

# Oshwal Awarz



7th Edition, March 2017



The Senior Social Committee held the breathtaking Variety Program on the 29th of January, 2017.

The program was sponsored by Nemchandbhai Popatlal Mandhu and Shantaben Nemchandbhai and it saw 1200 people entertained with dances, poems, skits and comedy.

The teams and individuals who crowned the event received their printed tokens together with the sponsors.

There were a total of 65 participants and four leaders – two from B.A.P.S., Sheelaben Haria and Priti Nitin Shah.



On 26th February 2017, The Visa Oshwal Community, Oshwal Youth League and the Oshwal Education and Relief Board undertook a noble action to give Famine relief supplies to over 5500 Families in Mwingi, Kitui. The event was coordinated by the VOC Management committee members Mr Kiran Ratilal Shah, Mr Nitin Mansukhlal Shah and Mrs Nimita Vinay Shah.

A convoy of 7 lorries carrying packages of food and 2 buses with 80 Volunteers left Oshwal Centre at 7.00 am and made its way to Mwingi where the rains have failed and farms are lying barren due to the lack of water.

The people of Mwingi some of whom often only eat every alternate day gave a rousing -

welcome and were highly appreciative of the gesture from the Oshwal Community.

The day was an eye opener to all the volunteers present of the level of suffering many people in our country are going through due to the drought conditions and a true reflection of what the spirit of Jainism is all about – helping, assisting and caring about all human beings around us.

The Visa Oshwal Community would like to thank Mr Kiran Ratilal Shah who humbly provided all the logistics to take the food to Mwingi at no cost, OERB for the buses, Ritaben Shah who prepared the food for volunteers without charge and off course all the volunteers, well wishers and donors who made the exercise successful.

As the drought situation gets worse the community is still looking at doing another Famine Relief drive in the next few weeks so please do register your names at the VOC office if you would like to volunteer. If any donor wishes to donate anything towards this effort please contact the VOC Office.



# The Visa Oshwal Community salutes the following volunteers for their time and effort for the Famine Relief Initiative



## The Volunteers

- Bharti Shah
- Sanju Shah
- Nita Prajesh
- Mansi Prajesh
- Meera Shah
- Shailen Shah
- Dinesh Dhanani
- Amit Shah
- Sejal Shah
- Adarsh Gudka
- Parita Shah
- Iran Hirj
- Pushpan Kiran
- Ruchi Shah
- Raju Shah
- Nirav Shah
- Ravi Dhanani
- Parag Shah
- Sejal Shah

- Rajesh Shah
- Nikunj Shah
- Asit Amritlal Shah
- Vinod Shah
- Naresh Shah
- Nixshi Shah
- Anilkumar Shah
- Jayendra Malde
- Nilesh Shah
- Dilip Shah
- Ramesh Shah
- Harshna Shah
- Suresh Raichand
- Ayushi Dodhia
- Hemal Haria
- Vikas Shah
- Rakhi Hariya
- Dipti Shah
- Bhavna Shah
- Rishabh Shah

- Nimita Shah
- Dhirajlal Dodhia
- Bhavni Dodhia
- Harsh Dodhia
- Megha Dodhia
- Babu Narshi
- Kashmiva Shah
- Nirmala Shah
- Lata Shringesh
- Bindi Shah
- Neel Chandaria
- Andrea Hartley
- Udi Ngethi
- Arayn Shah
- An noor
- Hermal
- Asit Shah
- Harsha Nilesh
- Rahul
- Dhruti Shah

## We thank The Visa Oshwal Community



My name is Julius Kisianga and I'm a boda boda guy. All I can say is thank you for coming to Mwingi and I hope to see you guys again. At least my kids will have something to eat tonight and tomorrow. We also wish for schools and proper trail routes for our motorbikes.



My name is Evelyn Kaveni. I'm a farmer and a single parent. It's a good thing to see a group of people who care about us - the people of this region. I just want to say thank you and may God bless you. It's my humble request that next time - the Oshwals can sponsor some of our children who don't have school fees.

I'm Gladys. I last saw the rain in November last year. It drizzled for a few days then it disappeared. We have many challenges besides water shortage, but I would like to thank the Oshwals for what they have shared. I also urge them to continue helping us and other communities as well.



I'm Bernard Musily. I would like to thank this community for coming to Mwingi. My parents are happy for the food that was shared, although I urge them to dig boreholes next time



In Jainism, the presence of the image of the Tirthankars provides mental peace and harmony and encourages one to detach his or herself from the worldly desires. Thus the need to do Jin Pooja which is a ritual designed for shravaks. It has been over eight years since the idols in our derasar have been given a face lift. The idols are made of marble. While marble is often perceived as hard and durable, the same properties that make it attractive can also contribute to its vulnerability. When marble comes in contact with moisture, pyrites are formed. Pyrites are small crystals of iron sulphide which look like small black spots -

which create an impurity within the marble. In moist conditions they can corrode and cause small orange, brown or pinkish areas of iron staining. Stain removal without risking damage to the marble surface require skill and experience, thus we sought the services of Mr. Dilipbhai Patel of Arihant Art who specializes in the oop.

### **Dilipbhai carried out the oop on the pratimajis as follows:**

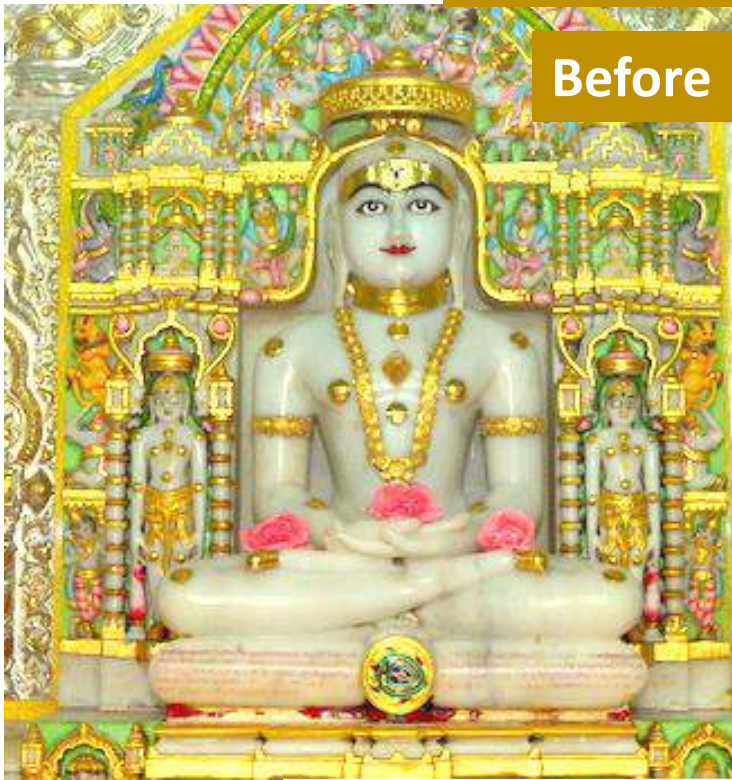
- ❑ The idols were washed with Aritha water
- ❑ Thereafter the idols were polished by Samudra Fin (a stone resembling a stalactite) in a very delicate way so as not to graze the idols

- ❑ Then, kubri was applied
- ❑ The idols were wrapped in a thick cloth with Kunja powder.
- ❑ Final finishing was done

In addition, all the idols had undergone replacement of Tilak, Bramar and chakshu (eyes) and beautification was done

Even the exterior idols underwent beautification and the features are now more prominent and these can be seen clearly when one does the pradikshina.

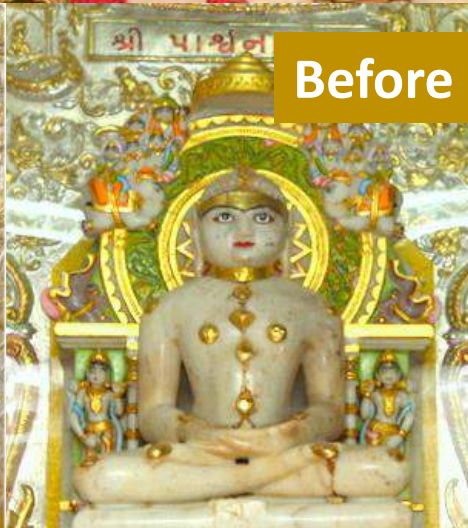
Before and after photos



Before After



Before After



Before After





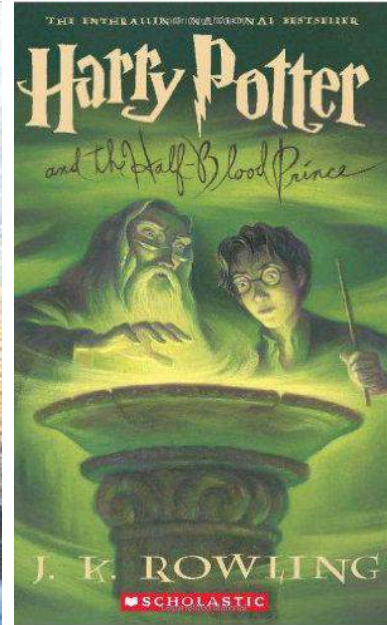
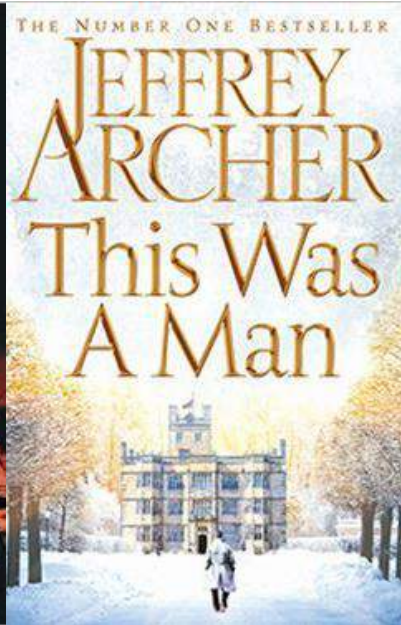
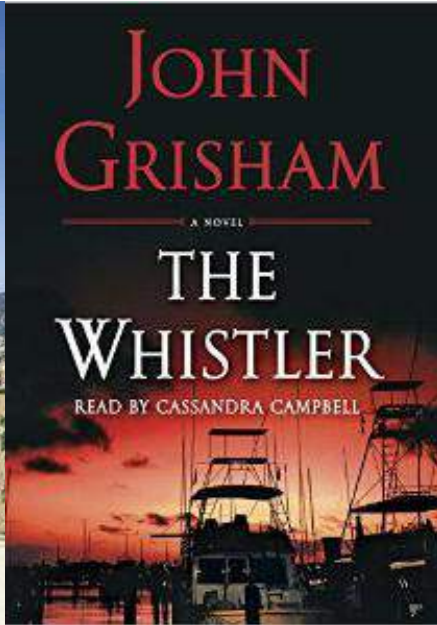
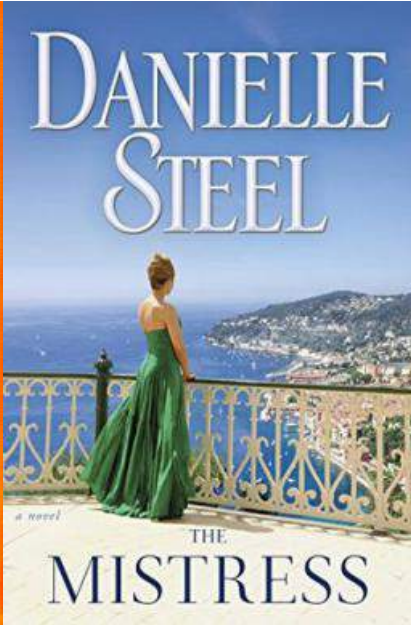
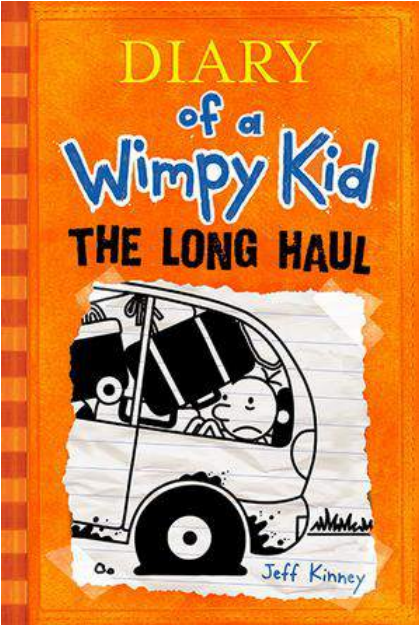
## Acoustics – Oshwal Centre Halls

The halls at Oshwal Centre have always had a problem with sound and acoustics especially during functions where music is key. At long last we have finally started to improve the acoustics in the hall and it is expected that once complete the echo factor in the hall will be reduced and one will have a better acoustic experience.





# Oshwal Library Bestseller



## SHREE VISA OSHWAL COMMUNITY

Ref. No 029/2017

Wednesday 1st March 2017

### SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

## 6th MONTHLY ACTIVITY DAY

It's time for some fun! We've designed a few games to get you stimulated mentally, physically and socially. Avoid depression and isolation. Come and join us on this fun filled afternoon with programs outlined just for you!!



3 pm to 6 pm  
Saturday 11th March 2017  
Mahajanwadi, Limuru Road



**WITH REFRESHMENTS!**

For details contact:  
Dineshbhai Dhanani 0737 709 747  
Bharti Raja 0722 964 500



Bindi R. Shah  
Hon. Secretary



in conjunction with



## Oshwal Youth League presents Oshwal Marathon 2017



6kms  
12kms

**OPEN TO ALL**

Zumba Session  
Included

Date: 9th April 2017  
Flag off: Oshwal Centre  
Flag off Time: 6:30 am  
Entry Fee: KES 500/-

**WALKERS WELCOME**

Contact: Bhavik-0724995066 Hemal-0721382748  
Finali-0727472372 Jinit- 0718633633

log on to [www.oynairobi.org](http://www.oynairobi.org) to register

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