

JSNE

JAIN SANGH
OF NEW ENGLAND

PARYUSHAN

MAHAPARVA 2026

A TIME FOR REFLECTION,
REPENTANCE & RENEWAL



“

MICCHAMI DUKKADAM

May this Paryushan bring peace to all,
purity to our hearts, and progress on the
path of liberation.

”

THE 5 KARTAVYAS OF A SHRAVAK DURING PARYUSHAN

1



AMARI PRAVARTAN

Promoting non-violence
and compassion for all
living beings.

2



SADHARMIK BHAKTI

Honoring and helping
fellow Jains.

3



ATTHAM TAP

Observing a
three-day fast.

4



CHAITYA PARIPATI

Visiting multiple Jain
temples and holy places.

5



KSHAMAPANA

Asking for and granting
universal forgiveness.

LET US WALK TOGETHER ON THE PATH OF
FORGIVENESS, DISCIPLINE & SPIRITUAL GROWTH.



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Upcoming Events

- **September 08 to 15: Paryushan Mahaparva**
 - **Pandit Shri Parasbhai Shah** will join us to perform our Paryushan activities.
- **Saturday, September 12:** Swapna Darshan & Janma Vanchan, Swami Vatsalya
- **Sunday, September 13:** Swami Vatsalya, Nishal Gananu
- **Tuesday, September 15:** Barsa Sutra Vanchan & Samvatsari Pratikraman
- **Wednesday, September 16:** Shree Sangh Samuh Parana at Derasar
- **Sunday, September 20:** Sattar [17] Bhedi Pooja and Tapasvi Bahuman, Swami Vatsalya
- **September 26 to 27:** Chaitya Paripati (MA, NJ, NY)
- **October 18 to 26: Ayambil Oli**
- **Saturday, November 07:** Mahavir Swami Panch Kalyanak puja, Diwali Swami Vatsalya Lunch, Diwali Chatt Day 1
- **Sunday, November 08:** Diwali, Diwali Chatt Day 2
- **Tuesday, November 10:** New Year Gabharo Opening & Sangh Greetings, Snatra Pooja, Navkarsi
- **Saturday, November 14:** Gyaan Panchami, Dev Vandan at 10:30 am
- **Monday, November 23:** Chaumasi Chaudas - Dev Vandan at 2:00 pm, and Pratikraman at 5:45 pm
- **Tuesday, November 24:** Kartaki Poonam, Samuhik Shree Shatrunjay Patt Darshan, and Chaityavandan at 7:30 pm

JSNE President's Message

Jai Jinendra JSNE Members,

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer and looking forward to our upcoming Paryushan Parva as we approach this most sacred time of the year.

During this year's auspicious Paryushan Mahaparva, we are honored to welcome **Pandit Shri Parasbhai Shah** from Mumbai, India, who will serve as our Vidhi Karta from September 08 through 16, 2026. We look forward to benefiting from his guidance, knowledge, and spiritual wisdom throughout the celebration.

The JSNE Executive Committee has been working diligently behind the scenes to ensure a smooth and meaningful Paryushan for our entire Sangh. As our community continues to grow, we warmly welcome additional volunteers. If you would like to serve in any capacity, please contact any Executive Committee member, who will be happy to guide you. We also encourage everyone to participate by taking labh and sponsoring various Paryushan activities.

Please review the Paryushan schedule and important details in this newsletter, and kindly **RSVP through the JSNE website or using links within this newsletter** at your earliest convenience. To help us plan meals efficiently and minimize both food shortages and food waste, we have implemented a meal token system. We sincerely appreciate your cooperation and support.

Over the past year, JSNE has continued to strengthen our religious and educational activities. We organized Chatiya PariPati, Shatrunjay Pat Darshan, Chaumasi Dev Vandan, Chaumasi Pratikraman, and facilitated Samuh Ayambil Oli and our regularly scheduled monthly Snatra Pooja, all of which saw enthusiastic participation from Sangh members.

We encourage everyone to visit the Events section of our website to stay informed about upcoming religious activities.



This year also marked a significant milestone as we celebrated **JSNE's 15th Anniversary** with a memorable Panchanhika Mahotsav.

We were privileged to host **Shri Sampratibhai Shah & Shri Prashambhai Shah**. The five-day celebration included Bhavana, Shree Shatrunjay 99 Prakari Pooja, 18

Abhishek, Akhatrij-Ikshuras Pakshal, and an inspiring theatrical presentation: **"Bhog Samrat Banyo Yog Samrat"**, which was greatly appreciated by our community. My heartfelt thanks go to every volunteer whose dedication made these celebrations a tremendous success.



Our JSNE pathshala had another remarkable year of learning and growth. Students participated in Project Mela, Jain Art Workshop, Jain Academic Bowl, Sutra extension classes, and many other engaging activities that helped deepen their understanding of Jain principles. We were also fortunate to host distinguished scholars, including **Panditji Shri Champakbhai Mehta** and **Respected Taralaben Doshi**, and **Panditji Shri Sameer Shah**, whose Swadhyay sessions enriched our Sangh. I sincerely thank our teachers, volunteers, parents, and students for making Pathshala such a vibrant part of our community.

I would also like to express my heartfelt appreciation to all Sangh members who perform daily pooja and to our dedicated Aangi team for creating beautiful aangi on various auspicious occasions. Your devotion enhances the spiritual atmosphere of our derasar and inspires us all.

Finally, I extend my sincere gratitude to every member of the **Executive Committee, the Board of Trustees, our Volunteers, Donors, and all Sangh Members** for your continued dedication, generosity, and unwavering support of JSNE. Together, we continue to build a strong, vibrant, and spiritually enriching community.

I look forward to your enthusiastic participation during Paryushan Parva 2026. May this sacred festival bring peace, spiritual growth, forgiveness, and happiness to you and your family.

Sanjay Shah,
President of JSNE

Chaitya Paripati 2026

The JSNE Executive Committee is thrilled to announce the return of **Chaitya Paripati**, following the wonderful participation and success of last year's event! Based on popular demand, we are excited to bring this special spiritual journey back this year on **September 26 – 27, 2026**.

This year, we are especially looking forward to visiting the **newly built Jain temple in New Hyde Park, NY**, as well as other Jain temples in the NY–NJ area. It will be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community, seek darshan, and experience the spiritual significance of these sacred places.

 **Dates:** September 26 – 27, 2026 (Weekend)

 **Tentative Chaitya:** JSNE • Caldwell • Siddhachalam • JTNY – New Hyde Park

We warmly invite **each one of you** to join us and participate in this exciting Chaitya Paripati. We look forward to making this another memorable spiritual experience together as a JSNE community!

Please RSVP at this [LINK](#) to reserve your spot for Chaitya Paripati 2026.

Note: Please RSVP individually for each participant family and indicate the names of those you would like to share a room with. Registration will be considered on a first-come first basis.

A Glimpse of Chaitya Paripati 2025



Detailed Schedule of Activities during Paryushan Parva 2026

Tuesday, September 08 | Paryushan Day 1

Shravan Vad Baras	8:45AM - 10:30AM	Ashtaparakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 8:45 AM sharp
	10:45AM - 12:15PM	Pravachan
	12:30PM - 1:30PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served
	6:30PM - 8:00PM	Evening pratikraman: Men's and Women's at JSNE Derasar
	8:00PM - 9:15PM	Pravachan followed by Aarti Mangaldivo

Wednesday, September 09 | Paryushan Day 2

Shravan Vad Teras	8:45AM - 10:30AM	Ashtaparakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 8:45AM sharp
	10:45AM - 12:15PM	Pravachan
	12:30PM - 1:30PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served
	6:30PM - 8:00PM	Evening pratikraman: Men's and Women's at JSNE Derasar
	8:00PM - 9:15PM	Pravachan followed by Aarti Mangaldivo

Thursday, September 10 | Paryushan Day 3

Shravan Vad Chaudas	8:45AM - 10:30AM	Ashtaparakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 8:45AM sharp
	10:45AM - 12:15PM	Pravachan
	12:30PM - 1:30PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served
	5:45PM - 8:00PM	Evening Pakkhi pratikraman: Men's and Women's at JSNE Derasar
	6.30PM - 8:00PM	Sthanakvasi Pakkhi Pratikraman to start at 7.00 pm @ Neel Karani's Residence: 61 Ashwood Ave, Wilmington, MA 01887. To RSVP, please call 781-817-9269.
	8:00PM - 9:15PM	Pravachan followed by Aarti Mangaldivo

Friday, September 11 | Paryushan Day 4

Shravan Vad Amaas	8:45AM - 10:30AM	Ashtaparakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 8:45AM sharp
	10:45AM - 12:15PM	Pravachan
	12:30PM - 1:30PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served
	6:15PM - 8:00PM	Evening pratikraman: Men's and Women's at JSNE Derasar
	8:00PM - 9:15PM	Pravachan followed by Aarti Mangaldivo
	9:15PM - 10:00PM	Preparations for Swapna Darshan

Saturday, September 12 | Paryushan Day 5

Bhadarva Sud Ekam Swapna Darshan and Janma Vanchan Parking at Academy of Creative Arts (8am - 10pm)	7:00AM - 8:30AM	Snatra Pooja (Besto Mahino)
	8:30AM - 11:00AM	Ashtaparakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 8:30AM sharp
	11:15AM - 12:45PM	- Swamivatsalya at Academy of Creative Arts (12 A St, Burlington, MA 01803) (Last dish will be served at 12:30PM) - Ekasana at JSNE Derasar (Last dish will be served at 12:00 Noon) - Please RSVP
	1:00PM - 5:30PM	Boli, Swapna Darshan, Janma Vanchan, Aarti Mangaldivo
	6:00PM - 7:00PM	Light supper will be served after the Swapna Darshan - Please RSVP (No food will be served/allowed after sunset)
	7:15PM - 8:15PM	Evening pratikraman: Men's and Women's at JSNE Derasar
	8:30PM - 9:30PM	Ghodiya Parnu Bhakti at JSNE Derasar / Sadharmik's home

Sunday, September 13 | Paryushan Day 6

Bhadarva Sud Beej Parking at Academy of Creative Arts (9am - 3pm)	8:45AM - 10:30AM	Ashtaparakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 8:45AM sharp
	10:45AM - 12:15PM	Pravachan
	12:15PM - 12:30PM	Nishal Gananu (stationary gifts for students)
	12:30PM - 1:30PM	- Swamivatsalya Lunch at Academy of Creative Arts (12 A St, Burlington, MA) - Ekasana at JSNE Derasar Please RSVP
	6:15PM - 8:00PM	Evening pratikraman: Men's and Women's at JSNE Derasar
	8:15PM - 9:30PM	Bhakti Bhavna followed by Aarti Mangaldivo

Monday, September 14 | Paryushan Day 7

Bhadarva Sud Trij	8:45AM - 10:30AM	Ashtaparakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 8:45AM sharp
	10:45AM - 12:15PM	Pravachan
	12:30PM - 1:30PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served
	6:30PM - 8:00PM	Evening pratikraman: Men's and Women's at JSNE Derasar
	8:00PM - 9:15PM	Pravachan followed by Aarti Mangaldivo

Tuesday, September 15 | Paryushan Day 8

Bhadarva Sud Choth Samvatsari Maha Parva Parking at Academy of Creative Arts (3pm - 7pm)	8:30AM - 10:00AM	Ashtaparakari Pooja – Prakshal starts at 8:30AM sharp
	10:00AM - 12:30PM	Barsa Sutra Vanchan & Dhaliya at JSNE Derasar
	12:30PM - 1:30PM	Ekasana - Please RSVP – Regular lunch will not be served
	1:30PM - 3:30PM	Early Samvatsari Pratikraman for Ladies at JSNE Derasar
	4:00PM	Samvatsari Pratikraman, Start with sutra boli (Separate boli for Men's and Women's pratikraman) - Men's Pratikraman at Academy of Creative Arts (12 A St, Burlington, MA 01803) - Women's Pratikraman at JSNE Derasar
	5:30PM - 7:30PM	Sthanakvasi Pratikraman at Academy of Creative Arts (12 A St, Burlington, MA 01803)
	7:45PM	Aarti - Mangaldivo at JSNE Derasar

Wednesday, September 16 | Samuh Parna

Bhadarva Sud Pacham Samuh Parna Parking at Academy of Creative Arts (7am - 10am)	7:15AM	Samuh Darshan and Chaityavandan; followed by Shree Sangh Samuh Parna – Please RSVP <i>To help prepare Parna food, please contact: Alpaben Palkhiwala (978-335-3811)</i>
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Sunday, September 20 | Sattar Bhedi Puja, Tapasvi Bahuman

Bhadarva Sud Nom	9:00AM - 1:00PM	Sattar Bhedi Puja, Tapasvi Bahuman, followed by Swamivatsalya at JSNE Derasar . Please RSVP
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Important appeal to our members

- ❖ **Please RSVP for any and all Ekasana / Swamivatsalya** that you will attend; food serving will strictly follow the RSVP system. Attendees who did not RSVP will be served **ONLY** after all RSVP'ed attendees are served. **RSVP will be closed 48 hours before the day.**
 - Additionally, to prevent food shortages and wastage, **we are implementing a token system for RSVP.**
 - Before you head for lunch, make sure you pick up your token from our volunteers.
 - Please update your RSVP at least 48 hours in advance if your plans change.

- ❖ **NEW THIS YEAR:** To ease the cleanup process and accommodate the growing sangh, we kindly request all **Ekasna tapasvis** during the entire paryushan to **bring their own plate, spoon, glass,** and any other utensils they may need from home, and take them home with you each day. In case you forget to bring your utensils, **only disposable plates, bowls, etc.** will be available at JSNE.



- ❖ **NO TAKE OUT** will be honored under any circumstances. This restriction is for all food served, including Ekasana as well.
- ❖ Please **DO NOT leave** any personal items, utensils, religious materials, or other belongings (used or unused) at Derasar without prior EC approval. For any questions, suggestions, or items you wish to leave/donate, please contact an EC member.

Please follow all parking guidelines provided below during Paryushan Events

Please **Do NOT park** in our neighbor BD Carpet building parking lots in the Front, Side, and Back of the building (see details here - <https://www.jsne.org/visitingderasar>). They will tow your vehicle. You may not use the JSNE back parking lot, as we will have a tent set up for Food service. Parking will be available at the **Academy of Creative Arts (12 A St, Burlington, MA 01803)** parking lot on the following days:

- **Saturday, September 12th:** Parking in the Academy parking lot all day long
- **Sunday, September 13th:** Parking in the Academy parking lot 9am to 3pm
- **Tuesday, September 15th:** Parking in the Academy parking lot 3pm to 7pm
- **Wednesday, September 16th:** Parking in the Academy parking lot 7am to 10am
- **Sunday, September 20th:** Parking in the Academy parking lot 9am to 2pm

How Can You Take “Labh”

Date	Event	Approx # of People	Total Amount	Max # of Families, Amount
Saturday, September 12	Swamivatsalya Lunch	700-800 people	\$14,000	7 families, minimum \$2001
	Swamivatsalya Supper	350 people	\$3000	3 families, minimum \$1001
	Swapna Darshan Prabhavna Ladoo	500 people	\$2000	4 families, minimum \$501
Sunday, September 13	Swamivatsalya after pravachan	400 people	\$8,000	4 families, minimum \$2001
Tuesday, September 15	Samvatsari Prabhavana	500 people	\$1201	2 families, minimum \$601
Wednesday, September 16	Parna	150 people	Volunteers to prepare 1-2 items	
Sunday, September 20	Swamivatsalya after 17 Bhedi Pooja	200 people	\$4000	4 families, minimum \$1001

- ❖ EC will take care of the order and delivery of all items.
- ❖ If you would like to **sponsor in full or partial**, please contact **Sanjay Shah** at +1 781-354-9148 or president@jsne.org.
- ❖ **Daily Ekasana** at the Derasar for all eight days; nakro to sponsor Ekasana on Paryushan days is \$401. You can pledge at this [LINK](#). Please contact **Riddhesh Shah** at +1 508-740-0792 or any EC member for any questions.

Annual Maintenance Fund

(Separate Tip or Fund from Sadharan or General Fund)

We encourage all members and visitors to support JSNE's Annual Maintenance Fund, which helps cover essential facility expenses, including electricity, heating, cleaning, snow removal, repairs, and general maintenance. The annual contribution is \$350 - **less than \$1 a day to support our own facilities**. You may **contribute \$350 in full or \$30/month through automatic installments on our website**. JSNE volunteers will reach out during Paryushan Parv for your commitment. Your support helps us maintain our facilities in the best possible condition for our Sangh.

Make a Donation

Check

Make checks payable to "**Jain Sangh of New England Inc.**" and place them in the black "Check Payments" donation box at the temple's front entrance. Checks may also be **mailed to Jain Sangh of New England at 223 Middlesex Turnpike, Burlington, MA 01803**. Receipts for check payments will be provided at a later date.

PayPal

Please scan the following **PayPal QR code** to make the payment. **Note:** You will need a PayPal account and app



JSNE Website

Use the following **QR code** to make a payment directly through the JSNE website



Venmo

Please scan the following **Venmo QR code** and add a short description for the purpose to make the payment via the Venmo app.

@JSNEBURL9



Call For Angi Volunteers

Aangi is a beautiful opportunity for Prabhu bhakti, creativity, and teamwork, and every contribution, big or small, makes a difference. As we prepare for Paryushan, we are looking for volunteers who are interested, willing to learn, and able to dedicate some time toward Aangi activities.



Volunteers are especially needed to create Aangi on khokhas, decorate the ghabharo, apply ready-made cloth Aangis on weekdays, fill ghee in divas, light divas, help remove Aangis, and perform other Aangi-related activities.

No prior experience is required - experienced volunteers will be happy to guide and mentor you. If you are interested in volunteering, please email aangi@jsne.org with your name and phone number. A member of the

Aangi team will reach out to you with more information and opportunities to participate. Let's come together and make this Paryushan a beautiful and memorable experience through our collective efforts.



JSNE Pathshala Message

🙏 Pranam everyone,

Our Pathshala continues to instill values in our Children. From the words of our **2026 graduating senior Class**:

Character. *"This temple gave me much more than lessons... It gave me friends who became family, teachers who helped shape my values and character, and memories that I'll carry with me for the rest of my life."* - **Vihaan Shah**

Critical thinking. *"Pathshala has given me the ability to question things. And to think critically about everything."* - **Shrey Shah**

Community. *"I'm very grateful to live among the community that has taught me these values at such an early age... such a meaningful experience that you should definitely carry forward as you get older."* - **Ruhi Shah**

Connected. *"In higher levels, you get to put the knowledge you learn into real life."* - **Jashn Shah**

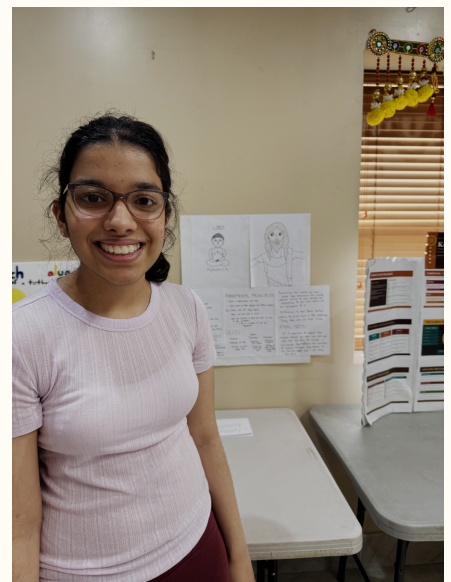
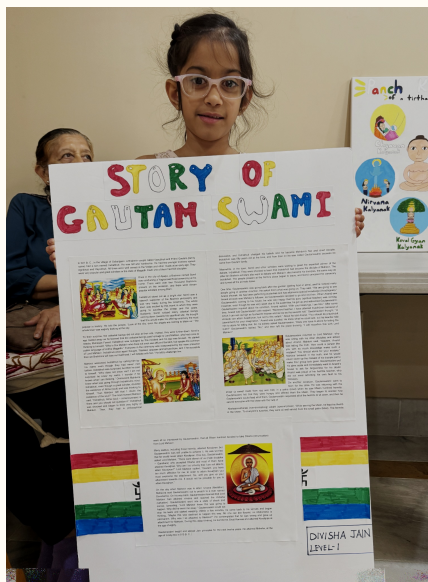
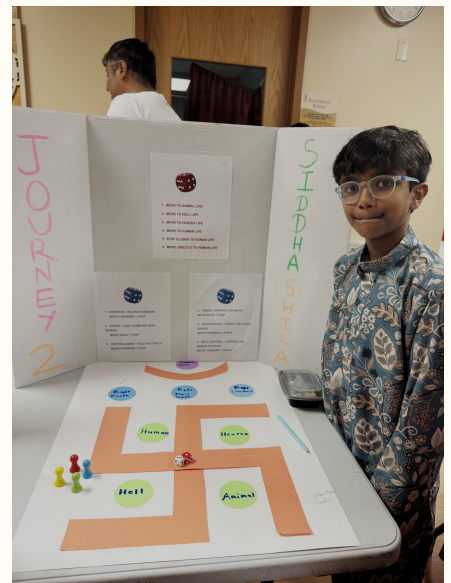
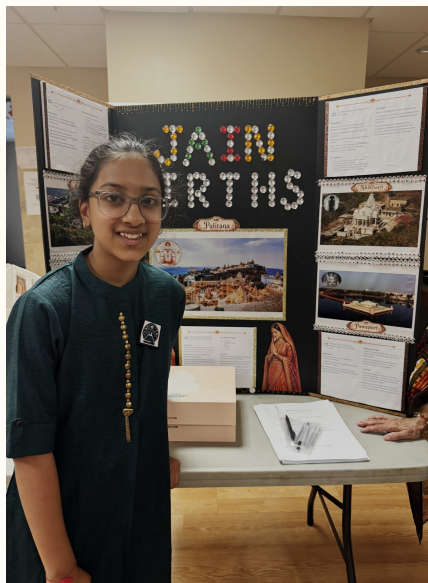
Continuous Growth. *"Pathshala teaches you to give back. It teaches you to be a better person, better Jain. And you should always keep that and keep coming to Pathshala. Keep that with you as you go on in life."* - **Keya Doshi**

Core Values. *"Through Pathshala, I found my identity and values, which I hope to carry forward for the rest of my life."* - **Arnav Shah**

Compass. *"It's given me such a strong world compass that guides me in my biggest decisions and keeps me grounded - teaching me how to approach everyday choices with an open mind and kindness."* - **Krina Dani**

Connections. *"There are people here that I've met I know I'll talk with for the rest of my life. And there's people here that if I ever need advice, if I ever need help with anything or I'm trying to connect with Jainism a little bit deeper, then I know I can call them and they will help me and have my best interest in mind."* - **Mena Sheth**

Glimpses from Project Day, May 2026



Event Memories, 2025-2026

Astha Prakari
Pooja
Oct 2025

*Student **Mishka**: It was really fun and I loved doing all the poojas by myself - starting from Jal to Naivedya. There were some very fun activities that I really liked. There were friends around. We would have fun. I hope you go to next Puja day and have great time.*

Shatrunjay Yatra
Nov 2025

*Teacher **Samkit**: "Probably the easiest subject for me to speak to, due to incredible and fond memories I have had with Shatrunjay during my growing years. With some prep, I can probably speak for an hour with many fun facts that resonate well with our kids."*

Jain Art Workshop
Dec 2025

*Parent Volunteer **Neha**: Thanks for believing in us and giving the opportunity. Thanks one and all for the support, coordination and hard work till the end. It was great to watch the kids enjoy and learn Jainism art together. A great learning experience for me.*

Jain Academic Bowl
April 2026

*Student **Devarsh**: I recommend whoever wants to do it, do it. It's actually kinda fun. There's a category round in the 2nd one... You do things with your team. There are buzzers. It's fun!*

Teaching Moments, 2025-2026



*Sutra Extension Parent **Nitu**: We are truly blessed to have such wonderful mentors guiding and inspiring our children. Your dedication, patience, and support means a lot to us and our kids.*



*Rookies Parent **Khyatee**: It helps to build a strong foundation at this age. It is very challenging to teach small kids but you are doing awesome work. We truly appreciate all your efforts and dedication.*



2026 Announcements

New! Pathshala Snatra Puja planned for the coming year. See [schedule](#).

New! Shishu (parent-and-me) class for 2-3 year olds starting this year. [Register](#).

Update! We're preparing our *first-ever* JSNE Pathshala team for JAINA's academic bowl in 2027.

2026 Links & Reminders

Register your child(ren) and support us by sponsoring food and class sessions:

- Registration form: <https://bit.ly/jsne-pathshala-reg-2026>
- Food sponsorship: <https://bit.ly/jsne-pathshala-food-sponsors-2026>

Upcoming notable dates (see our [schedule](#)):

- First Pathshala session: Sun, Sep 20th at 3pm (**Note: late start, after 17 bhedi pooja**)
- Paryushan Activity sheet due: Sun, Sep 30th (<https://bit.ly/jsne-paryushan-activity-form-2026>)

Thank You. We look forward to another year of learning & growing. Thank you for being a vital part of our community!

JSNE Pathshala Director ([Nimisha Asthagiri](#))

JSNE Pathshala Team ([link](#))



Together, We Are JSNE

Every prayer, every act of participation, every helping hand, and every contribution strengthens our Sangh. Thank you for being an integral part of the JSNE family and for helping us preserve and pass on our Jain values for generations to come.

We look forward to celebrating Paryushan Mahaparva 2026 together as one Sangh.

🙏 Michhami Dukkadam 🙏
JSNE Executive Committee