

# *Oshwal Awaaz*



**EDITION 81**

# Sharda Poojan



**Sharda Poojan & Chopda Poojan 2025 – A Blessed Evening of Devotion**  
The Sharda Poojan at the Oshwal Centre was gracefully held on 20th October 2025, bringing the community together in devotion and celebration. The evening began with the auspicious Chopda Poojan, where members gathered to offer prayers for prosperity, wisdom, and success in the new year. The atmosphere was filled with spiritual warmth as approximately 700 members participated in the pooja, creating a beautiful and serene environment of collective worship.

Following the ceremony, dinner was served and the event ran smoothly, fostering a wonderful sense of unity, gratitude, and festive joy among the community.

The Sharda Poojan 2025 truly reflected the spirit of togetherness and devotion that defines the Oshwal community.



# New Year Meet & Greet

**Celebrating the New Year 2025 at  
Oshwal Centre**

**On the 20th of October 2025, the  
Oshwal Centre came alive as we  
celebrated the New Year with a  
vibrant New Year's Meet and  
Greet. The event brought  
together the community in a  
joyous celebration of unity and  
togetherness.**

**The turnout was truly  
remarkable, with over 2,700  
members joining in the festivities.**

**The evening was filled with  
laughter, camaraderie, and a  
shared spirit of celebration.  
Beautiful lights adorned the  
venue, creating a warm and  
welcoming atmosphere for  
everyone in attendance.**

**The New Year's Meet and Greet  
not only marked the beginning of  
a new chapter but also reflected  
the strength and togetherness of  
our community. It was a  
memorable evening, leaving  
everyone with cherished  
memories and renewed hopes  
for the year ahead.**



# Diwali Fair 2025



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**A Celebration of Light, Culture & Community.** The Diwali Fair 2025, held from 10th to 12th October 2025, was a vibrant and joyful celebration of culture, unity, and the festive spirit of Diwali. Organized as a grand community event, the fair brought people together to mark the Festival of Lights in a truly memorable way.

The fair showcased an exciting range of attractions, including shopping stalls featuring diverse and talented businesses. Vendors offered an array of products—from ethnic clothing, jewellery, and home décor to artisan crafts and festive sweets—transforming the venue into a shopper's paradise. Each day presented new opportunities for attendees to explore unique products, support local entrepreneurs, and fully immerse themselves in the festive spirit of Diwali. Laughter, colour, and community warmth filled the air as families and friends enjoyed the vibrant atmosphere. The Diwali Fair 2025 beautifully reflected our community's spirit of unity, gratitude, and celebration.

If you missed it this year, we warmly invite you to join us next time and experience the festive energy firsthand. Together, let's continue to make every Diwali brighter and even more memorable!



# Culture & Arts



On the 19th of October 2025, the Culture & Arts Committee proudly presented a vibrant Diwali celebration titled “Rhythm of Lights.”

The event featured a captivating live performance by international artist Bhavik Haria, whose soulful voice and dynamic stage presence filled the auditorium with festive energy.

He was supported by Nitin Varsani and Pritam Singh, adding depth and harmony to an evening rich with culture, music, and devotion.

The celebration was held at the Dinesh & Mahesh Chandaria Auditorium, Oshwal Centre, where the community came together to experience an unforgettable Diwali filled with light, rhythm, and joy.

This special event was generously sponsored by Neeta & Vipul Shah.



# STANDARD CHARTERED MARATHON



## Standard Chartered Marathon 2025

Our members together with VOC Staff represented our community at the Standard Chartered Marathon held on Sunday, 26th October 2025.

Participating in the 10km race as part of a team challenge, each member showcased remarkable dedication, teamwork, and resilience. Their collective effort, enthusiasm, and positive spirit were truly inspiring. By taking on this challenge, they not only achieved a personal milestone but also demonstrated a strong commitment to health, well-being, and community engagement & values that lie at the heart of the Visa Oshwal Community.



# The Knowledge Corner

## Chopda Pujan -

This sacred ritual of Chopda Pujan is not just a tradition — it is a meditation, a mirror, and a message.

Before us lie the chopdas — our ledgers, our books of account — simple in form, yet profound in meaning. They record not only the transactions of our business, but also the story of our karma, our integrity, and our devotion.

In this moment, as we prepare to open new books, we symbolically open new chapters of our lives. We pause to reflect on the year gone by — its blessings and lessons, its successes and shortcomings — and we offer all of it at the feet of the divine, with gratitude and surrender.

Our Jain dharma teaches us that true wealth does not reside in gold or gain, but in the purity of intention and the honesty of effort. Wealth is sacred only when it is earned with ahimsa (non-violence), guided by aparigraha (non-possessiveness), and rooted in anekantavada — the understanding that truth is vast and multifaceted.

As a community, we have been blessed with prosperity, but even more so with purpose — the wisdom to see that artha (wealth) and dharma (righteousness) must always walk together. Let this Chopda Pujan remind us that every business decision can be a form of worship, every transaction an act of trust, every success an opportunity to serve.

In the light of the divo, may our minds be purified and our hearts softened. May the ink we place upon these pages today be sanctified with right thought, right speech, and right action. And as we begin this new year, may our endeavors bring not only growth in numbers, but also expansion in awareness — of compassion, humility, and spiritual grace. Together, as one sangh, let us pray that the coming year brings clarity to our minds, purity to our intentions, and peace to our souls.

May our community continue to thrive in unity, integrity, and devotion — reflecting the eternal message of our Tirthankaras: that the greatest profit is peace of the soul, and the most sacred account is the one we keep within.

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## Calming the Chaotic Mind

When your mind is a bit chaotic, try this meditation: Imagine that you are sitting under the moonlight. Let the soothing light of the moon cool your mind and mood. Rest your mind for a few minutes, and feel the cool moonlight replenish your inner reserves of calm.