

JAINA Convention 2015 – JSMC Contribution

JAINA Convention 2015 held in Atlanta during July 2-5 was very successful and attended by over 4000 participants from all over the world. JSMC was very well represented with more than 360 attendees actively participating in this convention, highest participation after Atlanta Sangh. Along with active participations, many families spent countless hours in preparing for these activities and many donors donated towards JAINA Convention. JAINA and JSMC appreciates everyone's contribution. Below are some highlights of JSMC's contribution and participation.

Convention Leaders: Congratulations to following leaders from JSMC:

- Convention Board: Convention Board member Atul B. Shah led the Convention Food Committee with help from team lead Hitesh R. Shah along with other volunteers from JSMC. Vasant Shah also helped bringing support from Patel Brothers for various sponsorship in Food area. Ashok Shah led the VIP section of the food area while Dharmi Shah led the Sadhus & Sadhis section. During this convention, the food area was very well planned and many appreciated meticulous planning by JSMC team. Along with Food area, Atulbhai also led the efforts for bringing Bhagwan Pratimaji for the convention temple with help from Hiteshbhai and Ashok Shah. This was last minute request from JAINA. He also led the Procession for the Derasar Dwar Opening ceremony and closing ceremony.
- Convention Youth Committee Leads – Piyush Gandhi who led YJA and JNF activities. Dimple Shah contributed for Kids Club activities.
- Convention PR & Media team led by Hemant Shah, who hosted a special press conference. Whole convention media coverage was arranged with TV Asia, PTI news services, India Tribune, Georgia news agency media, Gujarat Samachar, etc. Sureshbhai Shah covered JAINA news in Akila and Gujarat Samachar.
- Convention Reception Committee member – Hemant Shah
- Convention JAB Administrative team member – Dr. Mukesh Doshi, Anish Doshi, Anjali Doshi, Shibani Shah, Parinda Shah

Jain Academy Bowl (JAB): With guidance from Dr. Mukesh Doshi, Dr. Pradip Shah, and Darshana Shah, three teams participated in JAB competition. Following are the participants and their awards:

- Team A: Om (Senior Team) – Semi-finalist
 - Coach: Meghna Shah
 - Contestants: Aaryan Shah, Anand Shah (Captain), Girik Jain, Nita Jani, Priya Shah
- Team B: Hrim (Junior Team) – **2nd Prize Winner**
 - Coach: Bhavisha Shroff
 - Contestants: Akshay Baid, Bhuvni Shah, Meera Baid, Sneha Shah (Captain), Vaarin Shroff
- Team C: Arham (Junior Team) - **1st Prize Winner**
 - Coach: Reshma Shah
 - Contestants: Ashmita Shah, Garima Shah, Om Gandhi (Captain), Paras Shah, Riya Jain, Riya P. Shah

JAINA Rock Show: Two teams represented JSMC in grand cultural show – JAINA Rock Tonight! Vipul Shah, Dr. Mukesh Doshi coordinated JSMC participation.

- Youth Dance: Choreographer – Aneri Shah, Asst. Choreographer – Priya Shah
 - Participants: Aaryan Shah, Aashna Shah, Asmita Shah, Garima Shah, Jainik Shroff, Janvi Jani, Krish Shah, Nitya Jani, Paras Shah, Ravi Shah, Rishabh Shah, Riya Jain, Saloni Shah, Sneha Shah, Sohum Solanki, Vaarin Shroff
- Adult Dance: Choreographer – Swati Shah, Asst. Choreographer – Meghana Shah
 - Participants: Amit Shah, Darshana Shah, Hema Jain, Hemant Shah, Himanshu Jain, Jignesh Jain, Lina Shah, Meghna Shah, Mukesh Doshi, Nisha Jani, Pradip Shah, Reshma Shah, Usha Doshi, Vaishali Jain, Vipul Shah, Yogesh Jani

Swagatam Opening show: JSMC presented a special classical fusion dance during this opening ceremony

- Classical Dance: Choreographer – Sunita Solanki
 - Participants: Janvi Shah, Priyanna Shah, Sachi Solanki, Sareena Shah, Sharmee Shah

Jains Got Talent (JGT): One group and three individual entries participated in this competition. Following group entry got **2nd Prize Award**

- Chicago Dhoom: Choreographer – Amit Shah, Asst. Choreographer - Sunita Solanki, Shilpa Shah
 - Participants: Janvi Shah, Priyanna Shah, Sachi Solanki, Sareena Shah, Sharmee Shah

JAINA Declamation Contest: First time ever JAINA Declamation Contest was led and moderated by Reshma Shah. Anand Shah received **3rd Prize Award** in this competition.

JAINA Leadership Awards: JSMC received three individual leadership awards recognizing their JAINA and JSMC level contributions.

- Youth Leadership Award: Shikhar Shah
- Adult Leadership Award: Tejas Shah, and Vipul Shah

Speakers & Moderators:

- Dipak Doshi Presented and Moderated three different Long Range Planning breakout sessions covering Leaders in Action, JAINA Long Range Vision, and Leadership Development topics.
- Dipak Doshi also presented at the Jain Academic Wing session about Jain Education, establishing Jain Chairs at Universities in USA, and providing funding support to the International School of Jain Studies.
- Hemant Shah was one of the panel speakers for Jain Leaders Conference attended by Jain Center Presidents and JAINA leaders.
- Dr. Mukesh Doshi presented three sessions: Jain Infinity and Beyond – Youth, History of Jainism and Jain Sects – Adult, Secrets of Samayika - Adult
- Vipul Shah & Hitesh R. Shah represented JSMC and spoke about JSMC Health Fair Success story as part of JAINA LRP discussion

JAINA Leadership Team: Congratulations to following elected/selected JSMC leaders for the JAINA leadership team:

- Vice President, Midwest - Hemant Shah, who got re-elected for the year 2015-2017
- Directors – Dipak Doshi, Atul Shah, Hemant Shah for the year 2015-2017
- Long Range Planning (LRP) Committee – Dipak Doshi (Chair), Vipul Shah, Bipin Shah
- PR & Media Committee – Hemant Shah (Chair), Shilpa Shah
- Jain Networking Forum/MIS– Dr. Mukesh Doshi (Chair), Sunil Jain, Hemant Shah
- Membership Committee member- Hemant Shah
- Awards Committee member – Hemant Shah
- VRG Committee member– Hemant Shah
- Fund Raising Committee member – Dipak Doshi, Vipul Shah

As an initiative of JAINA Long Range Planning and Fund Raising Team, Vipul Shah and Dipak Doshi led the effort of developing first ever JAINA Mobile App – “JAINA” for iOS and Android platform. The app was developed by Ray Shah & Al Shah from Appsomatic.net. It was developed professionally, and in very short period of time while facing many challenges in terms of scope and requirements for this app.

Overall JSMC Members demonstrated lot of enthusiasm, volunteerism, and great support to JAINA and Jains in North America - **Congratulations to JSMC!**