

# Oshwal Awaaz



12th Edition, February 2018

## Message from the chairman



Dear Oshwals,

Jai Jinendra to all of you.

It's been a few months since the last issue of the Oshwal Awaaz and since then a lot has been happening in the Oshwal Community Nairobi. I went through a few health complications but am on the mend and would like to ensure the community that together with the management team we are committed to what we set out to do from day one which is betterment of the Oshwal Community at large.

All that has been done by the management team over the last year whether it be improvement of facilities or the new astro turf courts has been to achieve this goal.

Our community has always been seen as a leader and forward thinking amongst the Asian communities. Bearing this in mind the current management team believes we must be a step ahead at all times and constantly evolve as a community.

In this issue, you the member will find evident that this management team has one ethos to get things done properly with speed and total transparency.

Jai Oshwals!

The Astro Turf Pitches at the Oshwal centre have now been successfully completed and are now in use. We are proud to announce that Oshwal Youth League has come forward as a primary donor for the Astro Turf Courts and we shall have the official opening of the courts on Sunday 25th February at 10 am.

The opening ceremony will be followed by a friendly match between a team from Oshwal Youth League versus a team from the VOC management committee. This is an event not to be missed so we request all members to come and support the Voc football team. Lunch will be provided after the official opening.

We at the Visa Oshwal Community proudly salute our youth who under the banner of the Oshwal Youth League have come forward and taken on a bold initiative to support the Oshwal Community through the sponsorship after all the youth are tomorrow's leaders of the community.



The renovation and drainage works at the Children's play area are almost complete and we expect the play area to be open to the children in the next couple of weeks. A whole new drainage system has been set up under the play area.

We have had feedback from many members on how the play area used to get muddy especially during the rainy season after consultations it was decided to put in a soft astro surface. Children going to play in the play area will find a new addition to their activities in the form of a sand pit which will enable them to engage in creative and imaginative play.

The management committee set out to update the Oshwal Database and issue membership cards and we are pleased to announce that since this exercise started in October 2017, over 80 percent of the members have taken the time and effort to fill out the forms.

We are very grateful to the members for supporting this exercise. Your support has enabled us to complete the exercise in record time. The membership cards are now ready for collection and are being distributed on days for which eshots will or have been sent.

The cards will be used as part of the electoral process and one will be entitled to vote in the forthcoming elections with the card. Systems are also being tested to use the cards in the Oshwal Library, for booking etc and these will be going live shortly once the systems have been satisfactorily tested.



## Temple Renovations

The team that was undertaking the renovations and maintenance at the Munisuvrat Derasar has now finished their scope of works and flown back to India.

The second phase of the works will commence shortly once items like the Kesar Ghar, the Elephants etc arrive and another team will then be coming to finish installation of the same and complete the remaining renovation works. We encourage all members to visit our Derasar as often as possible.



## Kitchen Modernisation

Plans are underway to introduce a very modern kitchen at the Oshwal Centre. This will include an automated dish washing line and ovens to name a few changes. This will serve to make the facility more hygienic and user friendly. Works should be starting on the kitchen in March so watch this space for further updates.

## Oshwal Complex Update

For those of you who regularly use the Oshwal Complex you may have noticed the new Canteen that has been in operation since November. The canteen is open from 8 am to 9 pm and has a wide ranging menu catering for all tastes so we recommend all of you to give it a try.



## Marathon Running

Over the last few years running has become a popular sports amongst the community and we have many keen runners who regularly run marathons or shorter road races. Running is a very cost effective method of keeping fit and can be done wherever you are. One of our Nairobi Oshwals Mr Romal Rohit Shah ran the Berlin Marathon(42.2 Kms) in 2008 at an incredible time of 3 hours and 14 minutes.

We would like to hear from members of any other Oshwals who may have run a marathon. We are currently trying to build on our sports records database so that we can record these on the VOC Nairobi website for future generations. We request members to email us on [Jinitken@gmail.com](mailto:Jinitken@gmail.com) with details they may have for sporting achievements by our Oshwal members.



**Romal Rohit Shah (45577)**

## Disability within the Oshwal Community

According to the World Health Organisation, over 650 million people worldwide are affected by some form of disability. About 10 percent of the population of Kenya is estimated to be disabled. Unfortunately as Oshwals we do not have reliable information regarding disability within the community. Many of us at some point through our lives will have come across an Oshwal with disability.

Oshwals are generally very compassionate and supportive of people with disability but to date not much has been done at community level to support the disabled. To enable us to compile a comprehensive list of members with disability we are requesting that if disability affects you or someone in your family or friends please email us on [Jinitken@gmail.com](mailto:Jinitken@gmail.com). The data collected will go towards assisting the community in future planning and to ascertain the level of disability needs we have in the community.

**SHREE VISA OSHWAL COMMUNITY**

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16th February 2018

**OYL ASTRO ARENA  
OFFICIAL OPENING CEREMONY**

Dear Members,

We are pleased to invite you to the Official opening of the OYL Astro Arena at the Oshwal Centre on Sunday, 25th February 2018.

The programme will be as follows:

- 10:30am – Welcome and address by the dignitaries.
- 11:00am – Official opening of the OYL Astro Arena.
- 11:30am – Friendly match.
- 12 noon – Lunch at the KD Hall.

Extra parking facilities will be available at the Apollo Centre, Sato Properties and Oshwal Academy Junior High.

Thank you.



Bindi R. Shah  
Hon. Secretary

**VOC Annual General Meeting**  
**Monday, 19th March 2018**  
**Time 8.30pm**  
**Oshwal Centre, Auditorium**

**Oshwal Mahila Mandal AGM**  
**Thursday, 15th March 2018**  
**Time 10.30am**  
**Oshwal Centre, Auditorium**



Oshwal Mahila Mandal  
P.O. Box 40638  
Nairobi

## PICNIC

**Thursday**  
**8th March 2018**  
**A DAY AWAY FROM HOME**  
**OLE GISHU FARM (Farm of Nainaben Kirtesh)**  
**(SIGMA FARM) TAULA AREA**




**Departure from Oshwal Centre at 8 am sharp.**  
**(Please be punctual to avoid disappointment)**  
**Arrival at Oshwal Centre between 6 - 7 pm.**  
**Limited seats! First come first serve !**  
**FOR OSHWALS ONLY !**  
Tickets available on Monday 26th February 2018  
between 4 pm to 6 pm only in the foyer of  
Oshwal Centre!

Kindly carry your I.D ( Identity Card ), drinking water, plates, cup, spoons,  
glasses and hand towels for breakfast, lunch and tea.  
Do not forget your Sunglasses, caps and off course snacks if you may wish too!  
Breakfast/Lunch and 4 pm tea will be provided!

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**THE 2ND**  
**OSHWAL**  
**AWARDS**  
**2018**  
Inspiring Future Oshwal Generations

**24TH FEB, 2018**  
**OSHWAL CENTRE (KD HALL)**  
**5:30PM ONWARDS**

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