



JAIN CENTER OF CENTRAL OHIO

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March 2020



President's Desk

Jai Jinendra and greetings to all!

I hope that everyone is staying well and keeping healthy. For most of us, this is the first time we are experiencing a global pandemic. During these unprecedented times, we try to do our part as a community. We have therefore canceled regular and other activities at the temple, as per CDC and state guidelines. These decisions do not come easy, nor are they taken lightly. To keep you and Pathshaala children engaged, we will continue to work hard and to provide virtual and digital resources. We understand that a lot may be missed, as the near future remains unpredictable and we apologize for any inconveniences caused.

As we distance ourselves socially, to curb the spread of COVID-19, we must come together with prayers and compassion in our heart. Let us pray for every soul that has suffered, and every life that has been lost. Let us pray and be positive that we will get through these times and see the light of prosperity again!

And with that positiveness in mind and spirit, here is our next newsletter, to keep you connected with what JCOCO has been up to in the past few months! As you spend more time with family and utilize this time to uplift spiritually, also sit back and relax with the next few pages of this newsletter!

Wishing everyone peace, health and happiness.

Did you know?

What is significance of Bhaktamar Stotra?

Bhaktamar Stotra is a divine and miraculously effective eulogy written by *Acharya Mantunga Suriji*. Each and every word of Bhaktamar Stotra reveals his enlightening devotion and infinite faith in the Adinath Bhagwan. Every single stanza and letter is capable of evoking various effects.

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Community News

This winter, JCOCO, and YJA partnered to host a blanket making drive under the Celebration of Compassion 2019 campaign. Young Jains from the JCOCO gathered in making blankets and learn more about how we can make an

impact on those in need. We thank all who sponsored supplies and volunteered their personal time to help those in need!



Did you know... Contd...

According to popular beliefs, specific stanzas are miraculously effective for specific purposes:

1. For acquisition of wealth – 2nd and 36th
2. For improving knowledge – 6th
3. For improving oratory to be true – 10th
4. For relief from disturbance – 7th
5. For relief from diseases and pain – 17th
6. For cure of snake and other venom – 41st
7. For protection from bewitching spells – 9th
8. For fulfillment of necessities – 19th

Pathshala Corner

Jai Jinendra all, another exciting quarter of learning has passed at PLC. Teachers and kids are doing an amazing job towards our goal of teaching/learning about our religion. This quarter along with learning about Jainism, we also did some new and fun activities. With help of YJA, PLC conducted blanket making class during the month of January and created 8-9 blankets to donate to the needy. We also attended bhaav yaatra during the Fagan sud chaudas time and understood the importance of that. We have continued to do puja at least once a month as a whole class and have learned many sutras. This quarter we would like to introduce & acknowledge our Pathshala Level 3 teachers for their dedication.

Anishbhai Doshi, who technically needs no introduction, has not only been one of the founding members of JCOCO but also a pillar of our Jain Sangh since 1991. Besides being professionally busy in the banking sector, Anishbhai has dedicated his time, money and energy in the well-being of the temple, temple activities, the Sangh and children of the Sangh. In his word "He tries to absorb a lot of the knowledge imparted by our visiting speakers so he can impart a little to the PLC students." Along with sharing his knowledge of Jainism and Yoga, his positive energy has helped in developing many kids and we hope to see this going for many more years to come.

Our second teacher of Pathshala Level 3 is Kanchana Shah. Kanchana and her family have been an active part of the temple since almost 10 years. She started learning about Jain religion after she got married to Vijay Shah. She appreciates the warmth of her family and JCOCO Sangh which has been really instrumental in embracing Jainism along with her beliefs and festivities of Hinduism. As a teacher/facilitator, she loves interacting with kids and listening to their questions and thoughts on Jainism. She looks at every Pathshala class as a great venue for her to learn more. Kanchana has introduced many innovative ideas to PLC curriculum.

On behalf of the JCOCO Sangh, we thank both the teachers for their unconditional time, effort, energy and love for teaching our children about Jainism. Thank you for making this year a fun and memorable one.

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Jain Recipe

Here is a recipe that is much needed today!
 Try it to boost your immune system and stay healthy!



Lunch Volunteers: Thank you to all volunteers who served lunches from the months of January through March.

Spotlight

Palitana Bhav Yatra on occasion of Fagan Sud Teras

On Sunday, March 8th, 2020, JCOCO performed a Bhav Yatra of Palitana Tirth on occasion of Fagan Sud Teras by watching Video CD of this eternal tirth and perform Chaityavandana.

Palitana Tirth is one of the most sacred mountain pilgrimage tirths for the Jains. It is known as the eternal tirth or Shatrunjaya (Vanquisher of enemies, bad karma).

It was here that lakhs of souls embraced Samadhi-death and reached salvation. Of the 24 tirthankar, 23 enhanced the glory of this pilgrimage by blessing it with their touch.

Chhah Gau Yatra is a journey of about 16 kms in pilgrim town Palitana in the Bhavnagar district. It is mainly a kind of penance that helps a devout set off the evil results of past deeds and makes his journey to Nirvana or salvation faster and shorter say Jain saints and scriptures.

Chaumasi Chaudas Pratikraman

Chaumasi Chaudas Pratikraman performed in the temple on March 8th, 2020 which comes once in four months for the sins committed during that period.

Pratikramana (lit. "introspection"), is a ritual during which Jains repent (prayaschit) for their sins and non-meritorious activities committed knowingly or inadvertently during their daily life through thought, speech or action.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event
3/31/2020	Ayambil Oli 3/31-4/08
4/26/2020	Aakhatrij
Cancelled	Mahavir Janma Kalyanak Celebration (Cultural Event). Postponed to 2021
5/12/2020	JCOCO Anniversary
5/17/2020	GB Meeting TBD
6/14/2020	Snatra Puja Followed by Lunch- Kavedia Family TBD

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