

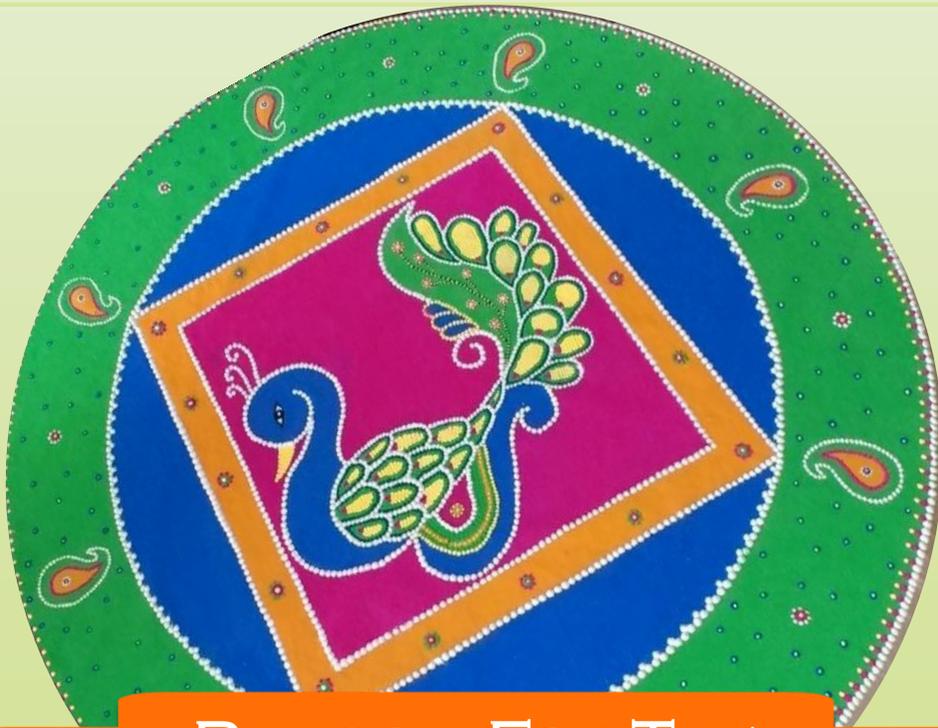
Oshwal Waz



20th Edition, November 2018



CSR activity



RANGOLI FOR THE
NEW YEAR

Donations

As part of the increased CSR activities in 2018, the Visa Oshwal Community donated Ksh 500,000/= For 50 Limbs towards the Jaipur Foot Project on 10th November 2018.

An event was held to demonstrate to the members how the Jaipur Foot has changed lives for the amputees.

It was shown to the members what resources are used in the development of each specialized foot, the processes involved in the procurement of raw materials and production of each foot.



The Visa Oshwal Community donated exercise books and stationery to the Dr. Ribeiro Parklands School on 23rd November 2018.



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30th November 2018

CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY WHEEL CHAIR DONATION

COME AND BE PART OF

A Wheelchair Donation Drive on **Saturday, 8th December 2018** at the **Oshwal Centre** at **08:30am** in the spirit of giving back to the society and helping the less fortunate members of the society by giving them a gift of movement.

Donations are welcome for the following types of Wheelchairs:

TYPE OF WHEELCHAIR	COST OF EACH WHEELCHAIR
STANDARD WHEELCHAIR	KSH. 6500/=
CHILDREN'S WHEELCHAIR	KSH. 8000/=
SPECIALISED CEREBRAL PALSY WHEELCHAIR	KSH. 25000/=
SPECIALISED TRICYCLE WHEELCHAIR	KSH. 28000/=

For further details, contact Jinit Shah on 0718633633



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The Participants

Fancy Dress Competition

The Senior Social Task Force organized a Fancy Dress completion with a variety programme on the 4th of November 2018.

The event was kindly sponsored by the family of Late Mr. Nemchand Mandhu and the event was attended in large numbers by our community's senior members.

We had various age groups participating in the events where our oldest competitors were Mr Jayantibhai Haria and Mrs. Zamkuvarben Shah.

The competition was Judged by Ms Nisha Hirani & Mrs. Binny Sharma.
The MC for the day was Mrs. Shaina Shah.

We had three members who embraced the theme of the fancy dress competition and bested the rest:
Mr. Bharat Shah
Mrs. Mayuri Shah
Mr Shirish Shah

We appreciate all the members who come forward to enable us to make such events successful.



Sponsors



Committee members

Diwali is one of the most popular festivals in India. Better known as Deepavali or the festival of lights, it's a celebration that's embraced by everyone!

Diwali brings together people of different faiths and persuasions, with each adding flavor and fun to the festival!

In Jain Dharma, Diwali is celebration of Tirthankar Mahavira's attainment of moksha in Bihar's Pavapuri!

Firecrackers are avoided as they cause noise and atmosphere pollution.

Sharda Poojan is performed on the third day of Diwali and it is also the last day of Hindu year. On this day devotees light divas and decorate the house with brightly colored lights. To ensure success, traders worship their new account books; non-traders also do Poojan of their saving books. The businessmen balanced their previous year's accounts. This Poojan is known as Sharda Poojan and is generally performed by the eldest member of the family. This year the Poojan was held on the evening of the 7th of November 2018 and was well attended by the members of our community.

During Sharda Poojan, vedic rituals are also held to welcome the Hindu new year. Since it is the last day of the year people resolve all personal conflicts forgiving and forgetting misdeeds of the past year and start the New Year afresh.



A Rangoli, an intricate artistic design using bright colored powders, is created at the entrance of homes to warmly welcome guests. We had two groups of ladies volunteering to design 2 beautiful rangoli's that brightened the Oshwal Centre.

On the 8th of November 2018 we celebrated the New Year with the New Year's meet and greet held at the Oshwal Centre. The New Year was celebrated in unity by the community with a vast turn out of our members to join in the festivities.



Online Creative Writing Competition

The Library organized an Online Creative Writing Competition “**A Picture Says A Thousands Words**” between 5th September 2018 and 5th October 2018. The competition attracted 24 participants.

The results were out on Thursday 29th November 2018. The following participants were declared winners:

- 12-15 years category – Krish N Shah
- 15-18 years category – Krishi N Shah
- 18+ years category – Shreya Shah

Below is the winning piece for the 12-15 years category by Krish Nishit Shah

A Picture Says A Thousand Words



It was a cold, breezy morning as I got up from the nest. The yellowish pink sun rays peeping from the nest. As I struggled to get up, the cold wind howling through my ear, I began to start my morning. I jumped out, the familiar feeling of the wind lifting my wings, and took off towards the ocean. The orangish sun reflected on the water making it glisten as the waves crashed onto the cliffs. I heard a gentle squawking from behind that made me stop, as I looked behind I saw my friend Alyssa surprising me completely.

Alyssa had just lost her baby to the poison. Who was she looking food for now? Her pain reminded me of my own. We flew in silence, both lost in our own sorrow. As I soared high above, I saw the poison floating in the ocean, in its different enticing colours. Oh, the choice, from small multi-coloured caps, to colourful sticky sheets that stuck on to the inside of my beak, or squashed round things that matched the colour of the water. But looks are deceiving, I know that now. This was the poison that killed my baby just like Alyssa's.

The guilt was gnawing at my insides, thinking of how I lost my little one for good. I only fed her those colourful caps because they seemed like a delicacy. I lost my appetite for eating food for the day, as I flew miles away back to where my baby's remains were. I stared at the lifeless and shrivelled body for ten minutes - my heart breaking all over again. I remember how she used to play and try to fly around beside me; how she would cuddle up at night with me and survive through the winter, and how she would be woken up in the cold, freezing morning with her grumpy cries of food. Oh Lord... How I just miss her!

I stared at my dead baby's corpse, the feathers marred with dirt; black and white, no flesh was left, all eaten away by the flies. All that remained of my baby was the dead bones, her bony head and the beak. My feathers fluffed out, as a deep chill set within me. The poison laying around my baby as I saw the caps around her. I choked back a sob, wishing I hadn't given her this poison, but, it was too late to do anything.

My only solace remained in finding out what exactly this mysterious poison was and where it is coming from.

South Africa was quiet right now; I could only hear the birds chirping and the crashing of the waves. I made my way towards the poison I had spotted earlier during the day. As I got closer to the glimmering water, I saw my peers flying above the poison, fighting to take some home for their young ones. Increasing my speed, I hurried over, squawking frantically. I warned them that this was fatal for their babies, but, of course, they scorned at me, angrily flapping their wings at me, and snapping away with their beaks. They pushed me away accusing me of being greedy and trying to steal their lucky find. I backed away in disbelief, realising I needed to come with proof for them to believe me.

Dismayed I turned away, trying to see where the poison was growing from. Alyssa fell into step with me, flying by my side, agreeing that the colourful delicacy was poisonous for us. I explained to her how we needed to find the source to make the rest aware and she agreed with me instantly. Together we followed the trail, going against the flow of water and following the poison. We flew in silence for miles, flapping our wings to the rhythm of the wind, until we arrived to the port – the place the two-legged species keep their huge floating houses that they take out into the ocean. As we got closer to the port, we saw vast amounts of the port covered in the poison – so tempting and shiny. The urge to take it was almost too much to resist, but thinking of my baby's remains with the poison surrounding her, reminded me of how toxic it was.

We circled around the port for hours; the hot sun bearing down on us as we watched the two legged in action – shouting out, horns blaring. Alyssa and I watched in confusion, not understanding where it was growing from. The sun was beginning to set now; the sky tinted in a red hue. Just as we were giving up hope, we saw a group of two-leggeds shouting and directing a large moving truck towards the ocean. The truck opened up and we saw heaps and heaps of the poison in the truck. There were all sorts of colours and types. We would be spoilt for choice looking at it, different sizes and textures all mixed up together – the caps, the bags and the squashed clear ones as well. Alyssa and I stared in amazement and horror. This is where the poison was coming from. We couldn't believe our eyes in that moment. The poison wasn't growing in the ocean – it was being dumped into it from outside by the two-leggeds.

I was so horrified by the site of this menace. What wrong have we done to the two-leggeds that they are killing us like this? Would it not have been better and easier that they just hunt us and shoot us down instead of choking us to death by making us eat this poison produced by them? I was tremendously infuriated at just how cruelly the lives of our young ones were taken away by their poison. As Alyssa and I flew back home both lost in our own thoughts and desperately thinking of how we are going to stop our tribe from eating this disgusting poison that is killing all of our species bit by bit, and soon most of our species will be extinct....after all we are just birds.

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13th December 2018

CAR PASS 2019/2020 COLLECTION

Dear Members,

This is to inform all registered Visa Oshwal Community Nairobi Members that the Oshwal Centre Car Pass for the year 2019/2020 is ready for collection. The Car Pass will be issued as follows:

Monday to Friday 9am to 12noon and 2pm to 4pm
Saturdays between 9:30am to 11:30am

The car pass will be issued from the Visa Oshwal Community administration office upon presentation of a Membership Card, vehicle make and registration number.

For the purposes of issuance of the Car Pass, please note the following Rules and Regulations:

1. There will be one (1) car pass per registered Member of Visa Oshwal Community Nairobi. (Registered Member being defined as a Member who has a valid VOC Membership Card).
2. Those who have not registered as Members of the Visa Oshwal Community Nairobi or those who have lost their VOC Membership Cards should apply immediately for Membership or replacement of the card before any car pass can be issued.
3. Annual subscribing Members shall be issued with the Car Pass for the year 2019 only. If the Annual Member has paid his/her subscription for the years 2019 and 2020, they shall be issued with the car pass for both the years.
4. If any Member has any outstanding amounts due at any Visa Oshwal Community Nairobi facility (i.e.: Oshwal Centre, Mahajanwadi, Oshwal Library, Oshwal Complex) there will be NO car pass issued until the amount is cleared in full.
5. No car shall be permitted to enter Oshwal Centre with a prior year's pass after the implementation of the new passes.
6. If a Member is found to be misusing the car pass, a fine will be levied and the Member may also be blacklisted from receiving future car passes.
7. In the event the member sells the car, it shall be the duty of the member to notify the VOC office and return that car pass to be cancelled from the database.
8. With the issuance of a car pass the Member confirms that he/she will abide by all Rules and Regulations of the Oshwal Centre and in particular with all traffic and parking rules within the Oshwal Centre.



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28th November 2018

PRAYER MEETINGS

Dear Members,

Please note that as of 1st January 2019, all Prayer Meetings for Oshwals not residing in Nairobi will be held on Mondays only.

If there is a final rites and prayer meeting for a Nairobi Member, then the prayer meeting of the Non Resident Oshwal can be combined with the Resident Member's prayer meeting.



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Green Corner



HEALTH BENEFITS
ORANGE

Heart Health
Immune Support
Digestive Health
Alkalizing
Cholesterol Lowering
Healthy Skin
Kidney Support
Anti Inflammatory
Anti Cancer
Vision Protection

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