



KOJAIN NEWSLETTER

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President's Message

My Dear Fellow Kachchhi Oswals,

Jai Jinendra.

Every Jain in North America celebrated our most pious Maha Parva Paryushana and Dash Lakshana. On this auspicious occasion, please accept our sincere desire for forgiveness for any misdeeds that we may have knowingly or unknowingly committed, in thoughts, in words or in actions. To all of you, our Michchhami Dukkadam.

The Election Committee (EC) has announced the new team of KOJAIN Board Of Directors for the years 2006/2007. Our thanks to all the members of EC for the job well done. I congratulate and welcome all the new Board Of Directors.

I also want to express my deep appreciation for all the current members of KOJAIN Board Of Directors who have served so well and have given me their full support and cooperation in making KOJAIN a stronger and progressive institution. Chairpersons of more than thirty committees formed during my tenure as president have served as the backbone of our community. We are fortunate to have so many jewels in our community who work with complete dedication and full commitment to help our community without seeking publicity or name recognition.

Jaideep Shah and Navin Dedhia's help in publishing KOJAIN Directory, Ram Gada of MN and Manoj Dharamsi of VA's contribution in writing various Memorandums Of Understanding (MOUs) for organizations receiving donations, constitution changes, handling of KOJAIN logo competition; Ramesh Dedhia of MI raising funds for Shri Tulshibhai Gajara Scholarship; Mrs. Usha Maru of CT raising fund for KMVS of Kachchh; Vimlaben Chheda of CT organizing Medical Information Program; Master Bhavin Shah of CA updating KOJAIN web site; Mansukhbhai Gala of CT's dedication to collect funds for Jayesh Shah Memorial Education Fund; Damibhai Rambhia of CT's responsibilities as secretary of KOJAIN as well as his contact with most of the students coming from India and maintaining for them the network of host families to make them feel at home here; Harakbhai Gala of MD keeping KOJAIN books updated, filing KOJAIN income-tax returns, and providing timely information to the Board Of Directors. Tremendous progress of Youth Committee under leadership of Sachin Visaria of NJ; Interest-free loan program for students; Dinesh Chheda of NJ's effort to run scholarship program, etc., etc. I can go on and on and add many more names to this list, however the space would not allow me to do so. For all the help of every member of the Board Of Directors as well as the members of KOJAIN in general, I am very grateful. As the president of KOJAIN, I have gained more than I have given. Some of the projects conducted during my tenure as your president are listed in this newsletter.

Mumbai Rain Relief Committee under the able leadership of Chhotalal Bheddah of New York has collected about \$120,000. This amount is far greater than any individual or any individual institution has donated to the Mumbai Relief Fund.

Finally, in last four years, knowingly or unknowingly, in thoughts, in words or in actions, if I have hurt any one's feeling, I express my heartfelt Michchhami Dukkadam.

Sincerely yours,

Kalyanji Mota
President Of KOJAIN

News from the Board Of Directors:

The Board Of Directors met via teleconference on October 23, 2005.

- Reviewed and accepted election committee report
- Approved Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) sent to KVO Seva Samaj of Mumbai about Mumbai relief fund, Scholarship awards, Insurance coverage for BOD
- Kalyanjibhai thanked all the members of Board Of Directors as well as all those who assisted him in his two terms as president for their support and wished a great success to the incoming new team of KOJAIN

KOJAIN awards Scholarships of 2005

KOJAIN scholarship Committee has selected five candidates for the scholarship of the year 2005 on the basis of four criteria: (1) Essay (2) SAT scores/transcripts (3) Awards/extracurricular activities and (4) General requirements.

The scholarship is given to students in recognition of their high school achievements and their desire to pursue further education and broaden their horizon.

We congratulate Suraj, son of Shri Hitendra and Pritiben Rambhia of Mutton-town, New York and Avni Oswal (Chheda), daughter of Late shri Arvind and Mrs. Hem Prabha of Milpitas, California, receiving KOJAIN scholarship of \$1200 each.

We also congratulate Niral Chheda, son of Shri Dinesh and Heena Chheda of Paramus NJ; Payal, daughter of Shri Vasant and Indira Kenia of Tucker, Georgia; and Ricky, son of Shri Bharat and Priti Shah of Edison, New Jersey receiving KOJAIN scholarship of \$500 each. This is a token of our appreciation for their meeting KOJAIN criteria and their high achievements in education and with a hope that they will pursue their college career with the same enthusiasm and thirst for learning that they have shown thus far.

Report from Election Committee:

Since there was only one valid nomination for each of the following positions, Election Committee declared these candidates as **ELECTED** for their respective positions for the year 2006/2007. Valid nominations were received for the following positions:

President - Navin Dedhia of No. CA.
 Vice President - Vijay Chheda of So. CA.
 Regional Director-Region 1: Dinesh Gala of S. CA.
 Regional Director-Region 8: Tansukh Maru of NJ.
 Regional Director-Region 10: Vimla Chheda of CT.

The candidates for the following positions have shown their interest to join the KOJAIN Board of Directors or the officer after election committee declared the election results, by sending email to the secretary of KOJAIN. We are noting down here for the benefit of the next Board Of Directors to consider their nominations.

Treasurer Hemalata Savla of MA
 Secretary Jatin Gada of N.CA.
 Regional Director-Region 2: Navin Shah of N.CA.
 Regional Director-Region 3: Veena Daulat of TX
 Regional Director-Region 4: Ram Gada of MN
 Regional Director-Region 5: Harsha Nagda of FL
 Regional Director-Region 6: Mulchand Gala of OH
 Regional Director-Region 7: Manoj Dharamsi of VA.
 Regional Director-Region 9: Peter Bheddah of NY
 Regional Director-Region 11: Rita Dharamsey of Canada

Kalyanji Mota will be a member of the Board Of Directors as a past president.

The new elected Board of Directors of KOJAIN have to approve all the candidates who have shown the interest to serve KOJAIN

The youth committee will be organized as in the previous years by contacting all those youths who show interest to move youth agenda forward.

Treasurer's Report:**New Membership:**

<u>Name</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>St.</u>	<u>Amt.</u>
Shailesh and Varsha Gala	Bridgewater	NJ	\$250
Sharad & Rita Dharamshi	Mississauga	ON	\$ 40
Kokila Chheda	East Amherst	NY	\$ 40

Relief Fund for Mumbai Rain Calamity

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>St.</u>
Gala Kanti & Lata	\$11,000	\$11,000	Manalapan	NJ
Bhedda Hemant & Monisha	\$10,000	\$10,000	Saratoga	CA
Dharod Harshad & Chetna	\$10,000	\$10,000	Newport Coast	CA
Chheda Vijay & Madhu	\$5,001	\$5,001	Tustin	CA
Nagda Lax & Vanita	\$5,001	\$5,001	Toronto	Canada
Bheddah Chhotalal & Dorothy	\$5,000	\$5,000	Port Washington	NY
Doshi Nitin & Leena	\$5,000	\$5,000	Hicksville	NY
Gala Dinesh & Rajul	\$5,000	\$5,000	Cerritos	CA
Maru Hans & Usha	\$5,000	\$5,000	Brookfield	CT
Savla Popat & Kalpana	\$5,000	\$5,000	Pasadena	CA
Shah Arvin & Jaya	\$5,000	\$5,000	Troy	MI
Shah Hasmukh & Meena	\$5,000	\$5,000	Houston	TX
Chheda Rajesh & Jyoti	\$3,001	\$3,001	Atco	NJ
Rambhia Dami & Prabha	\$2,502	\$1,251	Glastonbury	CT
Shah Ashwin & Anupama	\$2,500		Monroe	MI
Shah Kanti & Debra	\$2,500		Monroe	MI
Shah Surendra & Bharati	\$2,002	\$2,002	Schererville	IN
Champsee Motilal & Lata	\$2,001	\$2,001	Willowdale, ON	Canada
Gada Ram & Neena	\$2,000	\$2,000	St. Paul	MN
Maru Mahendra & Nalini	\$2,000	\$2,000	Owensboro	KY
Kenia Shanti & Rukmani	\$1,501	\$1,501	Westfield	MA
Maru Hemant & Indira	\$1,001	\$1,001	Syosset	NY
Mota Kalyanji & Jyoti	\$1,001	\$1,001	Cerritos	CA
Satra Shanti & Hema	\$1,001	\$1,001	Crete	IL
Gada Premchand & Bhagavati	\$1,000	\$1,000	Lubbock	TX
Gala Chunilal & Madhuri	\$1,000	\$1,000	Beverly Hills	MI
Gala Kirit & Pallavi	\$1,000	\$1,000	Arcadia	CA
Gala Suresh & Jyoti	\$1,000	\$1,000	Delran	NJ
Maru Jayanti & Jaya	\$1,000	\$1,000	Norwalk	CT
Rambhia Hitendra & Priti	\$1,000	\$1,000	Muttontown	NY
Jain Bhavi & Kala	\$551	\$551	Dunn Loring	VA
Bheddah Harshad & Amparo	\$501	\$501	Plainview	NY
Chheda Dinesh & Prabha	\$501		Paramus	NJ
Chheda Nemji & Jaya	\$501	\$501	Rockford	IL
Gala Harak & Nalini	\$501	\$501	Odenton	MD
Gangar Navin & Divya	\$501	\$501	Orange	CA
Lodaya Bhavanji & Hiralaxmi	\$501	\$501	Williston Park	NY
Savla Lalit & Rekha	\$501	\$501	San Diego	CA
Chheda Navin & Vimla	\$500	\$500	Easton	CT
Dedhia Ramesh & Maya	\$500	\$500	Okemos	MI
Gosar Dhirajlal & Indrani	\$500	\$500	Houston	TX
Sarla Chheda & Rasik Kansara	\$500		San Jose	CA
Savla Lalit & Hema	\$500	\$500	Holden	MA
Savla Pradeep & Bhanu	\$500	\$500	Southington	CT
Shah Akshay & Shweta	\$500		Farmington Hills	MI
Anonymous	\$251	\$251		TX
Bharani Anil & Pushpa	\$251	\$251	Houston	TX
Chheda Hasmukh & Chandan	\$251	\$251	Jericho	NY

Relief for Mumbai Rain Calamity Con'd)

<u>Name</u>	<u>Pledged</u>	<u>Received</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>St.</u>
Gala Ashok & Brinda	\$251	\$251	Kingsport	TN
Maru Tansukh & Manjula	\$251	\$251	Hazlet	NJ
Savla Amar & Chandralata	\$251	\$251	Mason	OH
Savla Manilal & Chanchal	\$251	\$251	Manalapan	NJ
Anonymous	\$250	\$250		
Chheda Manil & Shailey	\$250	\$250	Rego park	NY
Doshi Bharat & Bharati	\$250	\$250	West Bloomfield	MI
Gala Jay & Kalpana	\$250	\$250	Hays	KS
Shah Tushar & Kunjal	\$250	\$250	San Jose	CA
Vora Sameer & Sangeeta	\$250	\$250	San Diego	CA
Chheda Pravin & Manju	\$201	\$201	Markham	Canada
Gala Shanti & Geeta	\$201	\$201	Katy	TX
Anonymous	\$200	\$200		CA
Shah Vasant & Damayanti	\$200	\$200	Omaha	NE
Gala Sanjiv & Chhaya	\$151	\$151	Pearland	TX
Kotak Arvind & Asha	\$151	\$151	Buffalo Grove	IL
Shah Talak Ranjana	\$151	\$151	Rockville	MD
Dedhia Pallavi	\$150	\$150	Burlingham	MA
Chheda Dinesh & Heena	\$101	\$101	Paramus	NJ
Chheda Ratilal & Rekha	\$101	\$101	Millersville	MD
Dand Vijay & Pushpa	\$101	\$101	Bellerose	NY
Gangar Amrisha & Sejal	\$101	\$101	Silver Spring	MD
Gangar Harilal & Jhaverben	\$101	\$101	Silver Spring	MD
Haria Dhiren & Priti	\$101	\$101	Norwalk	CT
Kalpakis/Pasad Maitreyee	\$101	\$101	Bethesda	MD
Kenia Vasant & Indira	\$101	\$101	Tucker	GA
Kudva Pallavi & Sisir	\$101	\$101	Santa Clara	CA
Patel Chandrakant & Nirmala	\$101	\$101	Turlock	CA
Savla Ashok & Harshana	\$101	\$101	Temple City	CA
Shah Jayanti & Bhanu	\$101	\$101	Garland	TX
Shah Manisha	\$101	\$101	Garland	TX
Shah Navinkumar & Pragna	\$101	\$101	Branford	CT
Shah Rajendra & Ketna	\$101	\$101	Englewood	CO
Vora Arvind & Ila	\$101	\$101	Kings Park	NY
Dedhia Harakh & Anuja	\$100	\$100	Morgantown	WV
Gada Kavita	\$100	\$100	Releigh	NC
Gogri Laxmichand & Hemalata	\$100	\$100	Renton	WA
Kakka Kekin & Kunjal	\$100	\$100	Norwalk	CT
Lapsia Prakash & Jyoti	\$100	\$100	Trumbull	CT
Savla Mayur & Gauri	\$100	\$100	Carlsbad	CA
Shah Chirag Laxmikant	\$100	\$100	Farmington Hills	MI
Gangar Kantilal & Meeta	\$51	\$51	Silver Spring	MD
Sangoi Nilesh & Nayna	\$51	\$51	Owensboro	KY
Sawla Preenji & Sarla	\$51	\$51	Jeffersonville	PA
Anonymous	\$50	\$50		NY
Gala Hiren & Priti	\$50	\$50	Somerset	NJ
Shah Rasiklal	\$50	\$50	Waterford	CT
Vora Piyush & Renu	\$50	\$50	Stamford	CT
Chheda Dilip & Aarti	\$25	\$25	Houston	TX
Gangar Ashok & Nayna	\$25	\$25	Silver Spring	MD
Total	\$119,951	\$112,149		

We have tried to be as accurate as possible in recording your donation. However if there is any error, please let us know and we shall correct it.

Region 9: NY**KOJAIN Scholarship recipient Suraj Rambhia:****Suraj Rambhia****Education:**

Graduate of Jericho High School, Jericho, NY. **Status: Salutatorian.** GPA: 4.0/4.0. (4.218 weighted)

Admitted to 8 year BS/MD Program, Stony Brook University. Major: Biomedical Engineering

Test Scores:

SAT I: 1540 (800 math, 740 verbal) (03/04)

SAT II: Biology (Molecular): 790 (06/02), Chemistry: 800 (06/04), Math IIC: 800 (06/04),
Physics: 710 (10/04), US History: 760 (05/04), Writing: 740 (05/04)

AP: Chemistry: 5 (05/04), Biology: 5 (05/04), English Composition: 5 (05/04), US History: 5 (05/04),
European History: 5 (05/03)

2005 AP exam grades pending, BC Calculus, Physics B, Physics C, English Literature, Economics Macro/Micro, Computer Science, US Government, World History.

Academic Honors and Awards:

2004 – 2005, **Semi-Finalist**, *Intel Science Talent Search*

2004 – 2005, **Semi-Finalist**, *Siemens-Westinghouse Math, Science and Technology Competition.*

2004 – 2005, **1st Place Grand Award Winner**, *Intel International Science and Engineering Fair Finalist.* Phoenix, Arizona.

2004 – 2005, **National Merit Scholar, AP Scholar with Distinction**

2004 – 2005, **Nassau County Runner Up**, *Long Island Challenge Team Trivia Competition*, Television News Channel 12.

2004 – 2005, **Science Student of the Year Award**, *Science Teacher's Association of New York State.*

2004 – 2005, **Champion**, *Long Island Brain Bee.*

2003 – 2004, **Finalist**, *Intel International Science and Engineering Fair Finalist.* Portland, Oregon.

2003 – 2004, **1st Place**, *Long Island Science and Engineering Fair.*

2003 – 2004, **Recipient**, *Ezra Levy Memorial High School Science Award* presented by the American Assoc. of Clinical Chemistry

2003 – 2004, **Inductee**, *2004 Young Scientist Hall of Fame*, Long Island Museum of Science and Technology (LIMSAT)

2003 – 2004, **Recipient**, *Bausch and Lomb Honorary Science Award*

2003 – 2005, **3 Time 1st place Winner**, *Rohm and Haas Invitational Science Fair.*

2002 – 2003, **3rd Place**, *Nassau Math Tournament* at SUNY Old Westbury.

2002 – 2003, **2nd Place** in Team Long Island Spanish Trivia Competition, 2003 (Sepalotodo)

2001 – 2002, **Awarded 1st place**, *Nassau County Junior Mathletes Summer 2001*

2000 – 2004, **4 Gold Medals, 1 Silver Medal**, *Long Island Math Fair.*

Many more academic honors and awards, however, due to a space restriction, they cannot all be printed here.

Extracurricular Activities:

2004 – Present, **Co-President**, *Science Research Club*, **Vice President**, *Mathletes.*

2003 – Present, **Inductee/ Member**, *National Honor Society*, **Member**, *Quiz Bowl.*

2002 – Present, **Member**, *Science Research Club*, **Member**, *Diversity Club*

2001 – Present, **Member**, *Mathletes*

1995 – Present, **Violin**, *NYSSMA Level VI. Metropolitan Youth Orchestra Member (2002).*

Athletics:

2003 – Present, **Certified**, *Nassau County Life Guard* (American Red Cross).

2002 – Present, **Member**, *New York Road Runner Club*

2002 – 2004, **Member**, *Varsity Swimming Team*, **Member**, *Long Island USTA Travel Team Tennis.*

2001 – 2002, **Member**, *Varsity Spring Track*

Volunteering:

2003 – 2004, **Volunteer**, *Oncology Department for Cancer Support Group, St. Mary's Hospital*

Summer 2002, **Volunteer**, *Cardiology Department at SUNY Downstate University Hospital*

Publications/Presentations:

Fall 2005, **Scheduled Presenter**, Brookhaven National Labs. Brookhaven, NY.

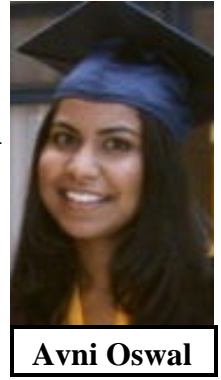
Summer 2005, **Publication**, *Journal of Neuroimmunology.*

2004 – 2005, **Presenter**, *First International Conference on Endogenous Morphine.* SUNY Old Westbury, NY

2004 – 2005, **Presenter**, Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center. New York, NY.

2003 – 2004, **Presenter**, Mt. Sinai Medical Center. New York, NY.

Region 2: AK, ID, MT, NV, NO, CA, OR, WA, WY.
KOJAIN Scholarship recipient Avni Oswal (Chheda)



Avni Oswal

Education:

Milpitas High School, Milpitas, CA. General and college preparatory classes. Class of 2005. Going to be attending University of California, Los Angeles as a Business Economics major.

Awards:

Salutatorian- 2nd highest GPA in the graduating class of 2005 at Milpitas High School.

Gold Cord- presented to students with a cumulative GPA of 3.2 or higher

Golden State Exam Merit Diploma- outstanding scores in the standardized Golden State Exams: Honors in Biology, High Honors in Geometry.

President's Education Award- Have a GPA of 3.5 or higher all high-school years and show academic excellence

Bank of America Achievement Award in the field of Science- presented to two seniors for outstanding work in a subject field

National Merit Scholarship Program Finalist- a nationwide, highly competitive program where a candidate goes through eliminating steps. The individual proceeds from the following title: honorary mention, semifinalist, and finalist. Candidates are chosen based on PSAT scores, essay response, academic success, and extracurricular activities.

Rotary Speech Contest at Milpitas Rotary Club- 2nd place in 2004, 1st place in 2005

Rotary Speech Contest, Area 5- contest among winner from 4 clubs in Area 5 of the Rotary District 5170. 2nd Place winner.

Paul Harris Fellow- Presented to one Interactor of the approximately 6,000 Interactors in the 75 Interact club in Rotary District 5170. This award is presented to someone who works hard without needing any recognition for it. The award is in recognition for exceptional service to the community.

Extracurricular Activities:

1. 2004-2005, **Co-President**, Interact Club
2. 2004-2005, **President**, Indian Club
3. 2004-2005, **Secretary**, District Council of Interact District 5170
4. 2003-2004, **Secretary**, *Interact Club*
5. 2003-2004, **New Clubs Coordinator**, District Council of Interact District 5170
6. 2001-2005 **Member**- California Scholarship Federation, National Honors Society
7. 1999-2005, **Kathak Classical Dancing**, Pampa Dance Academy
8. 2002-2005, **Tennis**, 2 years on Varsity school team, played doubles
9. 2001-2003, **Soccer**, 2 Junior Varsity years on school team, Defender.
10. 2001-2003, **Badminton**, 2 Junior Varsity years on school team, played doubles.

Test Scores:

SAT I: 1400 (700 math, 700 verbal)

SAT II: Chemistry: 750, Math IIC: 760 (06/04), Writing: 720

AP: Chemistry: 4, Biology: 3, English Literature: 3, American Government : 3, BC Calculus: 5, AB Calculus: 5.

Work and Volunteering Experience:

- **Excel Test Prep, Fremont, CA.**

Working as an educational assistant: tutoring in the SAT areas of math, verbal, and writing, administering SAT exams, phone communication, filing SAT workbooks, helping with marketing and mass communication.

- **Rotary International Centennial Celebration Convention, Chicago, IL.**

Delegate of the high-school version of Rotary called Interact: supervised and worked at the Interact booth, spoke to people about the organization, and collected information from other booths.

- **Interact District Council, District 5170, CA.**

Served as the secretary. Duties included: minute-taking, phone communication, meeting reminders, compiling a district-wide officers directory, acting as a liaison between the district council and the district, representing the district in absence of the district governor and Lt. Governor. Organized the district-wide cruise to celebrate and to award dedicated members.

- **Federation of Indo-Americans, Fremont, CA.**

First year with the organization and was recruited as the youth director. Participated as an advisor on the council and helped with the annual Indian independence day fair and parade: put together and participated in the impersonation contest and the cultural show, recruited volunteers, built the youth float and decorated it.

Region 8: DE,E.PA,NJ.

KOJAIN Scholarship recipient Niral Chheda:



Niral Chheda

My name is Niral Chheda and I am from Paramus, NJ. Currently, I am attending Ernest Mario School of Pharmacy as a freshman at Rutgers University. I will be graduating with a Pharm.D in 2011.

During high school, I was involved in many activities and clubs. One of these clubs was Habitat for Humanity, which my friend and I started at our high school in our junior years. Although the club is still in the growing stages, it has been a great success to date. We have raised a good amount of money for the Bergen Country Habitat for Humanity organization and have worked on a couple of housing projects. Another important club that I was a part of was the Interact Club. In this club, I participated in many community service activities including the Multiple-Sclerosis Walk, the Paramus Run, and the Tomorrow's Children's Fund Christmas Party.

I have also been involved in my community outside of school. I have volunteered at the Paramus Public Library, the Hackensack University Medical Center, and at a tutoring program called "Improving Math Skills."

On my free time, I enjoy playing sports, driving, watching television and movies, listening to music, and being with my friends and family.

KOJAIN Scholarship recipient Ricky Shah:



Ricky Shah

Academically Ricky holds a 5.69 weighted GPA. He is a National Merit semi-finalist and has scored consistently 800 on all his SAT examinations. He has earned membership in the National Honor Society and the Spanish Honor Society. He was selected for the Columbia University Science Honor Program, and studied Neuroscience, Cognitive Psychology and Elementary Practices. He was selected as the sophomore representative to the High O'Brien Youth Leadership Seminars and during his junior year accepted for the American Legion New Jersey Boys State Program at Rider University. He also attended the New Jersey Governor's School of International Studies at Ramapo College. Ricky is the Salutatorian of his graduating class of 2005. He has been nominated and selected for Senior of the month for September.

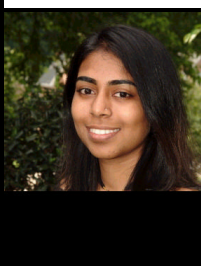
Concerning his extra curricular activities, Ricky is a leader and served as Treasurer of the class of 2005 during his freshman and sophomore years and as Student Council Treasurer his junior year. In the Future Business Leaders of America State Competition, he received two awards for Business Math and Impromptu Business Speaking. Currently, he is the Vice President of the Middle School Chapter working on strengthening the program. As a member of the Model United Nations since his freshman year, he served as Treasurer during his junior year. Ricky has completed at several Model UN conferences where he has won four first place gravels and several honorable mentions. Ricky is also a member of John P. Stevens Tennis team since his sophomore year and earned a varsity letter last spring.

KOJAIN Scholarship recipient Ricky Shah Con'd :

Ricky organized a tennis program in conjunction with the Greater Trenton Area YMCA. The campers were from the lower socioeconomic population and Ricky served not only as a coach, but also as a mentor to the children encouraging their efforts and providing them with opportunities to succeed. Ricky also earned the rank of Eagle Scout in the Boy Scouts this year. Ricky plans to pursue a graduate degree in economics. He is going to attend Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. this fall.

Region 5: AL,FL,GA,MS,TN.

KOJAIN Scholarship recipient Payal Kenia:



Payal Kenia

My name is Payal Kenia. I am an honor graduate of Chamblee Charter High School in Chamblee, Georgia and attend Emory University. I plan to major in Biology with a minor in Philosophy or Neuroscience.

I plan to pursue research in biology or become a pediatrician. In high school, I won fourth place at the 2004 International Science and Engineering Fair with a group project titled *The Effect of Phytochemicals on Cancer-Metabolizing Enzymes*, completed at Morehouse School of Medicine. I have also studied fear conditioning at Yerkes National Primate Research Center over the summer.

I was part of her school's *We The People* Constitution Team, understanding and interpreting the U.S. Constitution and its role in current issues, and attending the state and national competitions. I participated in a two-week foreign exchange program in Nurnberg, Germany, attended the 2004 Georgia Governor's Honors Program at Valdosta State University, received the 2005 Cox Enterprises Extra-Effort Award, and was a state winner at the 2005 River of Words Poetry Contest.

I enjoy volunteering. I have participated in Habitat for Humanity, Sheltering Arms, National Honor Society and Beta Club. I served as president of the National Honor Society in my senior year and started a Philosophy Club, as well. With my love for scrap booking, I have served on the *Chamhian* Yearbook Committee for two years, as People Section Editor in my senior year. I have attended Jain Patshala since childhood, pursued Kathak dance, and wish to one day take classical voice lessons in India. I love to read science-fiction novels, talk about religion and philosophy, play soccer and tennis, eat, and laugh hysterically.

SOME OF THE PROJECTS CONDUCTED AT KOJAIN DURING 2002-2005

1. Selection of Logo for KOJAIN after going through several rounds of presentation.
2. Incorporation of KOJAIN. This was very important to protect KOJAIN Board Of Directors.
3. KOJAIN published and distributed new directory in the 4th quarter of 2003 with 46% additional names than in the 1997 directory.
4. Established new Youth Committee with all 11 Regional Youth Directors who are very involved in managing their activities, including organizing Kachchh trip by KOJAIN youths, joined by Young Jain Professionals (YJP) & Young Jains Of America (YJA) of JAINA, developing youth constitution, exploring possibilities of planning KOJAIN convention, etc.
5. Constitution and By-laws amendments to improve KOJAIN operations, were approved unanimously by the Board of Directors as well as by general membership.
6. President visited all places where major donations for earthquake and other causes were given to the institutions in Kachchh and elsewhere in India.
7. Interest-free Loans to the tune of \$14,175 were awarded to needy students from KOJAIN Loan Fund of \$30,000 collected by the Loan Program Committee.
8. A total of \$7650 in Scholarship was awarded to students in North America during 2002-05 period. Total amount distributed so far is \$14650
9. India-Kojain Coordination Committee developed a list of all Kachchhi Oswal (KO) Organizations in India with an aim to start exchanging Newsletters with them. President visited many KO Organizations in India.
10. KOJAIN paid Membership jumped 72% from 201 on 1-1-2002 to 345 in 2003. It is now 304 at the end of 2005.
11. Three newsletters were published in 2002, four in 2003, three in 2004 and three in 2005.
12. Marriage Information service (MIS) was established. Four candidates were listed. A link has been established with Ashanjo Kachchh to help access its list of marriageable candidates by becoming MIS member of Ashanjo Kachchh.
13. Medical Information Program for North America was launched with new database. Medical information-seekers from India and North America took advice from participating doctors.
14. Women's Program was developed to help needy women.
15. Host Family Program coordinator remained in contact with 46 students who came from India in 2002, 36 students in 2003, 24 students in 2004 and 34 students in 2005. Connected many of them with host families.
16. KOJAIN developed guidelines for hosting KOJAIN convention.
17. Historian of the KOJAIN maintains KOJAIN's history and past records of KOJAIN.
18. Collected \$17,000 for Jayesh Shah Educational Memorial Fund, developed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with organization in India to manage the scholarship program.
19. Collected \$16,000 for Tulshibhai Gajara Memorial Fund, developed a Memorandum Of Understanding (MOU) with Veerayan of Kachchh to manage the program.
20. KOJAIN's committee for Hira Monghi Navneet Hospital located in Mulund in Mumbai was formed. Collected and Sent \$35,039 through KOJAIN and another \$70,000 through individual trust.
21. There were total of eleven tele conference meetings of Board Of Directors from 2002 through 2005, three site meetings of Board Of Directors and two general body meetings.
22. Improved KOJAIN Web site to give timely details to keep KOJAIN membership informed.
23. KOJAIN financial books for the year 2001 were audited in 2002 by an independent auditor.
24. KOJAIN directors are insured for liability insurance.
25. KOJAIN's Committee for Kachchh Mahila Vikas Sanghathan was formed and it collected more than \$25,000 for establishing maternity health center in Khavda, Kachchh.
26. \$5,775 was donated for Arihant Arogya Nidhi Devlali Project through KOJAIN
27. \$38,942 was allocated to Bhuj Kachchhi Oswals for housing project for Bhuj earthquake victims.
28. \$75,000 was sent to Bidada Sarvoday Trust in 2004. Additional \$150,000 in two installments pledged to be sent in 2006 and 2007.
29. Relief committee for Mumbai Rain Calamity of July 2005 collected about \$120,000

Each of these projects requires a lot of coordination and multitude of hours of dedication by volunteers, depending on the size of the project. KOJAIN Directors have gathered impressive record during 2002-2005

Three major achievements to note are:

- (1) Expansion of KOJAIN services to our membership. More than 30 committees were formed to serve our membership here as well as our community members back home.
- (2) Making KOJAIN stronger financially as well as functionally. KOJAIN became financially stronger than ever before. Functionally, the collective wisdom of the Board Of Directors prevailed in all decision-making phases. More than \$600,000 were pledged by KOJAIN members to various charitable projects during 2002-2005 period.
- (3) Preparing our youths for self-assertive roll in KOJAIN. Youth committee is very active and has made impressive progress.



Photo 1: Top Left: KOJAIN general body meeting at JAINA convention on July 3, 2005

Photo 2: Top Right: KOJAIN General body meeting at JAINA Convention (Introduction)

Photo 3: Bottom Left: KOJAIN general body meeting. (Shri Hira Ratan Manek Introducing himself)

Financial Statement of KOJAIN from 09/30/03 to 09/30/05

Item Description	Balance 9/30/03	Funds inflow from 10/01/03 to 09/30/05	Funds outflow from 10/01/03 to 09/30/05	Balance as of 09/30/05	Expenses:
Kojain General Fund	\$37,620.39	\$ 8,758.30	\$13,668.36	\$ 32,710.33	Printing & newsletters: \$ 3,710.75
Membership	\$ 5,780.00	\$ 5,280.00	\$ -	\$ 11,060.00	Postage & Mailing \$ 2,282.63
Interest Earned	\$ 844.92	\$ 1,803.63	\$ -	\$ 2,648.55	Teleconference \$ 696.07
Matunga Bording fund	\$34,531.39	\$14,754.00	\$48,383.39	\$ 902.00	Bank Charges \$ 55.00
Momaya Trust fund	\$ 7,000.00	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 7,000.00	Tax Preparation \$ 1,000.00
Scholarship Fund	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 3,900.00	\$ 1,850.00	Insurance \$ 3,125.00
Jayesh Shah Ed. Fund	\$16,980.94	\$ 20.00	\$17,000.94	\$ -	Web Hosting \$ 99.96
Kuchchh earthquake fund	\$27,656.63	\$ -	\$27,656.63	\$ -	Supplies & misc. \$ 475.35
Student loan Program	\$20,367.00	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 7,809.00	\$13,558.00	
Kutch Mahila Vikash Fund	\$ 5,778.00	\$26,929.00	\$32,482.00	\$ 225.00	
Tulshibhai Gajara Foundation	\$12,632.00	\$ 3,368.00	\$16,000.00	\$ -	Total \$11,444.76
Marriage Info. service	\$ 75.00	\$ 15.00	\$ 90.00	\$ -	
Directory Advertisement	\$ 2,150.00	\$ -	\$ 2,150.00	\$ -	
Pragati Foundation	\$ -	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ -	
KDO/SPS	\$ 2,264.00	\$ 1,254.00	\$ -	\$ 3,518.00	
Bidada Sarvodaya Trust	\$ 100.00	\$75,101.00	\$75,201.00	\$ -	
Medical Loan Program	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	\$ 3,000.00	\$ -	
Kavi Tej	\$ 591.00	\$ 925.00	\$ 1,141.00	\$ 375.00	
Kachchh Trip	\$ -	\$ 1,500.00	\$ 1,500.00	\$ -	
Shrimad Rajchandra Khapoli	\$ -	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ -	
Veerayatan	\$ -	\$ 251.00	\$ 251.00	\$ -	
Tsunami Relief Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,406.00	\$ 1,406.00	\$ -	
Mulund Swetamber	\$ -	\$ 7,622.00	\$ 7,622.00	\$ -	
Bhujpur Bheda Hospital	\$ -	\$ 702.00	\$ 702.00	\$ -	
Liladhar Gada Book Fund	\$ -	\$ 300.00	\$ -	\$ 300.00	
Karani School Education Fund	\$ -	\$ 1,030.00	\$ 1,030.00	\$ -	
Mumbai Relief Fund	\$ -	\$105,999.00	\$58,045.00	\$47,954.00	
Total	\$181,121.27	\$266,476.59	\$324,710.36	\$122,100.88	

KACHCHHI YOUTH ASSOCIATION (KYA)

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Parting Gift

By: Avni Arvind Oswal (Chheda)

Scholarship 2005 recipient

As an eighteen year old, I was surprised at my inability to decide on who has made the most impact on my life. Not that there have not any inspirational people in my life because, it is the opposite. I have been fortunate to have a number of encouraging individuals in my life. Therefore, it was difficult to think of that one individual that made the most impact. However, after much thought, I picked the person who made me realize the importance of life and who opened the doors for other outstanding people to come into my life. That person is none other than my dad.

He died suddenly on February 25, 1996. I was only twelve years old back then. When something like that happens, one is never the same. It hit me then that we do not know what will happen to us tomorrow, today, or even next moment. My father's death made me value life more than I ever did. I decided I was going to make my life meaningful and live every moment of it. I moved to the United States and take the various opportunities available to me here. I participated in programs, clubs, and classes that would give me a chance to help others and, thereby, enhance myself. Doing various activities helped me meet new people and enjoy the experiences life offers us.

However, it was not just his death that impacted me. His life itself taught me a great deal. He was a nice man who always helped others. Although he had several awards and plaques in his profession, it is his kindness that people remember to this day. He taught me that people's worth cannot be measured by the number of award displayed in their room, the amount of money in their bank account, or how big their house is. It is measured by the number of times they go out of their way to help others instead of just thinking about themselves. Putting service above self has made me realize that I gain much more than I give. I want to continue to give back to society as I grow up.

Unfortunately, my dad is not here to witness how he has shaped me into a young lady. I am thankful to my dad for teaching me such valuable lessons of life. God Bless You!

ETERNALLY GREEN

I wonder how this tree maintains its green foliage in the scorching heat of summer. It is because even as it faces the searing heat from without, it draws the sustaining sap from within.

Mere austerity may shrivel up a man's nature. Even as he does penance and practices renunciation his heart must be full of human kindness.

Change Of Addresses: Update your Directory

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We would like to maintain address/phone changes/corrections on our KOJAIN website for those listed in our current KOJAIN directory. We also welcome those whose names/addresses are not listed in the current directory if they wish to have their names/ mailing addresses/phone numbers added on our KOJAIN website. Please notify Dami Rambhia of all such changes/corrections/additions.

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