



KOJAIN NEWSLETTER

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Lata Champsee of Canada has been elected as President of JAINA

Lata has gained recognition as a Leader through her Community Service and far reaching achievements over past several years.

Lata Champsee brings to the table valuable experience earned over years of Community Service both in Jain and other Communities.

Here are some examples showcasing her leadership and vision as a Leader.

JAINA and Jain Center Achievements:

- As a Convener for 2009 Convention, moved convention from expensive venue to local Jain Center to avoid significant financial losses for JAINA. Last convention we were burdened with a loss of \$70,000. Our current projection shows 2009 Convention will break even. We will achieve this even after lowering registration fees to make the convention more affordable to our members.
- Jain Digest - Editor in Chief for past 10 years, took the magazine from occasional publication in black and white to a colorful voluminous quarterly. Now Jain Digest has increased participation from scholars and circulation of 11,000+.
- Played an important role in resolving the dispute at Niagara Falls temple.
- Played a key role in bringing hotel/convention centre combination to 1997 JAINA convention.
- President and Trustee of Jain Society of Toronto. Brought many positive changes to the centre.
- Served JAINA for past 12 years in progressive positions as Director, Regional Vice President, Secretary, First Vice President, etc.

Community Services:

Jain Community:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Convener, JAINA Convention 2009	2008 – 2009
<input type="checkbox"/>	First Vice President, JAINA	2007 – 2009
<input type="checkbox"/>	General Secretary, JAINA	2005 – 2007
<input type="checkbox"/>	Managing Director, Jain Digest	2000 – 2007
<input type="checkbox"/>	Editor in Chief, Jain Digest (a quarterly magazine)	1997 – 2007
<input type="checkbox"/>	Director, World Jain Confederation	2003 – 2006
<input type="checkbox"/>	Trustee, Jain Society of Toronto	2003 – 2006
<input type="checkbox"/>	Regional Vice President, JAINA	2001 – 2005
<input type="checkbox"/>	President, Jain Society of Toronto	2000 – 2002
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member, JAINA Convention Board	2001
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member, JAINA Convention Board	1999
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member, JAINA Convention Board	1997
<input type="checkbox"/>	Actively involved in acquiring Toronto Jain Centre	1990

Women's Organization:

She is a very active member of AWIC (a South East Asian Women's organization), since the past 25 years. The focus of this organization is to promote mutual and inter-cultural understanding, to advocate women's issues, and to provide a forum for support of women. She has also served as Trustee and President for many years.

Other Community Service:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Chair, KOJAIN Convention held in Washington	July 2006
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member, Latur Earthquake fund raising committee	1993
<input type="checkbox"/>	A key organizer of KOJAIN Sammelan in Toronto, Washington and Detroit	1992
<input type="checkbox"/>	Member YWCA Board of Director, Toronto chapter	1992 – 1995

Recognition and Awards:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Outstanding Achievement Award for Volunteerism, awarded by the Government of Ontario.	1987
<input type="checkbox"/>	JAINA recognition award	1999
<input type="checkbox"/>	Jain Society of Toronto recognition award	2001
<input type="checkbox"/>	AWIC Lifetime Achievement award	2008
<input type="checkbox"/>	KOJAIN Outstanding services award	2008

OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS:

- Raised \$30,000 to purchase breast cancer diagnostic equipment for the Nargis Dutt foundation
- Increased participation of the mainstream society in AWIC's events.
- Established AWIC Branches in other Ontario cities
- Encouraging women to become members of councils, boards and commissions of mainstream agencies and to become involved in the Canadian political process.
- Founder of Seniors Club in 1986 (The first of its kind, it has grown into a viable organization, providing a forum for South Asian Seniors to interact and learn to adapt to Canadian way of living)
- Raised \$50,000 for PRIDE India (A Social Work Agency) to help rural under privileged children.
- Published over 40 souvenirs for various organizations.
- Raised \$125,000 for Latur Earthquake through telethon

BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENTS

Managing apartment buildings with a portfolio of over \$100 million.

Supervision of major renovation projects. Co-ordination of sale of condo apartments.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Heading a property management company	1986 – present
<input type="checkbox"/>	Financial Controller in a small pharmaceutical manufacturing company	1996 – 2000
<input type="checkbox"/>	Owned and operated a very successful real estate brokerage firm.	1980 – 1996
<input type="checkbox"/>	Manager, real estate brokerage	1976 – 1980
<input type="checkbox"/>	Canada Life, claim processor	1969 – 1972

Our heartiest Congratulations to Lata Champsee for this honor and we wish her all the best in this new role.