

OSHWAL AWAAZ



EDITION 80

SAMVATSARI LUNCHEON 2025

The Shree Visa Oshwal Community, Nairobi, marked Samvatsari with a grand luncheon on Sunday, 7th September 2025, at the Oshwal Centre. The event began at 9:30am and brought together over 4,300 members of the community. Preparations started a day earlier, on Saturday, 6th September, when more than 600 volunteers came together to help prepare ladoo for the occasion. Their dedication was rewarded with a hearty lunch. Samvatsari holds deep significance for the Jain community. On this day, Jains seek forgiveness from all living beings for any harm caused knowingly or unknowingly, expressing the sentiment through the words "Micchami Dukkadam." The day's programme in the Dinesh & Mahesh Chandaria Auditorium began with soulful bhakti led by Kevalbhai, followed by a stuti by Keva Nikunj Shah and a stavan by Viha Nikunj Shah followed by two lively dances by the Rangila Group. This was followed by an address from the Religion Committee Chairlady, Mrs. Bhavniben D. Dodhia. The gathering was also addressed by the Community Chairperson, Mrs. Bindiben R. Shah, and His Excellency Mr. Sunil Prasad, Acting High Commissioner of India. The formal programme concluded with a vote of thanks by the Community Secretary, Mr. Vikasbhai J. Shah, and a Shantipath led by pujari Arjunbhai. The Samvatsari Luncheon not only celebrated faith and forgiveness but also showcased the spirit of unity and service within the community.



OPENING CEREMONY OF THE PADEL COURTS & MULTI SPORT COURT

The Shree Visa Oshwal Community Nairobi marked a proud milestone with the inauguration of two new Padel Courts and a state-of-the-art Multi-Sport Court at the Oshwal Centre. The opening ceremony, held courtside at 9:00 a.m., was attended by VOC Trustees, Office Bearers, the Managing Committee, the Astro Committee, the Maintenance Committee, and members of the sponsors' families. The Padel Courts were generously sponsored by Mrs. Niruben Babulal Shah, while the Multi-Sport Court was sponsored by the Shah Ranmal Raja Charitable Trust. Members of both families were present to jointly unveil the Takhti plaques, marking their lasting contribution to the community. In her address, VOC Nairobi Chairperson Mrs. Bindiben Shah emphasized the importance of expanding sporting facilities to promote active and healthy lifestyles among community members. Astro Committee Chairperson Mr. Hemal Haria highlighted the role of these modern courts in inspiring youth participation and sporting excellence. Family representatives from each sponsor expressed heartfelt gratitude and joy at being part of the community's continued growth and development. The inauguration of these facilities represents another meaningful step in strengthening recreational and social opportunities for VOC members, reaffirming the Oshwal Centre as a vibrant hub for sports, culture, and togetherness.



LIBRARY COMMITTEE

FIREWORKS

BOOM POP BLAST

COLOURS SPARKLES ENTERTAINMENT

This is what comes to mind when we think about celebrations like Diwali — often revolving around bursting fireworks. But have you ever thought beyond the loud bang, the five-minute sparkle in the sky, and the fleeting thirty minutes of entertainment? What happens after the last firework fizzles out? The night grows quiet again — but not truly silent. Beyond the laughter from bursting fireworks, Birds, startled and disoriented, slowly return to their disturbed nests. Pets cower inside homes, still trembling from the relentless noise. Beyond the colors from the fireworks, Hangs a haze that clouds the air. The smoke lingers, heavy with the stench of burnt chemicals. Beyond the cheer from a big blast, Are the cries of those injured in accidents — Or the unheard voices of workers in unsafe factories making those fireworks. Beyond the excitement of unwrapping a firecracker, Lie streets littered with torn wrappers, charred paper shells, and plastic debris. Beyond the trolley full of fireworks at checkout, Are families struggling to pay for a simple packet of bread and milk. The celebration ends for us — But the impact lingers for many others.

We often forget that the passing joy of fireworks leaves behind lasting consequences — For the environment. For animals. For the health and well-being of our communities. Diwali is a festival of lights, not noise. Of inner illumination, not outer smoke. Of joy that uplifts everyone — not momentary thrills that come at a cost. Because when the sparkles fade, What we do next truly defines the spirit of celebration. This is what comes to mind when we think about celebrations like Diwali — often revolving around bursting fireworks. But have you ever thought beyond the loud bang, the five-minute sparkle in the sky, and the fleeting thirty minutes of entertainment? What happens after the last firework fizzles out? The night grows quiet again — but not truly silent. Beyond the laugh, after from bursting fireworks, Birds, startled and disoriented, slowly return to their disturbed nests. Pets cower inside homes, still trembling from the relentless noise. Beyond the colors from the fireworks, Hangs a haze that clouds the air. The smoke lingers, heavy with the stench of burnt chemicals. Beyond the cheer from a big blast, Are the cries of those injured in accidents — Or the unheard voices of workers in unsafe factories making those fireworks. Beyond the excitement of unwrapping a firecracker, Lie streets littered with torn wrappers, charred paper shells, and plastic debris. Beyond the trolley full of fireworks at checkout, Are families struggling to pay for a simple packet of bread and milk.

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OSHWAL SPORTS COMPLEX COMMITTEE

BADMINTON TOURNAMENT

Oshwal Badminton League 2025 – A Smash Hit!

The Oshwal Badminton League was held at the Mahajanwadi Badminton Courts from 12th to 14th September 2025, bringing together three spirited teams of 12 players each for an exciting weekend of badminton action. Over the course of the tournament, teams played 15 matches against one another, displaying outstanding skill, teamwork, and sportsmanship. The overall winner was determined by the total number of games won.

Festivities began on Friday with a lively “Jumbles” event, where all 36 players drew random partners for friendly matches, creating plenty of laughter and camaraderie. Saturday and Sunday were dedicated to the main league matches, keeping the courts buzzing with energy and friendly rivalry throughout the weekend.

The event was a resounding success, and we’re thrilled that many participants are already looking forward to the next league. Special thanks to all sponsors, team owners, and supporters for their invaluable contribution in making the tournament such a memorable community event.



SENIOR SOCIAL COMMITTEE DOUBLE BHUKHAR COMPETITION BRINGS COMMUNITY TOGETHER

The Senior Social Committee successfully hosted the much anticipated Double Bhukhar Competition on Sunday, 28th September 2025, at Oshwal Mahajanwadi. The event ran from 8.00am to 6.00pm and brought together participants, seniors, sponsors, and supporters for a day filled with excitement, teamwork, and friendly rivalry. A total of 28 teams, each with three players, competed with great energy and enthusiasm through several rounds of play. The top five teams were rewarded with prizes generously sponsored by well-wishers from the community, adding to the spirit of celebration. In a thoughtful gesture, Konfidential Clinic gifted each participant a free dental consultation voucher, a token that was warmly appreciated by all. Guests also enjoyed three delicious meals breakfast, lunch, and afternoon tea, creating opportunities to mingle, connect, and share feedback for future events. The Double Bhukhar Competition not only celebrated the community's passion for the game but also reflected the unity, joy, and generosity that define the spirit of the Oshwal community.



THE GREEN PAGE



Gratitude Corner

A heartfelt thank you to all the ladies, children under 18, and men who generously volunteered their time and energy during our recent community events. Your enthusiasm, teamwork, and selfless spirit truly embody the essence of togetherness. Whether it was setting up, serving, organizing, or simply lending a helping hand with a smile each of you played a vital role in making every occasion special. Your contribution reminds us that when we come together as one family, every event becomes a celebration of unity and love.

Bucket Composting (Simple Home Method)

What you need:

2 plastic buckets with lids

A few small holes drilled at the bottom of one for airflow

Old newspaper or dry leaves

How to do it:

-Line the bucket with dry leaves or shredded paper.

-Add kitchen waste like fruit/vegetable peels, coffee grounds, tea leaves.

-Add a handful of dry material (leaves or paper) after every layer of wet waste.

-Stir or mix every few days for aeration.

-In 30–45 days, you'll get rich, dark compost ready to use in your garden!

Tip: Avoid cooked food, dairy as they attract pests and slow decomposition.



Keep Mosquitoes Away – Naturally!

mosquitoes can quickly turn our peaceful homes into buzzing zones! Instead of relying solely on chemical repellents, here are some simple, natural, and effective ways to keep them at bay while keeping your home fresh and healthy.

1. Use Natural Repellents

Essential oils like citronella, lemongrass, lavender, eucalyptus, and peppermint work wonders. Mix a few drops with water and spray around the room, or use oil diffusers to keep mosquitoes away while leaving your home smelling divine.

2. Grow Mosquito-Repelling Plants

Place pots of tulsi (holy basil), marigold, mint, citronella, or lavender near windows and doorways. These plants not only deter mosquitoes but also add a refreshing green touch to your home.

4. Light Up Wisely

Use citronella or neem oil candles in the evenings they naturally repel insects and create a warm, festive ambiance.

6. Natural Remedies for Bites

If you do get bitten, soothe the area with aloe vera gel or a paste of baking soda and water gentle, quick, and natural relief!

