

Late Dr. Maganlal Motichand Chandaria (1924 – 2020)

Visa Oshwal Community, Nairobi - Trustee

Dr. Maganlal Motichand Chandaria was born in 1924 in Ravalsar, India and was sent to live in Kenya at the tender age of 9 by his mother whose belief was that this would help him to stand on his own feet. He stayed in Mombasa with his mamas and for the next three years he undertook his primary education before deciding it was time to move on and so he joined his uncle's business Bhagwanji and Company in Nairobi where he worked for a few years. Dr Maganlal got married to Suryakalaben in 1948 and a year before this he decided to branch out and start his own business with a capital of Ksh 5000.

I remember a few years ago when I was sitting next to the Maganbhai during the Oshwal games he mentioned that his first business was started in a tiny space and his amazing journey started by selling sweets to school kids. He then ventured into transport and Clearing and Forwarding. The Entrepreneur within him, came up with an idea of setting up a straw manufacturing business and this was very successful and eventually led him to setting up a tissue manufacturing plant which formed the beginning of the iconic Chandaria Industries and all other associated businesses including Guardian Bank and East African Paper mills amongst many others.

Maganbhai was a great believer in Community work and his journey and dedication towards the community spanned over 50 years across Mombasa and Nairobi.

He has been

1. The Chairman and trustee of the Visa Oshwal Community Mombasa
2. Chairman and trustee of the Oshwal Yuvak Sangh Mombasa
3. Committee Member and Secretary of the Oshwal Education and Relief Board
4. Committee Member and Chairman of the Visa Oshwal Community

Maganbhai was the current Trustee of the Visa Oshwal Community, Nairobi.

Dr Maganlal a key Member of the Oshwal Centre development committee and played a significant role in the construction of Oshwal Centre right from drawing of plans to its completion. Around the time when the construction of the Oshwal Centre started, a couple of banks had collapsed with many Oshwals losing funds. Raising funds to finance the Centre had become a challenge in the face of community opposition to the project. Maganbhai and a few other colleagues stood firm and insisted that the project must go on and he even went a step further by giving an undertaking to finance any shortfalls on the project. Maganbhai's family was also the main donor for the Oshwal Centre Auditorium.

I witnessed his devotion for the Oshwal Community and Oshwal Centre on 11th August 2018 with an impending demolition hanging on the facility on the fateful Saturday afternoon as I stood next to Maganbhai he looked at the excavators with tears streaming from his eyes. He held my hand and I clearly remember his words "Please don't let them destroy our centre – It is a sign of our Oshwal identity, sweat and blood." That moment has left a mark on my heart and made me realise what a selfless committed man Maganbhai was and how much the Community meant to him.

His selflessness did not end with the Community he also dedicated his time and commitment to other institutions and Organizations and through the years he has held various positions such as :-

1. Trustee of the Hindu Council of Kenya and the Jain Social Group
2. Treasurer of Lions Club Mombasa
3. Maganbhai was also the first Asian to be the Director of the Central Bank Deposit Protection Fund.
4. Member of DISTRICT GRAND LODGE OF EAST AFRICA
5. Chairman and Trustee of Kenya Printing and Converting Association
6. Vice Chairman of Kenya National Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Mombasa.

Dr Maganlal Chandaria was also a key donor at the M P Shah Hospital and through Magan Chandaria charitable trust he supported many educational institutions. The City council of Nairobi has even named one the schools in Ruaraka M M Chandaria Primary School.

Dr. Maganlal Chandaria was also awarded an Honorary Doctorate of Humanities Degree by The United Graduate College & Seminary, USA and an Honorary Degree for his lifetime achievements and contributions to society by Moi University in Eldoret.

Dr Maganlal Chandaria was a true gentleman. He was a humble man and always ready to have a conversation with anybody he met. As a trustee of the community even at the age of 96 he would make it a point to attend any committee meetings whenever called upon. I believe truly that he was young at heart and his openness to try new things and think outside the box were his secret weapons. His commitment and dedication to the community was a unique quality that we as Oshwals are fortunate to have had. Maganbhai has left a void within the community that may never be filled. His journey and achievements will be part of the Oshwal spirit forever. Dr. Magan Chandaria will be an aspiration to volunteers for years to come.

On Behalf of the Trustees, Office Bearers, Management Committee and the Community at large I would like to convey our condolences to Maganbhai's family. We pray for his soul to rest in peace. Maganbhai wherever you are we hope you will look down on the Oshwal Community and shower us with your blessings.

Om Shanti.

Jinit Shah

Vice Chairman Visa Oshwal Community, Nairobi.

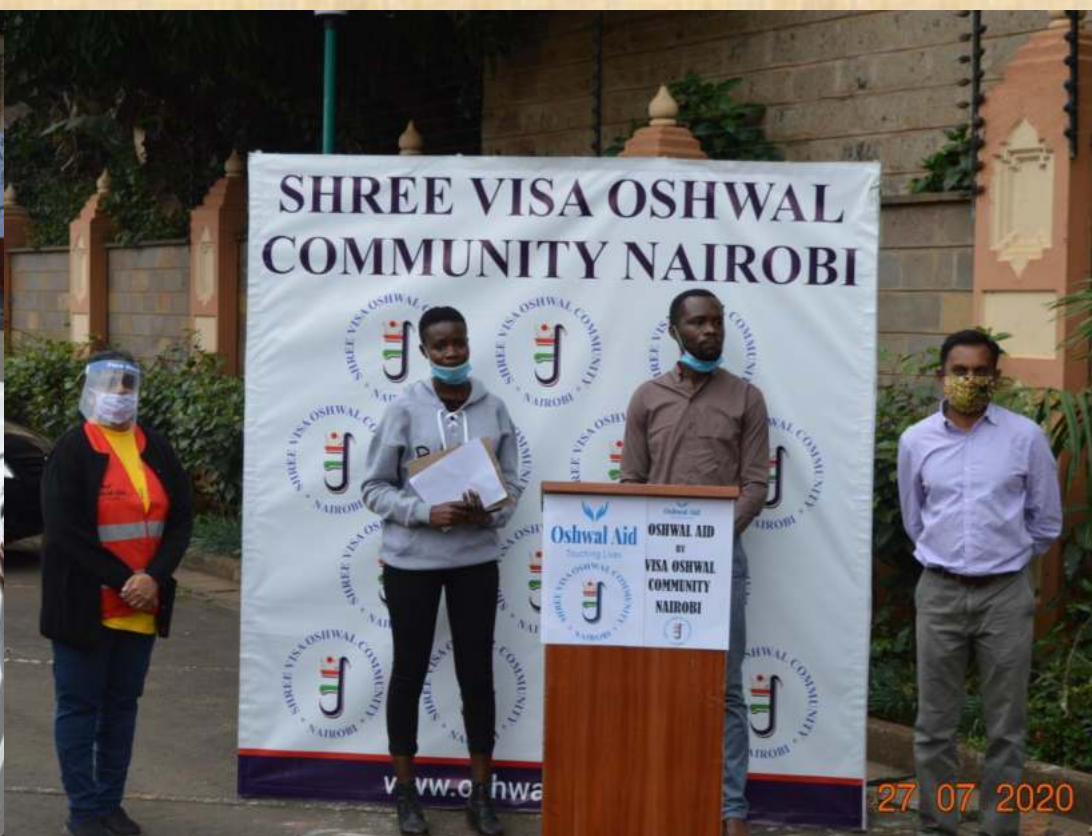
COVID – 19 FOOD DONATION DRIVE BY OSHWAL AID

We thank all the Donors and Volunteers wholeheartedly and hope that we shall continue receiving your support in the future as well.

This would not have been possible without the generous support of the donors and volunteers.



One Tonne of dry food items donated to Laisamis Constituency. It is one of the most arid areas of Kenya, who comprise of Rendille and Samburu Communities of approximately 101089 people.



DISCLAIMER

In the 37th edition of the awaaz we had printed an article on MLM companies subsequent to which some members have contacted us with various queries. The article was not targeted towards any member or and multi level marketing company. Our primary interest is always to safeguard the interest of our oshwal members especially during these difficult times we are facing. We request oshwals to do their own due diligence on any multi level marketing company and check on the accuracy of all information provided by the companies. This would enable one to make an informed judgement on whether this concept is for them or not.

FOOD DONATION DRIVE – COVID 19

Shree Visa Oshwal Community initiated the COVID-19 Food Donation Drive on 30th March 2020 after the Coronavirus Pandemic started to develop in Kenya. A weekly Donation Drive was being carried out from the Oshwal Centre and to-date, we have carried out 24 Donation Drives. Monday 27th July 2020 was the last Donation Drive.

We have served more than 516 organizations and touched more than 447411 lives. Areas reached out to most of the areas in Nairobi, Kakamega, Marsabit, Turkana, Samburu, Naivasha, Kiambu etc. The donations comprised of Food Stuffs and Hygiene Products to combat the Coronavirus. The drive has benefitted the vulnerable, women's prisons, battered and abused women, street-children, disabled, elderly, church organizations.



INFORMATION

SHREE VISA OSHWAL COMMUNITY

151/2020

26/08/2020

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Secretary

Oshwal Awaaz

SHREE VISA OSHWAL COMMUNITY

Ref. No. 131/2020

30th July 2020

VOC PROPERTIES TO LET

JAINSHALA ROAD PROPERTY

TO LET

AVAILABLE FROM JANUARY 2021



- Location: The property is situated at the junction of Jainshala Rd and Cross Rd; just behind the Shree Svetamber Jain Temple in the Nairobi City Centre.
- Area: Approx. 0.1065 Acres.
- Usable Area: 2000 Sq. Ft.
- General Description: The development comprises of a shop, offices and backroom stores.

INDUSTRIAL AREA PROPERTY

- Location: The property is situated on Lusaka Road, Industrial Area.
 - Area: Approx. 0.1515 Acres.
 - Usable Area: 11918 Sq. Ft. + a covered yard of 1558 Sq. Ft.
 - General Description:
 - Ground Floor - Showroom and offices with a godown and covered yard at rear
 - First Floor - Office space with a godown
 - Second & Third Floor - Office storage space
- Each floor with toilet facility and kitchenette



TO LET

AVAILABLE IMMEDIATELY

Interested members are requested to submit their names with contact details by E-mail to secretary@oshwalnairobi.org



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SHREE VISA OSHWAL COMMUNITY

REF NO: 077/2020

18th May 2020

RELIGION COMMITTEE

AANGI, AARTI AND MANGAL DIVO



Please note that anyone who wishes to sponsor Aangi, Aarti & Mangal Divo for Shree Munisurat Swami Jinalay and Shree Mahavir Swami Jinalay may do so by booking through the VOC office.

A photo of the Aangi will be sent to the Parivaar and Aarti & Mangal Divo will be performed by the Pujari on behalf of the Parivaar.

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:
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World Health Organization

Home care for people with suspected or confirmed COVID-19

Take care of yourself and your family

For caregivers

Ensure the ill person rests, drinks plenty of fluids and eats nutritious food.



Wear a medical mask when in the same room with an ill person. Do not touch the mask or face during use and discard it afterward.

Frequently clean hands with soap and water or alcohol-based rub, especially:

- after any type of contact with the ill person or their surroundings
- before, during and after preparing food
- before eating
- after using the toilet



Use dedicated dishes, cups, eating utensils, towels and bedlinens for the ill person. Wash dishes, cups, eating utensils, towels, or bedlinens used by the ill person with soap and water.

Identify frequently touched surfaces by the ill person and clean and disinfect them daily.



Call your health care facility immediately if the ill person worsens or experiences difficulty breathing.

If you wish to contribute an article to the Oshwal Awaaz please send it to

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