

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is YJA Forums?

YJA Forums is a hub for young Jains from across the world to discuss our shared religion, culture, and lives. It is a place to ask questions about Jainism, about challenges that you're facing, and a place to get to know each other better.

Q: Who can join?

Anyone 13 years or older can make a YJA Forums account.

Q: The topic of my post is unrelated to any of the currently existing topics. What should I do?

This depends on the topic. If you believe that YJA Forums would benefit from a greater exploration of the topic, please contact a moderator to suggest creating a new folder. If you believe that it is a more specific thread, feel free to post it in the closest related folder or under General Discussions.

Q: What can I post about?

Anything (within reason)! We currently have a wide spectrum of topics and threads, ranging from Current Events in India to Religion and Science to Sports. Feel free to make any related posts within each of those threads or to send us suggestions for new topics.

Q: How can I make a post?

Click on a thread and on the top right-hand corner, click on "post new thread". Write a thread title, your message in the box, add tags/keywords in the tags box, and click create thread. You also have the option of creating a poll, uploading a file (for instance, an image), and previewing your post before it is made.

Q: What should my post look like?

A typical post is 1-3 sentences. It includes a sentence of background on the topic and ends with an (open-ended) question to facilitate engagement and conversation. However, there is no minimum word count for a post.

Q: What is the private messaging feature for?

Feel free to send a private message to any user to directly communicate with them, whether it be about a Forums post that they have made or otherwise. This is a way to get to know your fellow Forum users better.

Q: How do I receive alerts on threads?

If you want to receive updates on a thread, click on the thread, and under "Post New Thread", click "Watch Forum".

Q: How often should I post?

You can post as often as you'd like. We recommend that you make at least one post per month to stay engaged in the YJA Forums community.

Q: Who are moderators?

Volunteer moderators help us manage the forums and enforce the forum rules. The moderators cannot read every message, so they rely on members to report problem posts that they encounter. The point of moderation is not to limit discussion, promote or suppress points of view, or any other secret agenda. The goal of moderation is to keep the forums enjoyable and free from problems that detract from the experiences of our users.

Q: How can I contact the moderators?

Start a private conversation with a moderator or administrator if you have any questions.

Q: What is not allowed on Forums?

1. Insults. Direct personal insult of another forum member (e.g., "You are an idiot.") and other name-calling. Why? People should be able to discuss or even dispute other's posts **without** insulting people. You may dispute somebody's opinion but not attack/flame the person who stated it. There are a lot of other non-direct-personal insults that won't necessarily get you banned instantly, but depending on the context/nature may lead to post editing, post deletion, warnings, or time-outs. They include telling people to shut up, describing a member as an ignorant person (rather than ignorant about a particular topic), and being extremely or repeatedly rude or sarcastic. It's not your place to tell other users they are not welcome; if they follow the rules, they are welcome. Bottom line -- don't **try** to tick off others and don't make discussions unnecessarily personal. If somebody else insults you, report their post; their post does not give you a license to break the rules by returning their insults. Although we do not read Private Messages sent between forum members, the rules for appropriate and inappropriate content apply to them as well.
2. Harassment. Purposely intimidating a particular member, harassing them, sending them rude or unwanted private messages, etc. This includes personal attacks on moderators for doing their jobs.
3. Threats. Any threat or intimation of a threat.
4. Registration rules. Violation of the rules you agreed to when registering for the site: that you will not post any messages that are obscene, vulgar, sexually-oriented, hateful, threatening, or otherwise violative of any laws.
5. Multiple registration. You may register only one account. Reinstatement of banned or cancelled accounts can come only from an administrator.
6. Hoaxes. Purposely misleading other members to their detriment. Giving advice you know to be incorrect or harmful. Sensationalism.
7. Trolling. Do not post in order to anger other members or intentionally cause negative reactions. For a given post, this can be a subjective call, but a pattern of such posting or an especially egregious case will get you banned.
8. Advertising and self-promotion.
9. Profanity.