

# JAINA -'19 Temple, Resurrected in Sacramento, California

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Every Jain, observes and appreciates the Art and installations during any festivities. Then again, when we rethink our Jain principles we are saddened by the thought of the carbon imprint we'll leave behind. From the optimist school of thought what starts with a good intention, ends well. So, when the 6,000 square feet temple was planned for the Convention the rebirth of the temple was never planned but since it was created with the right "Bhaav" it has found its pristine location.

As soon as the Jain Sangh of Greater Sacramento walked in they were in awe! And immediately requested the JAINA Committee to extend the life of this beautifully handmade (USA) temple by opening up the doors of their Center to house the temporary temple with a special request that Rahulbhai Jobalia helps in its resurrection. It worked perfectly! Thought the JAINA Committee since theirs is a very small community for almost 20 years and until recently they didn't have a temple. To even consider this, what better place than the Capitol of California?



They had just recently bought a 1.79 acres property which has a stable. But little did anyone know that a whole lot of work had to be completed before the installation, including building a 10 feet supporting wall, ground leveling, tile installation, electricity, etc. Rahulbhai and his assistant facilitated in all that besides the transportation, furtherance in purchasing of all the materials and finishing it all before the actual installation in less than five days.

Rahulbhai did this SEVA out of his Goodwill so that a new Jain Community can gather at a place with beautiful artifacts, by taking pride in their heritage

and helping spread the doctrine of Compassion and Friendship to one and all.

Jain Center of Southern California (JCSC) has furthered assistance in providing marble tiles, LED lights and floodlights. Jain Center of Greater Sacramento ( JCGS ) informed us that their community's attendance just doubled up when they had their inaugural Kumbh ceremony on August 18th and they have already raised more than \$10K to order and install the Pratimajis, which is such a good Emblem of Good Faith. Maybe this Temple might become the traveling torch to inspire build furthermore temples in Northern America and will create a history of its own.