

Ladies and gentlemen, esteemed guests, and distinguished members of our community,

Tonight, we come together to celebrate the spirit of selflessness, dedication, and service that lies at the heart of our Jain community. It is with great honour and immense pleasure that we present the OneJAIN Young Persons Award to a remarkable individual who has truly exemplified these values – Dr Suraj Bafna.

Suraj's journey of service and commitment stretches far and wide, leaving an indelible mark on the lives of countless individuals within our community. As the secretary of Navyug Jain Pragati Mandal since 2022, he has not only fulfilled his organizational duties but has also become a beacon of unity, fostering collaboration among numerous Jain organizations.

His contributions are vast and varied, each one a testament to his commitment to the betterment of our community. From spearheading the delivery of medical series during the challenging days of the Covid lockdown to securing crucial NHS funding for diabetes awareness programs, Suraj has consistently gone above and beyond to serve our community with distinction.

His leadership as the Paryushan chairman for Navyug in 2022 and his pivotal role in cultural programs, such as the Jain Network Pratistha, demonstrate his ability to inspire and unite individuals of all ages and backgrounds. Despite facing personal adversity, Suraj's resilience and determination have shone through, as he led the cultural committee for the Pratistha, showcasing our Jain values and teachings.

Moreover, Suraj's commitment extends beyond organizational boundaries, as he has generously volunteered his expertise as a physiotherapist at various

health camps, earning the admiration and gratitude of countless individuals within our community.

Professionally, he has been recognized by the Brent Council for his exemplary role during the Covid times, serving as a champion for health matters in the Wembley region. He actively supports Jain students in the UK and extends a helping hand to those in need, regardless of the hour.

As a physiotherapist, he has not only delivered invaluable lectures on health issues but has also provided unwavering support to individuals like Samaniji Pratibha Pragyaji, demonstrating his commitment to the health and well-being of all Jains.

In closing, let us remember that Suraj's journey is not just a testament to his character, but also a call to action for each and every one of us. May his example inspire us to reach higher, to give more, and to serve with even greater dedication in the days and years to come.

Congratulations, Suraj, on this well-deserved recognition.

Thank you.