

THE OFFICIAL GUIDE
to



REINVENTING *Your* **WHEEL**

**YOUNG JAIN PROFESSIONALS
CONVENTION 2026**



OCTOBER 9-12 | MILPITAS, CA



CONVENTION BLOCK SCHEDULE

Schedule is tentative & subject to change

	FRIDAY OCT 9th	SATURDAY OCT 10th	SUNDAY OCT 11th	MONDAY OCT 12th
7 AM		Shanti by the Shore Yoga	YJP Strava'd It Morning Run/Walk	
8 AM		Breakfast	Breakfast	Breakfast
9 AM		Opening Ceremony	Featured Speaker	
10 AM		Speaker Session Keynote	Speaker Session Keynote	Featured Speaker
11 AM		Lunch	TECHnically Speaking Panel	Closing Ceremony & Awards
12 PM		Re-Calibrating... 5 breakout sessions	Lunch	Darshan at JCNC & Lunch
1 PM		Featured Speaker	Circling ~~Back~~ Forward 5 breakout sessions	
2 PM	Check-in & Registration 2pm onwards	Featured Speaker	Tea Time	
3 PM	Coastal Connections Icebreakers	Featured Speaker	Featured Speaker	
4 PM	Dinner	Tea Time	YJP Shark Tank Pitch Competition	
5 PM		Chain Reaction: A Guided Networking Workshop	Rec Hour	
6 PM	Welcome	Rec Hour	Mocktails at the McCovey Soiree	
7 PM	Speaker Session Keynote	Dinner	Dinner	
8 PM	Pacific Coast Hungama Talent Show	Raas in the Redwoods Garba	Golden State Gala Formal	
9 PM				
10 PM				
11 PM				
12 AM				

INAUGURAL GUESTS



01

RUSHIIHEM VIJAYJI MAHARAJ SAHEB

AMERICAN DREAM TO JAIN AWAKENING

His journey from life in America to Jain monkhood culminated in his Diksha on June 8, 2025, at Manas Mandir, Shahpur (near Mumbai).

02

DR. JASVANT MODI

PHILANTHROPIST | BOARD MEMBER, ARIHANTA INSTITUTE

A renowned gastroenterologist and dedicated philanthropist, Dr. Jasvant Modi has supported healthcare initiatives, Jain education and the promotion of a plant-based lifestyle globally. He has funded academic chairs, fellowships and educational programs in Jain studies, and has served in leadership roles at the Jain Center of Southern California.



03

DEEP NISHAR

FORMER MANAGING DIRECTOR, GENERAL CATALYST

Deep Nishar is a technologist and investor who has held senior leadership roles at Google, LinkedIn, SoftBank, and General Catalyst. His enterprise software investments include Anthropic, Figma, Glean, and Slack. He holds degrees from IIT Kharagpur, UIUC, and Harvard Business School, where he graduated as a Baker Scholar.

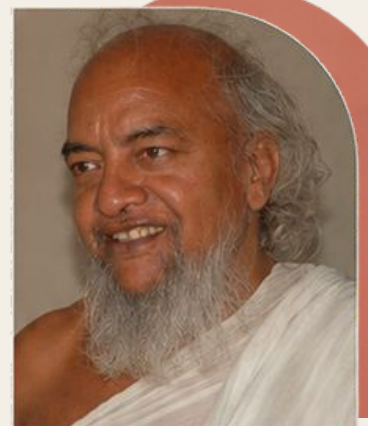


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DR. ARUN VIJAYJI MAHARAJSAHEB

JAIN SPIRITUAL LEADER

Born Arun Kumar in Rajasthan, he chose the path of Diksha at the age of 18. His early spiritual journey was shaped by the teachings of Mahavir Bhagwan and a deep commitment to Jain principles and practice.





KEYNOTE SPEAKERS

YJP CONVENTION 2026



RAJ SHETH

**Chairman,
Boardwalk
Development
Group**



**MYSTERY GUEST
X SIMI SHAH**

**A conversation
with the CEO
of South Asian
Trailblazers**



ARVIND JAIN

Founder & CEO, Glean



X
PRESENTS



Jains
inTech

TECH NICALLY SPEAKING

A PANEL ON TECHNOLOGY, INNOVATION AND
WHAT'S NEXT



100+
U.S.
PATENTS

ANAND OSWAL

EVP & GM, AI & Network Security
Palo Alto Networks

AI • CYBERSECURITY •
INNOVATION



10+ YEARS
BUILDING &
SCALING
CONSUMER AI

LAVINA KAVEDIYA

Product Leader, Consumer
AI & Retail Technology

CONSUMER AI • PRODUCT
STRATEGY • RETAIL TECH



FOUNDER OF
FALKONRY &
12+ YEARS IN
INDUSTRIAL AI

DR. NIKUNJ MEHTA

Founder & CEO,
Falconry

AI • INDUSTRIAL IOT •
MACHINE LEARNING



SHARK TANK



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THINK YOU'VE GOT THE NEXT BIG IDEA?

PRIZE POOL

			
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	\$5,001	\$2,501	\$1,501

JUDGES PANEL



Sahil Kothari

OWNER / INVESTOR / MENTOR



Mansi Shah

AM 100 LAW PARTNER/
TECH INVESTOR/
CONSULTANT



Deep Nishar

FORMER MANAGING
DIRECTOR AT GENERAL
CATALYST



Pranjal Daga

FOUNDER, ACCEND, YC S23



Priyanka Shah

LIFE SCIENCES PORTFOLIO
LEAD / VENTURE ADVISOR

APPLY TO PITCH →

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programming/shark-tank](https://yjpconvention.org/programming/shark-tank)**

*All team members must be registered for YJP Convention to participate.



RE-CALIBRATING...

WORKSHOP 01

Five breakout sessions.
Choose your next adventure.

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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

01

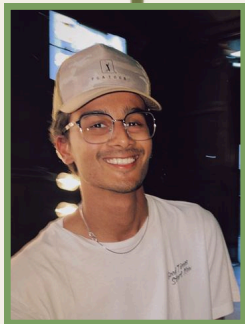


Arpit Mehta

HOLD THAT THOUGHT

From the building blocks of matter to the mechanics of karma and rebirth, this session works through core Jain concepts as a group — debating open questions, unpacking common misconceptions, and closing with a reflection on truth and perspective.

02

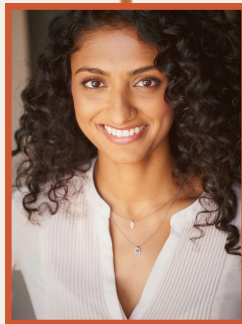


Jai Loonker

THE FLOOR IS YOURS

A session about confidence, creative expression, and making room for the parts of yourself that exist beyond your profession. With 17 years of professional dance experience, Jai uncovers how movement and performance can help you take ownership of any room you enter.

03



Mayuri Bandhari

YOU'RE NOT AN EXTRA

Through presence, personal narrative, and embracing every part of your identity, Award-winning Actor, Dancer, Professor, and Storyteller Mayuri teaches you to stop waiting for permission to take up space in your own story.

04



Saloni Nahar

OFFSCRIPT: THE POWER OF PRESENCE

What happens when you let go of the script, and trust yourself to meet the moment as it unfolds? Practice the spontaneity of improvisation, connection with Actor, Writer, Director, and Producer Saloni Nahar.

05



Paritosh Katre

THE MUSIC OF LIFE

Learn what music can teach us about work, creativity and failure. Discover the parallels between music and the moments that shape us with composer, vocalist, and multi-instrumentalist Paritosh Katre and how they change the way we grow.



CHAIN REACTION: A GUIDED NETWORKING SESSION

Meet your next mentor through guided discussions, speed networking, & walk away having made meaningful connections with industry leaders.

FEATURED SPEAKERS



DHRUTI RATHI

Research Scholar & Editor,
Jain Digest

The Road Less Traveled

From a career in business to a deep dive into ancient Indian history—Dhruti Rathi's journey is a story of curiosity, heritage, and discovery. She is a research scholar specializing in Ancient Indian Studies, with a focus on the creation of Significant Contributions of Jainism, and Vice-Chair & Staff Editor of Jain Digest.



MINOTI MEHTA

Founder & Creative Director,
The Vermilion Company

Do It Scared

Minoti Mehta is the Founder and Creative Director of The Vermilion Company, a Bay Area-based luxury event planning firm specializing in Indian, fusion, and destination weddings, as well as corporate research and development. From a corporate career in MBA at KPMG to entrepreneurship is a story of reinvention, resilience, and doing what sets your soul on fire.



DR. FARAZ HARSINI

Biomedical & Food Systems Scientist
Founder, Allied Scholars for Animal Protection (ASAP)

How to Do the Most Good With Your Career and Life

Dr. Faraz Harsini is a biomedical scientist, cancer researcher, and internationally renowned speaker. He is the founder of Allied Scholars for Animal Protection (ASAP), a nonprofit empowering student leaders to drive real change for animals, the planet, and public health. He teaches at leading universities including Harvard, MIT, and Yale, and speaks globally on Jainism and creating a more compassionate world.



BHAVANA SHAH

MSI & The Shah Happiness Foundation

With over 14 years in HR and learning and development, Bhavana Shah leads MSI's talent development and employee engagement strategy. She also drives the company's social impact work, building partnerships with nonprofits and community leaders across healthcare, education, workforce development, and wellness — turning corporate responsibility into lasting community impact.



KAMLESH MEHTA

JITO USA & Arihanta Institute

Tech executive, entrepreneur, and Jain community leader, Kamlesh Mehta has experience of 25+ years as an entrepreneur and senior executive in Silicon Valley's networking and cybersecurity industries. He currently serves as President of JITO USA, Chairman of its San Francisco Chapter, and sits on JAINA's Upliftment and Youth Exchange (JYEP) committees. A former Board Chairman and President of the Jain Center of Northern California, he remains dedicated to serving Jain communities worldwide.



FEATURED PERFORMERS



01



JAI LOONKER

DANCER | CHOREOGRAPHER | ENGINEER

A professional dancer with 17 years of experience, Jai blends Bollywood and hip-hop styles. He has performed with Karan Aujla, appeared in a Teshar music video, and had his work reposted by Hrishik Roshan.

02



PRIYA PURAM

STAND-UP COMEDIAN | PRODUCT MANAGER

Priya Puram is an Indian American stand-up comedian based in San Francisco. She used to be an engineer but decided comedy would be a great way to make less money. Her comedy is known for being sharp and energetic, and you can see her performing across the Bay Area and Ohio. Follow @priyaforreal on IG or TikTok!



CIRCLING BACK FORWARD

WORKSHOP 02

Five breakout sessions. What moves you forward?
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BREAKOUT SESSIONS

01



Fenil Shah

DOUBLE AGENT

Explore how Agentic and Physical AI are actually changing how businesses operate from Fenil, a 12 time startup founder with 3 successful exits.

02



Vineet Jain

A PERSPECTIVE ON PERSPECTIVE

As a four time founder, Vineet has made a career out of asking better questions. Here, he turns to Anekantvaada, the Jain philosophy of multiple truths, to explore how a shift in perspective can help you spot the opportunities everyone else is missing in the VC world.

03



Priyanka Shah

FUND ME MAYBE?

Explore what makes an early-stage venture investment-ready and how founders can turn breakthrough ideas into businesses that attract funding.

04



Anup Shah

CONNECTING THE DOTS

Anup draws on decades spent inside some of the country's largest water infrastructure projects, and explores how Jain values offer a surprisingly practical framework for making better decisions at scale — where environmental impact, business strategy, and personal values actually intersect.

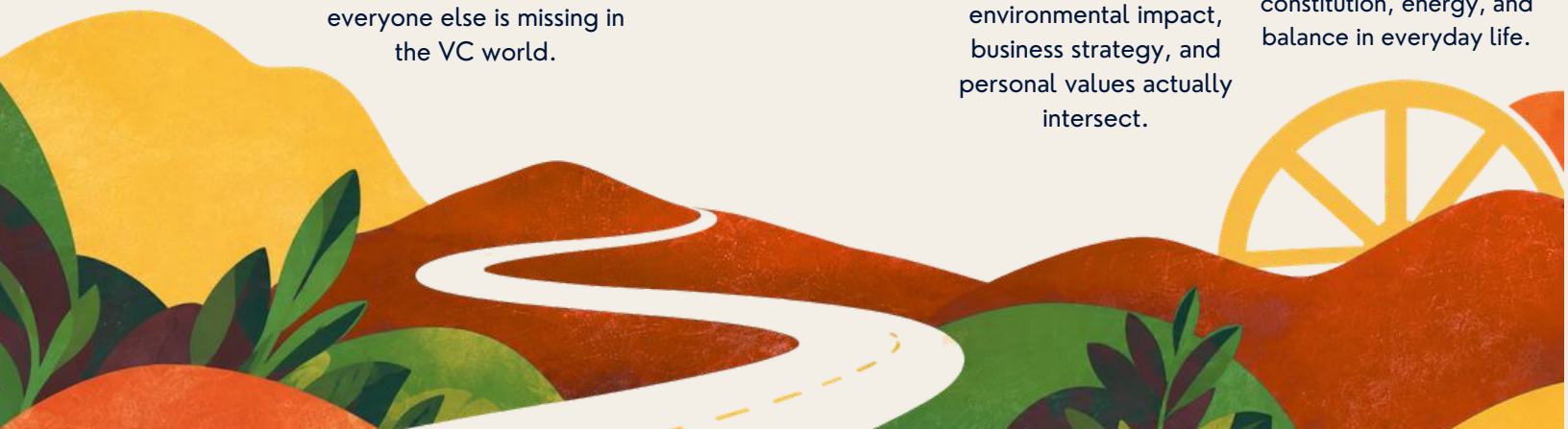
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Gira Parekh

AYURVEDA DECODED

Learn the language your body has been speaking your whole life. Explore the fundamentals of Ayurveda through a modern, evidence-informed lens, and discover practical ways to understand your unique constitution, energy, and balance in everyday life.





MENU HIGHLIGHTS

100% Jain Vegan Menu



FRIDAY

OPENING NIGHT DINNER

Build-Your-Own Burger Bar
Indian Burrito Bowl
Dessert Table
Late-Night Pani Puri

SATURDAY

GLOBAL FLAVORS ALL DAY

Morning Table (Chia Pudding, Poha, Oats & More)
Mexican Lunch Fiesta
High Tea (Vegan Chai, Chutney Sandwiches)
Indo-Chinese Dinner
Late-Night Corn Chaat



SUNDAY

COMFORT & EXPLORATION

South Indian Breakfast & Pancakes
Mediterranean Falafel Lunch
High Tea (Vegan Chai, Chutney Sandwiches)
Thai Dinner

MONDAY

CLOSING DAY BREAKFAST

Khaman
Bagel Bites
Sprouts Chaat
Overnight Oats





SOCIAL PROGRAMMING



PACIFIC COAST

HUNGAMA

TALENT SHOW

Talent Show • Music • Entertainment • Celebration



FRIDAY, October 9



RAAS IN THE

REDWOODS

DANDIYA. DHOL. DESI VIBES.

A Garba night filled with rhythm, community and celebration.



Saturday, October 10



GOLDEN STATE

GALA

CELEBRATE. CONNECT. CHAMPION.

An elegant evening of fine dining, entertainment and unforgettable moments.



Monday, October 11

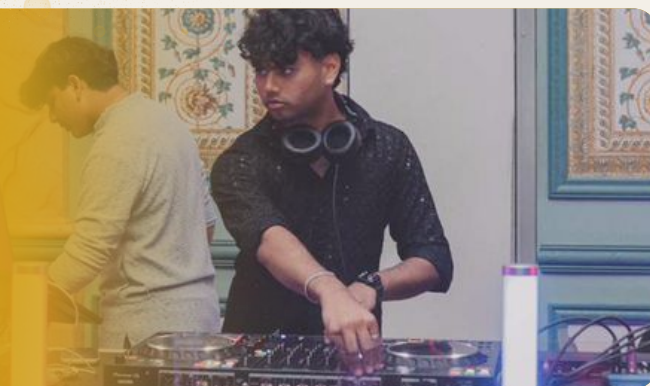


BEATS BY

DJ ARYAN

GARBA NIGHT • GALA NIGHT

Get ready for an unforgettable evening of music, energy and celebration.



DRESS CODE



Our goal is to create a fun, safe, and inclusive experience that celebrates the diversity of all backgrounds.

This dress code is designed to empower attendees to wear what makes them feel confident and comfortable while participating in religious, social, and professional events.



DAYTIME PROGRAMMING

Sessions • Keynotes • Networking

BUSINESS CASUAL



DO

- Collared shirts, crewnecks V-necks, blouses, blazers, polos, or professional dresses
- Slacks, trousers, skirts, and jeans without holes or frays
- Slip-ons, dress sandals, or clean athletic shoes
- Kurtis / kurtas
- Jhumkas, kadas, bangles, and other accessories are welcome



DON'T

- T-shirts or muscle shirts
- Shorts
- Ripped jeans or leggings
- Flip-flops, slides, or hats
- Cropped blouses
- Lehengas or saris



CASUAL EVENTS

• Ice-Breakers
• Recreation Hour • Zumba

CASUAL



DO

- T-shirts, casual shirts, and hoodies
- Jeans, shorts, casual dresses, and leggings
- Comfortable sneakers, sandals, or flip-flops
- Sporty / workout casual attire
- Workout gear suitable for light physical activity



DON'T

- Clothing with prohibited graphics or messaging



GARBA NIGHT

Indian / Cultural

CULTURAL ATTIRE



DO

- Chaniya choli / ghagra choli
- Saris
- Lehengas
- Salwar kameez
- Long dresses or blouses paired with long skirts
- Kurta-pyjama
- Sherwani
- Dhoti / kurta
- Dress shirt and slacks for a simpler cultural look



DON'T

- T-shirts or muscle shirts
- Shorts
- Ripped jeans or leggings



GALA NIGHT

Soiree • Gala Night

FORMAL



DO

- Suits
- Tuxedos
- Trousers and formal shirts, with or without a tie
- Formal dresses and gowns
- Blouses paired with skirts or pants
- Formal shoes
- Flats, sandals, heels, or loafers



DON'T

- T-shirts or muscle shirts
- Shorts
- Jeans or leggings
- Flip-flops, slides, or hats

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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DAY 1 FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9

2:00 PM Onwards - Registration & Icebreakers: 'Coastal Connections'
5:30 - 7:00 PM - Dinner
7:00 - 8:00 pm - Welcome Remarks
8:00 - 9:00 pm - Keynote: Mr. Rajen Sheth
9:00 - 12:00 AM - Talent Show: 'Pacific Coast Hungama'

DAY 2 SATURDAY, OCTOBER 10

7:00 - 8:00 AM - Yoga & Meditation: 'Shanti by the Shore'
7:00 - 9:00 AM - Breakfast
9:00 - 10:30 am - Opening Ceremony & Remarks
10:30 - 11:30 am - Keynote: Mr. Arvind Jain
11:30 - 1:00 pm - Lunch
1:00 - 2:30 pm - Workshop 1: 'Re-Calibrating...' (5 breakouts)
2:30 - 3:30 pm - Featured Speaker: Dr. Faraz Harsini
3:30 - 4:00 pm - Featured Speaker: Mr. Kamlesh Mehta
4:00 - 4:30 pm - Tea Time
4:30 - 6:00 pm - Guided Networking: 'Chain Reaction'
5:30 - 7:00 pm - Recreation Hour
7:00 - 9:00 pm - Dinner
9:00 - 12:00 am - Garba: 'Raas in the Redwoods'

DAY 3 SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

7:00 - 8:00 AM - Morning Run/Walk: 'YJP Strava'd it'
7:00 - 9:00 AM - Breakfast
9:00 - 9:30 am - Featured Speaker: Punyas Arun Vijayji Maharajsaheb
9:30 - 10:30 am - Keynote: South Asian Trailblazers Simi Shah x Mystery Guest
10:30 - 12:00 pm - Panel: 'TECHnically Speaking'
12:00 - 1:30 pm - Lunch
1:30 - 3:00 pm - Workshop 2: 'Circling ~~Back~~ Forward' (5 breakouts)
3:00 - 3:30 pm - Tea Time
3:30 - 4:00 pm - Featured Speaker: Ms. Bhavana Shah
4:00 - 6:30 pm - YJP Shark Tank Pitch Competition
6:30 - 7:30 pm - Soiree: 'Mocktails at the McCovey'
7:30 - 9:00 pm - Dinner & Comedy Night with Priya Puram
9:00 pm - 12:00 am - Formal: 'Golden State Gala'

DAY 4 MONDAY, OCTOBER 12

7:30 - 9:30 am - Breakfast
9:30 - 10:00 am - Featured Speaker: Ms. Dhruti Rathi
10:00 - 10:30 am - Featured Speaker: Ms. Minoti Mehta
10:30 - 11:30 am - Closing Ceremony
11:30 - 2:00 pm - Lunch & Darshan at JCNC

QUESTIONS?

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