Oshvalwaaz 43rd Edition – December 2020

Shree Visa Oshwal Community is proud of the following Oshwal Members who have received the 2020 Presidential Awards.

Congratulations

The Head of States Commendation (HSC) Civilian Division -Honors to Mr. Dhiraj Dodhia.

GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 10901

AWARD OF ORDERS, DECORATIONS AND MEDALS JAMHURI DAY, 12TH DECEMBER 2020

AWARDS AND HONOURS

IN RECOGNITION of distinguished and outstanding services rendered to the nation in various capacities and responsibilities, I, Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Forces of the Republic of Kenya confer Awards and Honours to the following persons:-



Congratulations

Conferment of National Honours Madaraka Day 1st June 2020 -Honors to Mr. Pankaj Shah.

GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 3827

CONFERMENT OF NATIONAL HONOURS MADARAKA DAY, 1ST JUNE, 2020

CONFERMENT OF NATIONAL HONOURS

IN RECOGNITION of their distinguished and outstanding service to the Nation in helping steer our country through the Coronavirus Pandemic, I, Uhuru Kenyatta, President and Commander-in-Chief of the Kenya Defence Forces, confer National Honours on the following persons—



12 Hours Non-Stop Shree Navkar Mahamantra Jaap

The Navkar Mantra is a profound and very powerful Mantra. It venerates all the spiritual beings who descended on this earth and guided humanity towards a spiritual life. Therefore, the Navkar Mantra can be chanted by people of all religions, caste and creed without any restrictions whatsoever. It acts like a divine shield protecting the individual from all harm and danger.

On Sunday, 20th December 2020, Shree Visa Oshwal Community, Nairobi organized a 12-hour continuous virtual Navkar Mantra Jaap (live chanting) from 6.00 am to 6.00 pm which was broadcast virtually all throughout the world followed by Aarti & Mangal Divo. This Jaap was held to pray for a Covid Free World and create positive vibrations in the entire universe during this difficult time of Covid-19 Pandemic. Over 3335 people from all over the world participated and viewed the Jaap on the YouTube Channel and over 20,000 Navkars were chanted as per notifications received online and via email. The Secretary of VOC, Mrs. Bindi Rashmi Shah gave a Vote of Thanks to all the individuals and institutions who participated in the Jaap including all those who assisted to ensure a smooth flow of the event. The Event was convened by Keval Bid and Chandni Shah.







Long Service Award

A gratifying recognition of my life as a Volunteer

Today the management team of the Voluntary Services of London North West University Healthcare NHS Trust came home to acknowledge and thank me for my voluntary work at Northwick Park Hospital for the last 20 years.

Despite my own disability and being in a wheelchair, I realized other people's needs were greater than mine. I started volunteering in April 2000, every Tuesday and Friday from 6am to 5pm.

My inspiration was my grandmother, who, in September 1999 aged 92 and with Alzheimer's, was admitted into Northwick Park Hospital because of an infection and dehydration. Early the following morning I received a phone call from the Ward Sister asking me to go in, as my grandmother had not slept all night, kept pulling the intravenous (IV) drip out and was wandering around the ward crying. She was very confused and traumatized because she was in a strange place with unfamiliar faces. I quickly got to my grandmother and managed to calm her down. After lengthy discussion with the ward sister and because of my grandmother's condition, it was decided that the ward would allow me to go in daily at 7am and stay with her till she had fallen asleep by around 10pm. Unfortunately, she was also not allowing any of the nurses to come near her, so with their guidance I took on the duties of feeding her, getting her to hydrate with sips of water, administering her medication, giving her a wash and tending to her toilet needs. She was much calmer with me being next to her. After 21 days and fully recovered, she was discharged home.

However, during the 3 weeks of being with her and seeing the difficulties my grandmother faced, it made me think of how many other elderly patients, with communication difficulties and no family member around, would be in the same situation. This was a real eye-opener for me. Six months later, my grandmother passed away at home and on the day of her funeral, just before the cremation, I said a prayer for her final journey and took a vow to help patients in the hospital in her memory.

Over the years, I have worked with various hospital departments, helping with administration work as well as supporting patients. I was nominated as a Jain representative by the hospital Chaplaincy and became a patient buddy, visiting and supporting in-patients who have few or no visitors. Being able to make them smile and feel loved is so heart-warming. There have also been emotional times when I have been with patients at their last moments, yet it has been very satisfying that I have been able to recite prayers for them. Through my work I have made many friends within the community at large. The management team have been very supportive and appreciative of my work and in 2013 I was given the "Volunteer of the Year" award. My work makes me forget my own pain and it's filled my life with so much inner satisfaction and the reward is priceless. Of course, a big thank you to my family for their support and encouragement to enable me to do my work. Unfortunately, due to Covid19, the hospital is protecting all their volunteers, therefore I have not been able to go to the hospital to help since March 2020. I am so looking forward to going back and resuming my work.

Please feel free to share this message with your family and friends so we can inspire everyone to come forward and volunteer.

A little help goes a long way! Manav Seva is my Dharma!

By: Jatin Amratlal Narshi Manek Shah, London, UK Date: 27th November 2020

A hospital Volunteer's story prepared by Northwick Park Hospital in 2019 https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OaSNxY8D82w







SHREE VISA OSHWAL COMMUNITY 18th December 2020

37th PRATISHTHA CELEBRATIONS of Shree Munisvurat Swami Jinalay

Jainism Quiz Competition For Juniors

DATE: To be confirmed but will take place in the week commencing Monday, 15th February 2021.

AGE: Open to all Children between 7 Years - 18 Years

THE COMPETITION WILL BE OPEN TO ALL JAINS IN NAIROBI ONLY

Those who are interested, please email your forms on frontoffice@oshwalnairobi.org

Deadlines for Registration: Saturday, 9th January 2021

Topics, Rules & Regulations will be given in due course.

"Your participation will help spread knowledge on Jainism".



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For Adults

DATE: To be confirmed but will take place in the week commencing Monday, 15th February 2021.

AGE: Open to all persons above 19 Years.

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