishan Shah	7 yrs	350	560	62.5%
Karina Jain	8 yrs	310	560	55.4%
Kavya Mehta	13 yrs	445	560	79.5%
Mahika Shah	13 yrs	595	720	82.6%
Nandini Shah	12 yrs	360	560	64.3%
Nikhil Jain	4.5 yrs	235	560	42.0%
Nishi Vyas	14 yrs	316	560	56.4%
Priyansha Kamdar	7 yrs	395	560	70.5%
Reyan Jain	3 yrs	605	640	94.5%
Saanvi Shah	13 yrs	505	720	70.1%
Sashvi Shah	10 yrs	445	720	61.8%
Shaivi Shah	7 yrs	410	560	73.2%
Shraya Shah	9 yrs	540	720	75.0%
Shrey Mehta	10 yrs	560	720	77.8%
Siddhant Khapra	11 yrs	810	1170	69.2%
Sohan Shah	12 yrs	720	900	80.0%

## Upcoming Phenomena at Pathshala

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

### Pathshala Contacts

Pathshala: Poorvi Parekh

Office Admin: Komal Desai

Registration: Jigar Shah,  
Rupen Patwa, Vinay Shah

Religion Lead: Smriti Shah  
Julie Shah

Gujarati Lead: Mita Mehta

Hindi Lead: Ritu Jain

Culture Class: Dip Sanghvi

Life Balance Class: Hina Shah

Communication: Viren Shah

Security: Shailesh Mehta

Toastmasters: Deven Shah

Snack Duty: Ritesh Desai

JCYC Committee:

Committee Mom: Dipti Doshi

Committee Youth Coach:  
Namrata Deliwala

Co-Presidents: Savan Shah,  
Sahil Kale

September - November 2020

September 13 & 20, October 4 & 18, November 1 & 8

November 7, 2020

9:30 am	Prathna
10:00 am	Religion Class
11:30 am	Language Class

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Virtual  
Diwali Cultural  
Program

**All Events and Activities listed will be conducted on Zoom**

## 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](mailto: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.**

## Design your Aangi

Over Paryushan Parv we had invited our pathshala students to do a virtual aangi of the Bhagwan pratima and our young members delivered in the most colorful way. We want to recognize their efforts and thank them for their contribution.

- Aria Savani 7 years
- Ryan Savani 5 years
- Kiara Savani 7 years
- Sanaya Savani 10 years
- Aarav Savani 10 years

## Design your Aangi



Select a Template and print the page. Draw your Aangi design on the picture. Make your design using Jewels, ribbons, etc as ornaments. Remember that it has to be replicated on the actual pratima of the bhagwan, so don't make it too complicated.

Name: Aria Savani

Age: 7