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PRESIDENT, NEW DELHI YMCA, MR. FELIX FERNANDES

To,
The Members
New Delhi YMCA

Dear Members,
Warm Greetings to all of you!

As I come to the end of a very fruitful tenure, I thank God for all the blessings and graces in guiding me at every step during the year. The road was not smooth, there were challenges but with the hard work of the Office Bearers and with support from most Board Members a considerable number of changes were brought about. Many new policies have been introduced to bring transparency and accountability to the working of the New Delhi YMCA. Significant recommendations were made to reduce cost in the form of:

- **The Outsourcing Manpower Agency (Security) which for the last 20 years was charging 5% to 7% service charges. The service charges of the new agency taken from 1st April 2023 is at 0%, leading to huge savings to the New Delhi YMCA of over 20 lakhs per year.**
- **A substantial amount has been saved in the IT and Marketing Department which had inflated costs earlier (approximately saving 30 lakhs per year). New ideas to monitor this have also been recommended.**
- Better vendor management was recommended at the Tourist Hostel, bringing down expenditure and the use of corporate cards to purchase items online. For our Members and their families reduced rates on tea/coffee, sandwiches, etc and special discounts of 30% are given at the Dining hall.
- YMCA Public School at Nizamuddin East has transformed into a strong pillar reaching Class 11 and shortly Science stream will be added to its academics.
- A Carnival was held in December 2022 which was a grand success to generate funds for a School project in Hodal, Haryana to create a hub of Skill development unit including Sports Coaching for the rural poor at their doorstep. In addition, it will also help the existing Class VII level school there.
- Social Development Programme, the face and mission of New Delhi YMCA continued with dedication to its development initiatives to help the slum and resettlement colonies. Many new 'Singer' sewing machines 19 in total which were lying unused at Hodal were relocated to CDCs to help out more women in tailoring and cutting.
- Remedial classes for 9th to 12th students at community development centres and financial assistance to a number of young students enable them to score more than 70% in their examinations.
- The Tourism and Hospitality sector saw a big upward jump enhancing the Tourist Hostel cum Programme Centre with best ever results. The average occupancy was as high as 67% bringing in good revenue with a surplus. Greater Noida Programme Centre also made a substantial contribution.
- Staff are being refunded all salaries deducted during the pandemic (2020-2022)
- Annual Increments to Executives pending since 2018-2019 have been released and are being distributed on a monthly basis.
- The Secretary Cadre has been strengthened to ensure smooth and consistent development. Three new trainee secretaries have been appointed from May this year. A number of Secretaries and Executives were promoted in 2022-2023 to motivate and recognize their good work.
- The Code of Conduct for Election was modified in the interest of all those taking part in the election process.
- The Basketball and Tennis courts at Greater Noida Programme Centre have been refurbished and increased in size to the International level to further help our young budding players.
- **Lastly, it is a matter of great pride that NDY has for the first time achieved an income of Rs. 40 Crores plus in a financial year (2022 – 2023). The actuals are Rs.42.30 Crores and we are in surplus post-Covid, an amount of Rs. 4 Crores has been added to the Fixed Deposits.**

My Sincere thanks and much appreciation to the Board of Directors, Office Bearers, Chairmen and Members of various Committees each and every Member of NDY, the GS & CEO and his team of Secretaries, Executives and the entire team of Staff for all your support, co-operation, sincere efforts and valuable contributions.

I wish the new President, his team and the new General Secretary & CEO all God's blessings and success.

**Thank you and God Bless,
Felix Fernandes
President, NDY**





GENERAL SECRETARY & CEO, NEW DELHI YMCA, MR. MARK CLIVE

Dear Members and Colleagues,

Greetings!

As 2022/23 draws to a close I want to take the opportunity to look back on a year that turned out much differently than anyone could have imagined. While it was certainly challenging in many ways, it also showed how strong we are as a team – even in the toughest of times.

It was no easy task managing and sustaining the New Delhi YMCA. The reliability of the service we provide and the quality of the content we offer defines us. We rose to the challenge. Our efforts as a team passed the test in fulfilling NDY's Mission and business, and we proved as an organization to be both robust and extremely flexible, and effective in the face of change.

I'm proud to say that while 2020/22 might have slowed us down, it certainly didn't stop us. We are out of the financial crisis, we were able to refund salary deductions made during the pandemic to staff, and annual increments to executives pending since 2018/19 were released, the corpus has been enhanced, promotions to staff were given opening promotional avenues for others, and Secretary cadre has been strengthened with three new trainees. These and so many other successes were achieved at a time when we were forced to adapt to very adverse circumstances.

Now when I will be demitting my Office on 14 April 2023 after completing a long tenure of 38 years, I will miss the energy of colleagues and having the opportunity to share with them and learn from each other. However, you've all shown what we can achieve when we work and think as a team. I thank Lord Almighty for giving me the opportunity to take charge of NDY as General Secretary & CEO in an unprecedented pandemic situation, sustain it and carry forward. I feel happy leaving office when the financial year 2022/23 is closing and NDY is showing exceptionally good results in terms of Mission accomplishment and revenue generation to support YMCA programs and projects.

So, I want to thank you all for the hard work and commitment you all have shown over the past year as well as throughout my career. Our combined strength is what makes us successful as a movement.

I wish you and your families all a happy life and success in your future endeavors. I especially wish all success to my successor Rajeev as he will be taking over as GS & CEO. God bless you all.

**Best Regards,
Mark Clive**



North India Region of YMCAs of India Leadership Training Programme at Sattal Campsite



The New Delhi YMCA hosted the Leadership Training Program of the North India Region of YMCAs, from 24 to 26 March 2023. The three-day training focused on the following topics:

- **Leadership in YMCA** - presented by Mr Vijay Russell, Member, Board of Directors, NDY
- **The vision of YMCA** – presented by Mr Stephen DaCosta, Member, Board of Directors, NDY
- **Commitment to the YMCA** – Mr Peter Prem, Member, Board of Directors, NDY
- **Conflict Management** – Mr Mark Medley, Chairman, Ad Hoc Committee, YMCA Nainital
- **Responsibilities of Office Bearers** – Mr Sundersingh, Secretary, Movement Strengthening, National Council of YMCAs of India

The program's objective was to train the current crop of YMCA leaders in North India to equip them with the knowledge and skills to lead their YMCAs in achieving the goals of effectively serving the communities and serving God through dedicated service. Delegates came from various YMCAs like New Delhi, Bareilly, Faridpur, Patiala, Haldwani, Gurgaon, Varanasi, Palwal, Meerut, and Nainital. The Inaugural Session was presided over by Mr Felix Fernandes, Chairman, of the North India Region of YMCAs and President of New Delhi YMCA.

Rev Rajeev Saxena, Pastor, Assemblies of Believers Church, Kathgodam delivered the message based on Matthew 20:25-28 highlighting that the essence of Christian Leadership is serving others and not oneself. The Chief Guest of the inaugural session Mr Simeon Kerr, Woodbridge School, Mehraagaon, Nainital, and Former Vice Principal of Sherwood College, inaugurated the Leadership Training Program by lighting the lamp. Mr Kerr also exhorted the leaders to show a light to the world, a responsibility given to every Christian by Lord Jesus Christ.

New Delhi YMCA Staff Cricket Tournament



New Delhi YMCA Inter-Departmental Cricket Tournament was organized at New Delhi YMCA Volleyball Ground by the Department of Sports from 22 to 28 February 2023. A total of 09 teams participated in two groups. On 28 February 2023 at 2:30 PM, the final match was played between Corporate & Department of Finance. The corporate team won the New Delhi YMCA Inter-Departmental Cricket Tournament for the first time and created history in this tournament. The Department of Finance was the RUNNER UP of the tournament. The team members were Mr John Prakash (Captain), Mr Shyamal Sharma (Vice Captain), Mr Ashish Thorat, Mr Deepak Massey, Mr Mukesh Daniel, Mr Naim Akhtar, Mr Ram Sanjeevan, Mr Rajinder Kumar, Mr Pramod & Mr Pandey. New Delhi YMCA Inter-Departmental Cricket Tournament's Running Trophy was presented to:

- Man of the Match - Mr Ram Sanjeevan (Corporate)
- Man of the Series - Mr Victor Visscher (DoF)
- Commentator - Mr. R V Milton, Asst. Manager, IT



Junior Volleyball Championship Tournament - RCDC Hodal



The Rural Community Development Centre Hodal got an opportunity to participate in the State Junior Volleyball Championship Tournament at Bhiwani, Haryana on 04 November 2022. The volleyball coach, Mr Ganglal, and Program Supervisor, Mr Dayamay Mahato were present to encourage and support the team.

Senior Volleyball Championship Tournament - RCDC Hodal



The Rural Community Development Centre Hodal participated in the State Senior Volleyball Championship Tournament at Sonipat (Rewara) Haryana from 25-27 November 2022. The Hodal YMCA team won three matches and qualified for the semi-final, however, despite a spirited effort, they could not win the championship. The volleyball coach, Mr Ganglal (YMCA Hodal) was present to boost the team's support and motivation.

Republic Day Celebrations at RCDC Hodal



The Rural Community Development Centre Hodal organised the Republic Day program on 24 January 2023. The program started with a prayer for the children, offered by Mr Prakash Manwar – Chairman, RCDC Hodal, followed by an introduction and welcome of the Board members, Committee members, and children, by Mr Ashish Thorat, Associate General Secretary, NDY. The Republic Day greetings were extended to all the children and parents by Mr Prakash Manwar - Chairman, RCDC. With great enthusiasm, all the children participated in the program that showcased a variety of cultural dances and songs.

Fire Safety Training - RCDC Hodal



The Rural Community Development Centre at Hodal organized a Fire Safety Training program on 18 January 2023 for all its employees. Mr Rahul Peters, Security in-Charge, and Mr Pashupati, Fire Safety Expert conducted theoretical and practical training sessions. The program's main objective was to learn how to protect ourselves and others in case of a fire accident. All the staff of RCDC, Hodal participated in the program to gain valuable insights and hands-on training in fire safety.

YMCA Public School Special Wing Students hosted by Impresario India



Impresario India, an NGO working for the welfare of specially-abled children for more than three decades, organised a get-together on Friday, 03 March 2023 at 10.30 a.m. in the Multipurpose Hall, India International Centre, Max Mueller Marg, New Delhi. An invitation was extended to YPS Special Wing, of which, 20 students and 6 staff members participated in the event. Shazan from the Senior Secondary class entertained the gathering with a solo song performance. The highlight of the event was 'The Talking Doll' conducted by a popular ventriloquist, Mr Anil Singh. The program was followed by refreshments and distribution of gifts to all the participants. The event was organised by Ms Alka Mukherjee, Secretary, Impresario India.

Gesture of Goodwill by Vencap Capital Advisory Pvt. Ltd.



As a gesture of goodwill and appreciation M/s Vencap Capital Advisory Pvt. Ltd. represented by Mr Arvind Maheshwari, Consultant AVGC, and CA Akshaya Biswal, Vencap Capital Advisory Pvt. Ltd. donated two Polymatech street lights to the New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel. The lights shall be used for the illumination of the parking area. The donation was graciously received by Mr Inderjit Lal, Chairman of the Tourist Hostel Advisory Committee, NDY, Mr Rajeev Singh, GS & CEO Designate, NDY, and Mr Ashish Makkar, Head, Tourist Hostel, NDY.

Educational visit to Blind Relief Association & The Delhi Society for the Welfare of Special Children



The students of the Teachers Training Institute for Special Education (D.Ed, SE, IDD) course went for educational visits to the Blind Relief Association at Lodhi Road and The Delhi Society for the Welfare of Special Children at Okhla Marg on 13 and 14 March 2023 respectively. The students visited the classes, therapy centre and vocation centre at both places. They also interacted with the special students and teachers. Apart from the specialized curriculum, both centres provide vocational training to the students with special needs, for example, making candles, diya, handmade paper bags, diaries, handloom products etc.

Achievement by YPS Teachers Training Institute Trainees



Nazreen-88%



Huda Fatima- 87.1%



Maryam-86%



Tanya Panchal-85%



Ayesha-86%

ANNUAL RESULT: The D.Ed, SE, IDD students (Batch 2021-23) of the Teachers Training Institute for Special Education secured 100% results in the first year annual examinations. The result was declared by the National Board of Examination in Rehabilitation (NBER) in March 2023.



Valedictory Ceremony at Community Development Department - YMCA Sattal



The Community Development Department of YMCA Sattal works in five villages in and around Sattal, Nainital through 18 self-help groups, 16 of which are for the benefit of women and 2 for men. The YMCA Sattal, since its humble beginning, in 2009 has sought to serve the local community through its development programs. The development program focuses on providing the women with much-required information and guidance on the following:

- i) Government programs/schemes that benefit the rural community**
- ii) Health and hygiene**
- iii) Mother and Child Health**
- iv) Vocational training**
- v) Financial stability through cooperative savings**

Through the above-mentioned activities, we endeavour to assist the rural womenfolk of this region in improving their lives. Mrs Shashi Singh, our Field Supervisor through her regular visits and meetings guides and provides much-needed information to the ladies. They are taught to maintain hygiene in and around their homes which ultimately help improve a family's health. A lot depends on the women who work hard the whole day to look after their families and their cattle. Therefore it is important to equip them with life skills that benefit them and their families in the long run which is the focus of the community development initiatives of YMCA Sattal. One of the important focus areas is vocational training. The YMCA has trained hundreds of women through its vocational training courses in cutting & tailoring, knitting, beautician, Makram, cushion & soft toy making, etc.

Vocational Courses for Women at YMCA Program Centre, Dorothy Villa

S.NO.	Village	Name of the course	Duration	No. of students
1.	Bhaktyuda	Cushion Making	Sep 19 to Nov 19	6
2.	Khutani	Bag Making	Sep 19 to Feb 20	12
3.	Mehragaon	Beautician	Sep 19 to Feb 20	13
4.	Mehragaon	Cutting & Tailoring	Jul 21 to Dec 21	7
5.	Bhaktyuda	Machine Knitting	Jul 22 to Oct 22	4

The above courses have given them skills to add to the family income and most of them have started their own small income-generating businesses from their own homes. Thereby, serving their communities and also earning for their families. During the past year, the YMCA Program Centre at Dorothy Villa also conducted short-term courses in basic computing and English speaking. Seven young students benefited from these courses.

On Saturday, 25 March 2023, YMCA Sattal organized a valedictory ceremony to present the certificates and awards to the ladies and students who successfully completed their courses. Honorable Mrs Sarita Arya, Member of the Legislative Assembly, Nainital was the Chief Guest of the ceremony. The ceremony started with an invocation song and prayer led by Mrs Meena Pradeep. Mr Mark Clive, GS & CEO, welcomed the gathering. Mr Felix Fernandes, President, New Delhi YMCA and Mr Peter Prem, Chairman, YMCA Sattal shared greetings on behalf of the New Delhi YMCA. Mrs Sarita Arya, the Chief Guest greatly appreciated the work of the YMCA around the world and specially in the region. She also commended the hard work put in by Mrs Shashi Singh in organizing the self-help groups. Some prominent members of the New Delhi YMCA Board of Directors present at the Ceremony were Mr Inderjit Lal, Vice President, Advocate Sandeep Arora, Vice President, Dr Sanjeet Singh, Vice President. Also present were Mr Vijay Russell and Mr Stephen DaCosta members of the Board.

The AdHoc Committee Chairman of the newly formed YMCA Nainital, Mr Mark Medley was also present along with his wife Jean and Mrs Veronica Grewal, another prominent personality of the local community. Some of the ladies requested the Honourable MLA to look into the matter of providing bus service to Sattal, which was a great need of the people of the region. The MLA asked the YMCA officials to submit a request on behalf of the people of the area and she would look into the matter and do her best to provide the much need service. Certificates and Awards to the successful participants of the Vocational Training and Short-term Courses were given by the Chief Guest Honourable Mrs Sarita Arya, MLA, Mr Felix Fernandes, President, New Delhi YMCA; Mr Peter Prem, Chairman, YMCA Sattal; Vice Presidents of New Delhi YMCA Mr Inderjit Lal, Advocate Sandeep Arora, Vice President, NDY, and Dr Sanjeet Singh, Vice President and the former GS & CEO Mr Mark Clive. The ceremony concluded with a vote of thanks offered by Mr Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, NDY.

Tribal Festival by NDY PCT Committee



With the sound of traditional drums in sync with rhythmic voices, and folk dances with hands held together, the leaders and the members of the tribal community welcomed the Chief Guest and other dignitaries. The New Delhi YMCA Tribal Festival started with captivating energy, full of enthusiasm and joyfulness. On 12 February 2023, the New Delhi YMCA premises came alive with groups of indigenous people dressed in their traditional attire dancing and singing, sharing smiles, and encouraging those who were mere spectators to join them in celebrating life and culture. A momentous day that has its roots in the New Delhi YMCA history, a day when the New Delhi YMCA comes together with the tribal communities residing in Delhi-NCR to celebrate and showcase their rich cultural heritage which most of the city dwellers may not be aware of. This year, 24 tribal groups participated in the day-long celebration. It started with a traditional welcome of the Chief Guest Shri Amrit Lugun (IFS Retd.), and the President of the New Delhi YMCA Mr Felix Fernandes along with the Vice-President, Advocate Sandeep Arora and Dr Sanjeet Singh, Vice-President, NDY, Mr Alope Michyari and Mr Stephen DaCosta, Board Members of NDY, and other dignitaries. The crowd danced and moved along with the traditional music as the Chief Guest and the dignitaries walked towards the program venue. The program started with a prayer song and the traditional ceremony of lighting of the lamp.



Mr Felix Fernandes, the President of the New Delhi YMCA welcomed all the participating groups and encouraged them, and declared the event open. Shri Amrit Lugun (IFS Retd.), the Chief Guest of the day, expressed his enthusiasm through his speech and shared his gratitude towards the New Delhi YMCA for recognizing the tribal community and providing a platform to share their culture with others.

The day was filled with traditional dances and performances by various groups. Besides tribal folklore, the stage was lit with exuberant colors as the youth from the tribal community walked the ramp for the fashion show - the perfect mix of old and new worlds. A surprise act by the tribal rock band Jorgos pulled the young crowd to the forefront and who could have imagined when these youth combined their traditional dances with modern tunes? Mr. Alope Michyari also took center stage and sang along with the band. It was a great celebration all around. Off the stage, the tribal groups had set up vegetarian and non-veg food stalls. More than three thousand visitors graced the program. People of Delhi-NCR were enthralled with the quality of food, traditional handicraft, and clothes on sale. The celebrations continued till late in the evening. It was a long day but there was enough energy to go further, with Jorgos's band taking the stage, the most awaited - the "Mass Dance", began. Delhi's winter breeze failed in front of the ever-enthusiastic youth who took the entire campus for a swing.

As all good things come to an end, this day also had a memorable sunset, however, the journey has just begun and everyone present, in one voice, promised to come back next year..



Prayer Breakfast Fellowship by the Department of Christian Emphasis



The New Delhi YMCA, Department of Christian Emphasis organized the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship program on Saturday, 11 February 2023 at 8:30 am in the Heinz Auditorium, YMCA Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi. The meeting began with a prayer offered by Mr. Joel Prem, Chairman, Department of Christian Emphasis, NDY. Mr. Mark Clive, GS & CEO, NDY, welcomed everyone present and especially welcomed Father Santosh, Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, Noida. The Praise and Worship were done by Ms. Diffy Doyle and the Team from St Mary's Church, Noida. The Scripture was read by Advocate Sandeep Arora, Vice President, NDY. The message was shared by Father Santosh, Dsa, Parish Priest, St. Mary's Church, Noida. The Father spoke about healing, hope, and faith in Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. He shared, that we should have a strong faith in our Saviour, only then can we proclaim victory in Him. Rev. Sunil Solomon Ghazan pronounced the closing Prayer and Benediction. The meeting closed with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, NDY. Around 70 people attended the program.



The New Delhi YMCA Department of Christian Emphasis organized a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday 11 March 2023 at 8.30 a.m. in the Heinz Auditorium, YMCA Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi. The gracious occasion began with a prayer by Rev. Joel Prem, Chairman, Christian Emphasis Committee. He also welcomed everyone present. The congregational hymn was "To God be the glory, great things He has done." The Scripture portion from the Gospel of Romans 6: 12-14 was read by Mr. James Massey, Member NDY. Praise & Worship was led by Mr. Joshua Lal & Team from the First Pentecostal Church, Faridabad.

Rev. Simon Chandra, Parish Priest and Managing Trustee of Nav Jeewan Church Trust Noida was the day's guest speaker. He spoke that we have to "Return to God". It is not just "repent and sin". But we should return wholeheartedly to Him because He is the Lord our God and He is always merciful.

The meeting concluded with a Prayer and Benediction by Rev. Sunil Gazan, Member New Delhi YMCA. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA. More than 75 people attended the meeting.

Pictorial Newsbytes

75th Independence Day - Celebration at RCDC Hodal



YMCA Hodal Volleybal Team



RCDC Staff Sports Event



RCDC Christmas Celebration



Retirement of Computer Faculty at RCDC Hodal



Teachers Day Celebrations at RCDC Hodal



NDY SHD - Sewing Machine Distribution



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