

Announcement - 2nd Jain Workshop at Raleigh, NC USA

Friday December 8, 2017 to Sunday December 10, 2017

Jaina Education Committee and Jain Study Center of North Carolina have jointly organized the 2nd Jain workshop from Friday December 8, 2017 to Sunday December 10, 2017.

Workshop Theme

STRIKING A BALANCE: - EXAMINING Social, Cultural, and Spiritual environment that our youth face while growing up in North America

Purpose

To educate both adults and youth (**over 14 years of age**) with regards to the fundamental principles and philosophy of Jainism and how to apply these principles in all walks of life through practical examples. This includes social, business, family, ethical, religious and spiritual environment.

Workshop Duration and Location

Date and Time	December 8, 2017 Friday 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM (includes Dinner) December 9, 2017 Saturday 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM (includes Lunch, and Dinner) December 10, 2017 Sunday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (includes Lunch)
Workshop Location	Sleep Inn – near Raleigh RDU Airport (4.0 miles from Airport) 5208 Page Road, Durham, NC 27703 Telephone 919 993 3393
Moderator	Pravin K Shah - Jaina Education Committee and Jain eLibrary Project in-charge
Food	Simple Vegan food

Workshop Registration and Fee:

The registration fee is **\$50.00 per person**. It includes all meals (breakfast, lunch, and dinner) and workshop material. Please follow the link below to register and to make payment via Paypal or Credit card. The registration will be closed once the participant number reaches 40, or by November 20th, 2017.

Registration Form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdhtvRCmka6wodYcZL27P9fiu97p_IsUtyuq_kWyttx1ueDA/viewform

Hotel Accommodation:

Sleep Inn – near Raleigh RDU Airport (4.0 miles from Airport) -
[5208 Page Road, Durham, NC 27703](#)
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The hotel has offered a group room rate of **\$55.00 per night**. Each room will have two queen size beds and up to 4 people can stay in a room. **Do not call hotel for the room reservation**. We will send you the link for hotel accommodation as soon as we finalize the details.

Overview of Jain Workshop

The workshop takes Jainism beyond being just a religious identification for people. It discusses the fundamentals, which are easily applied in our daily life. The workshop uses interactive method of Learning and Communication, which needs debates, discussions and open mindedness. The workshop is not a lecture format where the audience has very little input in terms of participation and discussion.

After the several sessions on Jain axiom (postulate) and fundamental principles, the workshop delves into the brain storming discussion on powerful and **thought-provoking questions that have no absolute answers**. It includes the social and cultural perceptions as well as stereotypes and generalizations from both youth and adult's perspective.

We will be digging deep, challenging ourselves/our limited beliefs and exploring new possibilities. The discussion will provide insights into questions that are important to our youth in order to develop them spiritually, ethically, and socially in the western world.

While often difficult to reconcile divergent influences, it is critical to understand the distinctions and strike a balance amongst Indian heritage, Jain religion, spirituality and Western lifestyle. Regardless of your current level of understanding, you are bound to walk away with a new expanded view.

Major Topics of Workshop Presentations

We have thoughtfully chosen some of the most important topics to be discussed in the workshop.

- Fundamental concepts of Jainism
- Uniqueness of Jain Karma Philosophy and its application in daily life.
- Jain Concept of Punya and Pap Karma.
- Holistic Spirituality – Ahimsa, Compassion, Environment, and Health.
- Path of Liberation.
- Explanation of various Spiritual stages of life (Gunasthanak)
- Jain Literature and their history.
- Jain Vows (Conducts) of Laypeople
- Jain Universe.
- Comparative Religions

After the completion of the above presentations, most of the participants will be able to answer most of the questions that may come across during their daily life. Some of the questions may not have simple answers and there could be more than one answer.

If you have any difficulty to filling out the Workshop registration form or if you have any other question, please call or send an e-mail to Sejal Shah or Pravin Shah.

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