

Dear friends,

As you must be aware, I was stationed at Nepal for last one & half months and was leading the Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS) team over there for the rehabilitation and relief work post the Nepal earthquake. It is indeed a matter of pride that BJS has been actively working towards rehabilitation, rescue and relief during natural disasters for 25 years and has been serving the society during calamities like earthquakes, flood, draught, Tsunami etc. All this has to be credited to the foresightedness of our Founder Shri Shantilalji Muttha who has been a strong pillar of community welfare and nation building for three decades.

Apart from addressing the societal issues and working towards educational development; BJS has also been at the forefront of disaster management and rehabilitation. BJS had taken up the responsibility of providing education and proper upbringing to 1200 children along with food & shelter from class V onwards to their graduation, who turned orphans after the devastating earthquake in Latur in 1992. These children were brought to Pune and Shri Muttha personally led this project and brought up those kids who have now grown and are doing well in their respective lives.

BJS put forward an example of toil and persistence through construction of 368 semi-permanent schools in merely 90 days post the Kutch-Bhuj earthquake in Gujarat in 2001. The earthquake had destroyed almost all the schools in this region and the state government has cancelled the examination and announced for promoting all the students to next class without exams, which later changed for board exam of 10th & 12th due to timely construction of schools by BJS. This clearly states that BJS not only works for immediate rescue and relief during calamities but also comes up with long-term solutions that contribute to educational and medical rehabilitation.

Friends, I would like to share that BJS had constructed 34 hospitals and 11 schools on various islands in Andaman & Nicobar after Tsunami washed away and destroyed all these facilities over there. This project accomplished under the leadership of Shri Muttha once again highlighted the need of long-term rehabilitation and the usefulness of BJS solutions and their execution within given timelines. Natural calamities not only take away lives, but also destroy means of livelihood and safe and healthy existence and BJS focuses on addressing these issues with its unique farsighted approach. BJS concentrates on social, educational and health related issues that surface after the disasters and it is the only NGO in the country that specializes in disaster management and long-term rehabilitation with an experience of more than two decades.

Neighboring country Nepal had to face a devastating tragedy in the form of an earthquake that killed



thousands of humans and also led to collapse of the basic life facilities in the affected regions. A 15-member BJS team led by me reached Nepal on April 30 and immediately began relief and rescue work. We distributed food, medicines, clothes, tents and other relief material to the earthquake victims. Next we organize few medical camps to cater to medical needs of the wounded and traumatized people in Nepal. We also called-in two ambulances from India out of which one was equipped with Critical trauma Care Unit and it was used to treat the wounded victims in the far-off hilly areas.

Shri Muttha also reached Nepal and surveyed the conditions in the rural areas and identified that there is dire need of Rural Hospitals which were destroyed completely in the earthquake. He proposed the project for construction of 100 Rural Hospitals in Nepal. Based on its experience and expertise, BJS planned to construct 100 Health Posts in 100 days. But, the approval letter presented by Nepal Government laid down certain terms and conditions that were practically not possible to be fulfilled by any NGO. Due to these unavoidable circumstances we had to withdraw the project as the only option available. We are extremely grateful to all the organizations and individuals who supported us for all our initiatives in Nepal.

The June issue is based on the structure and remodeling of BJS as an organization. Many of you are well aware that today Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS) is a nationwide organization that started its journey initially concentrating on study, research & eradication of problems prevalent in Jain community in its early years of establishment.

Later on BJS also began identifying the problems that could affect the community in future along with spreading awareness about these problems and devising implementable solutions in form of BJS programs, going beyond the Jain community & covering a much wider canvass spanning the larger society at pan India level. These programs and activities are conducted through a wide network of volunteers and office bearers in several states across the country. We are constantly making efforts to expand and establish BJS' organizational presence in the remaining states to cater to the community development needs in those regions too. We have tried to devise & bring forth our plans, schemes, priorities, programs and expansion activities to you through this issue of e-bulletin. The ultimate goal of BJS is to bring about social development that contributes fruitfully to nation building. I make an appeal to each one of you to become a part of BJS Mission towards an ideal society and nation.

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# Network Mobilization in North East, Punjab and Gujarat

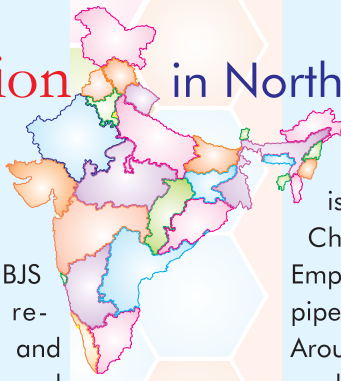
The Parivartan Yatra undertaken by Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS) National President Shri Prafulla Parakh in 2014 resulted in many observations, conclusions and expansion plans. Shri Parakh identified certain regions where BJS presence needed to be strengthened or re-established. Proactively decisions were taken and responsibility delegated to senior office bearers and members for network mobilization and establishment in such regions. North-Eastern states, Punjab and Gujarat were identified as regions where BJS needed to register its presence and strengthen the network.

**North-East:** Converting the responsibility handed over to them into action, Shri Rajneesh Jain, Shri Manoj Sethia and Shri Mahendra Katariya conducted community meeting in Guwahati (Assam) and addressed the local community members about BJS history and initiatives. Following this a BJS team was formed in Guwahati and an Empowerment of Girls (EoG) workshop was also held in Guwahati in January 2015. Smt. Manisha Bhansali from Aurangabad imparted training to 65 girls in this three-day workshop.

The positive feedback about BJS initiatives encouraged the office bearers and they visited Dimapur and held a community meeting there too. A BJS Team was formed in Dimapur also and an EoG Workshop was held there too. Shri Manoj Sethia and Shri Kapurchand organized this workshop that benefitted 50 girls. Community meetings were also held in Tinsukia, Jorhat and Dibrugarh in January 2015. The locales responded positively to these meetings.

One of the biggest bottlenecks experienced was lack of awareness amongst people of North East about the existence of unique social organizations like Bhartiya Jain Sanghatana. To create awareness a program on "Changing roles in fixing of Marriages" and "Jains as minority" was organized on 20th May, 2015 at Guwahati which was addressed by Sri Rajneesh Jain and Sri Mahendra Kataria. The workshops benefitted nearly 200 people.

**Punjab:** With an aim to take the BJS programs to the people living in Punjab region, the responsibility of expanding BJS network in this region was handed over to Shri Rakesh Jain from Ludhiana after the recent NEC meeting in Bangalore. In his own words, "Highly impressed with the BJS mission and vision I am determined to establish a strong BJS Network and extensively conduct BJS programs in Punjab. I found the BJS National Executive Council meeting extremely inspiring and I am now looking forward to contribute in nationwide activities too."



A community meeting has already been conducted in Punjab and the BJS team over there is now gearing up to host the NEC meet in Chandigarh on October 10 & 11, 2015. An Empowerment of Couples (EoC) program is also in the pipeline and will be conducted on Aug 8-9, 2015. Around 40 couples have already registered for the workshop and the team is dedicatedly working towards planning more events such as Matrimonial Meet and Empowerment of Girls (EoG).

**Gujarat:** Bharatiya Jain Sanghatana (BJS) had registered its presence in Gujarat as early as in 2007. However, it was only after the Parivartan Yatra that renewed focus was laid on re-structuring and expanding the network across Gujarat in an extensive manner.

The responsibility was shouldered by Shri Rajendra Lunkar, Shri Sureshbhai Kothari and Smt. Maltiben Mehta. They conducted community meetings and motivated young and enthusiastic people to join BJS. They also concentrated on spreading wide awareness about BJS programs. Elections were conducted for appointment of District presidents and secretaries. An advisory committee comprising of experienced and renowned persons from media and ex-officers was also formed to ensure leadership, and network expansion within strict timelines.

Within a short span of time a number of BJS programs were conducted in Gujarat. The iBuD Exposure Tour comprised of a day in Ahmedabad, EoC workshop was held in Rajkot in May, state committee meetings were held periodically, EoG workshops were held in Vapi, Surat, Vadodara and Rajkot and a Minority Awareness Program was also conducted in Anand city. Apart from this a Career Planning & Guidance Program was hosted at Jamnagar ahead of new academic sessions in June.

Short films and documentaries about BJS initiatives are in the pipeline and the Gujarat Team plans to march forward consistently and take BJS programs and solutions to the end members of society.

**This is just the beginning in these states and the initial journey has been commendable. The future steps and programs will focus on reaching wider and penetrating the town and rural areas too apart from the major cities in all the newer regions.**



# The Young & Socially Sensitive: BJSYouth Cell

A team of dedicated and energetic young minds have been innovatively working towards inculcating social sensitivity among youth for nearly a year now. Bharatiya Jain Sangathan (BJS) Youth Cell - a relatively new addition to the organization's structure was formed in 2014 with an idea of bringing youth into mainstream social welfare and community development activities.

BJS Youth Cell has been a center of youth activities that not only bring the young minds together but also display their unique ways of connecting other youth to community development. BJS Youth Cell Pune Chapter is a group of Jain Youths of Pune, sharing a common purpose for bringing new opportunities, working towards self and community.

At BJS Youth Cell the members strive to empower other youth for self-development and channelize the youth energy and wisdom for tackling problems faced by the society at large. It is a platform that derives strength from the BJS legacy of three decades, and works in close tandem under leadership of BJS National President Shri Prafulla Parakh. Under his visionary leadership the team constantly comes up with creative ideas to engage the dynamic community of Jain Youths across Pune and then spread the wings nationally.

As stated by Shri Parakh, the use of technology is a requisite to build better network and improved connectivity; these young minds use technology, social media and virtual platforms as tools for event management and wider outreach. They have organized innovative events like 'The Great Jain Treasure Hunt' and 'The Moonlight Trek' which attracted huge participation and appreciation by other youth.

The Treasure Hunt featured a hunt around the city that also comprised of creating awareness on environment and social causes during the course of reaching the treasure. The Moonlight Trek highlighted the significance and beauty of nature with fun element of trekking and camping. The undercurrent was to make the youth understand that nature is not only a visual treat; it is a wealth to be preserved and the responsibility lies upon the youth mainly.

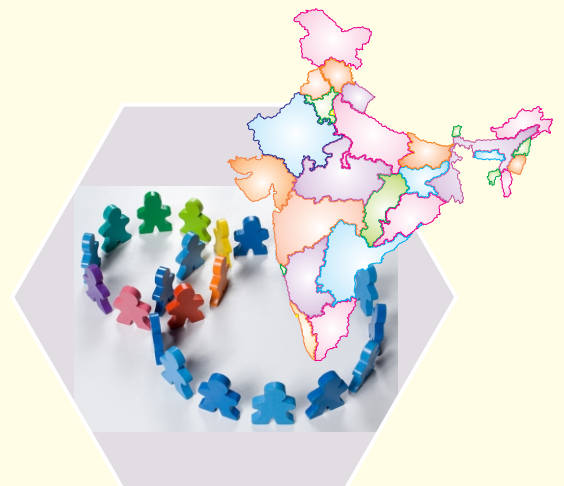
Apart from mass events, the cell also functions around self-development for its members as informed and aware youth can contribute in a better way to the society. They combine fun elements with their activities which always have that essential pinch of community awareness. As of now the cell is concentrating mainly on building and strengthening its network of committed youth who with due course of time could become potential volunteers for nation building.

## Future Focuses-Rajasthan, Delhi and Punjab

Advancing across various parts of the country in a fast pace and providing momentum to community development through existing and fresh network channels has been the prime focus for BJS for more than a year now.

Among many new regions where BJS has established its network, Delhi and Rajasthan have also been identified as areas with immense potential for expanding BJS's core philosophy of social development & upliftment, by expanding its membership network, strengthening the organizational presence, and enhancement of our programs and activities. The organization has already set its foot in Rajasthan with an Empowerment of Girls (EoG) Introductory session held in Jodhpur recently. Shri Rajendra Lunker has been actively working towards network establishment in Rajasthan and has already tied up with 15-20 locales for this purpose.

Backed with extensive research and volunteer support, the organization will soon take its programs, solutions and initiatives to the community members in Delhi too. Shri Pankaj Maru is dedicatedly working towards network building in Delhi to enhance our organizational presence and energize the various activities & programs with more & more participation from the community.



# Organizational Re-Structuring: A stride towards wider outreach

Self-development has no fixed formula and community development has none at all. Persistent efforts, re-invention and restructuring are the only methods that maintain equilibrium between the speedy transformation and the organization's outreach and success in bringing about social welfare. This also calls for integrated efforts to change the existing organizational structure for a streamlined and efficient entity.

To formulate and implement this approach, Bharatiya Jain Sangathan (BJS) has introduced a Membership Concept that envisages formation of local BJS chapters (at Locality/City/Village levels) to facilitate wider reach of the BJS programs strong connectivity. With due

permission from BJS Head Office existing or non-existing members could initiate the formation of these chapters. In the recent National Executive Committee Meeting held in Bangalore the office bearers commonly agreed that these chapters could be formed with minimum 50 membership registrations. For bigger cities and metro regions the chapters must be formed as per defined and agreed jurisdiction.

The Life membership & fees will be decided locally & shall be maintained as corpus fund for the chapter. There needs to be a locally registered trust/society for every chapter. The chapter must bear all the financial, legal, statutory requirements and responsibilities.

**BJS will operate at 5 levels i.e. National, State, Region and/or District and Chapter.**



BJS National President will appoint the District Presidents, Regional Presidents and State Presidents. The committees will also include the ex-officio members and co-opted members. It will be mandatory for the office bearers at any level in the organizational hierarchy to have a membership with the BJS chapter in his/her Locality/Village/City.

The formation of these chapters would soon begin across different states resulting in efficient, well-structured, strongly connected and result-oriented network chain than ever.

# Event Calendar



Subject	City	State	Planned Date	Organiser	Trainer/ Resource Person
Minority (Community awareness )	Cuddalore	Tamil Nadu	10.06.2015	Vikas Golecha	Niranjan Juva
	Villupuram	Tamil Nadu		Vijayraj Surana	Niranjan Juva
	Chidamabaram	Tamil Nadu	11.06.2015	Mahaveerchand Bohra	Niranjan Juva
	Sirkazhi	Tamil Nadu		Gyanchand Achaliya	Niranjan Juva
	Salem	Tamil Nadu	12.06.2015	Mahendra Ranka	Niranjan Juva
	Tirupattur	Tamil Nadu	13.06.2015	Padamji Gulecha	Niranjan Juva
	Gudiyattam	Tamil Nadu		Manmal Nahar	Niranjan Juva
Minority Expert Training	Chennai	Tamil Nadu	14.06.2015	Mahaveer Parmar	Niranjan Juva
Minority (Community awareness )	Arsikere	Karnataka	15.06.2015	Rakesh Mehta	Niranjan Juva
	Mysore	Karnataka		Prakash Gulecha	Niranjan Juva
Minority Expert Training	Hubli	Karnataka	16.06.2015	Suresh Jeerawala	Niranjan Juva
Minority (Community awareness )	Gadag	Karnataka	17.06.2015	Shailesh Bagmar	Niranjan Juva
	Gangavati	Karnataka		Ramesh Salecha	Niranjan Juva
	Hospect	Karnataka		Dinesh Palrecha	Niranjan Juva
	Bellary	Karnataka	18.06.2015	Inder Kumar Bafna	Niranjan Juva
	Hiriyur	Karnataka		Jayraj Chopra	Niranjan Juva
	Chitradurga	Karnataka		Arvindkumar Bafna	Niranjan Juva
	Baroda	Gujarat	14.06.2015	Dipali Doshi	Kushal Baldota
	Anand	Gujarat	14.06.2015	Rajesh Mehta	Suresh Shah
	Nagpur	Maharashtra	15.06.2015	Jain Jagruti Manch Mahila	Rajneesh Jain
	Katangi	Madhya Pradesh	20.06.2015	Dr. Vimal Jain	Dr. Vimal Jain
Empowerment of Girls	Ichhalkaranji	Maharashtra	12-14th June	Lion & leo club of Ichhalkaraji	Bharati Changediya
	Dhaultpur	Rajasthan	12-14th June	Sugam Jain	Gantantra Jain
	Meerut	Uttar Pradesh	13-15 June	BJS Meerut Padamchand Jain	Anjana Jain Dr. Bharati Sagar
	Surat	Gujarat	12-14th June	Dhanesh Golwala	Amar Gandhi
	Baroda	Gujarat	12-14th June	Dipali Doshi	Kushal Baldota
	Naldurg, Osmanabad	Maharashtra	10-12th June	Ketan Shah	Sanjay Bhasme & Ratnakar Mahajan
	Nanded	Maharashtra	5-7 June	BJS Nanded	Ratnakar Mahajan
Empowerment of Girls TT	Pune	Maharashtra	25, 26, 27, 28 June 2015	BJS HO	Prafulla Parakh
Empowerment of Girls - Introduction For Educational Institute	Salem	Tamil Nadu	06.06.2015	Lalith Bokadia	Rajendra Lunker
Empowerment of Couples	Nashik	Maharashtra	6th-7th June	Nandkishor Sakhala	Sanjay Singhi
	Kumbakonam	TN	20-21 June 2015	Ashokkumar Srisimal Dinesh Bora	Shanan Jain Santosh Devi Parekh
Career Guidance	Rajkot	Gujarat	21.06.2015	Sharad Seth	Dr. Narendra Bhusari
	Jamnagar	Gujarat	21.06.2015	Sharad Seth	Dr. Narendra Bhusari
Parichay Sammelan	Highly Educated	Maharashtra	9.08.2015	Ravindra Agrekar	Prafulla Parakh
Jain Matrimonial Get-to-gather	Professional Graduates, Post Graduates	Maharashtra	22.08.2015	BJS HO	Prafulla Parakh
Business Development (Expert Sessions)	Arsikere	Karnataka	22.06.2015	Rakesh Mehta	Rakesh Jain
	Ranebennur	Karnataka		Arvind M. Jain	Rakesh Jain
	Sindhanur	Karnataka	23.06.2015	G. Vinodkumar Bumb	Rakesh Jain
	Koppal	Karnataka		Praveen Mehta	Rakesh Jain
NEC Meeting	Bangalore	Karnataka	20-21 June 2015	Omprakash Lunawat Goutamchand Bafana	Prafulla Parakh
Youth Camp	Indore	Madhya Pradesh	5-6-7 June 2015	Dilip Doshi	Rakesh Jain, Pankaj Kothari, B J Singh
Regional Meeting	Kasarwadi	Maharashtra	27.06.2015	Nayan Bhandari	Mahesh Kothari & Rajneesh Jain
Student Felicitation Program	Baramati	MH	28.06.2015	Anand Chhajed	Anand Chhajed
SEC MP	Indore	MP	5 30.06.2015	Rakesh Jain	Rakesh Jain



# BJS Matrimonial Get Together: Another Novel Concept

Bharatiya Jain Sangathan (BJS) has been working on Marriage related subjects for three decades now. The BJS concept of Matrimonial Meets which began as a support system in finding suitable matches within community has undergone relevant transformations with time.

Keeping pace with the altering aspirations of young boys and girls and expectations of parents, BJS classified the Matrimonial Meets into categories like Rural, Urban, Educated, Highly Educated, NRI, Remarriage etc.

In August 2015, we are introducing a completely novel concept of a 'Matrimonial Get Together'. It is based on the proposal and suggestions put forth by BJS Founder

Shri Shantilalji Muttha in National Convention 2014. His suggestions highlighted the importance of permitting the youth to initiate the partner selection process.

Only candidates will be allowed (without parents) to participate in this Matrimonial Get Together. Candidates themselves will showcase their choices and interact with other participants. A set of activities will be conducted to bring out their choices, aspirations, behavior and outlook. This will enable the participants to identify desired qualities in suitable candidates and match them with their own parameters for a life partner.

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*Great opportunity to meet on a single platform-  
young Jain doctors, engineers, lawyers,  
chartered accountants, MBA's  
and many more professionals in*

# Jain Matrimonial

*Get-to-gather* at Pune on  
**Saturday, 22 August 2015**

Venue : 'The O Hotel', North Main Road, Koregaon Park, Pune 411001  
Time : 8.00 to 5.00 pm

**Last Date of Registration 19<sup>th</sup> August 2015**  
Online Registration Link: <http://bjsmm.bjsapps.com>

**Rush to register!**  
Only 100 participants will be enrolled...

**No Spot Registration**

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