

Chairman's Message

Jai Jinendra...

As I start a new term in office, I firstly offer my heartiest congratulations to all the members of the Management Committee and the Nairobi OERB Delegates for being duly elected and wish each and every one a successful term in office. The members have given us all a mandate to serve them and it is our duty to ensure that we live up to their expectations and do all that needs to be done to further the progress of this great Community.

I also take this opportunity to congratulate the Standing Orders Committee (SOC) for the wonderful manner they

conducted the 2018 VOC elections. The SOC indeed took the bold step to change our election process and have proved that we as a Community can embrace change and technology when it is for the betterment of the Community. Congratulations to all members who also took the initiative to attend the Election Day and be part of history for the Community.

It was truly an honour for VOC Nairobi to host the 77th OERB Adhiveshan. We look forward to working with you all, as we work towards a better Oshwal Community in general and the



VOC Nairobi in particular.

As we embark on a two year term of office, we must realize that time flies and we cannot sit back and rest. There is a lot that needs to be done and my team and I are anxious to get started.

We look forward to the support of all members as we all strive to further this great Oshwal Community to greater heights.

Jai Oshwal.

DURING THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING AND THE ELECTIONS - VOTING HALL



Visa Oshwal Community Makes History By Introducing Digital Election During AGM

The Visa Oshwal Community, Nairobi, Kenya made history on 25th March, 2018 by conducting the first ever digital election during the Annual General Meeting of the Community.

The Office Bearers with the Membership task-force carried out the exercise in preparation for the electronic system of voting in just four months and carried it to fruition on Sunday.

This system was handed over to the Standing Orders Committee (who were responsible for overseeing the election process) two weeks prior to the Election Day.

With the help of volunteers, the exercise was very smooth with no hitches and minimal time spent on Voting.

Results of the Election came out the same day in the afternoon. About 900 members attended this process.



Chairman: Dhiraj Devan Dodhia



Vice-Chairman: Jinit Jayantilal Shah



Secretary: Bindi Rashmi Shah



Ass. Secretary: Hetal Chandulal Hariya



Treasurer: Ayush Milan Shah



Ass. Treasurer: Bindi Nishit Savla





Standing Orders Committee

Reactions from Voters

The voting process held on 25th March 2018 at the **Oshwal Centre** was better than the previous voting sessions. All the voters congratulated the Standing Order Committee (SOC) and the Volunteers for a smooth sailing process, here are some of the reactions from the voters:

Premchand P. Shah

As a senior citizen of the community, I congratulate the volunteers, they were very cooperative. God Bless them with the heart.

Paresh Karania

Voting took less than 5 minutes, last year we took a full day, it was a wonderful experience.

Bhavesh Shah

We were done in 10 minutes, I voted with my phone, my wife voted with the tablet.

Rupal Nitin Shah

Enjoyed the whole process, it was fair & Impressive. Downloaded the

app on my phone, the VOC membership cards were recognized in the system, keep up the good work.

Kiran Ratilal Shah

Thumbs up to the Standing Orders Committee headed by Navin Savla, the system is better than the National Elections, kila kitu ni sawa. Excellent.

Vimal Shah

This is a trendsetter for all communities to follow. Next time people should be voting from home!

The elections were conducted electronically and it took less than 5 minutes to cast your vote.

Most participants told **Oshwal Awaaz** that they had enough time for refreshments and for interaction with other members of the community.

The queues were not long and the services were superb!



Casting his vote with the computer



Even the Elderly were not left out!



Refreshments after Voting Exercise



During the Aymbel at the Mahajanwadi Temple in Nairobi, Kenya

Mahajanwadi

On 5th April 2018 Oshwals gathered at the Mahajanwadi Temple for prayers and thereafter for some refreshments at the Hall.

Chaitri Mass Aymbel event which was held from Friday 23rd March 2018 and ended on Saturday 31st March 2018 where members who participated gave up specific types of food for their repentance and penance.

Parna was held on Sunday 1st April 2018 and **Shripal Raja Raas** was recited by Mr. Vipulbhai Shah every day from 9am to 11am.

Suku Bhatu was on 31/03/18 and was sponsored by the Asoo Maas Aymbel 2016 group.

The **Aymbel** was carried out at the **Visa Oshwal Mahajanwadi**, Limuru Road, Nairobi, Kenya and was sponsored by Mr. Devchand Rupshi Parivar - (Town Transport), Hansraj Rupshi Parivar - (Lucky Iron Mongers) and Lalji Virji Rupshi Parivar - (L G Harris & Co. Ltd.)

The **Oshwal Awaaz** team walked with the prayerful Oshwals round the temple taking pictures of the event from inside the temple, around the temple and finally at the refreshments area.

Ayambel is a festival that comes twice a year, and teaches us the benefits of disciplining our taste buds, alongside detoxifying our bodies. It lasts for 9 days, and each day has a specific menu designed for it based on colours.

This is how we still continue to break this fast, hundred of years later: Arihant, Siddha, Acharya, Upadhyaya, Sadhu, Samyag Darshan (**right faith**), Samyag Gnaan (**right knowledge**), Samyag Charitra (**right conduct**) and Samyag Tapa (**right Austerity**). The first two (Arihant & Siddha) are those who have achieved liberation (Moksha), while the next three are the means to achieve Moksha by using the right faith, knowledge, conduct and austerity.



Women Praying at the Temple



Thankful for the Aymbel



Serving the Aymbel participants



Official Opening of the Annual Delegates Meeting by the OERB Chairman

Oshwal Education & Relief Board OERB Adhiveshan Held

On 6th April, 2018 the 77th Oshwal Education & Relief Board (OERB) Adhiveshan (AGM of the Board) was hosted by the Visa Oshwal Community, with the official opening attracting numerous delegates from across East Africa.

Kicking off with a registration, the late afternoon program saw important discussions take place. Thereafter a dinner and a children variety program by Oshwal Academy Nairobi took place.

A speech from the Visa Oshwal Community Nairobi Chairman, Dhiraj Devan

Dhodia, was then read out by Secretary Bindi R. Shah, followed by a speech from the OERB Chairman Nitin Malde.

In his speech he thanked the Nairobi Community for the hospitality and appreciated his team for commendable efforts that have been put in the past year.

He also talked of the vision of OERB the highlight being - to be the first Organisation to complete a hundred years in the history of Oshwal Education. Reads a press communique.

The Chairman then proceeded to officially open the 77th Board Adhiveshan.



OERB Chairman addressing delegates



The Chairman and Vice Chairman of OERB & Honorary Secretary of VOC



OERB - Guard of Honour

Library Renovation



Previous view of the open space in the Library Verandah without a roof top

Roofing Work Outside

In the spirit of encouraging young Readers the Library Committee members decided to expand the space available by creating a roof top at the open space in the Library Verandah. The work is still ongoing and the contractor is already onsite.

Reading Challenge

Apart from the construction, the Library has also organized a Reading challenge for the young ones where the child must be an Oshwal Library Member to Participate. The reading challenge competition will be running from Apr - Sept 2018 please encourage the young ones to participate.

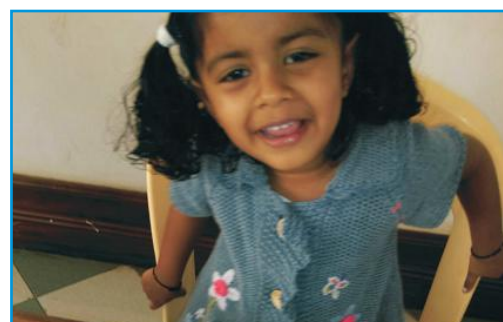
This activity takes place every **Saturday** from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Library Foyer but due to the change of weather it has been moved to 1st floor next to the lift. It is for children aged between 2 to 4 years old and the aim of this activity is to encourage and introduce children to reading. A volunteer takes the children

through a selected book and reads it aloud to the young ones, after which they do painting of certain pictures that were in the book which was read to them. The parents or a guardians usually accompany the children to the event. We encourage more parents to bring their children to this fun filled activity also we need volunteers to help in reading the books to these young ones. Currently this activity has taken a break because of the April holiday and soon a circular will be sent out to members when we resume back.

Gold Ticket Challenge To encourage our younger members to read books they ordinarily wouldn't pick & to ensure they are members of the library. They check out the book that has a "Golden ticket" inside it, and they get to win a prize from the lucky dip. This activity is for young readers aged between 6 to 10 years and they must be members of the Library to be able to win a prize from the lucky dip.



After Renovation of the Library area



Golden Ticket Challenge Apr-Sep 2018



Library Committee supports young ones

Oshwal Awaz



13th Edition, April 2018

Upcoming Events

SHREE VISA OSHWAL COMMUNITY

Ref. No. 039/2018

Friday, April 27, 2018

Religion Committee



SHRI MUNISUVRAT SWAMI JANMA KALYANAK

Venue: Shree Munisuvrat Swami Jinalay

Date: 8th May 2018

Programme:

9.30 am to 11.30 am - Arhat Abhishek

8.00 pm - Arti & Bhakti Bhavna

8.40 pm - Pravachan

SHRI MUNISUVRAT SWAMI MOKSH KALYANAK

Venue: Shree Munisuvrat Swami Jinalay

Date: 9th May 2018

Programme:

9.00 am to 11.30 am - Mahapoojan

8.00 pm - Arti & Bhakti Bhavna

8.40 pm - Pravachan

Pravachan by Shri Narendrabhai Koradia

Ekasana for both days have been organised by the Religion Committee.
Please register with the pujari at a fee of Shs 400/- per day.



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SHREE VISA OSHWAL COMMUNITY

Ref. No. 037/2018

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

Library Committee

Volunteers Needed

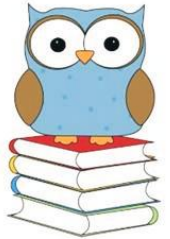
Dear Members,
Currently the Story Hour session is on break. We are however looking for Volunteers to help in reading the stories and other activities. Please register at the Oshwal Library.

JOIN US
FOR

STORY HOUR

10AM-
11AM

It's story TIME



SATURDAYS AT OSHWAL LIBRARY

OPEN TO ALL

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

ENGLISH, KISWAHILI & GUJARATI

READERS

FOR AGE: 2 TO 4
ACTIVITIES INCLUDED



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THE EYES TALK
STORYTIME (VOLUNTEERS)

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Events at the Mahajanwadi & at the Library

Oshwal awaz