

Jeena Yahaan 2011
An Evening of Entertainment and Inspiration
Program and Participants

✳ **The anchors for Jeena Yahaan 2011 are Rachel, Neil and Raaghav.**

Rachel is 6 yrs old and enjoys hanging out with her peers and interacting with the young volunteers at Jeena. Neil Dangat is 11. Whether it is somebody's birthday party, a Jeena event or any good cause Neil is always ready to volunteer! Raaghav is a newbie teen who enjoys soccer, performing, making short films on his Mac. This is his 2nd go around as MC of Jeena Yahaan. To him, Jeena is like an extension of his family.

✳ **Pandit Habib Khan Saraswati Temple and Gurukul:**

Performs "Chandan sa Badan" based on Raag Yaman.

Jeena Kid Participants: Anirudh Bhowan, Anupama Murugan, Hari Srinivasan, Pallavi Kuthanur, Raj Dhande, Chandu Balachandran.

Parent Participants: Abhoyjit Bhowan, Nivedita Bhowan, Sita Murugan, K H Murugan, Arya Baskar, Gowri Kuthanur, Dharma Kuthanur, Madhavi Dhande.

Pandit Habib Khan School meets every Saturday at Jeena. Children as well as parents or grandparents practice together. Classes are taught by Sanjana Anand and David Gray, teachers from the School, often Panditji also drops in. The teachers make significant accommodations for each child's learning style.

✳ **India Fusion Dance Academy (IFDA):** Performs "Friendship." A dance based on the theme of friendship at school. The choreography highlights the comradery between children irrespective of their abilities and/or challenges. Friendship transcends all barriers.

Participants: Pramod Ramasamy, Pallavi Kuthanur, Priya Jalan, Ria Sachdev, Ankita Balaji, Siddharth Menon, Hari Srinivasan, Vaibhav Gopal, Aidan Pragasam, Anupama Murugan, Meha Kumar, Sudarsan Kannan, Joshua George. Jeena participants are accompanied by peer volunteers.

Choreography: Selvi Pragasam and Lavanya Gopal.

IFDA holds a peer interaction program on Saturdays at the East Valley YMCA; this program brings together children with special needs, as well as middle and high school volunteers in a happy and cheerful dance environment.

The Volunteers in this group: Shruti Rajagopal, Meghali Singhal, Shruti Goli, Rachna Goli, Surabhi Lohia, Brenden Pragasam, Siri Balusu, Siva Ramesh, Rohan Chitnis.

✳ **BLISS:** Eight of our little children perform a foot tapping medley of Bollywood and Bhangra mix.

Participants: Abhinav Bhargava, Anika Chatterjee, Arush Das, Manav Bhargava, Saatvik Krishnan, Saharsh Nagarur Reddy, Samanyu Rao, Shaona Das.

Choreography: Priya Das

BLISS started meeting as a playgroup at Jeena and now meets once a week as a social group. You can read more about BLISS in the article "The Rainbow behind the Spectrum."

✳ **Mona Khan Company (MKC):**

A vibrant Bollywood performance by Jeena Parents and children. Jeena Parents dance to "Chanke Mohalla" with "Apni Tho" and the children dance to a medley of "Anjaana Anjaani" and "Desi Girl."

Kid Participants: Adit Kumar, Jasmine Dana, Ozzie Dana, Rowan Singh, Gagan Bajwa, Jasjit Bajwa, Anirudh Basu, Anoushka Basu, Anirudh Bhowan, Ritu Dama, Parth Dama, Rishabh Minocha, Anisha Hangal, Nirali Gandhi and Mishal Sadiq.

The Parent Participants: Anu Virmani, Beejal Gajjar, Bharathi Kamath, Mindy Rani, Minu Basu, Prabha Cheruvalath, Sonal Gandhi, Sunil Menon, Swati Dangat, Sainaz Dana, Suman Kumar, Hart Singh, Rajeev Minocha, Madhavi Dhande and Rajashree Hangal

Every Wednesday MKC teaches our children and moms. Moms learn to dance and de-stress, while the children have a blast with their teacher in the adjacent room.

Volunteer participants in this group: Rishi Iyer, Krishna Basude, Namitha Palasamudram, Priya Agarwal.

✳ **Jeena Talent Show:**

The evening is interspersed with various talents portrayed by our very own stars. At Jeena we pride ourselves in the potential of our children. The talent show represents the same. The performers are listed below in order of their performances.

1. Srivatsan Narayanan: **"The Pledge of Allegiance"**
2. Palwinder Singh: **Powerpoint Presentation** Palwinder uses his laptop and a switch interface to access his presentation of the activities in Jeena. The switch is placed close to his forehead or cheek.
3. Prashant Athreya: **Song** "Jagadodharana" Carnatic classical song composed by Purandara Dasar in the Ragam 'Kaapi' and 'Adi' Taalam.
4. Nirali Gandhi: **Dance** A medley of Bollywood songs.
5. Saharsh Nagarur Reddy & Arush Das: **Song** "This Land is Your Land" and "Down by the Bay"
6. Anisha Hangal: **Song** "Hum ko Man ki Shakti Dena" from the Hindi film "Guddi"
7. Niveditha Jayendran: **Song** "Party in the USA" Miley Cyrus
8. Milind Gopal: **Song** "Five Little Monkeys"
9. Pranav Katoor: **Recitation** Sanskrit slokas "Gajanana" and "Asathoma"
10. Ramya Idury: **Violin** "Bourree" by J.S. Bach
11. Sohumi Shah: Recitation of his own poem called "My Wheelchair"
12. Muneer Ahmed: **Math Quiz** "Number Talent"
13. Sasisekar Garg: **Song** "Zara si Dil me de jagah"
14. Priya Jalan: **Song** "Can you feel the love tonight" from the movie Lion King
15. Arvind vadhri: **Piano** "Sonatina in C Major and Scherzo in F Major",
16. Pallavi Kuthanur: **Piano** "Love me Tender, Love me Sweet" by Elvis Presley and "You are my Sunshine" by Jimmie Davis and Charles Mitchell
17. Ozzie and Jasmine: **Dance** "Boogie Woogie"
18. Vikram Idury : **Piano** "Für Elise" by Beethoven
19. Anirban Chatterjee: **Piano** "Air in D Minor" and "Romance" by Dennis Alexander.
20. Neel Dhingra: **Keyboard** – A medley of theme songs from "Pink Panther", "James Bond," and "Poker Face" by Lady Gaga