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FROM THE OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members & Friends,

Greetings !

In a world often overshadowed by darkness, it is our collective duty and privilege to be the light that pierces through the gloom. Inspired by the profound words of Jesus in Matthew 5:14-16, we are called to illuminate the path of righteousness and compassion for all to see. Let us reflect on what it means to be the light of the world and the impact it can have in our lives and communities.

The Call to Shine : "You are the light of the world," proclaims Matthew 5:14. This divine directive serves as a reminder that each one of us possesses the capacity to radiate goodness and hope. It challenges us to be a beacon of positive change, to stand out in a world often mired in cynicism.

Leading by Example : Being the light of the world isn't just about words; it's about action. Matthew 5:16 emphasizes that our good deeds should shine before others, glorifying God. Through acts of kindness, compassion, and selflessness, we can inspire and uplift those around us, creating a ripple effect of goodness.

Promoting Unity: The light of the world doesn't discriminate; it shines on all. In a world divided by differences, we can be the unifying force, showing that love, understanding, and acceptance transcend boundaries and labels. Our unity can dispel prejudice and hatred.

Offering Hope: In times of despair and uncertainty, our light can be a source of hope. By reaching out to those in need, offering support, and extending a hand of friendship, we can be the light that guides people through their darkest hours.

Impacting Future Generations: Our role as the light of the world extends to shaping the future. By instilling the values of kindness, empathy, and responsibility in the younger generation, we ensure that the light endures and continues to shine.

Being the light of the world is not a mere metaphor; it is a profound calling. It means actively living out our beliefs, sharing the warmth of our love, and making a positive difference. In a world where darkness can often feel overwhelming, let us take up this divine challenge with conviction, knowing that our collective light can pierce through even the deepest shadows, bringing hope, healing, and change to our world. We shall be the light of the world, and in doing so, we shall be the catalysts of transformation and goodness.

God Bless the New Delhi YMCA

With Warm Regards,
Rajeev Singh
General Secretary & CEO

Dear Members and Well-wishers of New Delhi YMCA,

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord & Savior Jesus Christ!

The Lord continues to strengthen and bless the New Delhi YMCA and its manifold activities. We are dedicated to serving the communities around us be it the urban youth, the rural community, the downtrodden and the marginalised but we cannot achieve much without the strength and grace God gives us to serve Him in serving our fellow humans. The contents of this newsletter are an expression of this commitment that we carry on with day by day and year by year. The programmes and activities bear witness to

While the sheer magnitude and variety of programmes and activities such as that of New Delhi YMCA may overwhelm the leadership but I am encouraged by the promises given in the word of God that we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us.

The New Delhi YMCA has created a powerful legacy through its pioneering and multifarious activities and by the grace of God it will be our continued endeavour to take the New Delhi YMCA towards greater things.

I will fail in my duty if I do not acknowledge the contribution and perseverance of all stakeholders. The Board of Directors who provide the wisdom and guidance to develop policies; the members contribute with experience at the committee level; the staff led by the GS & CEO implement policies and serve with enthusiasm and commitment and the well-wishers motivate with their encouraging support and prayers.

I pray that the coming Christmas Season will be a blessing for your family as we celebrate the birth of our Lord & Saviour Jesus Christ.

Regards and God bless you,

Joseph Anil Benjamin
President



Greater Noida Programme Centre

The New Delhi YMCA - Greater Noida Programme Centre organised a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 26 August 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the GNPC auditorium.

The Fellowship began with a wonderful prayer offered by Ms. Minna Franklin. Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA heartily welcomed the gathering. Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, New Delhi YMCA, and Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, GNPC, extended their cordial greetings to all the members present. This edition of the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship saw an overwhelming presence of approximately 151 people.

The Praise and Worship session was led by the students of Harvest Mission College, Greater Noida. They sang three beautiful gospel songs that filled the auditorium with a gracious atmosphere and made the gathering stand-up and rejoice joyfully.

Before the Sermon, the Scripture portion was taken from the Book of Psalm 118:1-4 was read in English by Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary, New Delhi YMCA and in Hindi reading was done by Mr. Gladwin Lal, AGS, New Delhi YMCA. The guest speaker, Pastor Sam Babi from Kingdom Warriors Church, Greater Noida, delivered the word of God and pronounced the importance of being happy for our blessings, because crying over our situations only succeeds the plans of the devil.

The Closing Prayer and Benediction was offered by Rev. Sandeep David, Presbyterian-in-charge, Christ Church, Noida.

The Assistant General Secretary, Mr. Hemant Agarwal invited the Chairman, Mr. Vijay Russell, and the General Secretary & CEO, Mr. Rajeev Singh for the felicitation ceremony, who presented the guests with planters and mementos.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Sagar Emanuel Paul, Assistant Secretary of GNPC, and the programme was anchored by Mr. Ashish Abraham, Trainee Secretary, New Delhi YMCA. All the members joined in the Fellowship Breakfast after the programme.



Greater Noida Programme Centre

The New Delhi YMCA - Greater Noida Programme Centre organised a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 30th September 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the GNPC auditorium.

Ms. Minna Franklin started the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship with a beautiful prayer. Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, and Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, GNPC, warmly greeted everyone. More than 90 persons attended the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship this time.

Harvest Mission College led the Praise and Worship session. They sang lovely gospel songs, filling the auditorium with a gracious ambiance and inspiring the people, as everyone sang along with the students.

The Scripture portion taken from the Gospel of Matthew 16 : 13-24, was read by Pastor Biju Parackal. The guest speaker, Rev. Sunil S. Ghazan, Presbyterian-in-charge St. Martin Church, CNI, Delhi Cantt, delivered the word of God and explained the importance of bearing the Cross, as he meditated on these words " if anyone would come after me, he must deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."

After the Sermon, the gathering sang the congregational hymn "aaj ka din yehova ne banaya hai"

The Closing Prayer and Benediction was offered by Rev. Sunil S. Ghazan. Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, invited the Chairman, Mr. Vijay Russell, to felicitate the guests with planters and mementos as a token of appreciation.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary. All the members joined in the Fellowship Breakfast after the programme.



Awareness Generation Programme – Say ‘No’ to Plastic.

An awareness generation programme was conducted on the 28th September with the theme ‘Say No to Plastics’ to emphasize on the harmful effects of single use plastics on the environment.

The programme started with opening prayer said by Mr. Ashish Abhaham, Trainee Secretary.

The Chief Guest for the programme was Mr. Shishpal Kaddan, Chairman Market Committee, Hodal, he emphasised the need for using alternate material for marketing and on the need to eliminate the use of plastic bags, etc. A memento of hand-made carry bag was presented to him, he also distributed writing pads made with recycled paper to the participants.

A talk on the detrimental effects of the single use plastics was given by Mr. Dayamay Mahato and Mr. Ashish Abraham, Trainee Secretary.

A total of 70 youth from various schools and colleges in Hodal participated in the programme; the youth benefitted from the programme.



Department of Christian Emphasis

The New Delhi YMCA, Department of Christian Emphasis organized a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 16th September 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at the Heinz Auditorium, Tourist Hostel, YMCA, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi.

The Prayer Fellowship began with a word of Prayer offered by Rev. Sunil S Ghazan Vice Chairman Christian Emphasis Committee, New Delhi YMCA.

It was followed by the congregational Hymn "What a Friend we have in Jesus".

Thereafter Mr. Noel Philips, Officiating General Secretary New Delhi YMCA, welcomed everyone present. Pastor Samrath Shukla & Team Family of Lord Jesus Church led the Praise and Worship.

The Scripture portion from Book of Proverb 18:21 & Luke 6:45 were read by Brother Simon Peter. Pastor Samrath Shukla, the Guest Speaker for the occasion delivered a spiritual and encouraging message including his powerful testimony.

The Meeting closed with a word of prayer by Mr. Noel Philips Officiating General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA and Benediction by Rev. Sunil S Ghazan, Vice Chairman CE, New Delhi YMCA.

The vote of thanks was offered by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA.

The programme was attended by Mr. Vijay Russell Member, Board of Director, Members and Well-Wishers of New Delhi Delhi YMCA & Secretaries of New Delhi YMCA. Around 90 people attended the program.



Awareness Generation Programme (AGP)

The Department of Social and Human Development organized 11 Awareness Generation Programmes at all 5 CDCs for the Community especially for the Youth and Women focusing on issues related to Empowerment, Health and Hygiene, Environmental issues. The AGP organised on Menstruation Health & Hygiene and distribution of Sanitary Pads to the girls, First Aid and Emergency Preparedness, Protection to Dengue & Malaria, & Safety Precautions during Monsoon, Financial Literacy, Non Traditional Livelihood Programmes, Liver Care, Women's Equality Day, World Environmental Health Day and World Heart Day. Total 376 participants participated in the Programme. The AGPs were organised in collaboration with Azad Foundation, Tech Mahindra Smart Academy, Ekta Shikshan Sansthan, Liver Care Foundation, Malaria Department, MCD

Donation of Sewing Machines by Union Bank of India to CDC Sunlight Colony

The Union Bank of India donated 05 Hand Sewing Machines (Hand) to Community Development Centre Sunlight Colony on 25th August 2023 at their Regional Office, Delhi North as part of their Empower Her Initiative with an objective to enhance skills. Underprivileged Women & Girls enrolled for Diploma in Cutting & Tailoring classes at CDC Sunlight Colony, Seemapuri. The Donation of 5 Sewing machines was facilitated through Dr. Rajeev Joy Nathan SHD Committee Member and the New Delhi YMCA is grateful to him for his initiative. The Programme was attended by Mr. Francis Andrade Vice Chairman of SHD, Dr Rajeev Joy Nathan Member, Mr Vineet Masih Assistant General Secretary and Ms. Monica Singh Programme Officer, Department of SHD. Also present were Mr. Arun Kumar General Manager HR, HR Central office Union Bank of India, Mr. P. Ramnath Diwaker Regional Head, Mr. Gurdeep Singh Deputy Regional Head, Mr. Sanjay Kumar Deputy Regional Head, Union Bank of India & Ms. Prachi Choudhary Head Incharge, Union Bank of India, GTB Enclave.

Teachers Day Programme

The Department of Social and Human Development organized a programme on the occasion of Teachers Day on 5th September 2023 at all Community Development Centers with all Visiting Faculties of all CDC's. A Cultural programme was presented by the students offering respect to the teachers on the occasion of Teachers' Day. The programme was graced by the presence of Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer, Department of SHD.

Distribution of SAM NINAN OOMMEN EXCELLENCE AWARD

This award is in the memory of the former member of New Delhi YMCA, Mr. Sam Ninan Oommen. Mr. Sam Ninan Oommen had a very close and long-standing association with the YMCA. The Sam Ninan Oommen Excellence Award also known as "SNOE" Award consisting of an amount of Rs 25000/- annually, is a contribution for the lesser privileged children of Department of Social and Human Development New Delhi YMCA sponsored by Mrs. Mercy Oommen wife of Sam Ninan Oommen. This award is being distributed to 10 students of the Community Development Centers on 23rd September 2023.

The Recipient of the award this year were Karan, Yushika, (CDC Kalyanpuri), Ashu, Simran (CDC Sunlight Colony), Soni Kumari, Poonam (CDC Daya Basti), Kajal, Preeti (CDC Karpoori Thakur) and Sanjana, Shivani (CDC Savda Ghevra). Mrs. Oommen announced that after her death, this amount will continue to be sponsored by her daughters. Mary Oommen, Rebecca Oommen and Elizabeth Oommen George. The New Delhi YMCA express their heartfelt gratitude and thanks for their noble gesture in supporting the underprivileged students.



Department of Social Human Development



Felicitation of SHD Achievers in Board Examination

The Department of Social and Human Development organized a programme to felicitate the Achievers in Board Examination on 23rd September 2023. These students hail from the Community Development Centers who have passed their class X and XII Board Exams after receiving Coaching at different NDY Community Development Centers. The programme was graced by the presence of President NDY, Mr. J.A. Benjamin, Chairman SHD, Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben, Vice President NDY, Mr. Alok Michyari, Hony. Treasurer Mr. Inderjit Lal, Mr. Stephen Dacosta, Board Member NDY, Mr. Saju Varghese, Mr. James Massey, SHD Committee Members, Ms. Pamela Goswami, Former State Secretary Govt. of India, Mrs. Mercy Oommen and her daughters Mary & Rebecca and other Rotarians. The 05 Community Development Centers were running 09 Coaching Classes with a total of 124 students out of which 95 students (36 students of Xth and 59 students of XIIth) secured first division and 13 of these students secured 80% and above. The highest scorers were Ms. Sagufta Aafreen with 95.20% in class XII from CDC Sunlight Colony and Ms. Shagun with 91.80% in class X from CDC Savda Ghevra.

NIIT CCMO 7th Batch Certificate Distribution

The Department of Social and Human Development has successfully completed 8 batches of 3 months Certificate Course in Microsoft Office (CCMO) with NIIT Foundation. Total 565 students were enrolled in 8 batches. Currently 9th Batch is running at all the Community Development Centers in collaboration with NIIT Foundation. Certificates were distributed to the 56 students of 7th Batch of NIIT CCMO on 23rd September 2023

Distribution of Gifts to the participants of Independence Day Cultural Programme at CDC Kalyanpuri

As a gesture of appreciation and encouragement Ms. Pamela Goswami, Former State Secretary, Govt. of India, graciously bestowed thoughtful gifts to children for their participation in Independence Day cultural programme.



Department of Social Human Development

The Visiting Faculties from all five Community Development Centers were honoured and presented with gifts by the Guest and Dignitaries present on the occasion. 15 Visiting Faculties, 3 from each CDC were awarded the Outstanding Performers award keeping in view the hard and sincere work put in by them throughout the year at their respective Centers. The Visiting Faculties who were given the Outstanding Performer Award were Mr. Shamshad, Ms. Kavita, and Ms. Nirmala of CDC Sunlight Colony, Ms. Nisha Gahlot, Ms. Neha Bala, and Mr. Suraj of CDC Daya Basti, Ms. kanchan, Field Administration Worker Mr. Naveen, Mr. Rahul of CDC Kalyanpuri, Ms. Bhawna, Ms. Manju Saini, and Ms. Savita Rani, Field Administration Worker of CDC Karpoori Thakur, Ms. Sahroon Nisha, Mr. Sandeep, and Ms. Manita, from CDC Savda-Ghevra.



Selection of students for Advance Computer courses at India Habitat Learning Center



Six students of Community Development Centers were selected for free ship for the Advanced Computer Course (ADCC) and Basic of Visual Documentation Course (BVD) at India Habitat Learning Center. The course duration is 6 months starting from 28th August 2023. 05 Students from CDC Karpoori Thakur and 1 student from CDC Kalyanpuri are attending classes at India Habitat Learning Center for 2 hours daily. The Selected Students are Alia Khan , Jai Kumar Verma, Payal, Riya, Pankaj Kumar from CDC Karpoori Thakur and, Zahoor Mehdi CDC Kalyanpuri.

Financial Support to Nandini Haldar

Ms. Nandini Haldar was awarded scholarship to pursue her coaching under the Teacher Recruitment Test Primary Teacher (PRT) for Delhi Subordinate Service Selection Board (DSSSB) from TN College of Competitions as recommended by SHD Committee Meeting. The scholarship was given to Ms. Haldar by Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, NDY in the presence of Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary, SHD and Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer, SHD



Family Counselling Centre Core Group Meeting

The Department of Social and Human Development Family Counseling Centre organized a Core Group Meeting on 29th September 2023 with representatives of 28 NGOs and Government Departments. The objective of this meeting was networking, with neighborhood NGOs and Government Departments in fulfilling the objective of Community Development and providing supportive services to each other. 50 participants took part in the meeting. The Programme started with the welcome of the participants followed by the introduction of all the representatives of other NGOs and Governmental Agencies. The programme was attended by Mr. Dharmendra Prasad, District Officer East & North East Delhi, Ms. Geetanjali & Ms. Neha, Welfare Officer, Department of Social Welfare and Ms. Kumkum, Case Worker from One Stop Centre, representatives of different NGOs, Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer, Department of SHD, Mr. Mark Anugrah Biswas, Trainee Secretary, NDY and also Community Organizers & Field Supervisors of all Community Development Centres attended the Core Group Meeting. The Vote of thanks was proposed by Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer, Department of SHD expressing her gratitude to all the present.



ZONAL SLOGAN WRITING COMPETITION

The YMCA Public School proudly organized the first ever Inter-School Zonal level Slogan Writing Competition in collaboration with schools from Zone 25, Delhi. This event witnessed enthusiastic participation from approximately 30 schools, making it a grand success in promoting literary skills, creativity, and healthy competition among the young minds.

The competition was divided into eight categories to accommodate a diverse range of participants:

Senior Boys (English), Senior Girls (English), Junior Boys (English), Junior Girls (English)
Senior Boys (Hindi), Senior Girls (Hindi), Junior Boys (Hindi), Junior Girls (Hindi)

To ensure impartial and expert judgment, we were honored to have four judges from Zone 29 School. Their expertise added value to the competition, and their fairness was appreciated by all participants.

The competition saw a diverse participation from schools across Zone 25, fostering healthy competition and promoting cultural exchange among students. Participants exhibited their literary prowess, creating thought-provoking slogans that addressed a wide array of social and environmental issues.

The Principal of YMCA Public School played a pivotal role in ensuring the event's success. Their guidance and encouragement motivated both participants and organizers. The organizing team, comprising Sheena Paul and seven dedicated teachers, worked tirelessly to ensure that the event went off without a hitch. Their meticulous planning and coordination were instrumental in its success.

The Inter-School Zonal Slogan Writing Competition, Zone 25, Delhi, was an inspiring showcase of young talent and a testament to the power of literary expression. The competition not only encouraged creativity but also promoted language proficiency and awareness of societal issues among the students. We commend all participants for their enthusiastic involvement and applaud their literary skills and creativity. Such events contribute significantly to the holistic development of students and the nurturing of their talents.

Teachers' Day Celebration

Teachers' Day at YMCA Public School was a day filled with appreciation, gratitude, and joyful celebrations. It was a heartwarming occasion that not only celebrated the tireless dedication of our teachers but also showcased the talents of our senior students.

The highlight of the day was the splendid performances by our senior students. They showcased their creativity and acting skills through entertaining skits and plays that celebrated the roles and qualities of our beloved teachers. These performances left both teachers and students in fits of laughter and warm admiration.

A vibrant cultural program was organized, featuring a medley of dances, songs, and poetry recitations. This cultural extravaganza added a colorful and artistic touch to the celebration, and the students' talents were on full display.

In recognition of the unwavering commitment and hard work of our teachers, the school presented them with token of appreciation and gratitude. These thoughtful gifts were a small gesture to express our immense gratitude for their dedication to shaping the future of our students.

A delightful surprise came in the form of a visit from the Axis Bank team, who joined in the festivities. Their presence added a touch of corporate goodwill and made the day even more special. They actively participated in the celebrations, making the event even more enjoyable.

The Teachers' Day celebration was a resounding success, thanks to the collaborative efforts of the students, teachers, and the support of the Axis Bank team. It was a day filled with laughter, appreciation, and a sense of unity among the school community.

As we are reminded of the profound impact they have on the lives of our students. Teachers' Day served as a reminder of the importance of recognizing and appreciating their relentless efforts in shaping the future of our youth.



Rangoli Competition

Rangoli Competition Participants: Students (class 6 to 11) Organized By: YMCA Public School Judges: Principal Mr. CP Davis and Coordinator Mrs. Namita Kakkar

Overview: YMCA Public School organized a vibrant and creative Rangoli Competition for the students of classes 6 to 11. The event aimed to foster creativity, teamwork, and cultural appreciation among the students. The competition was held on 29.08.2023 and showcased the artistic talents of our young learners.

Students from different houses enthusiastically participated in the event. The houses, namely Blue House, Red House, Green House, and Yellow House, displayed their artistic flair through a diverse range of rangoli designs. Each house was given a unique theme to work on, resulting in a diverse and colorful array of rangoli designs:

Blue house chose the theme of 'Flowers' and created a magnificent rangoli featuring intricate floral patterns. Their use of vibrant colors and attention to detail left the audience in awe. Red House: Taking on the theme of 'Birds,' Red House showcased their creativity by crafting a stunning bird-themed rangoli. Their design featured colorful birds in flight, capturing the essence of freedom and beauty. Green House embarked on a cosmic journey with the theme 'Chandrayaan.' They depicted India's lunar exploration mission through a celestial and space-themed rangoli that impressed everyone with its intricacy. Yellow House opted for an 'Attractive Design' theme, and their rangoli was a mesmerizing fusion of various patterns and shapes, reflecting the versatility of their creative abilities.

The judging panel comprised our esteemed Principal, Mr. CP Davis, and the dedicated Coordinator, Mrs. Namita Kakkar. Their experience and expertise added value to the event, and they had the challenging task of evaluating the creativity, precision, and overall presentation of each rangoli.

After careful consideration, the judges announced that the Red House had created the most outstanding rangoli in the competition, with their 'Birds' themed artwork. Their attention to detail and artistic execution earned them the coveted first place.

The Rangoli Competition was a resounding success, showcasing the artistic talents of our young students and promoting teamwork and cultural appreciation. It was a wonderful opportunity for our students to express their creativity and learn about various themes.



Zonal Level Competitions

Poster Making, Essay Writing, Debate, Poem Recitation, Dance, Table Tennis and Badminton

The months of August and September marked a significant milestone for YMCA Public School as our students, for the first time, ventured into the realm of zonal level competitions across a diverse range of fields. These competitions provided a platform for our young talents to showcase their skills, knowledge, and creativity.

Our enthusiastic students actively participated in various zonal level competitions, including Poster Making, Essay Writing, Debate, Poem Recitation, Dance, and several sports events. Their participation was an embodiment of their dedication, enthusiasm, and willingness to excel beyond the classroom.

We are thrilled to announce that two of our students excelled in the Zonal Level Essay Writing Competition. Their exceptional writing skills and insightful content earned them a well-deserved qualification for the District Level. This accomplishment not only highlights their individual excellence but also reflects positively on the quality of education and guidance provided at YMCA Public School.

Participating in these competitions was a great learning experience for our students. It provided them with an opportunity to interact with peers from other schools, exchange ideas, and broaden their horizons. It was a platform for them to express their creativity, hone their communication skills, and showcase their physical prowess in sports events.

The participation of YMCA Public School students in various zonal level competitions in the month of August was indeed a remarkable experience. It not only allowed our students to explore their talents but also instilled in them a sense of healthy competition and the importance of sportsmanship.

We congratulate the two students who qualified for the District Level in the Essay Writing Competition and wish them the best in their preparations. Their achievement serves as an inspiration to their peers and showcases the caliber of students at our school.

As we continue to nurture our students' talents and encourage their participation in various extracurricular activities, we anticipate more achievements and successes in the future. YMCA Public School remains committed to providing a well-rounded education that empowers our students to excel in both academics and extracurricular pursuits.



YMCA Public School - Special Wing

Painting Competition Among Differently Able Children on the Occasion of World Habitat Day 2023

A "Painting competition among differently abled children on the occasion of World Habitat Day 2023" was organised by BMTPC on 20th September 2023. Entries in different categories were required to be submitted to BMTPC. YPS Special Wing selected and forwarded many entries. The theme of the painting competition was "Resilient Urban Economies - Cities as Drivers of Growth and Recovery".

A panel of judges from BMTPC scrutinised the entries and selected the winners. Krishna Pashan students of YPS Special Wing, was selected for First Prize in category "Mentally Challenged - Mild" and Mohd. Maaz for Consolation Prize in category "Mentally Challenged - Moderate", respectively.

On 9th October 2023, in a glittering ceremony at Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi, Shri Hareep Singh Puri, Hon'ble Minister MoHUA felicitated the winners of the competition in different categories. Krishna Pashan received the First Prize Certificate and Mohd. Maaz received a Consolation Prize Certificate from the Hon'ble Minister.

Both our young talents have made the YMCA proud and this has been possible due to the dedication and motivation by the teachers and yet again proving that "many people are born with talent and some develop talent with time".



Teachers Training Institute for Special Education



Orientation of New Batch of Diploma in Education in Special Education(Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities)

The orientation of the new batch of D. Ed. SE IDD 2023-24 was held on 25th August 2023, whereby the students were briefed about the training programme. The External final Examinations for the DE. Ed. SE IDD batch 2021-23 and batch 2022-24 commenced on 17th September 2023. The first year batch 2023-25 visited the Tamanna School of Hope at Vasant Vihar on 21st September 2023. The exposure visit was to sensitize the Diploma students about Autism Spectrum Disorder.

Rakhi Making Activity at YMCA Public School

The Rakhi Making Activity held on August 28, 2022, at YMCA Public School was a delightful and creative event that brought together students from Class 1 to 5. This event was organized to celebrate the festival of Raksha Bandhan and instill in our young learners the cultural significance and values associated with this festival.

The Rakhi Making Activity commenced in the morning, with eager students assembling in the school's art and craft room. Each participant was provided with a kit containing colorful threads, beads, sequins, and other decorative materials, along with safety scissors and glue. The students were excited and ready to craft beautiful Rakhis for their siblings and friends.

The atmosphere in the art room was filled with creativity and enthusiasm as students enthusiastically designed their Rakhis. They displayed remarkable artistic skills and innovative ideas, incorporating various elements like beads, sequins, and vibrant threads to create unique and personalized Rakhis.

This activity not only encouraged creativity but also imparted important values associated with Raksha Bandhan, such as love, care, and the bond between siblings. Students were encouraged to reflect on the significance of the festival and its message of protection and love.

As the Rakhis took shape, students' faces beamed with joy and satisfaction. They were proud of their handcrafted creations, knowing that these Rakhis would convey their heartfelt emotions to their loved ones.

The Rakhi Making Activity at YMCA Public School was a resounding success. It not only allowed students to engage in a fun and creative exercise but also fostered a deeper understanding of the cultural and emotional aspects of Raksha Bandhan. This event reinforced the school's commitment to holistic education that nurtures both creativity and values in our students.

We extend our gratitude to the teachers, staff, and volunteers who contributed to the success of this activity and made it a memorable experience for our students.



Teachers Training Institute for Special Education

The students of First year Batch of Diploma in Education (Intellectual and Development Disabilities) visited the Blind Relief Association at Lodhi Road on 20th October 2023. The exposure visit was to sensitize the Diploma students about Visual impairment. The visually impaired students of the school showcased their expertise of various vocational products like candles, Diyas, Handmade bags, Folders etc. The diploma students were oriented about the audio books, braille books and orientation mobility.

The Diploma in Education (Intellectual and Development Disabilities) students of Second Year Batch had an internship in the YMCA public school from 11th till 19th October 2023, whereby they conducted classes from 1st to 5th Standard on all academic subjects

The first year Diploma in Education (Intellectual and Development Disabilities) batch students displayed the Teaching Learning Material on 19th October 2023. The teaching aids were specially to teach the children with Special needs.



Tree Plantation Programme



On September 3, 2023, a tree plantation event was organized at the YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal. This initiative aimed to contribute to environmental conservation, promote awareness about the importance of trees, and engage in a sustainable endeavour.

The event witnessed a remarkable turnout, with participants including YMCA board members Mr. J.A. Benjamin, President, NDY, Mr. Alope Michyari, Vice President, NDY, Mr. Aseem Raj Zinus, Chairman, YMCA Campsite, Sattal, Mr. Peter Prem, Board Member, NDY, Mr. Nikhil Bannerjee, Board Member, NDY, Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, NDY, Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, NDY and Mr. Sarthak Tunious, Trainee Secretary, NDY eagerly took part in the tree plantation.

Local experts were consulted to select suitable tree species for the plantation, considering the local climate and environmental conditions. Indigenous species such as Deodar was chosen to ensure the survival and adaptability. The planting process was carried out systematically, with proper care taken to ensure the correct depth and spacing between each sapling. Maintenance to be taken care of which involves regular watering, mulching, and protection from wildlife ensuring that these saplings will have a higher chance of survival, contributing to the local biodiversity and mitigating the effects of climate change.

Plants saplings were planted during the event, greatly enriching the forested area around the Campsite. The tree plantation event at the YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal, was a resounding success. It not only added to the green cover of the region but also fostered a sense of environmental responsibility and community bonding. Initiatives like these are crucial in the ongoing effort to combat environmental challenges and promote sustainable practices.

The YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre hopes to continue hosting such events in the future, emphasizing the importance of tree plantation and environmental education for the betterment of our planet.

YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre - Sattal

North India Region of YMCAs Annual Regional Conference and Regional Council Meeting

On September 2nd and 3rd, 2023, YMCA Campsite cum Programme Center, Sattal, (A division of New Delhi YMCA) hosted the North India Region of YMCAs Annual Regional Conference and Regional Council Meeting. 38 representatives from eight YMCAs in the North India region attended the conference. The Conference's theme was "Rebuilding towards Vision 2030" based on the World YMCA Vision 2030.

At 3 pm, conference began with a quick chorus song and prayer conducted by Pastor Pradeep, Bhowali-based Redemption Ministry. Shortly after that the devotion, program was inaugurated by Chairman of North India Region Mr. Felix Fernandes who extends a cordial greeting to the delegates on behalf of the North India Region. Mr. Joseph Benjamin, President of the New Delhi YMCA, conveyed his greetings and wishing other YMCAs could volunteer to host these gatherings. Dr. Rev. N C George, the resident Acharya of Sattal Christian Ashram, inaugurated the conference with representatives from the Regional YMCAs by lightening the lamp. The keynote address was given by Chief Guest Rev. Dr. N. C. George. He thanked the YMCA in his speech for performing excellent things globally. He highlighted some of the crucial features of constructing a vision using biblical reference from Proverbs 29:18 stating examples of Moses, Eliza, Peter, John, and the Apostle Paul from the Bible. The Regional Secretary, Mr. Bhen Samson, proposed vote of thanks to end the inaugural event. Mr. Alope Michyari, Vice-President, New Delhi YMCA offered the closing prayer.

After that, Mr. Peter Prem, Board Member, New Delhi YMCA took the first session on the subject of "Impacting Change Among Youth" in which he discussed how today's kids are impacted by a variety of variables as a result of negative influences that exist in society. He offered instances of Christ's twelve disciples who left the things of this world behind and followed Christ. Mr. Vijay Russell, Board Member, New Delhi YMCA led the second session on "YMCA Relevance to our calling". He cited the biblical example of Nehemiah and his calling to restore Jerusalem's wall.

On the second day, Palwal YMCA's President, Pastor Daniel Nag, conducted the devotion and chorus songs were led Mr. Abhishek Charan and Mr. Bhen Samson. Mr. Bhen Samson, Regional Secretary gave a power point presentation at the third session on "Compliances by YMCAs". He highlighted the significance of adhering to the documentations that YMCAs need to follows as per the mandatory clauses laid down in the constitution. Eight YMCAs gave their annual reports for the years 2022-2023 after the tea break.

The Business Session, started at 11:30am presided over by Mr. Felix Fernandes, Regional Chairman. Mr. Rajesh Baptist from the Ajmer YMCA offered the opening prayer. Mr. Bhen Sampson, Regional Secretary presented the Annual Report 2022 - 23 and on behalf of the Hony. Reg. Treasurer, Regional Secretary presented the Audited Statement of Accounts for the year 2022-23. Regional Secretary provided information of the next regional programs, and requested to participate more actively.

The Regional Secretary proposed the vote of thanks and Mr. Peter Prem from the New Delhi YMCA closing prayer brought the Regional Council Meeting to a close.



CRICKET CAMP

Throughout the month of October 2023, the YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal hosted engaging and successful cricket camp on its historic Cricket field. The camp aimed to provide a platform for cricket enthusiasts, both novices and seasoned players, to hone their skills, foster teamwork and embrace the spirit of the sport within the serene environment of the YMCA facilities.

The primary objective of hosting Cricket camps was to offer comprehensive training, skill development and an immersive experience in cricket. The camp targeted academies and clubs passionate about the sport and aimed to enhance their technical abilities, strategic thinking and overall understanding of the game.

The Cricket Camps witnessed significant achievements and highlights:

1. Diverse participation
2. Expert Guidance
3. Enhanced Skills
4. Team Building

The October cricket camps held at YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal proved to be tremendous success, offering a valuable learning experience and fostering a deeper love for the sport among the participants. This season we hosted teams and academies from Meerut, Moradabad, Lucknow, Ghaziabad, Rudrapur and Bareilly.

The camp not only enhanced cricketing skills but also instilled important values of sportsmanship, teamwork and dedication. The participants left with improved abilities, new friendships and cherished memories of their time spent at the historic YMCA Cricket field. The YMCA involvement in hosting such camps demonstrates its commitment to sports and community engagement, creating a platform for athletes to showcase their skills and passion for cricket.



Women Empowerment Workshop

The New Delhi YMCA (NDY) Programme, Cultural & Tribal Committee (PCTC), organized a Women Empowerment Workshop on Friday, 07 October 2023, 10:30 am onwards. The theme of the workshop was "Role of Empowered Women for Empowering the World". The Elite Speaker Panel for the Program included Mrs. Dora Prem, Vice President, New Delhi YWCA; Mrs. Mavis Russell, Board Member, New Delhi YWCA; Mrs. Ms. Kalyani Raj, President, All India Women's Conference (AIWC); and Ms. Gomati Bodhra, Associate Professor, Department of Sociology, Jamia Millia Islamia. This initiative highlighted and discussed critical aspects of Women's Empowerment such as Women in Leadership, Work-Life Balance, Women's Health and Wellbeing, Security, Discrimination and Violence Issues, Equality in Opportunity, Gender Diversity, Government Initiatives for Women Empowerment, etc. The Workshop was attended by 50+ delegates, most of which were women from various facets of industry and community. The key delegates & guests included Mr. Inderjit Lal, Honorary Treasurer, NDY; Mr. James Massey, Member, PCTC; Mr. Saju Varghese, Member, NDY; Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, NDY; and Mr. Ashish Thorat, Associate General Secretary, NDY. The outcome of the Workshop entailed raising awareness about women and human rights, understanding the essence of empowerment, social and economic advancements for women empowerment, women's potential to develop the community and nation at large, etc. The workshop concluded with a highly interactive Panel Discussion based on the questions and queries of the delegates and participants. The program was very well received by everyone in attendance and was highly appreciated. The organizing team included Mr. Alope Michyari, Chairman, PCTC; Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary, NDY; Mr. Philip Harold, Programme Assistant, NDY.



Prayer Breakfast by Department of Christian Emphasis



The New Delhi YMCA Department of Christian Emphasis organized a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 21st October 2023 at 8:30 a.m. at the Heinz Auditorium, Tourist Hostel, YMCA, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi. The Prayer Fellowship began with a word of Prayer offered by Pastor Joel Prem Chairman Christian Emphasis Committee, New Delhi YMCA. It was followed by the congregational Hymn "What a Friend we have in Jesus". Thereafter Mr. Ashish Throat Associate General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, welcomed everyone present. Pastor Rajesh Morris & Family of Lord Jesus Church Team, led the Praise and Worship. The Scripture portion from the Book of 1 Corinthians 6:19-20 was read by James Massey. Rev. Avinash David Mishra, Founder and Senior Pastor of Living God Church and Living God Group was the Guest Speaker for the occasion with a spiritual and encouraging message from the Lord our God. The Meeting closed with a word of prayer and Benediction by Rev. Avinash David Mishra. The vote of thanks was offered by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA. The programme was attended by Mr. Vijay Russell Member, Board of Director, Members and Well-Wishers of New Delhi Delhi YMCA & Secretaries of New Delhi YMCA. Around 80 people attended the program.

Opening Ceremony of the New Accounts (Cashier) Office



With the purview of the progressive development of the NDY, a new Fee Collection Cashier Office was added to the sprawling NDY infrastructure. This office is located adjacent to the Y School of Music Recreation Hall and is strategically positioned between the Corporate Office, Music School, Sports Department, and Tourist Hostel building, for ease of access and convenience of members and beneficiaries. The Office was inaugurated and blessed by Rev. Timothy Shaw, Presbyter in charge, Free Church, Parliament Street. The dignitaries included the presence of Mr. J A Benjamin, President, NDY; Mr. Rajeev Singh, GS & CEO, NDY; Secretarial Cadre, Accounts executives, and NDY staff.

Department of Sports

Activity Report from August to October 2023

The New Delhi YMCA - Department of Sports is growing day by day, and this growth can be seen in almost every area of the Sports Department.

In the Sports department, regular coaching are being conducted for Lawn Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, Karate and Swimming. Regular Activities of the New Delhi YMCA, Department of Sports are going on in full swing. YMCA Fitness Center is also running with good number of Members. We have very good participation from our members, who are showcasing their enthusiasm for sports activities and fitness.

Swimming Pool: Morning Batches of Swimming starts from 6:00 am and goes on till 10:00 am. Again in the evening, batches start from 3:00 pm and goes on till 9:00 pm. The Swimming Pool has activities of Swimming Coaching (for beginners) & Practice (for swimmers). We have total 4 Male Coaches and Lifeguard and 1 Female Coach, who take care of all the members. We also have a Toddler's Pool, where children (6 yrs and below) are being trained. The total number of Members registered in Swimming from August to October 2023 are as following :

Swimming Practice : 44 Members
Swimming Coaching) : 323 Members
Toddler's Pool : 11 Members

Fitness Center: We have two well-trained Gym Instructors, who spend time with the Members and guide them in their Fitness Training. YMCA Fitness Center facilities are well-utilised by the members. The numbers members coming to Fitness Center were 220 out of which 49 members were registered in the months of September and October 2023.

Karate: Total 49 Members were there in the month of October 2023 for Karate classes. Karate coaching is being provided to the members in the evening hours thrice a week. Professional Trainers takes care of the members coming for Karate Classes. As discussed, we are planning to start classes in the morning too as the demand is increasing.

Lawn Tennis: The membership count for Lawn Tennis coaching was 95 members out of 18 new registrations were done during August to October 2023. The Lawn Tennis coaching is being conducted both in the morning as well as in the evening.

Basketball: Classes for Basketball are conducted in the evening on alternate days. Total 33 members registered out of 10 new registrations were done for Basketball Coaching from August to October 2023.

Volleyball: Volleyball coaching is being provided to the members in the evening from Monday to Friday by professional Coach. For Volleyball coaching there were total no of 25 students during August to October 2023. Due to the participation in other tournaments and examinations few students did not continue with the training but will rejoin in coming months.



Department of Sports

YMCA Aquatic Championship 2023

New Delhi YMCA, Department of Sports organised "YMCA Invitational Aquatic Championship-2023" from 31st August to 02nd September 2023 at the New Delhi YMCA Swimming Pool, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi.

Almost 600 children from 40 schools participated from Delhi and NCR in the 3-day Program. 483 children participated in the individual events and a total 26 teams of children participated in the Team events from different schools. A total of 96 events were held in different categories throughout the 3 days of the Championship. Altogether 61 students won prizes in different categories.

The Group Championship Trophy in the Boys category was won by Mata Savitri Devi Sanjivani School, Delhi, and in the Girls category, it was won by St. Xaviers' Sr. Sec. School, Rajniwas Marg.

The Overall Trophy in the Aquatic Championship was won by Birla Vidya Niketan School, Delhi for both the Boys and Girls categories.



Superannuation

- Mr. Mahender Ingle as Driver at Corporate Office w.e.f. 31-10-2023
- Mr. Mangat Ram Katyal Helper at Tourist Hostel w.e.f. 31-10-2023

Obituaries

- Wife of Mr.Vincent Jacob, Maintenance Officer NDY passed away on 31/08/2023.
- Brother-in-Law of Mr Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary NDY and elder brother of Mr Phillip Harold, Programme Assistant NDY passed away on 19/10/2023.
- Mother-in-law Mr.Vincent Jacob Maintenance Officer NDY passed away on 23/10/23
- Ms. Angelina, Executive ERP - lost her uncle on 28/10/2023
- Wife of Rev. Sunil Ghazan, NDY passed away on 30/10/2023

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