

## From the desk of National President



Dear Friends,

I take this opportunity today to address you all through this Independence month issue of our

e-bulletin & share my thoughts on what independence really means to us in BJS in relation to our organization philosophy & actions

Gandhi-ji had once famously said

***"You can chain me, you can torture me, you can even destroy this body, but you will never imprison my mind"***

Independence thus signifies freedom of the soul, a perception of the mind and a feeling understood by the heart. This freedom, perception and more importantly, this feeling is that of liberation, patriotism, self-dependence and other such things. When all such terms are put together it is a big responsibility on all citizens of the nation that is India.

Taking this view forward & elaborating it further, Independence of India from a common man's point of view is not only the sense of belonging, but a sense of contribution and existence in every step that our nation takes.

Through the years of its existence, BJS has tried to crystallize this idea of independence into action through its various activities transforming & reforming various segments of the society, and especially the youth who are the future of the nation. In doing so it has transcended beyond the community it represents, and reached out to the nation & its citizens.

In all its initiatives, efforts & activities, BJS had one source of strength & inspiration behind

all its members, and a fountainhead of transformational ideas. We have been proud & fortunate to have our organization founder Shri Shantilal Muttha as our guiding spirit to lead us, guide us & inspire us. It is no small coincidence that his birthday falls on 15th August, the Independence Day. Through his thoughts and actions, he symbolizes the real meaning of independence that I have tried to share with you all, that is the sense of contribution & existence in every step that our nation takes in its march towards the future. In thinking about the ills affecting our society, and putting all his thoughts & efforts to deliver practical, implementable solutions, Shri Muttha has truly proven that an independent mind of a social thinker cannot be chained.



*Even when the whole world is rushing, there are some who take time, to mentor, encourage and inspire. Thank you for being our constant inspiration and guiding light.*

Friends, with this inspiration behind us, as an organization we have all always strived to contribute in successfully delivering the various initiatives from our BJS platform. In this issue approaching the festive season, we have covered these with the belief that real celebration lies in aligning our efforts with nation building, and celebration of free spirit, of our contribution towards social causes so that it brings the spirit of freedom in the lives of the millions in our country in its true sense.



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Few men ever toil single handedly to transform the society in all possible dimensions and establish happiness and harmony. He became the agent of change whose contributions to the community and society stem from his role in addressing critical social problems and the dedication they show in improving the well-being of society. His humble beginning and childhood days had given him an insight into the sufferings and deprivations in the society.

Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS) Founder Shri Shantilalji Muttha, a visionary who uncannily identified the prevailing social issues and devised research based implementable solutions to those problems. He satisfied a multitude of social needs and improved life quality among affected societies. As a social entrepreneur, Shri Muttha became the path breaker with powerful new ideas combining real-world problem-solving creativity, a strong ethical fiber, and totally possessed by his or her vision for change.

For 30 years, he has incessantly worked to wipe out the misery of girls' parents through mass marriages, declining value and compatibility in relations through matrimonial meets and counseling, ensuring quality education through Mulyavardhan, rehabilitating disaster affected children and securing a bright future for them and so on. His contributions to humanity are innumerable and his spirit of social service unfathomable.

Reinvention to suit the changing environment and has been his key to maintain worth in all the solutions and programs he presents through BJS and Shantilal Muttha Foundation (SMF). Shri Muttha is adored and followed by thousands of volunteers across the country because of certain unique approaches and qualities along with his love for fellow citizens.

**His approaches such as People's Empowerment, Social and Economic Progress, Matching steps with elevating standard of education and technology and providing new age solutions to social issues have been exemplary. He has the power of leading by deeds.**

Currently he is focusing on developing programs to ensure Value Based Quality Education for the children who would someday contribute to nation building. Recently Shri Muttha met up with the actor and legend Aamir Khan. It was a meeting of two personalities who have been the faces of social welfare in their own capacities. During the meeting Shri Muttha told Aamir Khan about the BJS and SMF initiatives and programs and also invited him to visit the Rehabilitation Centre in Wagholi which is run by BJS for last 20 years.

Shri Muttha's birthday, which is celebrated as Founder's Day in BJS was marked with Blood Donation and Health Check-up camps and Felicitation of Meritorious Students across the BJS branches in different states. The Founder's Day is celebrated in a unique way with events for social welfare to mark the birthday of a personality dedicated to social welfare and community development.

Today Shri Muttha stands as an inspiration to thousands of people connected with BJS, SMF and the Rehabilitation and educational projects run by him. He truly deserves accolades for creating a distinctive model of social service by:

- Adopting a mission to create and sustain social value
- Recognizing and relentlessly pursuing new opportunities to serve that mission;
- Engaging in a process of continuous innovation, adaptation, and learning;
- Acting boldly without being limited by resources currently in hand;
- Exhibiting a heightened sense of accountability to the constituencies served for the outcomes created.



# Marching incessantly towards True Social Independence

India has been an Independent nation for nearly 7 decades now. With passing years Independent India and its citizens have been trying hard to discover and realize the true sense of being independent. Undoubtedly, we have come a long way from being a nation ailing from prejudices, lack of education, extreme poverty and corruption. Yes, we belong to a fast emerging and developing nation but there are certain beliefs and evils that have become so integral a part of our thought processes that they still infect the society at large.

Women and children have been deprived of social equality and safety. Many children do not have access to quality education and hundreds of youngsters are still unaware of the available career options. Families and relationships are falling apart at an alarming rate. A large number of Indian businesses lie in the shackles of traditional practices.

Time & again various social organizations and individuals have raised concerns and made efforts to eradicate the social evils from Indian society.

Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS) has also been consistently working towards

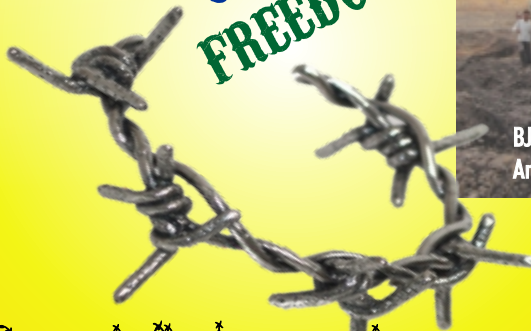
wiping out the social problems and issues faced by women, girls, youth, families and enterprises. Through its programs, solutions and initiatives, BJS has been trying to take the society towards a safe freedom of happiness, prosperity and harmony.

BJS has been directing its efforts towards bringing in an era of financial, social and educational independence wherein we can match steps with the speedy transformations happening around the globe. Under the guidance of Shri Shantilalji Muttha BJS has been striving to eradicate social evils, and bring about social inclusiveness.

BJS National President Shri Prafulla Parakh has been working towards youth empowerment and inculcating social sensitivity among them. Empowered, educated, aware and socially sensitive youth with a liberal & progressive outlook can contribute enormously towards making the nation self-sufficient and progressive.

BJS has a pan India presence and the goal is clear-empowering each and every member to create a society that stands as a symbol of true social freedom .

**TRUE  
SOCIAL  
FREEDOM**



BJS Drought Relief Work(2013) to Restore A Normal Life for Farmers-  
An initiative for Social Inclusion.

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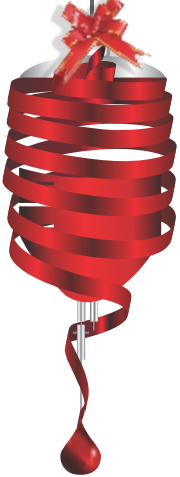

# Event Calendar August 2015

PROGRAM	Date	City	State	Trainer/ Resource Person	Organiser		
Minority (Community awareness )	01.08.2015	Indapur	Maharashtra	Dr. Sanjay Achliya	Anand Chhajed		
	01.08.2015	Bhigwan					
	02.08.2015	Baramati					
	08.08.2015	02.08.2015	Satlans Mehsan	Gujarat	Niranjan Juva	Jain Social Group	
		Morbi	Wanakner			Jamanagar	Dr Kalpana Khanderia
							Vipul Kothari
							Chetan Shah
	23.08.2015	Bilaspur	Chhattisgarh	Dr. Sanjay Achliya			
	Ratnagiri	Maharashtra					
Empowerment of Girls	2-4 August	Osmanabad	Maharashtra	Ratnakar Mahajan	Bhagyashree Gandhi		
	4-6 August	Jabalpur	Madhya Pradesh	Dr Vimal Jain Manjula Jain	Millenium Academy School		
	5-7 August	Osmanabad	Maharashtra	Ratnakar Mahajan	Bhagyashree Gandhi		
	7-9th August	Gondia	Maharashtra	Amar Gandhi	BJS & Vivek Mandir School		
	7-9th August	Gondia	Maharashtra	Abhishek Oswal	BJS & Vivek Mandir School		
	7-9th August	Ganjbasoda	Madhya Pradesh	Alka Oswal			
				Ekta Bajaj			
				Meena Kothari			
	11-13th August	Pune	Maharashtra	Prafulla Parakh	BMCC		
	14-16th August	Akola		Dilip Jain	Prabhat Kids school		
	14-16th August	Ichalkaranji	Maharashtra	Bharati Changediya	BJS Ichhalkaranji & Rotary club of Ichalkaraji , Rotary Honours, Innerwheel club of Ichalkaraji		
	14-16 August	Gandhidham, Kachha	Gujarat	Rajendra Lunker	Mitesh Dharamshi		
	14-16 August	Bilaspur	Chhattisgarh	Ritesh Jain	Nayak hall Jain mandir Kranti nagar		
	15-17th August	Karad	Maharashtra	Ganesh Oswal	Mahohar Bhandari		
	15-17 August	Bhopal	Madhya Pradesh	Meena Kothari	Shri Ma Ashapuri Darbar		
	16-18 August	Gondia	Maharashtra	Sima Oswal	BJS & Marwadi Education Society		
	19-21th August	Pune		Amar Gandhi	Mahavir School		
	20-22nd August	Kishangarh	Rajasthan	Archana Karnawat	Jain Study group		
21-23rd August	Nagpur		Nitin Pohare	Shri Niketan Arts & Commerce.			
21-23rd August	Chennai	TamilNadu	Antima Bhansali	Chennai BJS & RAJAT			
EOG Intro	11.08.2015	Nagpur	Maharashtra	Rajneesh Jain	Kamathi Saraswati girls school		
Empowerment of Couples	1-2 August	Gondia	Maharashtra	Rajendra Lunker	BJS Gondia Vivek Mandir School		
	8-9 August	Ludhiana	Punjab	Sanjay Singhi	Rakesh Jain		
	15-16 August			Ratnakar Mahajan	Mahohar Bhandari		

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Office Bearers Training Program	1-2 August	Raipur	Chhattisgarh	Prafulla Parakh	State President
Business Development (Expert Sessions)	20.08.2015	Hoshangabad	Madhya Pradesh	Rakesh Jain	Rajkumar Dhandelwal
	26.08.2015	Jhansi	Uttar Pradesh		Manoj Jain
	26.08.2015	Kanpur	Uttar Pradesh		
	27.08.2015	Firozabad	Uttar Pradesh		
	27.08.2015	Agra	Uttar Pradesh		
28.08.2015	Shamli	Uttar Pradesh			
Business Development (Workshops)	15-16 August	Banglore	Karnataka	Rakesh Jain	Om Lunawat, Suresh Dhoka
Highly Educated Parichay Sammelan	09.08.2015	Nagpur	Maharashtra		BJS Nagpur
Jain Matrimonial Get-together	22.08.2015	Pune	Maharashtra	Prafulla Parakh	BJS HO
SEC Meeting	8-9 August	Salem	Tamil Nadu	Gyanchand Achaliya	BJS Salem Lalit Bokadiya
	30.08.2015	Aurangabad	Maharashtra		
Office bearers Empowerment programme	23.08.2015	Agra	Uttar Pradesh	at M D Jain Inter College, Hall, Hariparwat, Agra	Manoj Jain
Student Felicitation Program - Pratibha Puraskar	03.08.2015	Ichalkaranji	Maharashtra		BJS Ichalkaranji
	10.08.2015	Mysore	Karnataka		Prakash Jain
	12.08.2015	Chinchwad	Maharashtra		
	15.08.2015	Hubli	Karnataka		Girish Porwal Prakash Kawad
	15.08.2015	Hospet		BJS Hospet	
	15.08.2015	Shimoga		BJS Shimoga	
	15.08.2015	Arasikere		BJS Arasikere	
	15.08.2015	Kampli		BJS Kampli	
	18.08.2015	Nashik	Maharashtra		Sunil Runwal
23.08.2015	Dhavanigiri	Karnataka			
BJS Aapke Dwar & Business Development Program	20-22 August	Hoshangabad	Madhya Pradesh	Rakesh Jain	BJS Hoshangabad
		Betul			BJS Betul
		Itarsi			BJS Itarsi
		Muktai			BJS Muktai
		Ganjbasida			BJS GanjBasoda
		Vidisha			BJS Vidisha
		Raisen			BJS Raisen
Founders day Celebration with various Programs	15.08.2015	Chitradurga	Karnataka		Distribution of educational kits
		Koppal			Dinner to 1500 students
		Dhavanigere			Distribution of uniforms, tree plantation at Goshala
		Hubli			Constructed 2 toilet blocks
		Shimoga			Distribution of sweets to children
		Bijapur			Free Health checkup camp

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 <p><b>Blood Donation Camp</b></p> <p>The <b>ONLY</b> gift you can <b>GIVE</b> which you <b>DON'T</b> have to <b>PAY</b> for!</p> 	05.08.2015	Gujarat	Vododara
	06.08.2015	Maharashtra	Khed, Ratnagiri
	06.08.2015		Dapodi
	07.08.2015		Kurundwad, Kolhapur
	09.08.2015	Karnataka	Nagpur
	09.08.2015		Solapur
	10.08.2015	Maharashtra	Belgaum
	11.08.2015		Thane
	12.08.2015		Ahmednagar
	12.08.2015		Aurangabad
	14.08.2015	Gujarat	Nashik
			Rajkot
		Madhya Pradesh	Indore, Ujjain, Gwalior
	15.08.2015	Maharashtra	Amravati, Baramati, Chandrapur, Chandur, Chardur Railway, Chopda, Dhule, Dondaicha, Gondia, Igatpuri, Jalgaon, Jalna, Karjat, Khopoli, Nadurbar, Nashik, Parshioni, Pune, Raigad, Salvi Vihir (Ahmednagar), Shirpur, Shrirampur, Wardha, Yavatmal
	Tamil Nadu	Salem	
	Uttar Pradesh	Agra	
18.08.2015	Maharashtra	Thane	
18.08.2015		Kalyan	

## Up-comming Event

**BJS** Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana, Punjab  
ਅੰਮ੍ਰਿਤਸਰ, ਕੋਈ ਚਿੰਨ੍ਹ ਨਹੀਂ ਲਗਾਵਾਂਗੇ  
**S. S. JAIN MAHASABHA (PUNJAB) UTTARI BHARAT**

**Jain Parichay Sammelan**  
**for**  
**Educated Yuvak-Yuvati**

**at Ludhiana on**  
**Sunday, 27<sup>th</sup> September 2015**

Venue: Baba Dharamdass ji Tomri  
Shivpuri Chowk G.T. Road, Ludhiana

Time : 9.00 am  
Registration Fees : Rs 1000/-  
Form Submission @ : 118 D Sundar Nagar, Ludhiana  
Last day of submission : 15th Sept 2015

Contact Person : **Shri. Vishal Jain 9814335851**

# Sparkles of Nobility

It was a day of rendezvous between two personalities who represent a league of unique people working towards humanity and social welfare. BJS Founder Shri Shantilalji Muttha met actor and legend Aamir Khan on August 6, 2015 and Shri Muttha in his own words describes the rendezvous as a heart-touching experience:



My rendezvous with Aamir has proved to be an unforgettable time, all thanks to my friend Shailesh who also happens to be Aamir's good friend. Shailesh played a major role in making this meeting happen.

The 75 minutes that Shailesh and I spent in the company of Aamir and his wife Kiran were truly enjoyable. They both were greatly intrigued as I went about sharing the journey of my life with them and my interaction fuelled several questions from their end. They were all ears when I briefed them about our educational projects especially our project with the tribal children and on values education. Aamir has accepted my invitation to visit the Wagholi hostel and meet with the tribal kids there.

**Aamir told me that he is creating a compendium of all episodes of Satyamev Jayate which he wishes to use countrywide for the sensitisation of school children especially the ninth graders. I assured him of my support in planning the operational strategy to execute this project of his for which we are likely to hold subsequent meetings. His research team would also be connecting with our organisation to learn more about our offerings.**

Aamir's humility and his grounded persona has touched me immensely; he even walked me down till my car and saw me off. Towards the end of our meeting he graciously accepted my request to launch my autobiography."

## Consultation program on Nepal Recovery

A daylong consultation program on "Nepal Recovery: Lessons Learnt and Ways Forward" was held at India International Centre Annex in New Delhi on July 30, 2015.

Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS) Founder Shri Shantilalji Muttha delivered a presentation on 'Challenges anticipated for NGOs in healthcare rehabilitation in Nepal' in the first session.

The first session concentrated on

'Presentations of Work Done by Indian Institutions/Govt./Organizations in Nepal:

What's working, what's missing and Way Forward'. Tata Institute of Social Sciences (TISS)

Director, Dr. S Parsuraman gave the opening remarks on the Objectives of Consultation.

This was followed by an open-house discussion on 'Building Partnerships to Ensure Channelizing of Indian Support Initiatives and Government Financial Support'. Former Ambassador to Nepal Shri Rakesh Sood presented the opening remarks in this session.

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