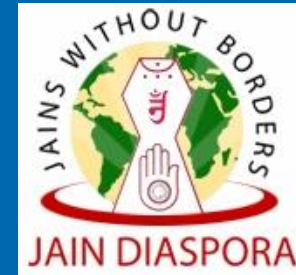
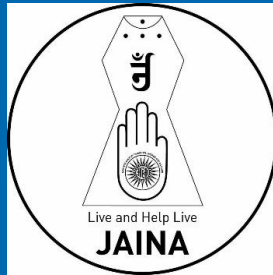


Know Your JAINA Webinar



“JAINA Diaspora Initiative: Promoting Global Interactions & Collaborations”

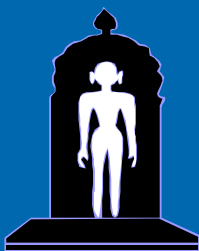
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(JAINA Diaspora Committee Chair)

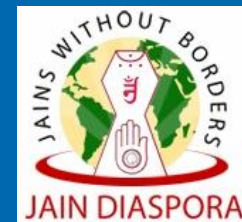
JAINA Director - Jain Society of Greater Detroit

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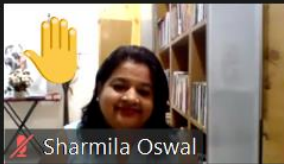







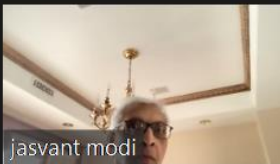


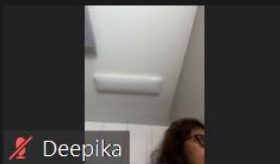






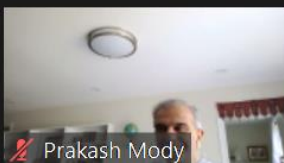


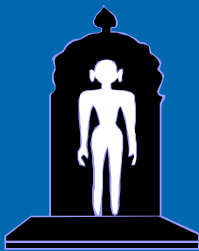
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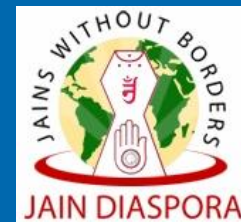


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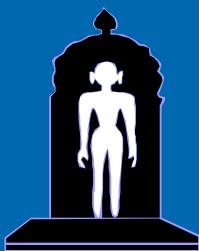
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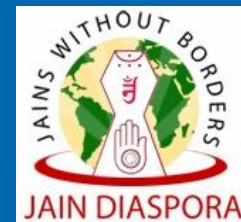
- Acknowledgements
- How Diaspora Initiative Started & Goals
- Some Priority Areas
- JAINA Diaspora Accomplishments
- Examples of Activity & NGO Partnerships
- Next Steps

- Overseas Relations Committee (**Dilipbhai Shah**)
- JAINA India Foundation (**Dr. Bipin Doshi**)

- Q & A / Discussions



Committee & Advisors



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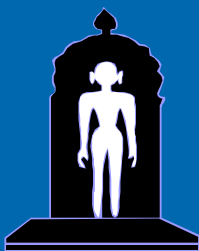
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- Sulekh Jain, Ph.D.
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- Ashok Domadia
- Sushil Jain, MD
- Prem Jain
- Narendra Shah
- Varsha Mehta, Pharm. D.

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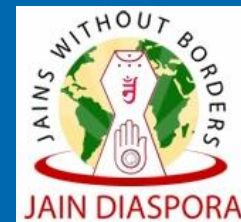
- Harshaben D. Shah (Kuwait),
JSGIF Global Advisor (2021-23)

- Inspirers: Late Shri LM Singhvi
(Indian High Commissioner to UK)
- Late Shri NP Jain (Retd.- Indian
Ambassador to EEC)

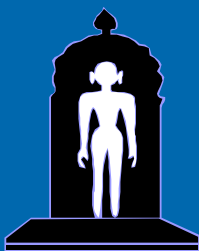


JAINA Diaspora Goals

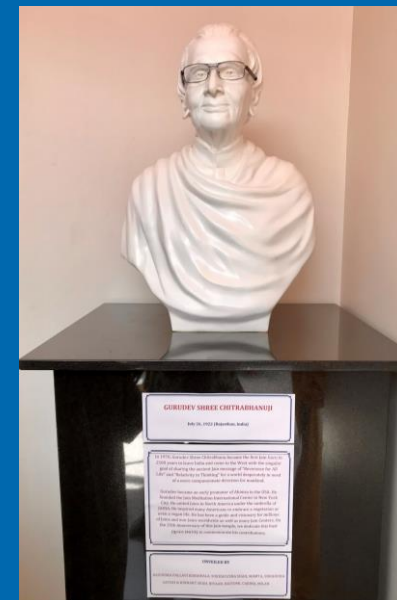
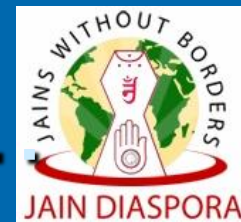
(Chartered in 2008 – Present)



1. Convene Jain leaders from around the world to improve coordination and awareness
 1. Los Angeles (2009), Houston (2011), Detroit (2013), Atlanta (2015), Edison (2017), Los Angeles (2019)
2. Encourage information exchange by Jain centers in ~35 countries so as to flag common interests and concerns
3. Leverage our common identity/values by identifying challenges, sharing best practices
4. Identify ways to work together, promote and exemplify Jain Way of Life to non-Jains



Our Inspirers & Visionaries..

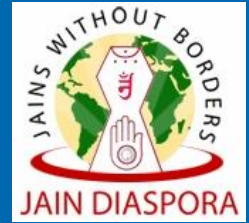


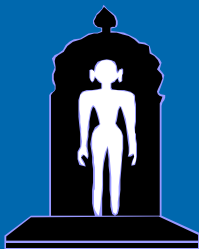
Diaspora Movement Pioneers honored at Chicago Jain Temple - Virchand R. Gandhi, Gurudev Chitrabhanuji (2018)



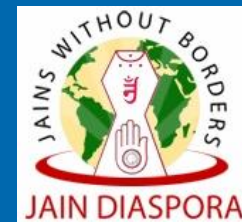
Historical Diaspora Locations

(+ UK, Belgium, Germany, France, Holland, Switzerland)





Diaspora Jain Priorities



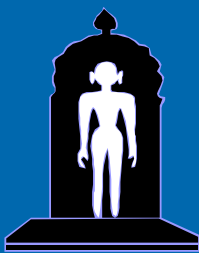
1. STAYING CONNECTED
2. CARING FOR OUR SENIORS
3. PASSING TRADITIONS TO YOUTH
4. SHARING Jain Way of Life



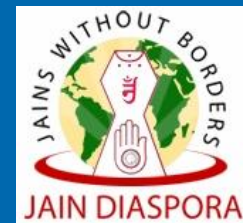
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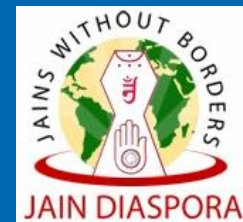
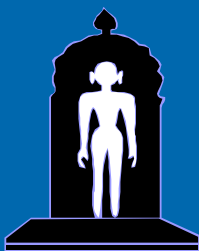




Example Topic Areas for Diaspora Interest



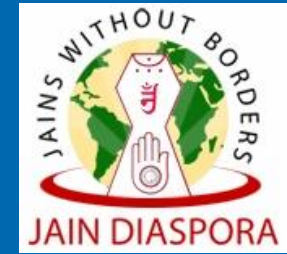
1. Challenges of Youth Raised in Diaspora Communities
2. Interfaith Marriages
3. Senior Citizens' Issues
4. Adapting in Diaspora Nations/Preserving Jain Way of Life
5. How to Unify Jain Sects
6. Innovative Approaches for Managing Jain Temple Assets
7. Progressive Jain Beliefs & Practices in Diaspora Nations
8. Community Service Projects in Diaspora Nations
9. Collaborating with Diaspora, International & Indian NGOs
10. OTHERS?



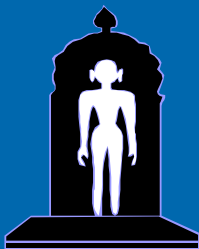
Have You Taken the JAINA Long-Range Planning Committee's Global Survey of Jain Practices (launched 2020)?

Over 2,000 have taken it already!

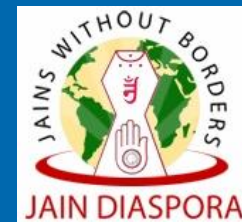
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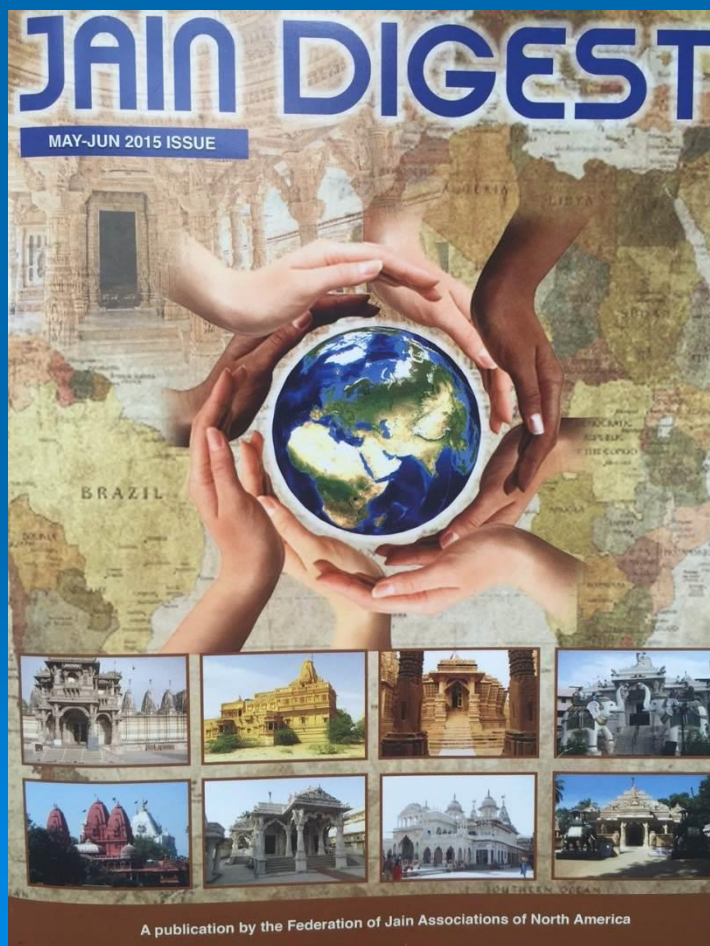
Selected JAINA Diaspora Activities & Accomplishments (2009 – Present)



JAINA Focus on Diaspora



2015 Jain Digest Compiled & Co-Edited by Dr. Deepika Dalal, JAINA Director, Miami, FL



2014 JAINA Calendar – Designed by Rajeev Pandya, JAINA VP, New York, NY



“Interfaith Collaborations for Sustainability”

Session Speakers: **Manish Mehta, Ph.D.**, Rotary/JAINA (Organizer)

Hardeep Anand, Miami-Dade Water & Sewer Dept, USA

“Inter-Dependencies in Climate-Water-Energy-Food-Health Nexus”

Dr. Joseph Myers, University of Michigan, USA/Jamaica

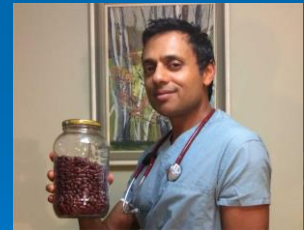
“Common Health+: Pop-Up Eyecare & Dental Care Clinics”

Rajesh Jain, Janus Advisory Service, India

“Religion in the New Machine Age”

Dr. Tushar Mehta, JAINA Ahimsa Eco-Vegan Committee, Canada

“Eating with the Heart: Jainism, Vegetarianism & Ecology”

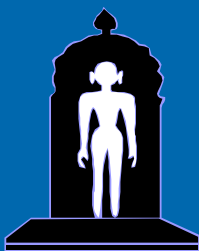


2018 Parliament of World Religions

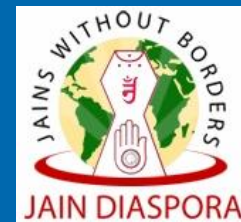
Toronto, Canada

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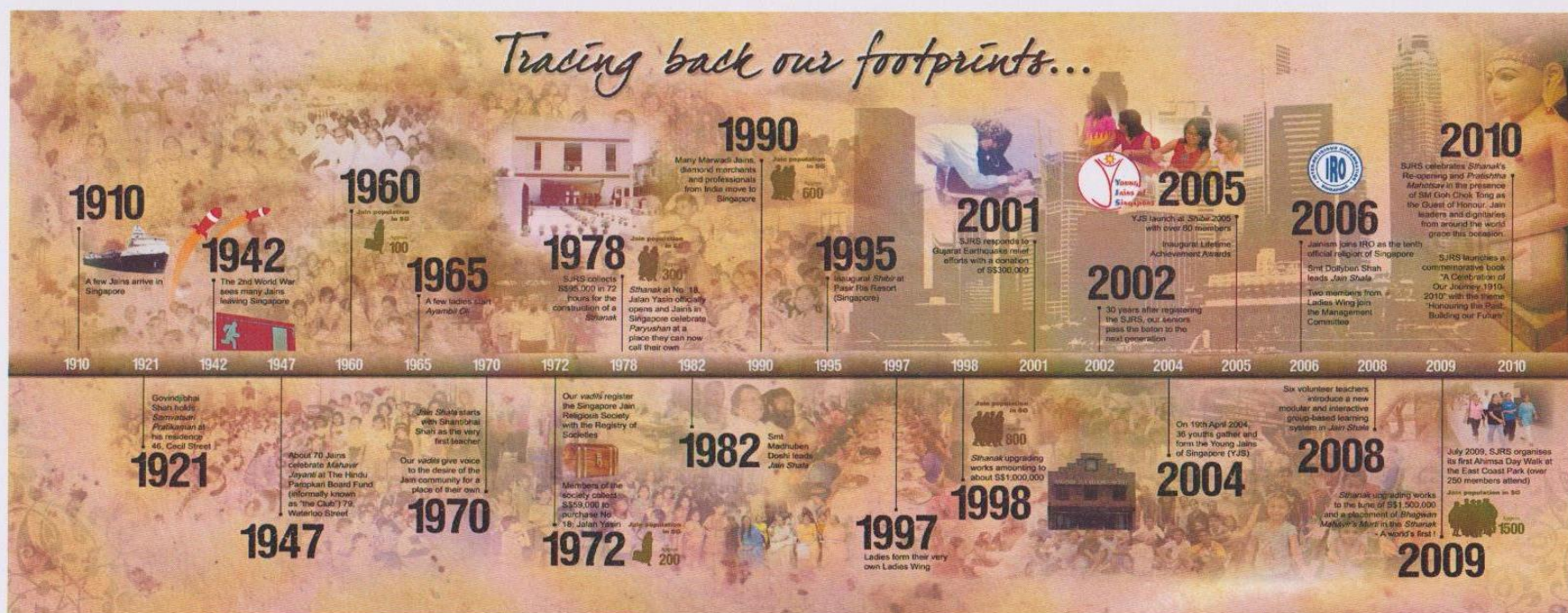


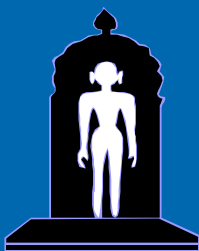
Diaspora Timeline Project



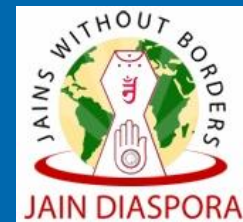
Every Jain Community Should Prepare & Display Timeline of Important Milestones and Events...

Example by Singapore Jain Religious Society (www.sjrs.org.sg)



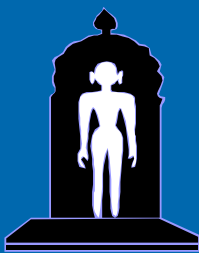


Encourage Visits/Exchanges

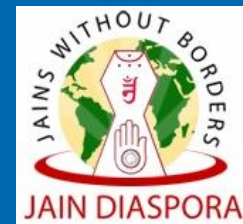


Visit By Mehta Family to Jain Cultural Center of Antwerp, Belgium
(2014) – Tour Hosted by Arun Jogani Family



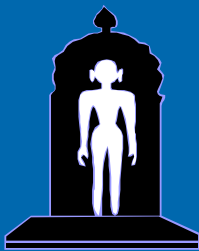


Visits to Australia/New Zealand



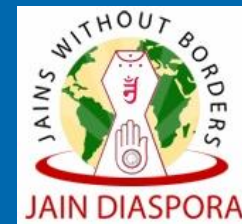
Visit by Domadia Family to Jain Centers in Melbourne (Australia) and Auckland (New Zealand), in 2017





Visits to Singapore

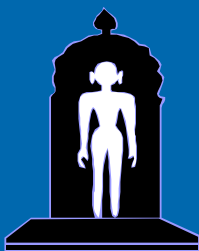
Regular Visits by Mehta Family to Singapore Jain Religious Society (www.sjrs.org.sg), 2006 - Present



Maintain regular contacts with SJRS Board and Senior Trustee Nagindas Doshi, Tushar Doshi (JITO)

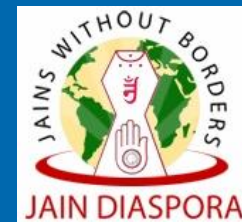


Mehtas with Manish & Kirti Kasliwal, YJS 17



Visits to United Kingdom

Regular Visits by Mehta Family to various UK Jain organization events since 2003 - Present



With Shri Nemu Chandaria and Dr. Harshad Sanghrajka and Institute of Jainology Board (2013)

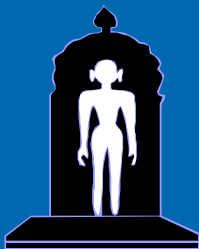


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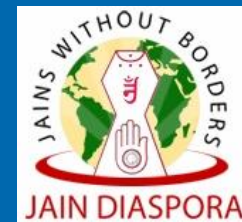


Vatican Cardinal Jean Louie Touran at IOJ

Dr. Natubhai Shah of Jain Network 18

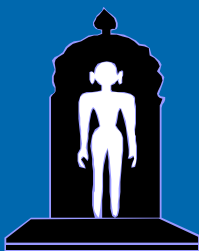


JAINA Reps at JITOPreneurs Conference in London, 2017

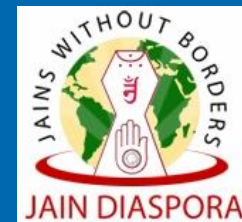


Manish Mehta, Sanjay Lodha, Dr. Sushil Jain, Prem Jain, Rajeev Pandya



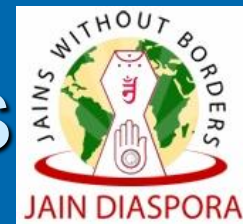


Dr. Arathi Krishna Visits Jain Center of Metropolitan Washington DC



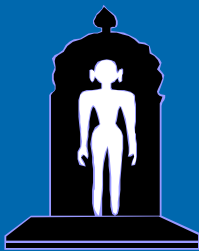
- Helped 40,000 NRIs return home during Covid crisis from dozens of countries.
 - Dr. Sushil Jain arranged a tour of Jain Society of Metropolitan Washington DC temple in January 2020.
 - Thanks to Pavanbhai Jhaveri, President of JSMW for co-hosting.





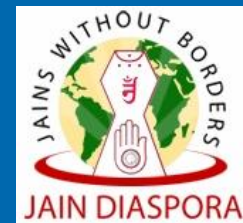
Support Advocacy Campaigns

- Letter-writing Campaigns, Meetings, Follow-ups:
 1. Animal Welfare Board of India's 2021 *Jeev Daya* Award for Animal Aid Unlimited, Udaipur (India).
 2. Save Palitana/Shetrunjay River Area from Sea-Planes and Commercial Development (2020)
 3. Indian Animal Protection Force (IAPF) – partnered to ban Live Export of Animals from India (2018-20)
 4. Save Shikharji from Commercial Development (2018)
 5. Sallekhna Awareness Campaign via Scholarly Articles and Studies/Surveys

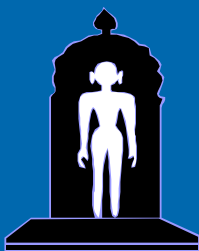


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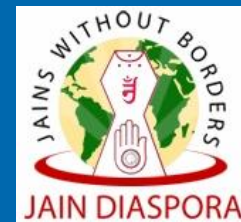


1. JAINA Leaders attended JITO International Wing/ JITOpreneurs Conference, October 8-11, 2017 in London, UK, leading to formation of Chapters in New York, Washington DC, Chicago and SFO - Dr. Sushil Jain, Prem Jain, Rajeev Pandya, Manish Mehta
2. Gunvant Shah and Dilip Shah attended LD Institute Conference on “Jain Yoga”, on January 17, 2018, Amdavad.
3. Manish Mehta Attended 18th Jaina Studies Workshop held on March 23-24, 2018 at University of London (UK) – Delivered talk on Diaspora and Academic Liaison.
4. Manish & Varsha Mehta attended Mahavir Jayanti Celebration at Consulate General of India, New York on May 6, 2018 – organized by International Ahimsa Foundation.
5. Manish & Varsha Mehta attended JAINA 99 Yatra’s 3-day *Tapasvi Bahuman* program in December 2016 in Palitana, India.

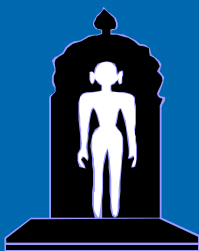


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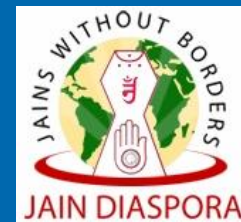


1. Manish Mehta met Dr. Raja Roy of Ryerson Polytechnic (Toronto, Canada), June 22, 2018 to review research on ISJS/Jain Astronomy and Mathematics publications.
 1. 3 new papers are published in journals and Conference;
2. Attended JSMC's bust unveiling for Gurudev Chitrabhanu on June 30, 2018 in Chicago – with Gunvantbhai Shah and Dilipbhai Shah.
3. Manish Mehta hosted Dr. Tine Vekemans of University of Ghent, Belgium on August 1, 2018 at Jain Society of Greater Detroit.
 1. Contributed to her Ph.D. research on “Jain Diaspora and Digital Media in North America.”



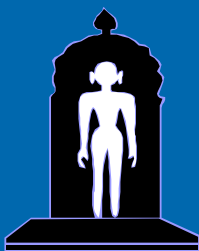
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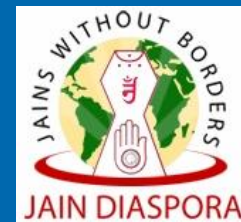
Due to Covid-19 Pandemic, no travel undertaken in 2020!

1. 15th August, 2020: Manish Mehta and Dilip Shah attended Global Launch of OneJAIN – a UK Jain Associations online event.
 1. **32 UK Jain Organisations, united together as ‘OneJAIN’, to hold launch of Paryushan/Das Lakshan.**
2. September 2020: Manish Mehta reviewed the Doctoral Thesis of Dr. Tine Vekemans (Post-doctoral Researcher at Ghent University, Belgium) on topic: *“Digital Religion in a Transnational Context: Representing and Practising Jainism in Diasporic Communities.”*
 1. **Chair contributed to the research, and is involved in planning of new project on Jain Migration Studies (with Prof. Atul Shah)**

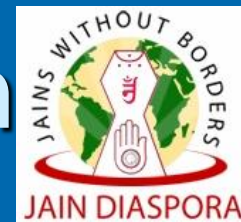


Diaspora Committee

2020-21 ACCOMPLISHMENTS



1. 24th October, 2020: Manish Mehta attended UK Jain Associations' Ahimsa Day (virtual event) honoring Brother Peter Tabichi, a Kenyan science teacher and Franciscan friar.
 1. Invited by Nemu Chandaria OBE and Dr Mehool Sanghrajka MBE - Managing Trustees of the Institute of Jainology (www.jainology.org)
2. **Promoted 2021 JAINA Convention:**
 1. Jain Academic Bowl (JAB) and Jains Got Talent (JGT) Events
 1. Kenya, Japan, Singapore, Thailand, UK Pathshalas
3. **Held Introductory Zoom meeting with 4 Ludhiana Jain Business Leaders (April 2021) – organized by Sharmila Oswal (India Vice-Chair) and Dr. Sulekh Jain**
 1. Need to follow-up on common interests



Exemplify Acts of Compassion

Kenya Jains Assisted During Mall Terrorist Attacks, 2013

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Kenya mall attack

On 21 September 2013, Islamist terrorists attacked Westgate shopping mall in Nairobi, Kenya, killing at least 62 people and injuring hundreds.

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Gujarati Jains reach out to Nairobi mall attack victims

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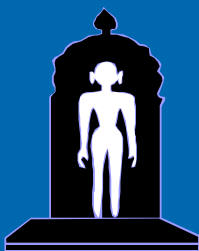
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AHMEDABAD: Gujarati Jains have opened the doors of their community center next to the upscale Westgate Mall in Kenya's Nairobi which is under siege by terrorists for rescue and relief operations.

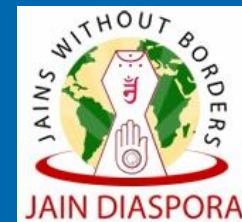
"The Visha Oswal Community Center in Nairobi has become the hub of rescue relief where over 300 Gujarati volunteers are offering their services to tend to the scores of injured terror victims including Indians, Europeans and from other countries," said Vinod Jhakariya, who runs transport business in Kenya and is currently offering his services at the center.

Lalit Dhami, vice-chancellor of Tapovan Sanskar Pith on the Ahmedabad-Gandhinagar highway, said that the Visha Oswal Community Center has six marriage halls which have been converted into make-shift emergency center where medical treatment is being given to the injured. A media center has also been created at the center.

Let us show you how.



Provide Humanitarian Help



JAINA donated and were represented by Lataben Champsee at Ratna Global Foundation's Medical Camp held in Palitana to benefit 28,000 patients (2009)



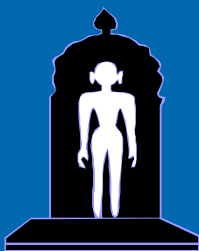
His Holiness The Dalai Lama and Mrs. Asha Mehta visit with a Jaipur Foot recipient in Palitana, 2009



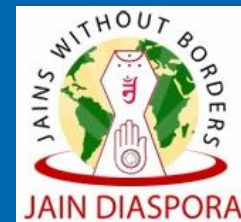
Manish & Varsha Mehta with Late Shri Mahendra & Ashaben Mehta, 2011



JAINA President Lata Champsee with CM Modiji, 2009 27



Jains Partner with Global NGOs



Jain Rotarians have volunteered in the global fight against polio, as shown by Manish Mehta (1997). The Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation funded ~\$1.0 Billion to Rotary Foundation for polio eradication.



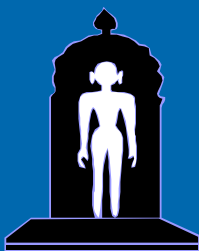
DAVENDRA RAJ "DR" MEHTA

Dr. Mehta is a retired Indian Administrative Service officer and the former chairman of the Securities and Exchange Board of India. D.R. Mehta has had many major accomplishments in the Indian business world, but is known amongst philanthropic institutions for being the founder and chief patron of Bhagwan Mahaveer Viklang Sahayata Samiti (also known as BMVSS, for short or the Jaipur Foot Hospital), an NGO which provides assistance to the disabled, including artificial limbs, calipers, and other aids, free of charge.

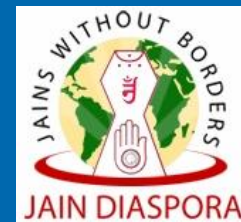
Shri DR Mehta was honored at JAINA Convention in Houston (2011) for BMVSS Jaipur Foot's impact on treating over 2 million polio patients and amputees with low-cost artificial limb prostheses that transform lives.

JAINA Leaders Lata Champsee & Dr. Sushil Jain honor BJS Founder Shantilal Muttha (2011, Houston) for Poverty Alleviation Projects.





Outreach to Leaders



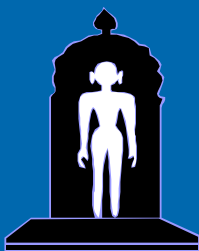
- American Jewish Committee Events (2016-18) and US Capitol - In addition to JAINA-organized events at White House and Capitol
- Jain Invocation Prayers were recited in Michigan (2019) and Arizona State Capitols (2019)



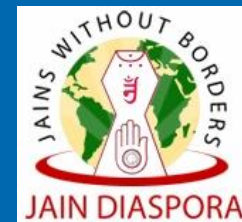
Manish Mehta & Nissim Reuben (AJC) with India Ambassador HE Arun & Mrs Maina Chawla Singh at Congressional Reception in Washington DC - June 10, 2015.



Jain Invocation prayers delivered by Manish Mehta on March 13, 2019 at the Michigan House of Representatives in Lansing, MI, USA at Link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0haf3uJcOV4>



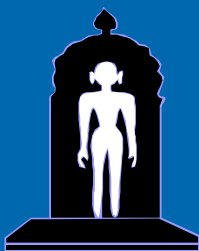
JAINA Reps At India Events



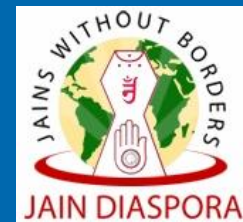
JAINA Directors Harshad Shah & Manish Mehta Attended 2014 “Jains As Minority” Conference in Mumbai, India – hosted by JIO Co-founder Mahesh Gandhi.



On Stage – (L-R): Maharashtra Minorities Minister Janet D'Souza, 3 Union Ministers: Honorable Milind Deora, Pradeep Jain & Rehman Khan; Hemant Shah (JIO Founder); Acharya Dr. Lokesh Muni & Muni NaypadmaSagarji Maharaj

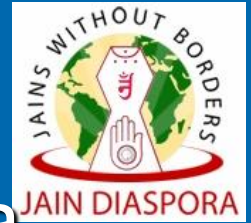


Highlights of Minority Status



1. History of Minority Struggle Spans over 60 years;
2. Minority Status for Jains increases our Global Impact!
3. Protect/preserve aging monuments/temples (By Law);
4. Uplift Jains from poverty via benefits to women & youth;
5. Empowerment via low-cost education loans & job training;
6. Education: Low interest Student loans: 3% (vs 6-8%);
7. New NGOs & Jain self-help groups can be started in India;
8. Jain professionals can enter Govt Service at higher levels;
9. Subsidy for land & for institutions preserving Jain heritage
10. **Jain Unity is Key!**

Diaspora: Next Steps



➤ Expand JAINA's Awareness in Diaspora

- Post-COVID Outreach May Have To Be Done Differently - Virtual
- Initiate a JAINA Diaspora Award and Start New Academic Programs
- Engage more Diaspora Jain communities in JAINA's Projects/Events

➤ Partnerships with India & International NGOs, Interfaith & humanitarian service organizations

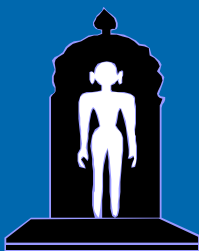
- Rotary Int'l (www.rotary.org) offers 4:1 to 7:1 leverage
- Hold Sessions at Parliament of World Religions (2018)

➤ JAINA Conventions in Diaspora countries

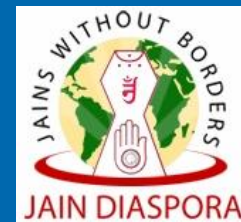
- Invite speakers from Diaspora countries (virtual/in-person)

➤ Use social media/IT/virtual tools for projects

- New www.GlobalJains.org website, JIF, etc

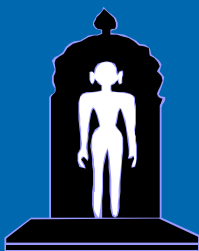


Some Rotary Projects...

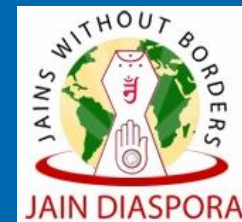


Manish Mehta has organized Rotary International Foundation-sponsored Global Grant projects with Jains

1. **Project Dignity (\$235k)** – Led by **Manish Mehta** with Kolkata Rotary clubs and Ramakrishna Ashram awards \$210 in-home toilets to rural women in Sundarbans (Bengal) to improve family health, girls safety and enable learning of vocations for poverty alleviation. **Over 1,300 new toilets in 2015-20 in India and Nepal.**
2. **TB Eradication in Indore (\$51k)** – with **Dr. Manoj Jain** Partner with NGO CETI to identify ~15,000 pre-TB patients and help in cures at community clinics in Indore.
3. **MyHeartYourHeart** – **Manish Mehta and Dr. Shugan C. Jain** – Explored India medical contacts for World Medical Relief (Detroit) & Univ of Michigan study on reuse of sterilized/certified pacemakers from US donors for needy cardiac patients in Philippines, Ghana, Pakistan, Nicaragua, Kenya, India, etc.



Project Dignity, Sundarbans



Rotary Project Dignity: Empowering Rural Women with \$210 In-Home Sanitation Toilet, and Vocational Training for self-sustainment

Completed 1,300 In-home toilets, impacting over 12,000 lives



MY HEART

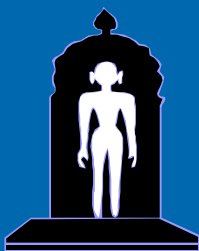


YOUR HEART

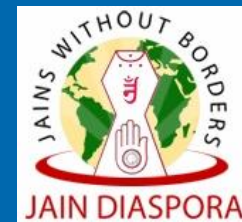
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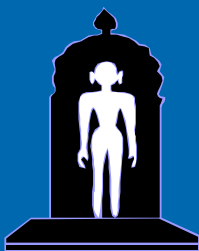
Dr. Naresh Trehan, CEO of Medanta-Medicity, Gurgaon, New Delhi, with Dr. Shugan Jain of ISJS (2014)



Dr. KK Aggarwal, New Delhi, with Dr. Shugan Jain of ISJS (2014)

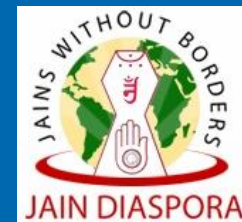


Dr. Devi Shetty of Narayana Hrudalaya Hospital in Bangalore, 2014

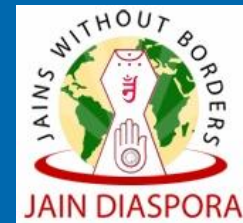
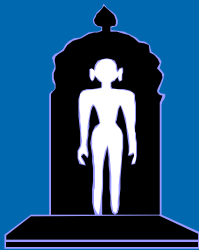


Sharing the Jain Way of Life

Lighthouse Center (Ann Arbor, MI) has ~300 interfaith followers of Gurudev Chitrabhanu & Pramodaben)



How Can JAINA/Jains Support & Engage More Non-Indians in JWOL?



Thank You!
Jai Jinendra!
JAIN HO!