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President's Message

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What a wonderful summer it has been for our community! From various summer get togethers to celebrating Ashadi Beej Walkathon across many regions to our 10th Sammelan, the past few months have been filled with connection and energy.

A big congratulations to our high school merit scholarship winners! Their achievements are a wonderful source of pride, and we wish them continued success in their academic journeys.

KOJAIN's Annual Ashadhi Beej Walkathon was another great success! This year, we were delighted to see a few new locations join the Walkathon, making the event even more vibrant. Wonderful to see the growing participation and momentum.

Our 10th KOJAIN Sammelan was truly a milestone to remember. It brought together familiar faces and new friends, creating wonderful opportunities to connect, share, laugh, and celebrate. Gratitude to each and everyone and especially the youth who contributed in ways both visible and behind the scenes in making the 10th Sammelan - a shining example of what we can achieve when we come together as one community.
KYA has been organizing various meetups and community activities. I encourage all the youth to get involved, participate, and support one another.

A warm welcome to our international students, hope you find friendship, support, and a sense of belonging within our community and in your university.
Khoob Khoob anumodna to all the Tapasvis (https://kojain.com/tapasvis/tapasvis.php), whose willpower and spirituality serves as a source of inspiration to the members of our community.

Our By-laws review team is making progress on next items to review. We have also started looking into electronic voting software as the team advances to next set of amendments.

Let's keep the momentum going beyond the Sammelan — continue meeting, building connections, sharing ideas, and supporting one another as we grow together.

In your Seva,
Bhavini Gada
President | KOJAIN 2026-27

Ashadhi Beej Walkathon 2026 – One Path, Many Cities, One Community

Following the success of KOJAIN's first multi-city Ashadhi Beej Walkathon in 2025, the tradition continued in 2026, with communities coming together across **six cities: Malvern, PA; West Orange, NJ; Milford, CT; Raleigh, NC; San Jose, CA; and Dallas, TX**.

Held around **Ashadhi Beej, the Kutchi New Year,** the Walkathon brought families and friends together to walk, connect, and celebrate our shared Kutchi heritage. From scenic neighborhood and park walks to post-walk gatherings, each city created its own unique celebration while sharing the same spirit of community and togetherness.

In the **SF Bay Area**, KutchValley hosted an Ashadhi Beej Fitathon at Sierramont School in San Jose. More than **50 participants** enjoyed a lively fitness walk, exercises, and a festive gathering, with a special FIFA-themed celebration adding to the fun. Watch the Bay Area Walkathon Reel

In **Raleigh**, the inaugural Walkathon brought families together for a scenic walk followed by brunch and fellowship. Similar gatherings across the participating cities created opportunities for different generations to connect, meet new friends, and celebrate together.

In **Dallas**, the KOJAIN Ashadhi Beej Walkathon was held followed by breakfast. More than 20 participants joined the walk and breakfast. Some senior community members in their 80s also joined the event. Their enthusiasm beautifully reflected the spirit of community participation.

The 2026 Walkathon once again demonstrated that **distance does not separate our community**. Whether walking together in a local park or gathering afterward for food and medavo, KOJAIN members across cities came together in the spirit of Ashadhi Beej.

Special thanks to all the regional BOD hosts, city hosts, volunteers, and families who helped make the 2026 KOJAIN Ashadhi Beej Walkathon a memorable community celebration.

Ashadhi Beej Walkathon 2026 – One Path, Many Cities, One Community











A Landmark Gathering of Unity, Culture, and Joy: The 10th KOJAIN Sammelan

Parsippany, New Jersey — From July 24 to July 26, 2026, thousands of community members gathered in Parsippany, New Jersey, for the 10th KOJAIN Sammelan, themed *"Mor Bani Thangat Kare."* Spanning generations—from infants under a year old to revered elders aged 96—the three-day convention proved to be a resounding success, leaving attendees and organizers with full hearts and lasting memories. Summarized by the phrase heard throughout the venue, *"Medavo mei majja achi vai!"* ("the gathering brought pure, unforgettable joy to all"), the event served as a testament to the strength, tradition, and bright future of the diaspora.

Operational Excellence and Thoughtful Keepsakes

Executing an event of this magnitude required meticulous preparation and behind-the-scenes precision. The Sammelan team delivered a seamless experience from the moment guests arrived:

- **Efficient Check-In:** Weeks of pre-sorting and pre-packaging registration materials ensured near-zero wait times at arrival.
- **Smart Traffic Flow:** The site and security teams dynamically managed room capacity during peak dining hours, keeping crowd movement smooth and orderly.
- **Curated Souvenirs:** Every attendee received a welcome souvenir bag featuring custom playing cards, a peacock pin, stickers, and luggage tags.
- **Commemorative History:** A dedicated commemorative book was published and distributed to preserve community history and stories.

High-Energy Opening Ceremonies and Honors

The convention kicked off with a surprise flash mob performed by 50 committee leads, instantly energizing the crowd before the KOJAIN President delivered the opening address.

A central highlight of the opening was honoring community leaders:

- KOJAIN Ratna Awards: Presented to Vijay Chheda, Ram Gada, and Pravin Velji Shah for their extraordinary service.
- Recognition Awards: Eight additional awards were conferred upon distinguished leaders and volunteers.
- Traditional Welcoming: Outside, 20 host families greeted guests with a vibrant Samaiyo ceremony, accompanied by live Dholi drumming, a DJ set, and an outdoor Garba.

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Global Insights, Heritage, and Educational Sessions

The educational and spiritual core of the weekend featured over 50 dynamic daytime sessions:

- **Global Delegates:** Key representatives from the Kutch Yuvak Sangh in India—including Hardik Mamania, Komal Chheda, Hemant Karani, and Dheeraj Chheda—joined the gathering to strengthen international bonds.
- **Spiritual Scholars:** Renowned Jain Scholars Shrenik Gala and Shrut Pragya ji delivered deep philosophical teachings.
- **Cultural Preservation:** Master weaver Shamji Bhai traveled directly from Kutch, India, to conduct live demonstrations of traditional Kutchi weaving.
- **Hybrid Keynote Panel:** Speakers Sushma Iyengar, Sandeep Virmani, and Vivek Maru led an interactive panel bridging physical and virtual spaces.
- **Diverse Learning:** Workshops covered topics ranging from Entrepreneurship, Heart Health, and Financial Literacy to Saree Draping, Grandparent Storytelling, Kutchi Family Feud, traditional *Diyaro* music, and Bollywood jamming.

Unmatched Multi-Generational Entertainment

As daytime sessions concluded, the energy shifted to multi-generational showcases and late-night festivities:

- Kutchi Got Talent: Three generations—youth, adults, and seniors—shared the stage performing dances, theatrical skits, and classical tabla solos, followed by a surprise performance from the Social Team.
- Musical Performances: The dance floor remained active with a live Garba band visiting from Michigan, a rap performance by home-grown artist Bhavzy, and weekend evening sets featuring vocalist Dhaval Kaamdaar and DJ Umang.

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Culinary Excellence and Community Collaboration

A key component of the event's success was its extensive culinary offerings and collaborative execution:

- **Diverse Menus:** Meals paired traditional Kutchi comfort foods like *Rotla* and *Daal Dhokli* with global spreads featuring Italian, Mexican, South Indian, and Mediterranean cuisines.
- **Active PR & Signage:** The Public Relations team used custom standees and live menu updates to keep guests informed throughout the venue.
- **Volunteer Spirit:** Attendees spontaneously joined recruited staff to direct crowds, assist with dining, and support technical operations.
- **Technical & Financial Precision:** The Audio/Visual team maintained clear streams and audio setup across all halls, supported by the Finance team's sponsorship and budget management.

A Model of Intergenerational Leadership

The cornerstone of the 10th Sammelan's operational success was the intentional structure of its planning committees. Every committee featured a balance of seasoned adult leaders working directly alongside enthusiastic youth members.

Guided by the Core Team and local Masters of Ceremonies, this collaborative setup combined proven experience with innovative ideas. Coupled with the crucial backing of sponsoring families, the 10th KOJAIN Sammelan stood out not only as a celebration of culture, but as a sustainable model for community leadership for generations to come.

The 10th KOJAIN Sammelan : Glimpses of Day 1













The 10th KOJAIN Sammelan - Talent Show













The 10th KOJAIN Sammelan - Talent Show









Sammelan - Memories, Feedback and Call for hosting

We're excited to share the photos so you can revisit your favorite moments:
Photos
Videos
Photobooth

You can post personal Sammelan pictures in KOJAIN FB group - https://m.facebook.com/groups/kojain/?ref=share&mibextid=wwXIfr

We'd also love to hear what you enjoyed, what stood out, and what we can improve for future Sammelans. Please take a moment to share your feedback.

Call for hosting next Sammelan

If this Sammelan inspired you, let us know if you'd like to help plan the next Sammelan. Whether you have big ideas or simply want to lend a hand, we'd love to start bringing the next team together early. Be the force and support KOJAIN.

KOJAIN Matrimonial

The matrimonial initiative has been gaining significant momentum and we are excited to share that the program has seen few success stories this year. One couple got engaged and another one got married. We wish both these couples lifetime of happiness and wonderful memories together. Grateful to matrimonial team for all the coordination and efforts.

To enroll into matrimonial program please visit KOJAIN Matrimonial

We are also looking for a volunteer to help out with the matrimonial group activity - on an average we will need your time for 15-30 minutes a month. If you would be available to help out with candidate verification, group coordination logistics or just learn more about the role, please reach out to Bhavini Gada.

KOJAIN Ratna Awardees

2026 KOJAIN Recognition Award ceremony was held at the KOJAIN Sammelan. It was an absolute pleasure to meet the awardees and be inspired by their selfless service.

Congratulations to **Ram Gada (Bada, MI), Pravin Velji Shah (Naredi, CA)** and **Vijay Dharshi Chheda (Kundrodi, CA)** for KOJAIN RATNA award. Their dedicated service, visionary leadership has had a lasting impact on KOJAIN and kutchi community. Big thank you to Ram Gada for the uplifting "**I Can/We Can**" speech that reminded emphasized on the spirit of giving back and community service.



Ram Gada



Pravin Velji Shah



Hardik Mamania & Haresh Shah accepting for Vijay Chheda

KOJAIN Recognition Awardees

2026 KOJAIN Recognition Award ceremony was held at the KOJAIN Sammelan. It was an absolute pleasure to meet the awardees and be inspired by their continued excellence and community service.
Recognition Awardees

- Maya & Ramesh Dedhia (Bhujpur, MI) - Philanthropy
- Prachi Bhupen Gala (Sadau, GA) - Research/Professional Excellence
- Dhravya Shailesh Shah (Lakadia, CA) - Technology / Young Entrepreneur
- Hiten Talakchand Shah (Rayan, OH) - Philanthropy
- Dinesh K. Gala (Navinar, CA) - Community Service



Maya & Ramesh Dedhia
Philanthropy



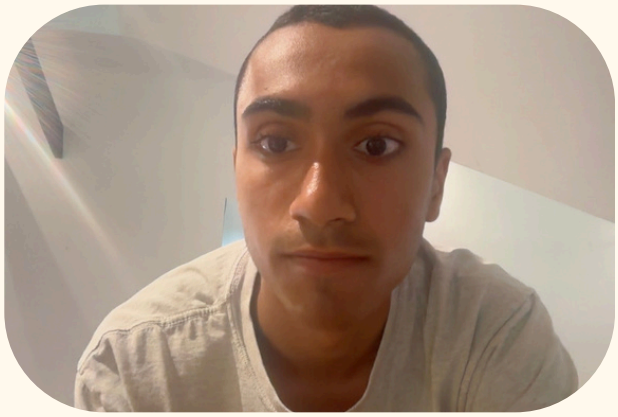
Prachi Bhupen Gala
Research/Professional Excellence



Shrenik Gala accepting for Hiten Talakchand Shah
Philanthropy

KOJAIN High School Merit Scholarship Winners

Umed Maru will be attending Carnegie Mellon University, where he plans to major in Materials Science while also exploring interests in English Literature and Biology. In addition to his academic pursuits, he will compete as a track athlete at Carnegie Mellon. We wish Umed the very best as he embarks on this exciting journey.





Veer Shah will be attending Rutgers University to study Physics. His research interests are in Biophysics, with a particular focus on using physical methods to better understand and model life. We wish Veer continued success in his academic journey and future research endeavors.

Anand Maru will be attending Amherst College, where he plans to study Sociology. An avid reader, artist, and runner, Anand will also compete on Amherst's NCAA Division III varsity track team. He hopes to pursue a career in law, government, or a combination of both. We wish Anand every success in achieving his aspirations.



KOJAIN Youth of America

KYA has had an incredible few months, brimming with connection, culture, and countless unforgettable moments! Recently, our amazing New Jersey KYA community gathered for a delightful dinner at Nomad Pizza in Princeton. It was such a fantastic opportunity for everyone to reconnect, enjoy each other's company outside of larger events, and continue building those cherished friendships that make our KYA community so special.

A major highlight was the phenomenal **KOJAIN Sammelan 2026!**

Families and youth united for an exhilarating weekend dedicated to celebrating our culture, community, and heritage. Throughout the Sammelan, KYA members enjoyed vibrant activities, engaging conversations, and enriching programs, all while deepening their connections.

The evenings were particularly unforgettable for our youth! The first night was alive with energy as everyone dove into the lively rhythms of Garba and Raas! The second night brought back the fun as we all hit the dance floor to the infectious beats of Bollywood music. After dancing their hearts away, many youth stayed up the entire night, chatting and hanging out in the ballroom. Both nights were a chance for our youth to celebrate, forge new friendships, and create lasting memories that will carry **on long after the weekend is over.**



Upcoming Events

A list of upcoming events across regions and nationally

- Oct 9: Michigan Seniors Dinner
- Nov 1: Seattle Diwali Party
- Nov 1: Boston Diwali Party
- Nov 7: SF Bay Area Diwali Celebration
- Nov 7: So. Cal Diwali Celebration
- Nov 8: Michigan Diwali Celebration
- Nov 14: New Jersey Diwali Celebration
- Nov 21: Midwest Diwali Celebration
- Nov 22: DMV Diwali Celebration
- Nov 29: Canada Sports Day

Region 1 - Bhavik Shah



Bhavik Manish Shah, a graduate student at Harrisburg University of Science and Technology based in Phoenix, Arizona, presented "**The Hidden Cost of AI: Examining the Escalating Water Footprint of Data Centers**" at the American Water Works Association's Water Infrastructure Conference and Exposition (WIC 2026) in Indianapolis, Indiana, on August 31, 2026. The presentation shared findings from his independent research on how much water AI data centers actually consume, and why most of it goes uncounted.

Bhavik walked the audience through a three-part method for measuring a data center's water footprint: direct on-site cooling, indirect water consumed by the power plants supplying the facility's electricity, and embodied water from manufacturing the hardware inside it.

Roughly three quarters of the footprint sits outside the fence line, yet on-site cooling is the only term that appears on the water service application a utility reviews. As he put it to the room, more water is consumed generating a data center's electricity than cooling it on site, and the larger number is the one no local permit ever sees.



With Phoenix emerging as a major data center hub in a water-stressed basin, his work has a clear local angle. His recommendations include standardized and comparable water reporting for data centers, permitting that accounts for basin-level water availability and seasonal peaks, and closed-loop or zero-liquid-discharge cooling in arid regions. He also built an open calculator so that utilities and researchers can reproduce the method with their own data.

Bhavik holds an MS in Environmental Engineering from the University of Southern California and is currently pursuing an MS in Project Management at Harrisburg University. He welcomes conversations with community members working in water, energy, data centers, or public policy.

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Region 2 - KutchValley's Sunshine Picnic

Sunshine Picnic 2026 On Saturday, May 9, 2026, the KutchValley community came together at Lake Cunningham Park in San Jose for their annual Sunshine Picnic. More than 320 people, representing over 100 families from 20 different cities, joined us for a wonderful day of food, fun, and friendship.

A Delicious Community Potluck For the first time, we introduced a pre-planned potluck menu. The response was amazing, and families brought a wonderful variety of homemade food, snacks, and desserts. The large venue provided ample shade and seating, and the beautiful weather made the day even more enjoyable.

Mystery Chef Competition A special highlight was the Mystery Chef Competition. Thank you to Ameeta Gala, Khushboo Mamania and Gaurav in Yadav, Kushmi Dedhia, Miril Chheda, Palak Oswal, Saroj and Vaishalee Maru, and Shweta Shah for preparing and serving delicious dishes. We also thank our judges, Jayshree Dedhia, Pallavi Shah, and Sumit Savla.

Congratulations to Ameeta Gala and Khushboo Mamania and Gaurav Yadav for winning the competition!



Region 2 - KutchValley's Sunshine Picnic









Antakshari Fun The community sang their hearts out during Antakshari. Fun twists kept everyone excited and engaged.

Fun and Lasting Memories Children enjoyed the play structures, while adults had fun playing volleyball. Housie, KV reels, and "Medavo" brought laughter and helped create many new friendships. A special thank you to Hasmukh Patel, Jigar Gada, and Nilesh Buricha for helping with the activities.

Thank You to Our Community We sincerely thank Saumil Gogri for the generous donation through their company's charity program, which helped support the picnic.

A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with setup, food, activities, and cleanup. We are also grateful to the KV Spring Picnic Team: Beleena Veera, Bhanik Shah, Bijal Gala, Isha Shah, Jaikit Savla, and Naman Gala. As always, KutchValley came together to make Sunshine Picnic 2026 such a joyful and memorable event.

Region 2 - Seattle Sports Day

The Seattle Kutchi Group held an another exciting summer event, Sports Day on Aug 24th 2026

Both youth and parents eagerly anticipated this fun-filled event, which featured friendly competition and high energy throughout. The excitement lasted over five hours, with participants showing incredible enthusiasm and sportsmanship.

The day concluded with a delicious meal thoughtfully organized by the committee, leaving everyone with full hearts and happy memories.



Region 2 - KVL 2026 – A Celebration of Sports, Community & Togetherness

KutchValley proudly hosted its **4th KutchValley Sports League** – **KVL 2026** in the vibrant Bay Area of California. With a focus on promoting active living, encouraging women's participation in sports, engaging youth, and strengthening community connections, KVL 2026 marked another exciting milestone for the KV community.

Held over two action-packed days on July 11–12, 2026, at Sierramont Middle School in San Jose, KVL 2026 was the biggest and most diverse edition yet. The event featured **7 sports, 22 teams**, and **over 180 players**, with a combined crowd of more than **700 people** across both days.

The league offered something for everyone. Adults competed in **Men's Cricket, Women's Cricket, Men's Volleyball**, and **Women's Throwball**, while younger participants joined the fun through **Four Square, Lemon Race, and Robinhood multi-sport** activities.

KVL 2026 was about much more than competition. Team practices, spirited matches, enthusiastic cheering, and families coming together created opportunities to build new friendships and strengthen existing community bonds. A particularly meaningful aspect of KVL continues to be **women's participation in organized sports**, with Women's Cricket and Women's Throwball providing a welcoming platform for women to compete, stay active, and experience team sports.

The growing involvement of children was equally exciting, encouraging the next generation to get outdoors, stay active, make friends, and experience the joy of sports and community participation from an early age.

And no Kutchi community celebration is complete without good food! Players and spectators enjoyed delicious lunch options on both days, with separate adult and kids' meals. Saturday featured wraps, Vada Pav and fruit for adults, with Idli-Chutney and chocolate milk for kids. Sunday brought Mexican veggie bowls by Qdoba for adults and pizza for kids, with complimentary Sunday lunch provided to participating players. Jalebi, Papdi and Chai were served for breakfast.

Behind the scenes, KVL 2026 was powered by an incredible team of organizers, volunteers, sponsors, players, families, and supporters. From competitive matches and great sportsmanship to delicious food, laughter, teamwork, and countless memorable moments, **KVL 2026 once again demonstrated the power of sports to bring a community together.**

KVL 2026 Team - Aditya Oswal, Avani Vora, Chintan Poladia, Harshal Veera, Jaideep Shah, Jaikit Savla, Jayesh Gada, Kewal Shah, Mayuri Nisar, Romil Rambhia, Saumil Gogri, Smit Savla, Vinay Rambhia

Region 2 - KVL 2026 – A Celebration of Sports, Community & Togetherness















Region 2 - Beating the Heat: Inside the 25th Milestone of Camp KV

When weather forecasts warned of a scorching **100°F+** weekend in Ripon, CA, organizers of the annual Camp KV knew they had their work cut out for them. Despite the high temperatures, the **25th Camp KV** turned out to be an unforgettable weekend defined by cool river water, deep community bonds, and fun activities.

Around **170+** campers attended and we had booked around **30** campsites.

The organising team used past notes to assign shaded campsites to campers. Arrangements were made for plenty of drinking water to be available. Gazebos were arranged to counter the heat at the exposed beachfront.

Saturday's "**Bring Your Own Lunch**" format allowed campers to escape rigid schedules, letting everyone dine at their own pace whether lounging on the beach or relaxing at their campsites. Water activities included volleyball in water, floating down the slow moving river, sand play for kids, card games by the beach, etc.



Region 2 - Beating the Heat: Inside the 25th Milestone of Camp KV





Campers kicked off their mornings with **high-energy Bollywood workout** or **meditation** session.

Breakfast consisted of Masala Puri and Upma on consecutive mornings while Saturday night dinner was delicious Pav Bhaji. On both Fri and Sat nights we headed to the beach by the nearby river for campfire (sans actual fire) activities. The beach side was cooler and we enjoyed playing antakshari, dumb charades, doing medavo, etc. It was wonderful to see stars in the dark night sky sitting by the riverside.





Region 2 - Beating the Heat: Inside the 25th Milestone of Camp KV







The theme chosen this year was "**Emojis**" and the campcenter was decorated with a Photo Booth accordingly, folks were given emoji stickers to put on their clothes and the campers were given an option to put an emoji themed message outside their tent for others to decode. Lot of card games were played amongst different groups with some going late into the night. Children spent their days biking, playing games, and splashing along the beachfront.

Overall it turned out to be a wonderful community outing despite the heat. KutchValley folks look forward to this annual camping trip and registration gets filled up usually within **15 minutes of opening up** with a long waitlist as well.

The camping team consisted of **Ami Lalan, Ameeta Gala, Chirag Kenia, Kalpa Shah, Mehul Poladia, Mita Gosar, Neelam Dharod, Prashant Shah, and Vinay Rambhia**.

Region 5 - Jalsa Jalsa Picnic

Our community came together on Saturday, August 29, 2026 evening 5 pm to 9 pm for the **KOJAIN Region 5 annual "Jalsa Jalsa" Picnic**, in Atlanta, GA, and what a beautiful, memorable day it was! We want to extend a massive thank you to the **55+ wonderful attendees** who brought so much warmth, energy, and smiles to the event.

Heartfelt Gratitude to Our Sponsors

A very special thank you goes to **Pritesh Gogri and Rachana Haria** for sponsoring the pavilion and providing the delicious pizzas. Your incredible generosity truly elevated our day of dance, games, and fun-filled activities—*khub khub anumodna!*

A Special Birthday Celebration

Before the start of the auspicious **Paryushan Mahaparva**, it was an absolute joy to celebrate Pritesh Gogri and Rachana Haria's son **Dhian Gogri's early 10th** birthday with a scrumptious eggless cake.

Dearest Dhian, a very Happy Birthday from the entire KOJAIN family!
We are sending you endless love, smiles, and blessings for a wonderful year ahead.



Region 5 - Jalsa Jalsa Picnic

Recognizing Our Amazing Volunteers and Guests

An event of this scale is only possible through collective love and effort. We extend our deepest gratitude to:

- **Our Dedicated Volunteers:** Bhaven, Karishma, Jay, Trupti, RD Narendra Shah [Visaria], and all the lovely ladies who helped out straight from the heart with a smile.
- **Our Honored Guests:** All of our beloved senior citizens who graced this lovely event with their presence.
- **Every Contributor:** Everyone who chipped in by bringing a wonderful variety of food, drinks, fruits, sports equipment, and the music system.
- **Our Long-Distance Travelers:** Beena and Disha, who showed amazing dedication by driving all the way from Birmingham, AL and back just to be a part of the fun!

What's Next? (Tentative Events)

The fun doesn't stop here! Get ready for our upcoming **Diwali Potluck** and an exciting **30-minute Rangoli Competition**.



Region 8: Preserving Wisdom Through Technology: JainGPT.org is Empowering Community

In an era where technology touches every part of our daily lives, our community is finding innovative ways to stay connected with Jain philosophy. At the center of this movement is Anish Visaria, a software engineer from New Jersey and Director of Innovation at Jain eLibrary, who is bridging ancient scriptures with modern artificial intelligence.

From JainQQ to Conversational AI

Anish's digital journey began in 2020 with the launch of **JainQQ.org** a search engine built to index thousands of scanned books from the Jain eLibrary repository. Today, JainQQ.org serves an incredible **100,000 users per month**, helping scholars, Pathshala teachers, and curious learners around the world instantly locate specific scriptural references.

Building on that foundation, Anish recognized the potential of Large Language Models in 2023 and developed **JainGPT.org**. While JainQQ functions as a high-traffic search engine, JainGPT allows users to ask questions in plain language about Jain philosophy, traditions, and ethical principles—receiving direct, conversational answers grounded in traditional source texts.

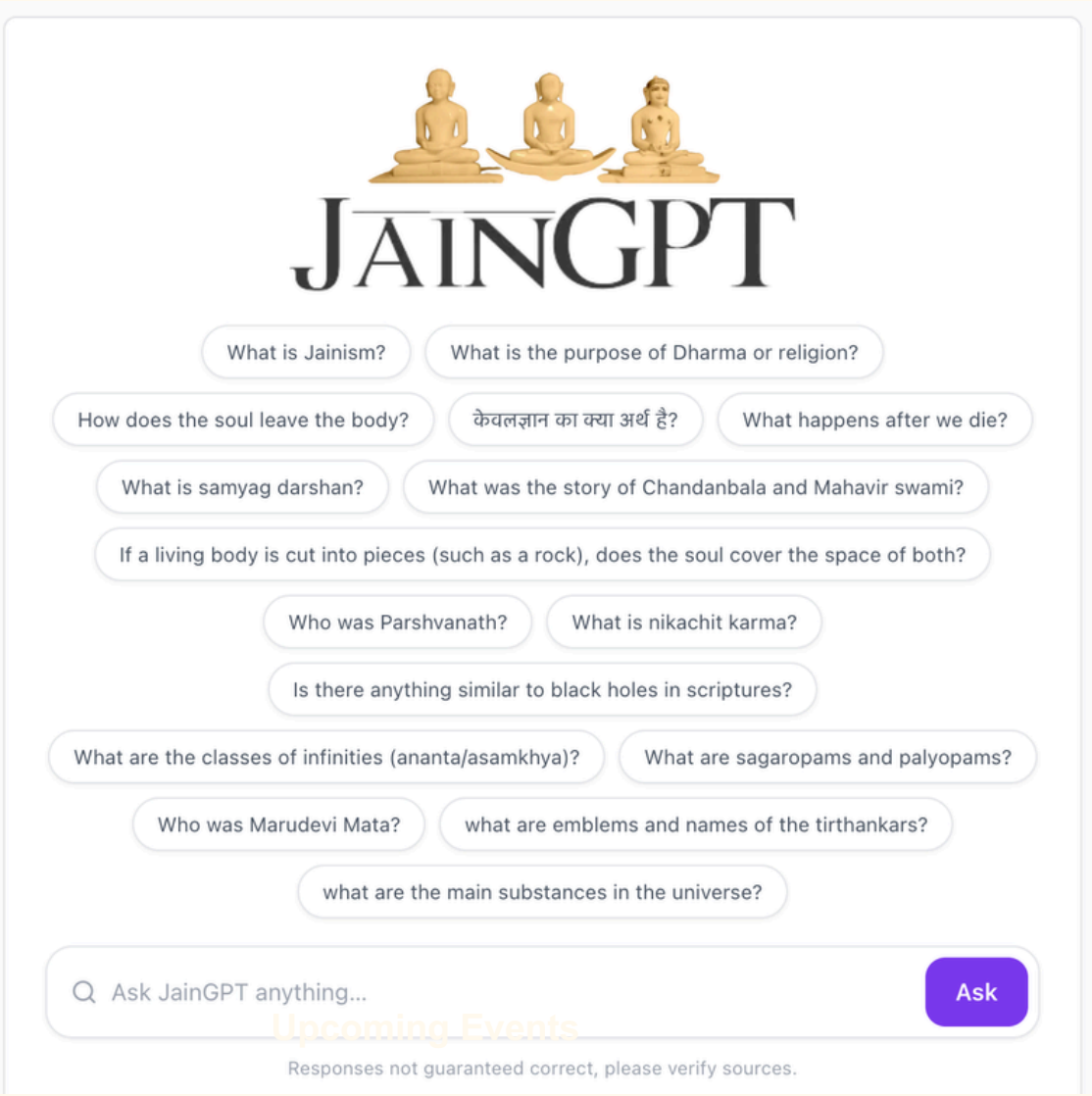
"*Technology allows easy access to information that would otherwise require hours of expertise to find,*" shares Anish. "*It is important to let individuals seek answers without imposing a singular view on them*."

Impact Across Generations

JainGPT.org has fast become a vital companion for daily learning, quiz prep, and personal reflection across our global community:

- **Growing Reach**: Currently serves **10,000 users per month** and **60,000 users annually**.
- **Festival Spikes**: Experiences significant surges in activity during sacred periods like Paryushana and Das Lakshana, as families and youth dive deeper into self-study.
- **Youth Engagement**: Breaks down complex scriptural concepts, making Jain concepts accessible to younger generations.

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Looking to the Future

Anish continues to refine JainGPT to expand its multilingual capabilities across Prakrit, Sanskrit, Hindi, Gujarati, and English, while maintaining a neutral, inclusive approach that respects the nuanced views across different Jain traditions.

As Anish puts it, "**Jainism has always adapted over time. AI is just another step in its evolution**."

Whether you are preparing a lesson for Pathshala, researching a specific topic, or looking to deepen your personal study, check out JainQQ.org and JainGPT.org today!

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Region 11 - KOJIC Picnic : Fun & Fair, FIFA Final Watch Party

The KOJIC Picnic (19th Jul'2026 @ Mississauga Valley Park) Fun & Fair, combined with the FIFA Finals Watch Party, turned out to be a fantastic day of fun, friendship, food, football, and community spirit! With **270+** members coming together, the event was filled with energy and excitement from beginning to end. Members and families had a wonderful opportunity to relax, reconnect with old friends, meet new ones, and enjoy quality time together in a lively and welcoming atmosphere.

🎪 **Fun, Food & the Fair :** A major highlight of the day was the Fun & Fair, featuring an impressive **18 stalls**. The stalls brought color and vibrancy to the event, offering a variety of food, refreshments, activities, and shopping options. Members enthusiastically explored the stalls, supported fellow community members, and enjoyed the many offerings. The buzz around the fair, combined with plenty of laughter and conversations, created a truly festive atmosphere. A big thanks to all the Stall owners who made the event memorable.

⚽ **FIFA Final Fever :** Adding to the excitement was the FIFA Final Match Watch Party. Football enthusiasts gathered together to experience the drama and excitement of the final on the big screen.

The cheers, anticipation, celebrations, and shared excitement made watching the match together a memorable experience. It was wonderful to see members come together not just as football fans, but as a community sharing the thrill of a major sporting occasion.

🙌 **A Big Thank You to Our Volunteers**

Behind every successful event is a team of dedicated people, and the KOJIC Picnic was no exception. A heartfelt thank you goes to our wonderful volunteers:

• Hiren Chheda • Sagar Dedhia • Anil Haria • Jaydeep Dharamsey • Raj Dedhia •Bhupesh Dedhia • Pradip Savla and to **all the other volunteers** and members who generously gave their time, energy, and support.

Whether it was planning, coordination, managing the stalls, helping attendees, or taking care of countless details behind the scenes, every contribution helped make the day run smoothly.

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Donors – We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to all the Donors who helped make this a totally free event for everyone to attend.

❤️ **Celebrating Community**

More than just a picnic or a watch party, the event was a celebration of togetherness and the strong KOJIC community spirit. The smiles, conversations, laughter, delicious food, exciting stalls, and football fever created memories that will be cherished by everyone who attended.

With **270+ members, 18 stalls**, and countless moments of joy, the KOJIC Picnic, Fun & Fair & FIFA Final Watch Party was truly a day to remember!

A sincere thank you to everyone who participated and helped make the event such a wonderful success. Here's to many more celebrations, friendships, and memorable moments together!

📸 One community. One celebration. Countless memories.



Region 11 - KOJIC Board Game Evening & Townhall

KOJIC brought the community together for a unique evening that combined open communication, community engagement, and good old-fashioned fun with our first-ever KOJIC Townhall and Board Game Evening.



The event offered something for everyone—from an open conversation about KOJIC's finances and activities to an exciting selection of board games that kept members of all ages entertained.

🏛️ Our First KOJIC Townhall

A key highlight of the evening was the first-ever KOJIC Townhall, providing members with an opportunity to learn more about the organization and its activities.
For the first time, the community was presented with a detailed overview of KOJIC's finances, giving members greater insight into how funds are managed and utilized. The Townhall also included a look back at past KOJIC events and initiatives, celebrating the work and achievements of the community over the year.
Members were also given a sneak peek into upcoming events and future plans, creating excitement about what lies ahead. The Townhall provided a valuable platform for openness, information sharing, and strengthening the connection between KOJIC and its members.

Thanks to **Lataben Champsee, Bhupesh Dedhia, Sagar Dedhia and Dimple Shah.**

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🎲 Let the Games Begin!

After the Townhall, it was time to put the presentations aside and let the fun begin!

A wide variety of **board games** were set up for community members to enjoy. From classic favourites to games requiring strategy, teamwork, and a little friendly competition, there was something for everyone.

The best part?

All age groups had something to play and enjoy. Families and friends gathered around the tables, challenged each other, learned new games, and shared plenty of laughs along the way.

The board games created a relaxed and interactive atmosphere, giving members another wonderful opportunity to connect with one another beyond the usual community events.

🙌 A Big Thank You to Our Volunteers

Events like these come together because of the dedication and enthusiasm of our volunteers. A heartfelt thank you to:

• **Vipul Kenia • Nirali Dedhia • Sagar Dedhia • Chintan Nisar • Pradip Savla • Hiren Chheda • Dimple Shah • Bhupesh Dedhia • Dhairya Vora** and **all the other volunteers and members** who helped make the evening a success.

From organizing the Townhall and setting up the games to assisting members and keeping the evening running smoothly, every contribution made a difference.

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❤️ Building a Stronger Community

The Board Game Evening and Townhall was a wonderful combination of **transparency, engagement, learning, and fun**.
The Townhall helped members gain a better understanding of KOJIC's finances, past activities, and future plans, while the board games brought everyone together in a relaxed and enjoyable setting.

Here's to more conversations, more games, more laughter, and many more exciting KOJIC events ahead!

Matrimonial Listings



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Brief Intro: I'm a biostatistician working at University of Rochester since 2022.
I like hiking, kayaking, reading, biking, watching movies and playing board games. I also like hanging out with the people in my community hear and hangout socially.
I am passionate about animals, football, anime, kdramas. I have a laid back nature but I also like being direct. I believe we are all responsible for our own happiness and that a true partnership isn't one that comes from combining two halves but from two whole people.

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Outside of work, I enjoy exploring new technologies, traveling, cooking and keeping up with cricket. I'm vegetarian, don't smoke and don't drink, and prioritize both mental and physical well-being.

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