



Jai Jinendra

My name is Nalin Chheda. I was born and raised in Mumbai and came to New Jersey in 1980 to pursue my master's degree. I eventually settled in California after working few years in NYC. My wife is Meena, and have one son, Somil, who was a graduate of our pathshala and now a physician.

I retired in 2023 after a fulfilling 42-year career in engineering, including more than 30 years in leadership and executive management roles. Over the years, I had the privilege of leading projects and products, and guiding engineering teams across the United States, the Asia-Pacific region, and other parts of the world. These experiences taught me the value of listening carefully, collaborating openly, and building solutions that truly serve people.

My Involvement with the Jain Center

Our Jain Center community has been at the heart of our lives for decades. For many years, I have been fortunate to serve our Jain Center in different ways.

- **Pathshala Educator & Co-Director:** I have had the joy of teaching Jain religion at our Pathshala for over 24 years. In 2025, I was elected as Co-Director of Pathshala—a role I am dedicated to fulfilling through June 2027. Guiding our children in living Jain values remains one of the most meaningful parts of my life.
- **Executive & Committee Leadership:** I have served on the Executive Committee and actively participated in community events and other activities alongside Meena.
- **Infrastructure & Security Support:** Drawing on my professional background in security systems, I served on our building committees to design and implement key security and audio-visual upgrades for our center.

My Approach to Serving on the Board of Directors

I am a firm believer in listening first and collaborating always. I believe strong leadership begins with active listening, openness, and mutual respect. My core principles for serving on the Board include:

- **Transparency & Open Communication:** Ensuring our goals, decisions, and priorities are clear, accessible, and grounded in facts without any bias, personal or hidden agenda.
- **Constructive Collaboration:** Listening closely to our members and bringing people together to build alignment and solve complex challenges.
- **Thoughtful Stewardship:** Combining my global management experience with a deep understanding of our Jain values to help in our center's growth thoughtfully.

Looking Ahead

I hope to bring together my professional leadership experience, my long relationship with our Jain Center, and the lessons I continue to learn while teaching our young ones. My goal is simple: to contribute thoughtfully and work hand-in-hand with fellow board members, volunteers, and our entire community for the continued growth and well-being of our Jain Center.

I would be honored to receive your trust and vote for the Board of Directors as we work together toward a vibrant, harmonious, and thriving Jain Center.

Warm regards

Nalin Chheda