



February was a month filled with a wide array of spiritual, cultural, and sporting events. The celebration of the 40th Prathistha Mahotsav of Shree Munisvrat Swami Jinalay was the climax. These were significant moments for everyone involved. It was lovely to hear about the diverse activities, from religious rituals to creative events like "Mandala Magic" at the Oshwal Library to tournaments in the sports arena. Community events such as the Oshwal Premier League (cricket), Telegames and Fancy Dress Competitions seem to have added an extra layer of excitement and engagement for all ages. It's always wonderful to be part of a Community that values its traditions while also embracing new and creative expressions. I hope these events brought joy and fulfillment to all who participated!

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RELIGION COMMITTEE

Religion Committee - received donations of food items from various Members which were then packed by the volunteers for members participating in the Rath Yatra



CHILDREN'S SKITS COMPETITION SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 2024

The Religion Committee of Shree Visa Oswal Community, Nairobi, organized an enthralling Children's Skits Competition at the Dinesh and Mahesh Chandaria Auditorium within the Oswal Centre, commemorating the 40th Anniversary of the Shree Munisuvratswami Jinalay on Limuru Road, Nairobi. Demonstrating their dedication and creativity, the children presented captivating skits in both Gujarati and English, conveying diverse messages related to Jainism.



The judging panel comprised esteemed visiting dignitaries and spiritual mentor, Dr. Harsh Dedhia & team, along with his team from Mumbai, India, who were specially present for Poojans and spiritual discourses during the Mahotsav from 10th February to 18th February 2024. Mrs. Bhavniben Dodhia, Chairlady of the Religion Committee, delivered an inspiring speech, and the prize distribution ceremony followed, acknowledging the outstanding performances of over 50 participating children in front of a packed audience. As a gesture of appreciation, all participants received tokens of gratitude from the Religion Committee.

JAIN STAVAN ANTAKSHRI HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH FEBRUARY 2024



RELIGION COMMITTEE

RATH YATRA HELD ON SUNDAY, 11TH FEBRUARY 2024



FROM
OSHWAL CENTRE



ON THE WAY



AT MAHAJANWADI



On Sunday, 11th February 2024, the Religion Committee of Shree Visa Oshwal Community, Nairobi orchestrated a magnificent Rath Yatra (Procession) from Oshwal Centre to Shree MunisuvratSwami Jinalay on Limuru Road, commemorating 40 years since the temple's first Pratishtha. The East African Swaminarayan Satsang Temple's band showcased their musical prowess, accompanying a beautifully adorned vehicle carrying Shree Shantinath Bhagwan, followed by the majestic Indra Dhvaj. A vibrant procession unfolded with approximately 1,200 participants, distributing dry food packets to the needy along the way. Adorned in red attire, ladies and gents, alike, added to the festive atmosphere. Buses, courtesy of Oshwal Education and Relief Board, were provided for those unable to walk.



The route was through 1st Parklands Avenue culminated at the Limuru Road temple, where messages of Jainism's core principles adorned placards. Following the Bhakti ceremony, a delectable brunch, courtesy of sponsor Mr. Lalji Virji Pariwar, was served, concluding the joyous celebration.

SARASWATI DEVI POOJAN HELD ON THURSDAY, 14TH FEBRUARY 2024



GAUTUM SWAMI POOJAN HELD ON FRIDAY, 15TH FEBRUARY 2024



RELIGION COMMITTEE

RUSHI MANDAL STOTRA POOJAN HELD ON SATURDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 2024



KUMARPAL RAJA NI AARTI HELD ON SATURDAY, 16TH FEBRUARY 2024



NAVKAAR MANTRA NU BHASYA JAPP POOJAN HELD ON SUNDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY 2024



DHWAJAROHAN (FLAG HOISTING) AND SWAMIVATSALYA LUNCH

On Sunday, February 18th 2024, the Visa Oshwal Community, Nairobi joyously celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Shree Munisuvratwami Jinalay with a special Flag Hoisting ceremony.



The event featured a Sattarbhedhi Pooja, led by the Swamivatsalya Group, followed by uplifting rituals such as Aarti, Mangal Divo, and Shantikalash. The festivities continued with a delightful lunch generously sponsored by the Swamivatsalya Group, drawing a crowd of approximately 2,400 attendees. This grand occasion marked the culmination of a 10-day celebration that included Jain Discourses, Jain Antakshri competition, Bhaav Yatra Presentations, and Poojans, making it a memorable and spiritually enriching experience.



RELIGION COMMITTEE

ADULT VARIETY PROGRAMME HELD ON SATURDAY, 17TH FEBRUARY 2024



On Saturday, 17th February, a special Adults' Variety Programme and a heartfelt Bahuman ceremony for the sponsors of the Swamivatsalya Lunch unfolded at the Dinesh & Mahesh Chandaria Auditorium. The event was filled with diverse entertainment for all, offering a mix of performances, activities, and engaging presentations. The Bahuman segment recognized and appreciated the generous sponsors of the Swamivatsalya Lunch, expressing gratitude for their support. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful gathering, experiencing a blend of talents, appreciation, and community spirit. It was a memorable day, bringing together individuals to celebrate and acknowledge the contributions that made the Swamivatsalya Lunch possible.



SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

On Tuesday, 6th February 2024, a talk and workshop focused on neurotherapy took place at the C & P Lobby. Over 140 seniors actively participated, gaining valuable insights on the benefits of neurotherapy. The event also featured an engaging demonstration, allowing attendees to experience firsthand the transformative effects of this innovative approach.



SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE
MEMBERS RAJESHBHAI, SHAINABEN
& BINDUBEN



SENIORS ATTENDED



NEUROTHERAPISTS

On Tuesday, 20th February 2024, a lively Antakshari session took place in the C&P lobby. Seniors gathered to sing their favorite songs, creating a joyful and interactive atmosphere. As the event continued, participants enthusiastically took turns, connecting songs based on the last letter of the previous one. Laughter and music filled the air as everyone joined in the fun. The session ended on a high note with a sense of camaraderie among the participants.



On Tuesday, 27th February 2024, an engaging talk and workshop focused on the principles and practices of homeopathy took place in the C & P lobby. Participants gathered to delve into the world of homeopathic medicine, exploring its holistic approach to health and well-being.



The session covered fundamental concepts of homeopathy, discussing the belief in the body's ability to heal itself and the use of highly diluted natural substances to stimulate this healing process. Attendees had the opportunity to learn about the philosophy behind homeopathy and its application in addressing various health concerns. The event likely encouraged interactive discussions and practical insights, providing a valuable platform for those interested in exploring alternative and complementary approaches to healthcare.

SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE



On Sunday, 25th February 2024, a remarkable senior social event took place that provided a platform for individuals with disabilities to courageously share their personal stories. The event extended its invitation not only to the individuals themselves but also to their families, fostering a space of understanding and empathy. Attendees were deeply moved as they gained insight into the challenges faced by these individuals and the resilience they exhibit in their daily lives.



The overarching theme of the event was one of empowerment and encouragement. They shared a saying: "Disability is not inability," which means just because someone has a disability doesn't mean they can't do great things. Speakers conveyed messages of perseverance, urging those with disabilities to never give up and to cultivate self-love, telling everyone to keep going and believe in themselves. They said it's important for people with disabilities to never give up and to like themselves just the way they are. At the same time, families were reminded to accept and love their family members with disabilities, showing them kindness and understanding. It was a powerful message of support and love for everyone involved.



Adding a vibrant touch to the occasion, a live band was present to uplift the atmosphere and engage the audience. Through their music, the band succeeded in creating a lively and positive ambiance, encouraging active participation from the crowd. The combination of heartfelt stories, motivational messages, and musical performances worked harmoniously to make this senior social event a truly inspiring and memorable experience for all who attended.

The event was sponsored by Indiraben and Dhanubhai Chandaria.



SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE

On Sunday, 17th March 2024, we hosted a vibrant senior social music event "Sangeet Thi Bharali Mojmazaa" held at Dinesh & Mahesh Chandaria Auditorium. The setup was carefully arranged, with seniors seated in a circular formation, each individual eagerly awaiting their turn to showcase their musical talents. As the melodies filled the air, the atmosphere was charged with energy, laughter, and a palpable sense of joy. It was a heartwarming sight to witness these esteemed seniors, handpicked for their vocal prowess, taking center stage one by one, regaling the audience with their songs. The event transcended mere entertainment; it served as a testament to the enduring bonds and cherished memories that unite us as a Community.

The event was sponsored by Vipingo Group.



Two talented musicians infused energy into the event by serenading the audience with a diverse selection of songs tailored to suit the occasion and the requests of the attendees. With their skillful renditions and dynamic performances, they kept the atmosphere lively and engaging, captivating the audience with their melodies. Their ability to adapt to the mood of the event and accommodate the preferences of the audience ensured that everyone present had a memorable and enjoyable experience. Their musical contributions added an extra layer of excitement and entertainment, enhancing the overall success of the event.



The event culminated in an interactive session that invited the crowd to participate actively. To spice things up, a random selection of seniors was chosen to take part in a series of entertaining challenges. Each senior was assigned a unique task, ranging from reciting tongue twisters with precision to solving mathematics calculations on the spot, or even belting out a tune. The diverse range of tasks ensured that there was something for everyone, eliciting laughter and excitement from both participants and spectators alike. Those who successfully completed their tasks were rewarded, adding an element of friendly competition to the proceedings.



This interactive segment not only brought the audience together but also added an extra layer of amusement, making the event truly memorable and enjoyable for all.



LIBRARY COMMITTEE



MANDALA MAGIC BY THE LIBRARY COMMITTEE

Visa Oshwal Community Nairobi's Library Committee held a Mandala Magic Workshop on Saturday, 3rd February 2024. The workshop was led by Jaskiran where she taught the basics of mandala making, gave tips and tricks for symmetrical patterns, creative ideas for exploration and tips on using acrylic paints on patterns.



The class was paced well and the participants had a fabulous time. Jaskiran guided all through all the steps to create a mandala. The class had a relaxed vibe and was a fun way to spend a Saturday afternoon.

AN ACRYLIC PAINTING WORKSHOP HELD ON SATURDAY, 10TH FEBRUARY 2024



The Acrylic Painting Workshop was an engaging and creative endeavor, featuring 5 enthusiastic participants immersed in the world of visual art. Throughout the workshop, the participants, armed with brushes and acrylic paints, delved into various techniques and expressions. Under the guidance of Nilma Shah and Tanvi Shah, they explored color blending, brushstroke techniques, and composition to bring their artistic visions to life on canvas.

The workshop provided a platform for individual creativity to flourish, with each participant working on their unique pieces. From the initial sketches to the final brushstroke, the participants honed their skills and exchanged ideas, fostering a collaborative and inspiring atmosphere. The workshop served as a canvas for self-expression, allowing each participant to develop their artistic voice and create vibrant and meaningful acrylic paintings.



SPORTS CORNER

The highly anticipated Oshwal Premier League cricket tournament resumed this past weekend, taking center stage at the Oshwal Youth League Nairobi Astro Arena within the Oshwal Centre. The spectators were treated to an exhilarating display of skill and unwavering determination as all 26 teams poured their heart and soul into each game. The intensity and competitive spirit on the field created a captivating spectacle, leaving the audience thoroughly entertained by the prowess and commitment exhibited by the participating teams.

OSHWAL PREMIER LEAGUE SEASON 3 - MEN'S (CRICKET)



In the men's league, Team Oshwal Care Super Kings reign supreme at the summit of Pool A, amassing an impressive 10 points from 6 games.



Snoopy's Master Blasters, Maroo Tuskers, and AV Royals closely trail, each accumulating 6 points. Meanwhile, Pool B is dominated by the formidable Velvex Lions, maintaining an impeccable record with 5 consecutive victories in as many games. Following closely behind are Sonadol Paris Strikers and Siana Capitals, both securing 8 points, adding an extra layer of excitement to the league standings. The competition remains fierce as teams vie for dominance in their respective pools.



SPORTS CORNER

OSHWAL PREMIER LEAGUE SEASON 3 - WOMEN'S (CRICKET)



In the women's league, Swan Titanesses (W) lead the charts with an impeccable 100% record, securing 6 wins out of 6 matches. Following closely are the Confident Queens with 10 points and Geo Packers with 8 points, adding an extra layer of competition to the league.



Despite the current standings, all teams still have three games each to play, intensifying the battle for the top positions. The race for the coveted 4th spot is particularly fierce, with Premier Super Stars, Lucky Warriors, Rosy Divas, and Team Oshwal Care Super Queens all fiercely competing for the final playoff position. The league remains open, promising an exciting conclusion as teams strive for victory in the upcoming matches.



FINALS Come, be part of the excitement, and enjoy the thrilling matches leading up to the finals.



The upcoming final group stage games promise to be exhilarating, as every team strives to secure coveted playoff spots. Anticipation is building, with the crowds of spectators growing exponentially with each passing game. As we eagerly await the weekend, the resumption of the league on Saturday, 24th February 2024, guarantees an electrifying display of cricket, promising excitement and suspense as the teams battle it out for a chance to advance to the playoffs.

Get ready for a thrilling weekend of cricket action!



SPORTS CORNER

OSHWAL PREMIER LEAGUE SEASON 3 - FINALS (CRICKET)

On Sunday, 3rd March 2024, the highly anticipated semi-finals and finals of the Oshwal Premier League unfolded. In the men's category, the semi-final matchups featured intense clashes between KARANIA SUNRISERS and MAROO TUSKERS, as well as SNOOPY'S MASTER BLASTERS and KENSTAR KNIGHT RIDERS. Ultimately, MAROO TUSKERS triumphed over KARANIA SUNRISERS, securing their spot in the finals, while SNOOPY'S MASTER BLASTERS emerged victorious against KENSTAR KNIGHT RIDERS, earning their place in the championship match.

Similarly, in the women's division, the semi-final showdowns unfolded between SWAN TITANS and ROSY DIVAS, and CONFIDENT QUEENS versus GEO PACKERS. The matches were marked by intense competition and skillful displays. Ultimately, SWAN TITANS emerged triumphant over ROSY DIVAS, securing their berth in the finals. Simultaneously, CONFIDENT QUEENS demonstrated their prowess by defeating GEO PACKERS, thus earning their rightful place in the championship clash.



In the women's tournament, the Kenstar Confident Queens demonstrated their commanding presence as they faced off against the formidable Swan Titanesses. The match unfolded as a fiercely contested battle, with Swan Titanesses (W) chasing a target of 43 runs. Despite the pressure, the Kenstar Confident Queens showcased exceptional bowling prowess, ultimately securing a well-deserved victory by a margin of 12 runs.



On the men's front, the competition reached fever pitch as Snoopy's Master Blasters went head-to-head against the Maroo Tuskers.

In a showcase of impeccable batting skills and strategic gameplay in defending their target, Snoopy's Master Blasters emerged as the undisputed victors. Their stellar performance outclassed the Maroo Tuskers by a significant margin of 57 runs, solidifying their dominance in the match.

A prestigious prize-giving ceremony was held to honor the victorious teams and commend the valiant efforts of the runners-up. Amidst the festivities, special recognition



was extended to the event sponsors for their invaluable support, underscoring their crucial role in making the tournament a resounding success. Furthermore, standout players were lauded with various accolades, including the prestigious titles of Best Bowler, Most 6s, and other notable achievements.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the organizers of the Oshwal Premier League for orchestrating an

extraordinary sporting spectacle that has not only captivated our community but also fostered a sense of unity and togetherness among us all.



SPORTS CORNER

TELEGAMES AND FANCY DRESS COMPETITION 2024

On Saturday, 24th February 2024, there was a special event that included both Telegames and Fancy Dress. During Telegames, we got to experience the fun of our school days by playing nostalgic games like the 3-legged race, spoon and lemon/marble race, and sack race. These activities brought back memories of classic school games and created a lively atmosphere. Additionally, the Fancy Dress part of the event added another layer of excitement, encouraging participants to dress up in creative and elaborate costumes. The combination of Telegames and Fancy Dress provided a delightful and reminiscent experience, bringing people together to enjoy a day filled with laughter and playful activities.



TEAM RED



TEAM BLUE



TEAM GREEN



TEAM ORANGE



TEAM YELLOW



Photographs documenting the vibrant and creative performances of different teams during the Fancy Dress Competition, showcasing their incorporation of acting and humorous scenes inspired by movies.



Photographs captured during the Telegames showcase the spirited competition among teams engaging in nostalgic games such as the spoon and lemon/marble race, eating contests, banana peeling with mouths, and blowing balls over water, among other humorous childhood favorites. The event exuded an atmosphere of fun, with everyone thoroughly enjoying the games.



Team Red claimed victory in the event, with Team Blue securing the runner-up position and both teams receiving trophies. Meanwhile, Team Green clinched third place, followed by Team Orange in fourth, and Team Yellow in fifth.



Five teams, including Yellow, Green, Red, Orange, and Blue, participated in the event, each striving to secure their place and emerge victorious.



SPORTS CORNER

SENIOR LEGENDS' CRICKET



On Sunday, 17th March 2024, there was a Senior Legends' Cricket tournament held from 8:00am to 3:00pm specifically for seniors, aged 50 years and above. Both men and women participated in this event, showcasing their cricket skills and enjoying the spirit of the game. Several matches were played, with teams competing against each other in a friendly yet competitive atmosphere. The seniors demonstrated their passion for cricket, displaying their talent and sportsmanship on the field.

After an intense series of matches, the finals came to a close, and the winners were determined. The champions emerged victorious, showcasing their skills and teamwork. To celebrate their achievement and acknowledge the efforts of all participants, an awards ceremony was held. Trophies, medals, and accolades were presented to the winners, recognizing their dedication and performance throughout the event.



The Cricket tournament for seniors was a blast! Everyone had a great time playing and watching. The seniors enjoyed themselves so much that they asked for more games like this one. They want to come together often for these events.

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