

BJANA Election message from Anurag Kumar's Team for the 2022-23 term



Mr. Anurag Kumar (for President) is presently Vice President of BJANA and has been involved in all BJANA activities during the last 8 years, including hosting and coordinating various events like Holi, Diwali, Picnic and Chhath, and numerous charitable activities. He was born in Amawan, Nalanda -Bihar, grew up and lived in Begusarai, Mokama and Patna in Bihar. He currently lives in South Brunswick, NJ with his wife and two kids. He received his Engineering degree in E&C and moved to the USA in 2000. During the last 21 years, he worked 15 Year for JPMorgan Chase and for a pharmaceutical company during the last 5 years. While being Treasurer of BJANA, he streamlined and automated the Invoicing process using Salesforce and additional automation software. He strongly believes in giving back to the community and has been involved in various activities such as mentoring BJANA Kids and startups, connecting

with the BJANA members and local businesses to raise the fund for BJANA charitable causes and events. During the last two years, he has been vice-president of BJANA. During this period, he has been involved in numerous charitable causes, particularly related to COVID-19, while organizing cultural events, both virtual and in-person (Diwali and Chath Puja during 2021). While BJANA has grown tremendously during the last several years when he has been associated with BJANA, he is committed to develop and implement a vision for BJANA so that it can continue to grow to the new height.

Vision of the Proposed Team

Many members of the team have been involved with BJANA for the last several years while BJANA has grown tremendously, both in charitable causes and cultural events. The vision of the proposed BJANA team is to build on the past achievements of BJANA teams to further solidify both charitable and cultural visions of the organisation so that BJANA can flourish for many more decades to come. Some of the key goals that we plan to achieve during the next two years are:

- Continuing to provide the Platform where BJANA Kids and Adults can volunteer in USA and Bihar/Jharkhand.
- Developing BJANA platform for social interaction among the newer Generation.
- Networking Platform for Business Owners and Professionals.
- Engaging with Global Bihar and Jharkhand Communities.
- Increasing the membership / attendance in charitable / cultural events.

- Organizing Global BJANA Events.
- Providing mentorship to Students in Bihar and Jharkhand and USA.
- Continuing healthcare Help in Bihar and Jharkhand.
- Helping the community in the USA.
- Providing Skill based help in India.
- Engaging the next generation of BJANA kids into BJANA cultural activities and charities.

Our vision of developing/continuing expansion and visibility of BJANA globally through new activities, while continuing current activities, is described in the following.

Community Involvement

BJANA has been one of the leading organizations integrating people of Bihar and Jharkhand origin into a vibrant, dynamic and rich community. Our vision on community involvement will focus on furthering this community involvement through outreach of BJANA kids for engaging in cultural and charitable activities, enhancing interactions among them with a goal of promoting matrimonial possibilities, developing community support programs such as summer camp, youth mentoring and development. For greater community involvement, we are also committed to increase the participation in BJANA activities and develop a plan for a grand get-together of individual Bihar and Jharkhand associations in North America. We will continue to enrich our relationship and visibility with the Consulate General of India in New York.

- Providing long term Platform for youth to volunteer in charitable and cultural activities in Bihar/Jharkhand and USA.
- Outreach and engagement of youth in the BJANA activities.
- Initiating a platform for BJANA youth to connect for social activities.
- Continuing Summer camp, mentoring program and youth development activities.
- Engaging the young adults into BJANA charities and cultural activities.
- Increasing the membership in BJANA charitable and cultural activities; Maintain an updated directory of all BJANA members.
- Maintain visibility of BJANA within the Consulate General of India, New York.
- Develop a plan for Grand Get-together of all Individual Bihar Jharkhand Associations in North America.
- Start a mentoring program for the next generation.

Cultural Activities

Besides regularly organized cultural activities (Holi, Diwali and Chhath), we also plan to focus on developing several youth based activities, such as annual talent show, sports meets.

Charitable activities

BJANA has seen significant increase in the charitable donations that it received for various causes in Bihar and Jharkhand during the last two years. However, with BJANA community

member's significant presence and positions in large corporations in the USA, there is a significant potential for continuous and sustained corporate donations for BJANA. We plan to place a significant focus on developing mechanisms to promote BJANA for significant direct corporate donations and corporate donations through matching contributions by BJANA members employed in these corporations.

Business

Our vision is to develop a strong platform for BIHAR and Jharkhand Business conclave to promote new investment opportunities and idea exchange.

Media and Digital presence

BJANA has received significant visibility, both in the USA and in India, during the last two years. We plan to focus on maintaining and increasing the visibility of BJANA activities on all Social media, Print Media and Televisions. We also plan to upgrade the BJANA website to make it more user-friendly and a source of all BJANA community news and activities.

Administration

With a tremendous growth in BJANA during the last 4-6 years, there is an urgent need to modify and update BJANA's charter so that it can address various current and future activities. Our vision is to place significant effort on modifying and developing BJANA's charter and constitution to reflect the current and future activities of BJANA. This modified charter will incorporate transparency in all BJANA operations by increasing accessibility to BJANA's financials and Charity work through the BJANA website quarterly. Our vision also includes developing mechanisms to register BJANA as a Non-Profit entity in companies in North America, finalizing formalities to register BJANA in various states as a non-profit entity and reviewing and updating BJANA registrations and documentation. We also plan to develop a mechanism for the advisory committee for BJANA executive committee members, where membership in the advisory committee will be updated based on the evolving needs of BJANA. We will also continue to focus on developing and nurturing strong ties between BJANA and the Governments of Bihar and Jharkhand.

Budget and Financials

A strong balance sheet is necessary for BJANA to stay strong and grow during the coming decades. Our vision in this area includes strong emphasis on increasing BJANA budget by increasing the engagement of local Businesses, outreaching patron members for lifelong sponsorship of BJANA, significantly increase BJANA charitable funds and significantly enhance the benevolent scholarship fund to include more attractive rewards for prizes for meritorious high school students.

Charitable Activities in Bihar and Jharkhand

While BJANA's charitable activities have increased tremendously during last several years, we plan to further increase these activities by exploring the option of establishing a BJANA charitable trust fund where sponsors can directly establish their desired charitable activities, such as adopt a village in Bihar/Jharkhand with the focus on helping them to access better basic needs. We also plan to establish partnership with NGOs in Bihar and Jharkhand to help facilitate and support BJANA trust fund activities.

Introduction of Proposed BJANA Team members:



Mr. Sanjeev Singh (for Vice President) was born and raised in Jharkhand. He is a resident of New Jersey and lives with his wife, daughter, and son. By profession, he is an Information Technology professional and holds MBA degree. Sanjeev has been a key member of the BJANA team for the last several years and is currently holding the position of General Secretary of BJANA. He has been instrumental in setting up BJANA brand value with many ideas to connect community members together, increase community participation and help connect with Bihar and Jharkhand governments. With his hard-working and pleasant attitude, he is very popular in the

BJANA community and has led many activities such as branding of BJANA, managing BJANA Vaishali magazine publication for many years, introducing and managing summer camp for BJANA kids during Summer 2021, volunteer activities for high school students, initiating BJANA talent show, actively coordinating many charitable activities in US and in India, and streamlining the BJANA operational process by implementing the digital solution. It's his passion to connect Bihar and Jharkhand community together, create a platform for future generations to keep our culture alive and create a Global Bihar and Jharkhand society for Bihari diaspora.



Dr. Anil K. Agrawal (for Secretary) is a native of Triveniganj, Supaul district in Bihar, and lives in Basking Ridge, NJ with his wife, son, and daughter. He is a professor of structural engineering at the City College of the City University of New York since 1998. He received his B.Tech. in Civil Engineering from I.I.T. Kanpur in 1988, M.Eng. in Civil Engineering from the University of Tokyo in 1991 and Ph.D. in Civil Engineering from the University of California at Irvine in 1997. He is one of the most renowned researchers/engineers internationally in the

area of smart structures and bridge engineering and was the Chief Editor of the internationally renowned Journal on Bridge Engineering published by the American Society of Civil Engineers during October 2009 to September 2021. He is interviewed frequently by major news channels in the New York City area on issues related to bridges and other infrastructures. He has been an

active member of BJANA and has been volunteering in cultural and charitable activities of BJANA for more than 6 years. Among his notable and significant activities are the faceshield project for BJANA kids during summer of 2020, online course on Matlab and deep learning to 15 BJANA kids during September to December 2020, mentoring of the BJANA summer camp during summer of 2021 and outreach of Touchman foundation for \$5,000 contribution for BJANA's charitable activities.



Mr Sushant Krishen (for Joint Secretary), is a native of Bihar, was born in Bhagalpur and was brought up in Birpur, Supaul. He has an MBA degree and is an expert in SAP supply chain management. He has spent more than 10 years in serving the fashion industry (wholesale & retail), FMCG & Life Science clients in the USA. Before coming to the USA, he spent more than 10 years in the Life science industry in sales and distribution. Sushant has been volunteering in various community services during the last several years through BJANA or FIA or other community service organizations. Currently, he lives in the Berkeley Heights, New Jersey area with his Wife Amrita Ghosh and two wonderful kids (Vedika & Vedant). His favorite pastime is meeting people, Networking, Tennis & Chess.



Mrs. Priti Kashyap (for Treasurer) was born in Ranchi -Jharkhand, grew up and lived in Raipur - Chhattisgarh and moved to Bhagalpur in Bihar after her marriage. She is currently residing in Monroe Township of New Jersey with her husband and two kids. She is currently working through TATA consulting services for an Insurance company. Her love & belief in the community makes her get involved in any volunteering opportunities. Her belief in herself is "I am an average person with opportunity disposed by higher authority to make good use of this life".



Dr. Avishek Kumar (for Executive Member) was born and raised in northern New Jersey, and presently lives in Jersey City with his wife Deep and one year old son Ariyan. He is of Bihari origin, with family hailing from rural villages in the Nalanda district in Bihar. Avishek is a board certified physician specializing in Oncology and Hematology in Edison. Additionally, he serves as a Lieutenant Colonel and aerospace medicine specialist in the United States Air Force Reserve, presently stationed at the 93d Fighter Squadron, an F-16 unit in Homestead, Florida. He has interests in Indian history, archaeology, aviation and international travel.



activities and reading.

Mrs. Nimisha Verma (for Executive member) comes from Patna, Bihar and lives with her husband, daughter and son in Monroe Township, NJ. She and her family have been active participants in the community for about 10 years. She holds an MBA degree with specialization in Social Services from Xavier Institute of Social Services, Ranchi. She has served in the Social sector in India before moving to New Jersey. Her passion still lies in building a strong community to advance humanitarian and social causes. Professionally, she leads Organizational Transformations as an Agile Coach and is working at a leading Investment Bank. Her hobbies include - music, cultural



Mrs. Vandana Abhishek Kumar (for Executive Member) is born and brought up in Patna Bihar. Her native place is in Nawada district (Bihar). She is MBA in Marketing and Finance from Delhi NCR. She is a Passionate photographer and Poet. She has been involved in promoting BJANA as well as handling all Photography of BJANA from last six year. She thinks BJANA is a great hope for all those NRI's (Bihar and Jharkhand) who are staying away from their family, friends, state and country. She believes "BJANA is like a family, where you can enjoy all the festivals and share your problems because there is always a helping hand behind you".



Mr. Akhilesh Azad (for Executive member) is born and brought up in Jamshedpur, Jharkhand and lives with his wife and two sons in Hillsborough Township, NJ. He is a native of Darbhanga in Bihar, known for its rich culture and heritage across the world. He is Sr. IT manager, PSE&G by profession, completed his Masters in Computer Science from NIT, Jameshedpur and has been in USA for the last 13 years. He has been actively participating in BJANA programs and contributes to its events organization since 2015. Akhilesh strives to help his community and in free time he enjoys riding Motorcycles, Boat and plays Cricket and Badminton.