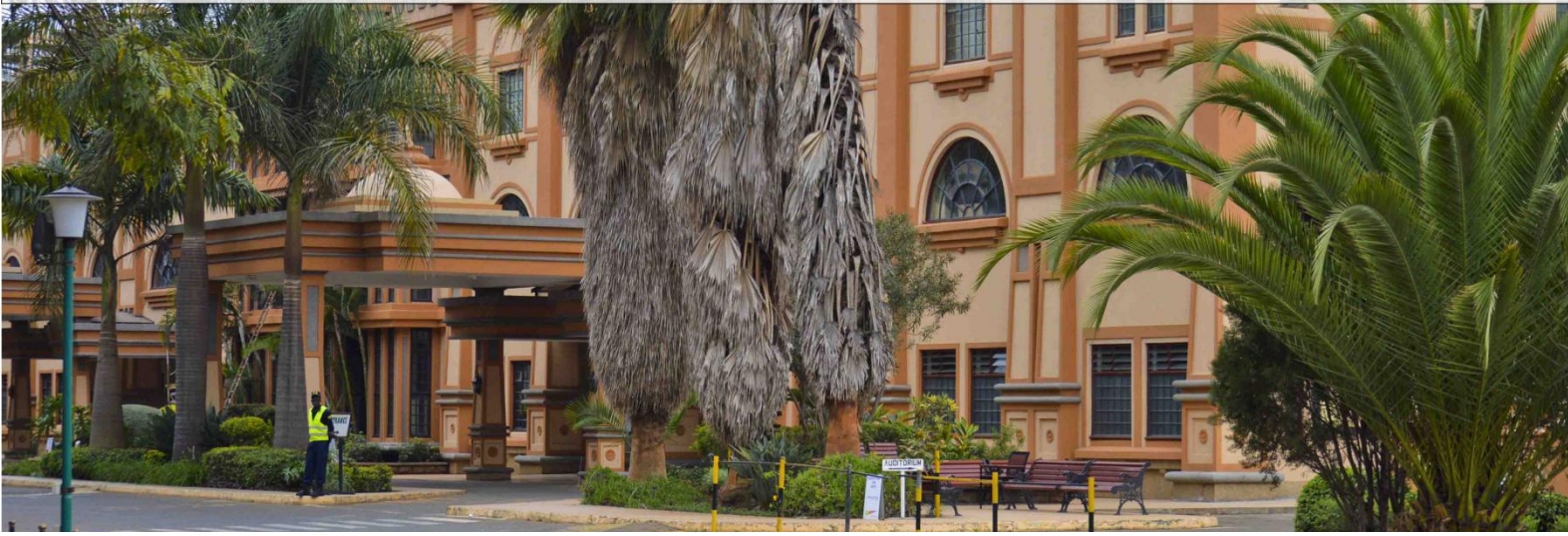


Oshwal Awaaz



Edition 1



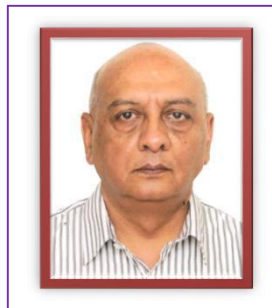
Chairman's message

We welcome you to our first issue of Oshwal Awaaz – a news letter meant to give Oshwals a glimpse of what is happening within the Visa Oshwal Community in Nairobi. Visa Oshwals have a proud history in East Africa Spanning over a century and we have become one of the most successful communities through the vision of our forefathers, the raw determination and the will to succeed and conquer all hurdles thrown at us.

The idea of Oshwal Awaaz was conceived because it was felt that there is very little information being relayed to the community at large about what is happening within the folds of our community and that it was time to create awareness amongst the Visa Oshwals in Nairobi.

We believe Oshwal Awaaz should be a platform for sharing news from the Oshwal institutions and the community at large so we welcome all members to give us ideas and share information that will benefit the community at large.

The focus of this news letter is to create a sense of pride amongst Oshwals.



On behalf of the Trustees, Office Bearers, Managing Committee, Sub-Committee members and staff of Shree Visa Oshwal Community Nairobi take this opportunity to say Michhami Dukkadam to all of you and to seek your forgiveness incase we have hurt your feelings in any way or caused you any pain knowingly or unknowingly by our words or deeds.

JAI OSHWAL

Dhiraj Devan Dodhia

Ongoing Maintenance

Brief

The Oshwal Centre which is a landmark building way ahead of its years was completed in 2002. A building of its stature needs periodic maintenance. The management committee decided to undertake refurbishment of all the Oshwal Premises this year to maintain the appearance of the buildings and prevent loss of the original fabric. The following works are currently ongoing:-

- ❖ Paint-works at Oshwal Centre including the auditorium floor and walls
- ❖ Paint-works at Mahajanwadi
- ❖ Senior Lounge Mahajanwadi Refurbishment
- ❖ Town Derasar wall cleaning and Paint-works
- ❖ Sports Complex Pool re-tiling, New Changing rooms and general refurbishments

Page two has pictures of the ongoing maintenance works.

Oshwal Centre



Senior lounge



Mahajanwadi

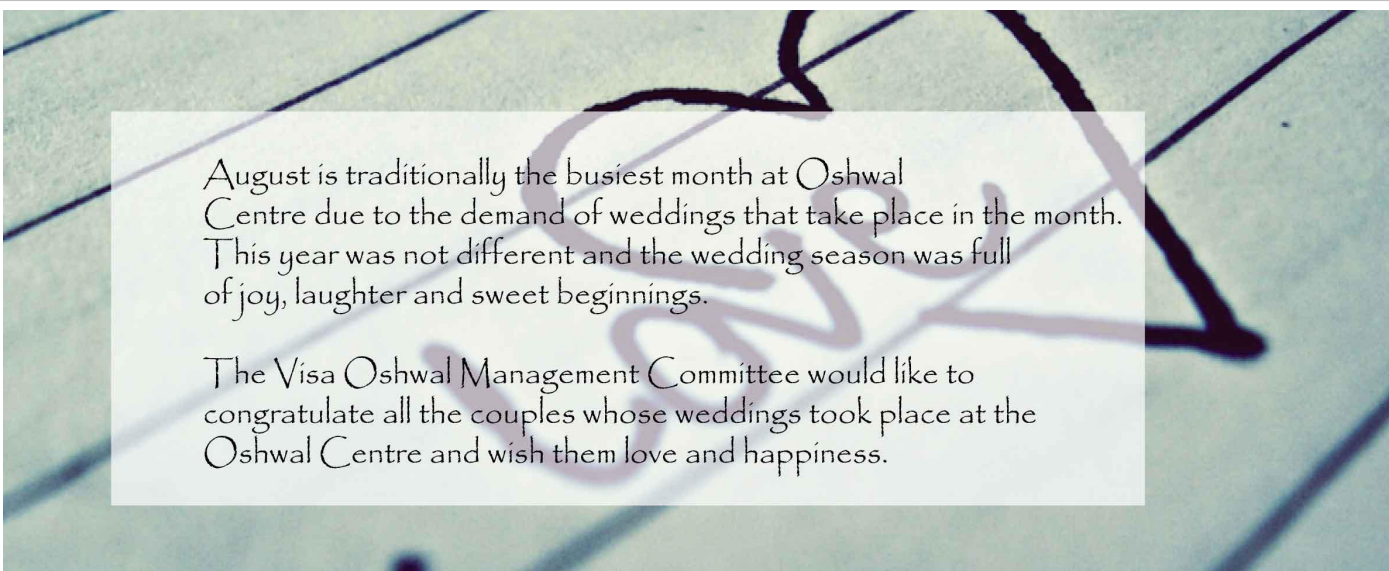


Town Derasar



Sports complex





August is traditionally the busiest month at Oshwal Centre due to the demand of weddings that take place in the month. This year was not different and the wedding season was full of joy, laughter and sweet beginnings.

The Visa Oshwal Management Committee would like to congratulate all the couples whose weddings took place at the Oshwal Centre and wish them love and happiness.

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- ♥ Miss. Zilna Rameshkumar Dave and Mr. Sagar Rajnikant Jhankharia
 - ♥ Miss. Hinal Ashvin Jesang Shah and Mr. Hiren Shantilal Shah
 - ♥ Miss. Niral Ashvin Shah and Mr. Aagam Kishor Pabari
 - ♥ Miss. Megha Mukesh Joshi and Mr. Hursh Dhiraj Dodhia
 - ♥ Miss. Kajal Rameshchandra Shah and Mr. Rakesh Vishram Dabasia
 - ♥ Miss. Vaishali Kantilal Malde and Mr. Kunal Rajesh Shah
 - ♥ Miss. Krushita Jayantkumar Shah and Mr. Krushil Rajnikant Shah.
 - ♥ Miss. Bansri Hasmukh Shah and Mr. Nikhil Shailesh Dodhia
 - ♥ Miss. Deepa Kantilal Shah and Mr. Deep Shashikant Prabhulal Shah
 - ♥ Miss. Shivani Mukesh Meghji Shah and Mr. Parag Jayprakash Pithadia





Members of the Oshwal community inclusive of the young and old, male and female, participated with full vigor and enthusiasm in the *Paryushan Parva* which takes place every year in the favorable month referred to as '*Bhadrapad*'.

On the first day, 29 August 2016, the members of the community were given a lecture on 'Manushya bhav nee durlabhtaa nee' by Avin K. Shah and Mehul J. Shah, from Alert Young Group of India.

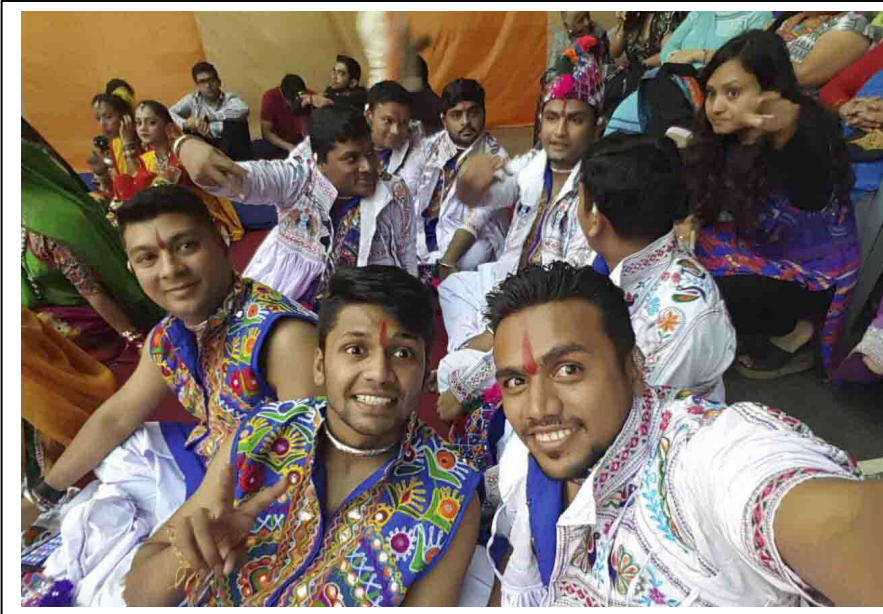
This marked the start of a week full of festivities and rituals that united the community and enhanced the spirit of forgiveness and soul cleansing. The other lecture topics covered were Musical Housie with Stavans, The Life sketch of Shree Parshwanaath Bhagwaan, Shree Neminath and Shree Rishabdev Bhagwaan,

Quiz Night and The Life Sketch of Shree Munisuvrat Swami.

Essentially, the festival lasted for nine days and the first seven days prepared the members for the last day which focused on a meditation session called *Samvatsari Pratikramana* after which forgiveness is asked by saying *Micchami Dukkadam* to others, which means, "If I have offended you in any way, knowingly or unknowingly, in thought, word or action, then I seek your forgiveness. Paryushan being a festival of forgiveness, members fold their hands to offer forgiveness and accept the same from others." Avin K. Shah said.

The day after parnas were done at Oshwal Centre for all Tapasavis. This is the breaking of the fast.





Kael Shah represents East Africa in an International tennis tournament

An Oshwal, Kael Shah was selected to represent the East African Team in the Under 12 African Junior Tennis Talent Identification Tournament held in Morocco.

Kael took the 5th position in the boys under twelve category. The Kenyan players comprised a group of three girls, Angella Okutoyi Nyangweso, Rosemary Asumwa and Alicia Owegi, with the sole boy from Kenya being Kael Shah.



Oshwals represented at the Rangeelo Gujarat inter-community competition

A team of 10 Oshwal Garba dancers represented the Oshwal community at Rangeelo Gujarat which is an inter community Garba competition in August.

The competition registered a total of 15 entries from different communities.

The chief guest for the event was Haveli's Guru from India. The team thanks Mrs Diptiben Haria for coordinating the Oshwal entry.

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Coming up

■ Battle of the Brains by Oshwal Youth League
 11th Sept, 2016.
 For inquiries call 0712087495.

■ Diwali Fair
 26th Oct, 2016



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 26th Oct, 2016
 For further details
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■ Fashion Passion Fusion by Oshwal Mahila Mandal
 15th Sept, 2016 -
 For inquiries call 0738999959