

Oshwalwadi

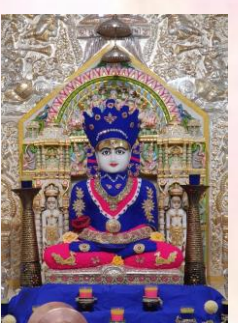
29TH Edition, August 2019

PAYUSHAN 2019

JAIN DERASAR AANGI - by Urvashiben



MAHAJANWADI DERASAR AANGI by Kishanbhai & Kamleshbhai





Pranam!

Paryushan is mahaparva for Jains. It is not a normal festival of feast but a festival of fasting, sacrifice, mercy peace. Paryushan 2019 took place between 26th August and 2nd September.

Each morning started with Rai pratikraman at 6.00am, after which, the devotees did Pooja & darshan. There was atthai vyakhyan & kalpasutra vanchan in upashray. Around 160 devotees did ekasna every day at 12.00 noon in the bhojanshala.

This year there was a focus to do more children-oriented activities as well so a shibir and activities for children were held every day whilst the pravachan was going on in the Upayshray. A children's story telling competition was held with eleven participants taking part and a Fancy-dress competition in which Twenty-Two children took part. The Devasiya pratikraman was held in the evenings followed by Bhakti Bhavna Aarti and Mangal Divo which was attended in large numbers. A projection of the Aarti was also done on the new office wall outside the Derasar.

Visiting Jain Scholars from the Alert Group who conducted lectures throughout the event included Dipakbhai Jain (India), Vijaybhai Sheth (UK) and Harsh Shah (Canada). Lectures on various topics including meaning of various Vidhis were well received by Oshwals.

There was Tapasvi's bahuman on Sunday. There were 3 devotees who did Maaskhaman, 10 did 16 Upvas and around 100 devotees did Atthai.

SAMVATSARI LUNCHEON 2019

Oshwal
Awaraz

Shree Visa Oshwal Community, Nairobi organized a Samvatsari Luncheon on Sunday, 15th September 2019 at the Oshwal Centre. In preparation for this huge event, on Saturday 14th September 2019 over 900 volunteers came to help prepare the ration and were served lunch thereafter.

Samvatsari is when all Jains come together and, on this day, Jains forgive and seek forgiveness for their mistakes committed knowingly or unknowingly from all living beings by uttering "Micchami Dukkadam" (I beg your forgiveness for any harm I have done knowingly or unknowingly).

A skit was performed on "how not to waste food" was performed by the Pathshala children followed by a garbo & speeches by the Religion Committee Chairman, Dr. Kantilal Gudhka and by the Visa Oshwal Community Chairman, Mr. Dhiraj Devan Dodhia. The luncheon was attended by over 4500 Jains. This year the management and operations committee had decided to discourage wastage of food via posters, the children's skit and announcements and we are proud to announce that the total waste food weight fell to 198 Kilograms from the previous years total of 267 Kgs. Also no plastic water bottles were used in the luncheon this year going towards our ethos of conservation of the environment.



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Donations & Fundraising Committee

THE OSHWAL RESIDENCY

The compassion and generosity of Oshwals is legendary. Through the generosity of the Oshwals, the following was achieved:

- Oshwal Boarding
- Mahajanwadi and Derasar on Limuru Road
- Oshwal Academy's various campuses
- Oshwal Centre
- Oshwal Park
- Oshwal Residency
- Oshwal Youth League Nairobi Astro Arena
- Children's Playground at Oshwal Centre


Recently, we received a generous pledge from an Oshwal family of KShS 60 Million to name the Oshwal Residency to Jashodaben KD Residency. Simultaneously the Nairobi Oshwals launched a scheme of 365 by Ksh. 1 million each. With the donation of Kshs 1 million a plaque will be placed at Oshwal Residency.

In the past one month we have received about 30 pledges, of which some donors have already paid in full. We request you to participate in this noble scheme. You can pledge for the following:

- 1) In Memory of
- 2) Anniversaries
- 3) Birthdays
- 4) Engagements
- 5) Weddings
- 6) Housewarming
- 7) Any other celebrations

We hope to receive 365 pledges within the next 12-18 months. Please be generous and donate as there is no bigger satisfaction and happiness than the pleasure of donation.

Bindi R. Shah
Secretary



THE BENEFITS OF READING BOOKS

„A book is like a garden carried in the pocket.“ (Chinese Proverb)

- exercises your brain
- provides knowledge and information
- books are a good topic of conversation
- better writing skills
- improves concentration and focus
- great and free entertainment
- enriches the language and vocabulary
- develops creativity
- books are a window to the world
- introduces to the unknown fantasy world
- books pose questions to stimulate further reflection
- books reduce stress, puts you in a better mood
- correlation
- decadence
- confused
- procrastination
- ambivalence
- confabulation
- hermeneutics
- alliance
- books are good for memory



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OSHWAL SPORTS COMPLEX PRESENT

OSHWAL GAMES

Celebrating VOC 75th Anniversary


01.10.2019 TO 31.10.2019

SPORTS CAPTAINS CONTACT:-

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1. For rules and regulations, dates, fixtures and fees, please contact the captain in charge.
2. Sponsors are welcome. Charges 20,000/= per banner or any amount for sponsorship.
3. For enquires, kindly contact Oshwal Sports Complex on +254790710024 or Email: sports@oshwalnairobi.org
4. Payment via Mpesa paybill number 888215 Account number (os-c-name-sport)
5. Deadline for registration Monday, 30th September 2019

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THANK YOU!!!

On behalf of the Office Bearers, Trustees and Management Committee, I take this opportunity to thank all the volunteers who assisted on the 14th and 15th of September 2019 for the Samvatsari Lunch.

It was truly a gratifying Oshwal moment to see the young and elderly coming up and taking the responsibility of the various tasks of the day with unity and dedication to ensure that the Samvatsari luncheon went smoothly.

We also thank all those who blessed this occasion by attending in large numbers. To those who missed this function for whatever reason, we can assure you that we missed you.

The Oshwal spirit was truly remarkable and appreciation goes to each and every person present at the Samvatsari Lunch.

May this spirit of unity and dedication continue to live amongst us all.

Thank you all once again.

Dhiraj Devan Dodhia
Chairman




A very rare Zebra with white spots sighted at Maasai Mara

The spotted-as-opposed-to striped- zebra was first cited and photographed at Matira Bush Camp in Maasai Mara national reserve by a tour guide who has been identified as Mr. Antony Tira, posted the photos on social media platforms where they attracted a lot of attention. Its distinctive coloration of dark and white spots makes it stand out from the black and white striped herd which, according to reports might expose it to more danger of being targeted by carnivores. The Zebra has elicited a lot of excitement online due to its astounding dark colour thanks to a genetic abnormality that affected the pigmentation of its fur.



INFORMATION

DR. RAMNIKLAL KHETSHI DEVSHI SHAH



01.04.1929 - 15.09.2019

Late Ramnikbhai or RKD as he was more popularly known, started his journey of Community service when he was 25 years old with the Oshwal Youth League and he was the Vice Chairman of League between 1957 and 1961. He subsequently became the Secretary of the Visa Oshwal boarding in 1960 and retained this position for 9 years till 1969.

Ramnikbhai carried on serving the Community and become the Secretary of the Visa Oshwal Community in 1996 rising through the ranks becoming Vice Chairman and then finally he became the Chairman of the Visa Oshwal Community between 1998 and 2000. During his Chairmanship the Oshwal Centre construction was completed and he was a driving force guiding the teams involved in the construction. Ramnikbhai was a very well-respected member of the Visa Oshwal Community and in this culminated in him becoming a Trustee of the Community in 2007, a position he held for 10 year to 2017. He held various other positions in other institutions over time.

Jalebi Gathia sponsors for the Seniors at Mahajanwadi, in Memory of Late Panachandbhai Dedhia



Jawahir Shah Cricketing legend of Kenya, an Oshwal!



Jawahir Shah was one of the greatest batsman Kenya has ever produced. His cricket career spanned from the 60's to the 80's, He captained Nairobi Gymkhana, Kenya and East Africa and played in the first ever cricket world cup held in England in 1975. Jawahir lived a simple life but was passionate about a number of things including sports, poetry, philosophy, politics and current affairs.

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Oshwal Samachar

Jawahir is and will be remembered. He normally batted No 4. On a hard, true wicket, runs flowed off his bat. He had a slight build and no apparent great power in the wrist, but his faultless timing made his batting look effortless. His best cricket shot was the very elegant manner in which he hit the on drive in the mid-wicket area. His cover drive was also a model for any young player. Sachin Tendulkar is the cricketing star on the world stage today. Jawahir was the Kenya and East African run making 'Tendulkar' in the mid 60's to 1980, I can conclude.

Finally, I want to record here that the first Oshwal to play a high level cricket match - Kenya Asians Vs Kenya Europeans - was the late Vinaychand Malde ('Dhanubhai') of Karman Mehta & Sons. That was way back in late 1930's. Dhanubhai was a fine batsman. In those days, the Kenya Asians Vs Kenya Europeans annual matches were fiercely played out with huge audiences. These annual duels helped the formation of the first Kenyan cricket national team when visiting sides began to come over from India, Pakistan and the MCC.



JAWAHIR SHAH, considered to be Kenya's finest middle order batsman, returned to form with 109 runs.

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