Lighting the Path Forward



convention YJP 2025

2025 YJP Convention Souvenir Book

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Navkar Mantra

Jainism's most prominent mantra, paying respect to the spiritual beings on the path to liberation

णमो अरहिंताणं
Namō Arihantānam

I bow to the Arihants, destroyers of their inner enemies.

णमो सद्धिाणं
Namō Siddhanam

I bow to the Siddhas, the liberated souls.

णमो आयरयिाणं
Namo Ayariyānam

I bow to the Acharyas, the religious leaders.

णमो उवज्झायाणं
Namō Uvajjhāyānam

I bow to the Upadhyays, the religious teachers.

णमो लोए सव्व-साहूणं
Namō Lōē Sawa Sāhūnam

I bow to all the Sadhus and Sadhvis, those who have renounced the worldly life and follow a path of simplicity.

एसो पंच णमोक्कारो, सव्व-पाव-प्पणासणो
Esōpanchanamōkkārō, Savvapāvappanāsanō

Bowing to these five entities destroys all sins

मंगला णं च सव्वेर्सा, पढमं हवई मंगलं ॥१॥
Mangala Nan Ca Savvēsim, Padamama Havai Mangalam

of all auspicious mantras, is the first and foremost one.

From the Desk of the JAINA President

Jai Jinendra.

It is with immense pride and heartfelt joy that I extend my warmest greetings to each of you gathered for this year's YJP Convention. The theme, "Lighting the Path Forward," could not be more timely or more powerful. In a world that often feels uncertain, your collective energy, vision, and commitment to "Be the Change" illuminate the way forward-not just for yourselves, but for our entire Jain community.

This convention is more than a gathering-it is a movement. Through dynamic workshops like "Speak. Build. Connect." and transformative sessions such as "Unmute Yourself" and "Blueprint to Business," you are cultivating the skills, confidence, and clarity needed to lead with purpose. The Shark Tank experience showcased your entrepreneurial spirit, while guided networking fostered meaningful bonds that will ripple far beyond this weekend.

And let's not forget the delightful all-vegan menu-a delicious reminder that our values of ahimsa and compassion can be celebrated in every bite.

As President of JAINA, I am inspired by your passion and your potential.
You are the torchbearers of our timeless principles, anchored in non-violence, truth, and self-discipline-yet unafraid to innovate, question, and create. You are proving that Jain values are not relics of the past, but blueprints for a more conscious and connected future.

Let this convention be a spark. Carry its light into your careers, your communities, and your causes. Speak with courage. Build with integrity. Connect with compassion. And always remember: the path forward is not something we find it is something we forge, together.

With admiration and hope,



Bindesh Shah
President, Federation of Jain Associations
in North America (JAINA)

A Message from the Governor of New Jersey

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GOVERNOR

November 7, 2025

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the Great State of New Jersey, it is my honor to extend warm greetings to all those attending the Young Jain Professionals (YJP) National Convention.

New Jersey takes immense pride in its rich cultural and faith-based diversity – communities that contribute daily to our social, civic, and economic fabric. The Jain community, with its guiding principles of *Ahimsa* (non-violence), *Anekantavada* (many-sidedness), and *Aparigraha* (non-possessiveness), has long exemplified the moral leadership and spirit of service that make our State stronger.

This gathering of bright, passionate young professionals reflects the very best of that tradition. The YJP Convention offers a unique platform to connect, learn, and grow – fostering dialogue around leadership, entrepreneurship, sustainability, and ethics in an increasingly interconnected world. Your commitment to self-improvement and community upliftment mirrors the values that drive New Jersey's innovation economy and civic life.

As Governor, I am proud to celebrate your achievements and the Jain community's enduring contributions to our shared prosperity. May this event inspire continued collaboration, compassion, and purpose in every endeavor you pursue.

Congratulations on another successful convention, and best wishes for an enriching and meaningful experience.

My very best,

Philip D. Murphy
Governor

A Letter from the Co-Chairs

November 7–9, 2025 | Somerset, NJ

A Message from the Co-Chairs
Young Jain Professionals Convention 2025

Jai Jinendra,

Welcome to the YJP Convention 2025 Souvenir Book! When we began planning this convention back in August 2025, our goal was simple: to create a space where young Jain professionals could gather to learn, connect, and draw inspiration—not just from accomplished speakers and structured programs, but from one another. What actually materialized far surpassed that initial vision.

This year's convention brought together over 120 attendees from across North America, representing a dynamic mix of industries, backgrounds, and experiences. We were honored to kick off the weekend with remarks from the Consul General of India (NYC), Binaya Pradhan, followed by inspiring keynote sessions from Sahil Kothari, Chirag Shah, and Mansi H. Shah. Each of them offered thoughtful insights on leadership, resilience, values, and professional growth. Our specialized workshops, networking sessions, and the high-energy YJP Shark Tank competition further highlighted the creativity and intellectual rigor present within our community.

But the true spirit of the weekend came from you—the attendees who brought your curiosity, vulnerability, humor, discipline, and a willingness to engage deeply. Whether you were dancing late into the night, pitching an idea, mentoring someone younger, or simply sharing a meal with a new acquaintance, your presence shaped this convention into something truly meaningful.

We are deeply grateful to our partners—ICICI Bank US, Arihanta Institute, Akshaya Patra, House of Spice Laxmi, and Luvin Arms Animal Sanctuary—and our many other supporters, for believing in our work. And, of course, none of this would have been possible without our dedicated YJP Convention Committee, who executed this effort with both professionalism and heart. Events of this magnitude only happen because a passionate community of volunteers chooses to step forward.

As you flip through this souvenir book, we hope it recaptures the energy and connection you felt throughout the weekend. More importantly, we hope it serves as a powerful reminder that our shared future, as professionals and as Jains, is a future we build together.

Thank you for being a part of this journey with us. We look forward to growing with you in the years to come.

Best regards,
Mannan Mehta & Apurva Talsania
Co-Chairs, Young Jain Professionals

Meet the Convention Committee

Committee Leads



Mannan Mehta
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Hospitality



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Catering



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Registration

Meet the Convention Committee

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Umang Patel



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Dhairya Kamdar



Shikha Kothari

Convention Theme & Logo

Lighting the Path Forward

Our Theme

Lighting the Path Forward represents both a belief and a defining moment for Young Jain Professionals. Every journey begins with an inner spark of curiosity and purpose, but it is through community - mentors, peers, and shared experiences - that the path becomes illuminated. Grounded in Jain values, we move forward with intention, aligning our spiritual roots with our personal and professional aspirations.

This convention reflects a renewed sense of momentum for YJP - bringing our community together to reconnect, reimagine, and build what comes next.

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Lighting the Path Forward



Our Logo

The **flame** represents the spark of energy and passion that initiates growth within each of us.

The **J ("aum")** symbol is an ode & salutation to the five supreme beings in Jainism which root our everyday lives.

The **arcs** are leaves representing growth, movement, and connection.

The **three** colors tell our story: **gold** for inner wisdom, **blue** for spiritual roots, & **green** for new beginnings.

Lighting the Path Forward reminds us that we don't need all the answers, only the courage to take the next step and the support of a community walking alongside, shaping the future of YJP together.



Voices Illuminating the Path Forward

Meet the Speakers

Pujya Panyas Dr. Arunvijayji Maharaj

With deep reverence, we bow at the auspicious lotus feet of Maharajsaheb, whose blessings inaugurated the YJP Convention



Born in Bijapur, Rajasthan, Pujya Panyas Dr. Arunvijayji Maharaj has devoted his life to illuminating the path of Jain Dharma through his profound knowledge, boundless compassion, and tireless service.

Taking Diksha at just 18 years of age, his deep devotion and brilliance led him to master multiple languages, including Hindi, Gujarati, Marathi, Sanskrit, and Prakrit, in addition to earning two doctoral degrees—a Ph.D. in Comparative Religions and a Doctor of Literature (D.Litt.) from Delhi University. He pursued advanced study of the 45 Jain Agams, ultimately attaining complete mastery and being conferred the honored title of Panyas (Pandit). Pujya Arunvijayji Maharaj has organized numerous national and international conferences for research scholars in multiple languages, including Sanskrit, and has authored over 50 books and many research papers, all of which are freely accessible through the JAINA eLibrary.

Beyond his lifelong pursuit of knowledge, Pujya Panyas Dr. Arunvijayji Maharaj has rendered invaluable service to Jain Dharma by revitalizing sacred tirths such as Hathundi and by establishing the Veeralayam Jain Tirth in Pune. He disseminates the teachings of Bhagwan Mahavir through shibirs, daily kriyas, discourses, and extensive publication efforts.



Pujya Arunvijayji Maharaj is especially known for his distinctive teaching method using blackboard illustrations, through which he presents complex Jain concepts with clarity using simple visual diagrams. He conducts four virtual classes daily in English, Gujarati, and Hindi, covering topics such as Ayurveda, Aagam Shastra, Jain Metaphysics, and Karma Theory. Through his unique pedagogical approach, discourses, and writings, he has guided and inspired seekers for over 57 years.

Today, through virtual platforms, his teachings reach seekers worldwide, spreading Bhagwan Mahavir's eternal message of Ahimsa (non-violence), Anekantavada (multiplicity of viewpoints), and Aparigraha (non-possession).

Meet the Speakers

Ambassador Binaya S. Pradhan

Consul General of India, NYC, Chief Guest



Ambassador Binaya Srikanta Pradhan, a 2002-batch Indian Foreign Service officer, is the Consul General of India in New York. He has served in key diplomatic roles in Moscow, Turkmenistan, Pakistan, and at the Ministry of External Affairs, overseeing India's relations with Afghanistan and Iran.

Previously Chief of Staff to the Minister of Petroleum & Natural Gas and High Commissioner to Tanzania, he helped elevate India–Tanzania ties to a Strategic Partnership and launch IIT Madras' first overseas campus in Zanzibar.

Chirag Shah

Keynote



Chirag Shah is a Principal of SRM Equity Partners, LLC, an operationally-focused investment fund in Austin. Prior to joining SRM in 2022, he was a Vice President at The Wicks Group, a private equity fund based in New York.

Prior to Wicks, Chirag was an Associate at The Sterling Group, a mid-market industrial private equity fund based in Houston. Chirag began his career as an investment banker in the Technology, Media & Telecom Group at Barclays in New York.

Chirag holds an MBA from Columbia Business School and a Bachelor of Science in Industrial and Labor Relations from Cornell University.

Meet the Speakers

Mansi Shah
Keynote



Mansi H. Shah has always lived at the intersection of law, technology, and leadership: first as a software engineer coding missile and satellite systems, later as an Am Law 100 partner trusted by startups and Fortune 500 giants alike. She's built her career on turning complexity into clarity, helping legal teams make confident decisions in a world where technology rarely slows down.

Rooted in Jain principles of reflection, discipline, and service, Mansi's leadership emphasizes empathy and intentional growth. A longtime member of the Jain community, she served on the YJA board, later as a two-term trustee, and most recently spoke at the JAINA convention.

Her favorite tradition remains teaching an abridged kids' pratikraman each Samvatsari, a reminder that awareness and compassion are lifelong practices.

Author of The Monsoon Method, Mansi champions authenticity, momentum, and mentorship in business and beyond. Recognized by Chambers USA and as a Legal Momentum Woman of Achievement, she now combines her award-winning legal acumen and tech-and-business savvy as a consultant, investor, and speaker.

Sahil Kothari
Keynote



Born and raised in New York, with active roots in India, Sahil led his family's business to become India's leading diamond jewelry exporter. After 15+ years in that world, he's recently been leaning into something a little less shiny yet a little more radiant: how to make life more meaningful—for himself and others.

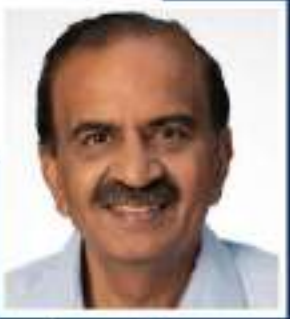
A meditator and nature lover, he believes business can be a beautiful force for good.

He's especially passionate about projects that blend impact with profit—looking for spaces in mental health, wellness, hunger, newer learning modules and simply... more kindness in the world.

He seeks to co-create with visionary people who identify with Conscious Capitalism to enhance broader American society.

Skills for the Modern Professional

Lighting the Path Forward is about bringing clarity to emerging ideas through education, collaboration, and thoughtful guidance. This year's workshops were designed to meet participants wherever they were on their journey - from strengthening communication skills and building a business to expanding their reach through effective marketing - attendees gained valuable insights from industry experts.



Prem Jain is a veteran technology entrepreneur and retired CEO & Co-Founder of Pensando Systems, a cloud and data center startup acquired by AMD. Over his 40-year career, he helped shape the networking industry as part of the legendary Cisco team behind many of the company's breakout products. Before founding Pensando, he was SVP and GM of Cisco's $2B+ Insieme Business Unit focused on Software Defined Networking. Prem holds a B.E. from BITS Pilani and an M.S. in Electrical and Computer Sciences from UC Davis.

Prem Jain: Blueprint to Business





Jason Wisdom has experienced a full career in Information Technology, and is a past President of New York Toastmasters. Jason has launched startups, spoken at major conferences, led teams of up to 100 people, pitched to enterprise buyers, pitched to investors, and been an investor in multiple startups himself. Jason now spends much of his free time mentoring junior and future leaders.

Jason Wisdom: Unmute Yourself



Pankti Doshi & Ruchika Jain: On & Off the Grid

Pankti Doshi is a certified genetic counselor and creative entrepreneur passionate about science, culture, and community. Trained in biomedical engineering and mathematics, she empowers individuals to understand their genetic health and family history.

She co-founded Masala Mixtape and And/Aur to spotlight South Asian talent, and through Pankti Doshi Events has produced acclaimed experiences like The Silk Road, Heeramandi, and Gully Gang. Follow @pankti_doshi for her weekly roundup of South Asian events in NYC.



Ruchika Jain is a content creator and strategist at Fireflydo and the founder of Root Media. With six years experience in digital storytelling and brand collaborations, she has partnered with 300+ brands.

She's passionate about social media marketing and helping brands grow through creative, impactful digital content.







Where Vision Meets the Light: YJP Shark Tank



YJP Shark Tank Winner Spotlight



Anand Jain, First Place Winner
EdCrafter, a platform for creating short-form, multimodal educational content

YJP Shark Tank was the flagship highlight of YJP Convention 2025, bringing together 16 teams for a high-energy startup pitch competition rooted in Jain values. Participants had 60 seconds to pitch and 2 minutes of Q&A before a panel of angel investors and startup founders, competing for cash prizes up to $2,501 and mentorship.

With the event showcasing ideas spanning ethical technology, sustainable consumer businesses, and community-driven platforms, there was no shortage of inspiration, synergy, and meaningful collaborations. YJP Shark Tank continues to serve as a catalyst for transforming entrepreneurial vision into action.



Rushabh Jhaveri, Third Place Winner
RecipeCup, a food platform community providing authentic homemade meals



Yash Shah, Second Place Winner
Belisha, a sustainable clothing restoration and revival platform



Audience's Choice
Arnav Sacheti
HistOracle



Judge's Favorite
Pragya Shekhawat and Aarthy Shah
Three Sister's Chai

YJP Shark Tank Meet The Judges

As seasoned founders, investors, and industry leaders, the YJP Sharks challenged participants to think critically, refine their ideas, and see their ventures through a sharper, more strategic lens. The insights and feedback shared by judges not only elevated each pitch, but also equipped attendees with lessons they could carry with them beyond the stage.



PRANJAL DAGA

Pranjal Daga is Co-Founder of Accend (YC S23), a Y Combinator-backed startup that streamlines fintech operations and compliance using AI and automation. Previously, he held product roles at Brex and served as a VC Scout with Saison Capital. Active in the Bay Area startup ecosystem, he's been a Builder Fellow at Pear VC and an On Deck Founder Fellow. Earlier, he worked in machine learning at Cisco, Adobe Research, and IBM Research, and earned his M.S. in Computer Science from Purdue University.

ARPAN AJMERA

Arpan Ajmera is Chief of Staff at Endgame, working with Chess Grandmaster Hans Niemann on strategy and growth. With over a decade in venture capital and entrepreneurship, he previously served as Principal at VU Venture Partners, leading investments in Spyce, Touchcast, and Bear Flag Robotics. A former Accelerator Director for FoundersBoost NYC and Adjunct Professor at Purdue University, he has mentored founders who've raised over $200 million and remains passionate about scaling impact-driven ventures.





SID JAIN

Sid Jain is a seasoned angel investor and entrepreneur, best known as Co-Founder of HVB 88 Angels, an early-stage investment group backing 9–12 startups annually across technology, fintech, and consumer sectors. He also serves as President of AAAUM (OM) LLC, developing index-based investment solutions for institutional clients. Previously, he spent over a decade at KBW (A Stifel Company), managing $10 billion in financial sector strategies. Mr. Jain holds an MBA from Fordham University and a PGDM from Savitribai Phule Pune University.

YJP Shark Tank Participants

Ideas that Lit the Stage

First Place:
EdCrafter, Anand K Jain

Second Place:
Belisha, Yash Shah

Third Place:
RecipeCup, Rushabh Jhaveri

Audience's Choice:
HistOracle, Arnav Sacheti, Arun Kashyap, Rohit Tiwari, and Sai Preetham

Judge's Favorite:
Three Sister's Chai, Aarthy Shah and Pragya Shekhawat

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CypherShield for Seniors
Rishi Jain

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YJP After Dark

With DJ Umang setting the nights in motion with unforgettable beats, convention-goers were pulled to the dance floor - reminding us that sometimes, the path forward is lit by joy, music, and the people around us.



















Attendee Stats

Over 120 attendees from 17 different states & international locations



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Avani Shah
Garima Lunawat
Himanshu Shah
Karan Bedi
Kruti Sheth
Kshitija Dumawat
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Monil Gandhi
Rishi Jain
Rishi Mehta
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Utkarsha Mehta

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Every step of this journey was filled with dedication and perserverance, and we've gained invaluable lessons along the way. We are thankful for our donors, who share our vision for the future of Young Jain Professionals, and we are dedicated to continuing to nurture our long-term relationships with each and every one of them.

Thank you for your unwavering support!

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Our Impact

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Over the past 25+ years, Akshaya Patra has scaled to serve meals to over 2.35 million children in 24,000 schools in **16 states and 2 Union territories in India daily.**

We source local produce, operate **78 kitchens,** and transport hot, nutritious meals in custom-designed vans up to a distance of 40 km. Often being the only meal in the day for the child, it serves as a critical intervention addressing hunger and education.

Our Impact

Impact studies show Akshaya Patra's meal program has resulted in:

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- Lower dropout rates
- Improved focus in the classroom and overall academic performance
- Strengthened Social Development

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1	Monday Jain Biology - Jeev Vichar (Shri Tattvarth Sutra)	**07.00 pm 09.00 pm**	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88241954284?pwd=SWZNOFVZ TIN0UDIYSVIteXBoTWw2QT09	88241954284	Veralayam9	zoom		
2	Tuesday Spiritual Development - 14 Gun Sthanak (Shri Tattvarth Sutra)	07.00 pm 08.00 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88241954284?pwd=SWZNOFVZ TIN0UDIYSVIteXBoTWw2QT09	88241954284	Veralayam9	zoom		
3	Tuesday Gandharvaad	08.00 pm 09.00 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81058899579?pwd=Rm5IKVI5b W9neGd2UGVRUVBeeHcrQT09#success	81058899579	1111	zoom		
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6	Thursday Gyaansaar	07.00 pm 08.00 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88241954284?pwd=SWZNOFVZ TIN0UDIYSVIteXBoTWw2QT09	88241954284	Veralayam9	zoom		
7	Thursday Tirthankar Charitra	08.00 pm 09.00 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88241954284?pwd=SWZNOFVZ TIN0UDIYSVIteXBoTWw2QT09	88241954284	Veralayam9	zoom		
8	Friday Gyaansaar	07.00 pm 08.00 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88241954284?pwd=SWZNOFVZ TIN0UDIYSVIteXBoTWw2QT09	88241954284	Veralayam9	zoom		
9	Friday Tirthankar Charitra	08.00 pm 09.00 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88241954284?pwd=SWZNOFVZ TIN0UDIYSVIteXBoTWw2QT09	88241954284	Veralayam9	zoom		
10	Saturday Science of Paap Karma	07.00 pm 08.00 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88241954284?pwd=SWZNOFVZ TIN0UDIYSVIteXBoTWw2QT09	88241954284	Veralayam9	zoom		
11	Saturday Dhyan Sadhana Based On Gyansaar	08.00 pm 08.40 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88241954284?pwd=SWZNOFVZ TIN0UDIYSVIteXBoTWw2QT09	88241954284	Veralayam9	zoom		
12	Saturday Shri Agam Vachna of Bhagavati Sutra	08.40 pm 09.40 pm	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83716008967?pwd=TVBNMYkh4 WGdhNpF0K1hKRUdUbJx5dz09	83716008967	JAINA	zoom		
13	Sunday Science of Paap Karma	07.00 pm 08.00 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88241954284?pwd=SWZNOFVZ TIN0UDIYSVIteXBoTWw2QT09	88241954284	Veralayam9	zoom		
14	Sunday Aahar Vivek & Ayurveda Science	08.00 pm 08.40 pm	https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88241954284?pwd=SWZNOFVZ TIN0UDIYSVIteXBoTWw2QT09	88241954284	Veralayam9	zoom		
15	Sunday Shri Agam Vachna of Bhagavati Sutra	08.40 pm 09.40 pm	https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83716008967?pwd=TVBNMYkh4 WGdhNpF0K1hKRUdUbJx5dz09	83716008967	370621	zoom		







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