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**FROM THE DESK OF THE
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**FROM THE OFFICE OF
THE PRESIDENT**

Joyful Celebration at New Delhi YMCA marks the Christmas Season.

As the Christmas season unfolds, the New Delhi YMCA becomes a haven of festive cheer and community spirit. This year's celebrations were nothing short of spectacular, as the various departments/divisions came together to create a memorable Christmas Programmes.

The New Delhi YMCA echoed with the Christmas Celebrations at all its centres at Jai Singh Road, Nizamuddin, Hodal, Greater Noida and Sattal where the families, members, well-wishers and friends gathered for a series of festive events. From heart-warming carol singing to various Christmas programmes, the spirit of Christmas was palpable in every corner.

The true essence of the season was captured in the goodwill initiatives organized by the New Delhi YMCA community. Outreach programs, charity drives and partnerships with local communities showcased the organization's commitment to making a positive impact beyond its walls.

In the spirit of inclusivity, the New Delhi YMCA welcomed individuals from all walks of life to join the celebrations. The diversity of attendees reflected the New Delhi YMCA's dedication to fostering a sense of belonging and unity in the community.

The Board Members under the Presidentship of Mr. J A Benjamin, the members, Secretaries and Staff of New Delhi YMCA played a crucial role in ensuring the smooth execution of events, embodying the YMCA's ethos of service to others. Their dedication and enthusiasm added an extra layer of warmth to the festivities, making everyone feel a part of something truly special.

As we bid farewell to another enchanting Christmas season at the New Delhi YMCA, the memories created within its walls will linger in the hearts of those who attended. The celebration served not only as a time of merriment but also as a reminder of the power of community and compassion during the Christmas Season.

It was good to see the NDY Members and their families in good numbers during the Christmas Fellowship Lunch held on 17/12/2023.

As this year ends, I would like to appreciate the contribution made by everyone towards the success of NDY in the past year and May the year 2024 continue to be a great blessing for each one of us.

God Bless the New Delhi YMCA.

With Warm Regards,
Rajeev Singh
General Secretary & CEO

Dear Members & Well-wishers of the New Delhi YMCA,

Greetings in the Majestic name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and the NDY, I would like to extend my heartfelt greetings and blessings to you and your families for a prosperous New Year. After immersing ourselves in the indulgencies of the Christmas season and enjoy the warmth and togetherness of friends and family, let us not deviate from the deserved-impending reverence to our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, whose unconditional love and compassion towards mankind enabled the joyous occasion of the birth of the Son of God.

The New Delhi YMCA through its various programs and events, has successfully highlighted & exhibited the essence of Christmas and the holiday season has enabled us to gather formally and informally to express our happiness and spread the compassion of the festive modalities through regular gatherings at the NDY during the December month of lights, chill weather, coziness, and feasts.

Now that we have entered the New Year, there will always be challenges and obstacles that present themselves as a multi-faceted opportunity to display the dedication and mettle of the New Delhi YMCA Members, Board, Management, Cadre, Executives, Staff, and well-wishers, as we face the unforeseen future with the confidence and assurance that we are sheltered by the Grace of the Almighty and nothing is impossible if we maintain our focus and efforts towards the ethos, values, vision, and mission of our organization.

Let's continue to dedicate our earnest efforts to serve the community, the society, and the Nation through our Prayers, Support, and Cooperation.

Kindly continue to keep the New Delhi YMCA in your Prayers.

Regards & God Bless,

J A Benjamin
President, NDY

NDY MEMBERS FELLOWSHIP LUNCH



During the Christmas Season, New Delhi YMCA organized a Christmas Fellowship lunch for the Members and their families on Sunday, 17th December 2023 in the Tourist Hostel Lawns, New Delhi YMCA, Jai Singh Road. Mr. J A Benjamin, President, New Delhi YMCA shared his greetings and Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO welcomed everyone and also conveyed his gratitude to the Members for their contribution during the year. The Department of Christian Emphasis also organized the 'Christmas Choir Concert' where the staff of the New Delhi YMCA participated. Mr Rajinald Vijay Milton directed the Choir. It was a time when everyone enjoyed listening to some wonderful Christmas songs and traditional Carols. The Concert was for about an hour. The Concert was covered by Aajtak News (live/YouTube) and many people witnessed the event.

It was good to see the Members and their families in this get-together, sharing their happiness and wishes with each other. During the performance of Christmas Carols by the Staff, the appearance of Santa Claus added joy to the fellowship as the Santa Claus distributed candies to the kids present during the fellowship lunch.

NDY STAFF CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

Staff Christmas Fellowship Lunch

Staff Christmas Fellowship Lunch was organized on 16 December, 2023. The New Delhi YMCA staff joined from all the Divisions (Jai Singh Road, Nizamuddin, Greater Noida Programme Centre, Sattal Campsite and Rural Community Development Centre, Hodal). It was good to see the participation of the staff from every Department of NDY. This is the annual function which the NDY organizes every year for the staff, where all the staff come together for a fellowship and interact with each other. During the fellowship lunch, Mr. John Prakash, Head HR, introduced the new staff who joined during the year. This year there were some interactive games also introduced which was a huge success as everyone enjoyed the activity. The winners were given Chocolates by the Office Bearers. During the fellowship, Mr J. A. Benjamin, President, NDY conveyed his greetings. Mr Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, in his welcome address, conveyed his appreciation to the staff for their dedicated service to the New Delhi YMCA. During the fellowship, the President & General Secretary & CEO awarded the letter to the following staff who got their Promotion.

Congratulations to :

Ms. Meenakshi Gupta, Executive Director, IOM & IFTD
Mr. Rajinald Vijay Milton, Assistant Manager, Systems & IT
Ms. Leelamma John, Executive Secretary
Mr. Vincent Jacob, Maintenance Officer
Mr. Shyamal Sharma -Executive Purchase
Mr. Rajesh Pandir - Accounts Officer
Mr. Sudhir Bhardwaj, Assistant Manager, Tourist Hostel



Regional Youth Assembly 2023 of North India Region of YMCAs

The Regional Youth Assembly 2023 of North India Region of YMCAs was held at DISHA RCDSSS Madar, Ajmer, Rajasthan from 17th to 19th November, 2023 which was hosted by Ajmer YMCA where 33 delegates from four YMCAs of North India Region participated. The theme of the Assembly was "Transforming Lives through Vision 2030". The following delegates represented New Delhi YMCA.

Mr. Sarthak Joel Tunious (Trainee Secretary)
Mr. Oliver Jacob Joshua (Board Member)
Ms. Ishika Davis (Student of HPDP)
Ms. Mantimdar Makunga (Student of HPDP)

Day 1 – 17th November, 2023

The Youth Assembly started with a devotion led by Mrs. Evangeline Massey from Ajmer YMCA followed by the Inaugural Programme. The Inaugural programme began with a welcome dance by Ajmer YMCA with opening remarks by the Vice Chairperson Mrs. Vatsala Prabhu. Mr. Rajesh Baptist, President of Ajmer YMCA welcomed the delegates and guests for the Youth Assembly. Chief Guest Mr. Rajpal Jat, Addl. Judge, Ajmer District along with the Chairperson Mrs. Vatsala Prabhu, Mr. Peter Prem, Mr. Rajesh Baptist and other guests inaugurated the Youth Assembly by lightening the traditional lamp.

There was a photo session in which group pictures were clicked with the dignitaries. After the tea break, the First Session was held in which Keynote Address was delivered by Rev. Sunny, Pastor of St. Mary's Church, Ajmer. The Second Session was taken by Mr. Bhen Samson on 'Youth and YMCA Story'. He told us about the history of World YMCA and the Vision 2030, especially the 4 pillars of the YMCA vision. The first day ended with Ice-Breaking Session in which we were divided into two groups. Mr. Oliver Joshua led group 1 and the Recording Secretary was Ms. Ishika Davis. Mr. Sarthak Tunious led group 2 and the Recording Secretary was Ms. Mantimdar Makunga. In this Session New Delhi YMCA came 3rd. Thereafter, Dinner was served.

Day 2 – 18th November, 2023

The Second day started with devotion conducted by the Group 1 and message was given by Mrs. Vatsala Prabhu on "Fear and Holy Spirit". Mr. Peter Prem (senior Board Member of the New Delhi YMCA) on the Topic - "Impacting Change Among Youth", took the Third Session. He explained how we as Youth can impact the world around us and bring change to it. It was followed by Tea Break after which we had a session of Group Activity on Sustainable Planet and the delegates played a game 'Typhoon Wind blows on those'. After that we had lunch and then we went for sightseeing to lake city of Ajmer and Pushkar where we did shopping. We also went to see Prithviraj Statue and Seven Wonders. In the evening we returned to Disha and had a Cultural Night hosted by Ajmer YMCA where they showcased the folk dances of Rajasthan and some entertainment programme was held by the delegates. It was followed by Dinner.

Day 3 – 19th November, 2023

The day started with a devotion, which was led by Group 2 and message was given by Mr. Sarthak Tunious. Thereafter, we had to give a Presentation group wise on Sustainable Planet. After the Tea Break, the Youth Assembly was concluded with the Valedictory Function was held in which New Delhi YMCA was felicitated and Certificates were given to all the delegates. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Bhen Samson. A special Spiritual Song was sung "Kumby yah my Lord which was followed by lunch and departures. The Regional Youth Assembly gave us the opportunity to learn new things, have a wonderful experience and great exposure. The news about The Regional Assembly of North India Region of YMCAs was published in the local newspaper.



NEW DELHI YWCA/YMCA WORLD WEEK OF PRAYER AND WORLD FELLOWSHIP 12TH TO 18TH NOVEMBER 2023

YWCA – YMCA World week of Prayer was observed from 12th November to 18th November 2023.

The Inaugural worship was held on Sunday 12th November at 9.30 am at Free Church, Sansad Marg New Delhi, Message given by Rev. Timothy Shaw, Presbyterian Incharge, Free Church, Sansad Marg. The title of the message was 'Seed to Blossoms'.

Monday 13th November 2023 at 10:30 am the meeting held at National Council of YMCAs of India.

On 14th November 2023 the meeting was held at New Delhi YMCA, Heinz Auditorium, Tourist Hostel at 10.00 am. The message was shared by Rev. Anand Lal, Senior Pastor, Delhi Bible Fellowship.

On Wednesday 15th November 2023 at 4:00 pm the meeting held at YWCA of Delhi, Ashoka Road, New Delhi, and the message was shared by Ms. Vinita Shaw, Founder & CEO, Disha Foundation spoke on 'Tending with Care'.

On Thursday, 16th November 2023 at 10:30 am the meeting took place at National Council of YMCAs.

On Friday 17th November 2023 at 10:30 am the meeting held at YWCA of India.

The concluding and collective prayer worship was held at YMCA Public School, Nizamuddin East on Saturday 18th November 2023 at 10:15 am, the message was shared by Rev. Ashwani Francis, Pastor, Methodist Church, Delhi Cantt. The program ended with thanks giving followed by refreshment at YMCA Nizamuddin.

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Feroze Khan, Secretary, Nizamuddin Division, New Delhi YMCA.



DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS



The Department of Christian Emphases organised a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday 11th November 2023 at 8.30 am at the New Delhi YMCA, Heinz Auditorium Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road New Delhi.

The Prayer Fellowship began with a word of Prayer offered by Rev. Joel Prem, Chairman, Department of Christian Emphasis , New Delhi YMCA.

The meeting began with the congregational Hymn "Blessed Assurance Jesus is mine".

Mr. Ashish Thorat, Associate General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, welcomed everyone present.

The Praise & Worship was led by Rev. Mrs. Tahira Sherril Mashi.

Lt. General Ajai Barnabas Masih was the Guest Speaker of the day, He shared the Word of God and emphasized upon our faith on the Lord. Only faith is the key of deliverance.

The Closing Prayer and Benediction was pronounced by Rev. Sunil Ghazan, Vice Chairman, Department of Christian Emphasis, New Delhi YMCA.

The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA.



The Department of Christian Emphasis hosted an Evening of Prayer Fellowship Program on December 9th, 2023, at 5:30 pm in the Heinz Auditorium, Tourist Hostel, New Delhi.

Commencing the program, Mr Joel Prem, Chairman of the Department of Christian Emphasis Committee, initiated with a heartfelt prayer. Mr Ashish Thorat, Associate General Secretary of New Delhi YMCA, extended warm greetings and welcomed all present.

The Praise & Worship session was led by the "Yeshe Ke Geet" Ministry, featuring Shawn & Shanon Milton. The scripture reading was done by Mr Mark Anugrah Biswas, Trainee Secretary, New Delhi YMCA.

The Guest Speaker, Pastor Ashish Lall, introduced by Mr Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA delivered a powerful message on the Gospel, emphasizing the importance of loving one another as Christ loved us.

Concluding the evening, Pastor Ashish Lall pronounced the closing prayer and Benediction. The Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary at New Delhi YMCA. The event drew the participation of 50 individuals in the Heinz Auditorium, creating a meaningful and spiritually enriching experience for all.

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

Department of Christian Emphasis organized the XVIII- Inter School Bible Quiz Competition on Friday, 24th November 2023 in the Heinz Auditorium, New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel.

The programme started with a Word of Prayer offered by Rev. Sunil Ghazan, Vice-Chairman, Department of Christian Emphasis. Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA welcomed everyone present and gave his greeting and best of luck to all the students.

Rev. Charles Golla was the Quiz Master his introduction was given by Mr. Gladwin Lal and thereafter was handed over the program.

There were 14 entries received from different schools and each team has 3 participants. The Quiz was from the book of Exodus – Old Testament and from the Gospel of St. Luke. There were -

Round 1 Direct Questions

Round 2 Multiple Choice Questions

Round 3 Who said to whom?

Round 4 Who am I?

Round 5 True or False

Round 6 Memory Verses

Round 7 Rapid Fires

The First prize was grabbed by the Mater Dei School, Tilak Lane. The Second prize was won by Mt. Carmel School Dwarka and the 3rd prize was won by Mother Mary's School, Mayur Vihar, Phase I.

The winning teams were given mementos/Trophies by Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, New Delhi YMCA and the Rev. Sunil Ghazan, Vice-Chairman, Department of Christian Emphasis Committee. All the participants were given participation certificates.

1. Mount Carmel School, Dwarka
2. Mater Dei School, Tilak Lane
3. Queen Mary's School, Tis Hazari
4. St. Michael's Sr. Sec. School, Pusa Road
5. Rayan International School, Vasant Kunj
6. St. Crispin's Sr. Sec. School, Gurgaon
7. St. Martin's Diocesan School, Delhi Cantt.
8. Mother Mary's School, Mayur Vihar, Phase-I
9. Queen Mary's School, Model Town III
10. Mount St. Mary's School, Delhi Cantt.
11. St. Xavier's School, Shahabad Daultpur
12. Loreto Convent School. Delhi Cantt.
13. St. Thomas School, Mandir Marg
14. Presentation Convent Sr. Sec. School, Shyama Prasad Mukherjee Marg

The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Mark Biswas, Trainee Secretary, New Delhi YMCA.



DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

Harmonious Jubilation at the Festival of Choirs Extravaganza!

The Festival of Choirs Program, organized by the Department of Christian Emphasis, took place on Monday, 18th December 2023, starting at 6:00 p.m. at the New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel Parking Arena in New Delhi.

Pastor Joel Prem, Chairman Department of Christian Emphasis, extended a warm welcome to the audience and delivered a Christmas message. Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, New Delhi YMCA, also conveyed his Christmas greetings to everyone present.

The event featured delightful performances by the following choirs:

- St. Xavier's Sr. Sec. School Choir
- YMCA Public School Choir
- Christ Methodist Church Choir
- Frank Anthony Public School Choir
- New Delhi YMCA Choir
- Centenary Methodist Church Choir (Hindi)
- Sacred Heart Cathedral Choir
- Green Park Free Church Choir
- St. Stephen's Hospital Choir

The Choirs showcased their best renditions of Christmas carols, creating a festive atmosphere filled with joy and active participation. Highlighting the evening were the soulful renditions by the New Delhi YMCA Choir, who captivated hearts by presenting two carols, namely "Good Christian Men Rejoice" and "Angels We Have Heard on High" adding a special touch to the evening.

Mr. Ravi Kant, Additional DCP of New Delhi District, Delhi Police, graced the occasion as the Guest of Honor. He greeted the audience, shared Christmas wishes, and emphasized the importance of extending the joy of Christmas to the under privileged.

Choir Directors were acknowledged and honored with bouquets and mementos. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA.

The program was a resounding success, with over 500 people enjoying the enchanting Christmas carols and fostering a spirit of celebration and community. The dinner was served to all present at the end of the programme.



DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

Unveiling the Harmony of Joy: New Delhi YMCA Choir Concert Extravaganza!

On Sunday, 17th December 2023, the Department of Christian Emphasis organized a spectacular musical extravaganza – the New Delhi YMCA Choir Concert Programme. The event took place at the New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel Parking Arena.

The program commenced with a heartfelt prayer led by Pastor Joel Prem, Chairman Department of Christian Emphasis. Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, extended a warm welcome to all attendees.

Adding to the festive cheer, Mr. Joseph Anil Benjamin, President of New Delhi YMCA, shared his Christmas Greetings, ushering in the spirit of joy and celebration.

Mr. Sagar Paul, Assistant Secretary and Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, eloquently presented the program and provided a succinct introduction to the carols performed by the New Delhi YMCA Choir.

The NDY Choir delivered a delightful performance, presenting 14 enchanting Christmas Carols that captivated the audience. Highlights of the program included the festive appearance of Santa Claus during the renditions of 'Jingle Bells' and 'Rudolf the Red Nose,' bringing joy to the children by distributing sweets and enhancing the overall afternoon experience.

In recognition of his outstanding leadership, Choir Director Mr. Rajinald Milton was honored with bouquet. The Vote of Thanks was eloquently delivered by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary of New Delhi YMCA. The event was a resounding success, bringing together the community to celebrate the spirit of Christmas. Around 550 people enjoyed the Christmas music.



Unwrapping Joy at the Children's Christmas Tree Extravaganza!

The Department of Christian Emphasis hosted a festive affair, 'The Children's Christmas Tree Party' on Sunday, 17th December 2023, at the picturesque New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel Front Lawn from 3:00 pm onwards.

Warmly welcomed by Mr. Joel Prem, Chairman of Department of Christian Emphasis Committee, the event buzzed with joy as children of all ages engaged in a delightful array of games. Parents, too, were not left out, as they enthusiastically participated in the Needle & Thread Race.

Little ones, bubbling with excitement, took center stage as they engaged in a medley of lively games tailor-made for different age groups:

Age Group 2-5 years: Simple race

Age Group 6-8 years: Simple race

Age Group 9-12 years: Simple race, 3 legged race, Lemon and Spoon race

A whopping 70 children immersed themselves in the Christmas spirit, with Santa Claus stealing the show. His arrival sparked a dance of joy among the children, eagerly awaiting with his bag of gifts, toffees, and chocolates. Santa personally handed out gifts, bringing smiles to every child.

Refreshments were served to everyone, adding to the festive cheer. The children not only relished the games but also cherished the delightful gifts from Santa Claus. It was a day filled with laughter, games, and the true spirit of Christmas!



Y SCHOOL OF MUSIC - IN HOUSE CONCERT



The New Delhi YMCA (NDY) Y School of Music had its annual In-House Concert on 13th December 2023, from 06:00 pm onwards, at the Heinz Auditorium. The concert was an amalgamation of numerous solo and group performances by the students and faculty of Y School of Music. The Chief Guest for the program was Mr. Aseem Masih, Renowned Saxophonist and Elite Musician who presented mesmerizing saxophone pieces that enthralled the audience and set the tone for the evening.

The dignitaries for the gathering included Mr. Alope Michyari, Chairman, PCTC ; Mr. Jihosuya Jena, Vice-Chairman, PCTC ; Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, NDY ; Mr. James P Massey, NDY Member ; Dr. Saju Varghese, NDY Member ; Mr. Norris Pritam, NDY Member ; Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, NDY ; Mr. John Prakash, Head - Human Resources, NDY ; Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary, NDY ; Mr. Sarthak Tunious, Trainee Secretary, NDY ; and Mr. R V Milton, Assistant Manager - Systems & IT, NDY.

The program displayed the multifarious talents of the students through various presentations on Guitar, Violin, Drums, Piano, Keyboard, and Songs. The gathering was well attended by more than 150 parents and family members of the students, along with NDY dignitaries and staff personnel. The students who completed their London Trinity College Grading exams were felicitated for their commitment and efforts.

Y SCHOOL OF MUSIC - KOINONIA BAND

The Y School of Music Volunteers' Band i.e. Koinonia, was invited to participate and perform in the Holly Jolly Christmas Fest at the YWCA of India on 09th December, along with other renowned bands and performers from across the city. The band attained the 2nd Runner Up position and were well-appreciated by the attendees and judges.



GRACIOUS GIVE AWAY - 20 DECEMBER, 2023



The Holy Scripture teaches us that "It is Better to Give than to Receive" – Acts 20:35. One of the core foundational values of the New Delhi YMCA is to "Serve the Community for the Overall Development of Humanity". Based on these tremendous ideologies, the Department of Program, Cultural, & Tribal Affairs; organized the "Gracious Giveaway" Initiative whereby The Management, Secretary Cadre, and Executives of the NDY voluntarily donated 100+ Items of Clothes, Shoes, Crochery, Children's Apparel, Household Items, Electronics Gadgets, Watches, etc. to be donated and gifted to the lesser-privileged Workman Category Staff of the NDY including Peons, Drivers, Security Staff, Dining Staff, Cleaners, Housemen, etc. The Gracious Giveaway Initiative was organized at The Y School of Music Recreation Hall on Saturday, 20 December 2023. 75+ Beneficiaries received multiple donations according to their needs and choices. This initiative was extremely well received and highly appreciated by everyone.

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Social and Human Development of New Delhi YMCA organized its XVII Yuv Utsav and NGO Mela with the theme "Sustainable Youth Development" on 3rd November 2023.

An approximate of 1300 children and youth representing 46 NGOs came together for this Annual Mega event. There were stalls put up by NGO's to display and sell wide range of products manufactured by women and youth as part of their economic empowerment and skill enhancement programme and this NGO Mela also exhibited sharing of information, resources and exhibition on the theme 'Sustainable Youth Development'. The children of various NGO's participated in various events like Folk Dance (Group), Poster/Collage Making, Rangoli Making, Nukkad Natak, Free Style Dance, Fancy Dress, Mehandi Competition, Debate Competition, Human Canvas and Creative Writing apart from the NGO Mela. The various events were judged by judges from renowned professionals in respective fields and we are grateful to them for sparing their valuable time and expertise. Winners Trophy went to CDC Kalyanpuri

The XVII Yuv Utsav & NGO Mela was inaugurated by Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben, Chairman, SHD Committee, Guest of Honor Mr. Dharmendra Prasad, Social Welfare District Officer, Mr. Rukhsar Ahmad Khan, Assistant Director Department of Social Welfare, Delhi Government and Ms. Pamela Goswami, Former State Secretary, Govt. of India, Mr. Inderjit Lal, Hony. Treasurer, NDY, Mr. Vijay Russell, Mr. Francis Andrade, Vice Chairman of SHD Committee, Dr. Saju Varghese, Mr. James Massey, Members of SHD Committee, Mrs. Mercy Oommen, Member Rotary Club South Ex, Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO NDY were present for the programme.

The Department of Social and Human Development organized an Educational Exposure Visit to YMCA Campsite Sattal for the youth of all five CDCs from 27th November to 1st December 2023. The objective of the programme was to provide an opportunity for adventure and also to explore leadership qualities among the group, besides showcasing their talent and learning from each other. During the 5 days camp, different types of activities were organized like Morning assembly, Awareness Sessions, Adventure Activities like Trekking, River Crossing, Kayaking, Boat Ride, Games, and Sight Seeing to Nainital.

The Programme was attended by Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben, Chairman SHD committee, Mr. Francis Andrade, Vice Chairman SHD, Mr. Alex Francis Fernandes, Dr. Saju Varghese, Member of SHD Committee and Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary, SHD. All Participants enjoyed and had lots of Fun and Learning.

There were 100 Youth and 25 Staff who participated in the Educational Exposure Visit. We are thankful to Campsite Sattal team for their support, excellent hospitality towards success of the Educational Exposure visit.



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The Department of Social and Human Development celebrated Christmas with the children of all five Community Development Centers on 19th December 2023 at, New Delhi YMCA. Cultural performances and Nativity play were presented by the children of all five Community Development Centers. The program was attended by approx. 850 children and 125 staff of all 5 Community Development Centers. The Programme was graced by the presence of Mr. Joseph Anil Benjamin, President NDY and Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben, Chairman SHD, Mr. Vijay Russell, Members of the Board of Directors along with his wife Mr. Francis Andrade, Vice Chairman, Mr. Alex Francis Fernandes, Dr. Saju Varghese, Mr. James Massey, Members SHD Committee Mr. Noel Phillips Associate General Secretary NDY, Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary SHD and Mr. Vineet Masih Assistant General Secretary, SHD. At the end of the program, the whole team of SHD was appreciated for their tremendous efforts in successfully organizing the Christmas Programme. The programme concluded with the distribution of Christmas gifts to the children of all CDC's. The Vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary SHD expressing his gratitude to all the dignitaries present and all the team SHD for their efforts to organize a very successful programme. The Programme was very well appreciated.



Awareness Generation Programme on “Non-traditional Livelihood Programme” was organized on 17th November 2023 with women & Girls at CDC Karpoori Thakur. The objective of the Programme was to Empower Resource-Poor Women to become professional drivers to enable them to gain Remunerative ‘Livelihood with Dignity’. The session was conducted by Ms. Hemlata & Ms. Ruby from Azad Foundation. 30 Participants participated in the programme.

- Awareness Generation Program on “Importance of Education” with the Student of remedial & Coaching classes at Community Development Centre Daya Basti, with the help of MSW Students from Delhi School of Social Work on 23 November 2023. Resource person for this programme were Ms. Bazla Khan, Mr. Piyush Pathak & Ritika Rajora Students from Delhi School of Social Work. The objective of the program was to educate the children about the role of education and give information about good education. Total 15 students participated in this programme.

- The Awareness Session on Yoga & Meditation was organized on 18 November, 23 & 30 December 2023 at CDC Kalyanpuri. The objective of the session was to develop the habit of meditation and Yoga among youngsters so that they can enjoy more peace of mind and self-awareness, which is essential for a stress-free existence. The Resource Persons was Ms. Shivali from Yoga Prana Vidhya NGO. 22 participants participated in the programme.

- The Awareness Session on “Constitution” was organized with the Youth at CDC Kalyanpuri on 25th November 2023 on the occasion of Constitution Day. The objective of the programme was to spread awareness on the importance of the Indian Constitution and to acknowledge the contributions of its Founder Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. The Resource Persons were Mr. Shivendra Singh & Kunal from Nehru Yuva Kendra. 30 participants participated in the programme.

- The Awareness Generation Programme on “Govt. Schemes” was organized with the Youth at CDC Kalyanpuri on 22nd December 2023. The objective of the programme was to create awareness about Govt. schemes. Mr. Shivendra introduced the youth about mybharat.gov.in and told them how they can register online and avail the benefits offered by the portal. The Resource Persons were Mr. Shivendra Singh & Mr. Kunal from Nehru Yuva Kendra. 40 participants participated in the programme.



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



An Educational Exposure visit to the Historical Monuments Purana Qila, Humayan's Tomb, Shershasuri Tomb was organized for the Youth of CDC Sunlight Colony in Collaboration with Itihaas on 22nd December 2023. The objective of the programme was to aware the students on the Historical Learning of the Monuments.

The team members of the Itihaas organization gave students a good learning exposure and tried to create an environment of enjoyable learning through games. At the end a question answer session was organized to evaluate how much the students have learnt from the Educational Exposure Visit. There were 72 Students along with 7 Staff who participated in the programme.

Visit of the Chairman SHD along with SHD Committee Members to CDC's

Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben, Chairman SHD Committee along with Mr. Francis Andrade, Vice Chairman of SHD Committee, Mr. James Massey, Dr. Saju Varghese, and Mr. Sahil Kumar, Members of SHD Committee, Mr. Vineet Masih Assistant General Secretary and Ms. Monica Singh Programme Officer, Department of SHD visited at Community Development Centre and Alternative Learning Centres Sunlight Colony, Daya Basti & Karpoori Thakur.

15th November 2023- CDC Sunlight Colony

16th November 2023- CDC Daya Basti

24th November 2023 – CDC Karpoori Thakur

The team interacted with the Children, Student & Teachers of the various activities being held at the respective centers.

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENTS AND YOUTH

The Department of Students and Youth organized a visit to Missionaries of Charity home in Jungpura on Saturday 9th December 2023. The Programme began with a word of Prayer by Mr Oliver Joshua, Vice Chairman and greetings given by Mr Ashish Thorat, Associate General Secretary ; followed by a session of Carol Singing by Students of YMCA Public School. We had dance performances by Children of the Home. A Magic Show was also organized for all the students followed by fellowship lunch. It was a wonderful afternoon with the Special Kids and staff at the Home.



YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

On the 20th of November 2023, YMCA Public School came alive with exuberance and joy as the school celebrated Children's Day in a spectacular manner. The day was marked by a special assembly conducted by the dedicated teachers, who not only organized the event but also actively participated, bringing smiles and laughter to the faces of the students.

The focal point of the celebration was the special assembly, a vibrant spectacle curated by the dedicated teachers to honor and entertain the students on their special day. The assembly hall buzzed with anticipation as the teachers took center stage, showcasing their multifaceted talents through a variety of acts, including lively dance performances, soulful songs, and a captivating skit, zumba. The atmosphere was filled with enthusiasm as each act unfolded, captivating the hearts of the young audience.

The teachers, with their unwavering commitment and passion, took on the roles of performers, leaving a lasting impact on the students. From choreographed dance routines that infused energy into the audience to melodious songs that resonated with the spirit of childhood, and a thought-provoking skit that conveyed meaningful message in a light-hearted manner — the teachers' performances were a testament to their creativity and dedication to making the day truly special for the students.

The genuine enjoyment and excitement of the students were palpable throughout the event. Laughter echoed through the halls, and smiles adorned the faces of the young audience as they reveled in the entertainment provided by their teachers. The event not only served as a celebration of Children's Day but also as a heartwarming gesture from the teachers to make their students feel cherished and valued.

A heartfelt expression of gratitude goes to Mr. C.P. Davis, the principal of YMCA Public School, for his invaluable guidance and support in orchestrating this memorable celebration. His leadership and encouragement played a pivotal role in creating an atmosphere where teachers could come together to celebrate the essence of childhood and create lasting memories for the students.

The Children's Day celebration at YMCA Public School was an overwhelming success, leaving an indelible mark on the hearts of students and teachers alike. The event not only showcased the talents of the teachers but also fostered a sense of joy, unity, and camaraderie within the school community. As the echoes of laughter subsided, the day stood as a testament to the school's commitment to providing a holistic and joyful learning environment for its students, making Children's Day truly special at YMCA Public School.



YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

The Annual Day Function, 'Antardhwani,' held at YMCA Public School on December 2, 2023, was an extraordinary event that brought together students, parents, teachers, and distinguished guests in a celebration of talent, culture, and unity.

The event was graced by the presence of Mr. Imran Hussain, the Honorable Minister of Food and Civil Supplies, Consumer Affairs, and Election, Government of NCT of Delhi, who served as the Chief Guest. Additionally, Mr. Love Verma, former IAS Officer served as the guest of honour. Their collective presence elevated the occasion and emphasized the strong bond between the school and the larger community.

General Secretary & CEO of NDYMCA Mr Rajeev Singh, all the Secretaries and other officers of New Delhi YMCA actively participated in the event, reflecting the strong support from the organization.

Approximately 400 students showcased their talents, making 'Antardhwani' a grand success. The diverse range of performances displayed the rich cultural tapestry of India, captivating the audience and leaving a lasting impression. The cultural evening was a mesmerizing journey through the varied cultures of India. Students presented vibrant and lively performances, showcasing the traditions, dances, and music from different states. The event served as a platform to promote cultural diversity and foster a sense of unity among the students.

The cultural performances during "Antardhwani" were a mesmerizing portrayal of the theme. Students presented a variety of performances, including dance, music, drama, and poetry, each reflecting the inner thoughts, emotions, and voices that resonate within. The diverse and thought-provoking presentations showcased the artistic prowess of the students.

The presence of parents added to the festive atmosphere. Their active participation and encouragement were evident as they witnessed the performances of their children. The event served as an opportunity for parents to connect with the school community and celebrate the achievements of their wards. The dedicated involvement of teachers was crucial to the success of 'Antardhwani.' Their unwavering support and guidance ensured that the students' performances were of the highest quality.

The teachers' commitment to the event reflected their passion for nurturing the talents of the students.

A heartfelt thanks to Principal Mr. C.P Davis and Secretary Mr. Feroze Khan for their exemplary guidance and leadership. Their vision and commitment were instrumental in organizing an event that showcased the school's dedication to holistic development and cultural enrichment. 'Antardhwani' was a celebration of cultural diversity, talent, and unity.

The event not only highlighted the achievements of the students but also strengthened the bonds within the school community. The active involvement of distinguished guests, parents, teachers, and New Delhi YMCA officials made the Annual Day Function a memorable and enriching experience for everyone involved. This report stands as a testament to the success and positive impact of 'Antardhwani' at YMCA Public School.



A Joyful December: Christmas Celebrations at YMCA Public School

The month of December at YMCA Public School was marked by an array of heartwarming Christmas celebrations, bringing together students, teachers, and the community in a spirit of joy and unity. The festivities commenced with a special event at the Missionaries of Charity, where our choir students showcased their musical talents, spreading the magic of Christmas through enchanting carols. The children of the Missionaries of Charity reciprocated with a delightful dance performance. Adding to the merriment, a captivating magic show organized by YMCA left everyone spellbound, followed by a fellowship lunch that radiated love and warmth.

On the 18th of December, our school's choir students, under the guidance of the Music Teacher, Mr. Abhishek Bharadwaj, participated in the Festival of Choirs organized by New Delhi YMCA. The event provided a platform for our talented students to showcase their vocal prowess, fostering a sense of camaraderie and musical excellence.

Special Assembly and Christmas Party: The 21st of December witnessed a festive atmosphere within the school premises. A special assembly dedicated to Christmas featured a tableau presented by Class 9 students, creating a vibrant portrayal of the festive season. Teachers and choir students harmonized the occasion with soulful carols, infusing life into the gathering. Later, a Christmas party in the school ground brought students and teachers together, fostering a sense of community as they enjoyed delectable food and shared laughter.

Nativity Play and Special Performances: On the 22nd of December, the LGT Auditorium came alive with a beautiful Nativity play presented by the special wing students. The TTI students added melodious notes to the celebration with their Christmas carols, and the tiny tots of YPS enchanted the audience with their lively dance performances. The event was made even more special as parents joined to witness the talents and festive spirit of their children.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Mr. C.P. Davis, the principal, and Mr. Feroze Khan, the secretary, for their unwavering support in making these Christmas celebrations a resounding success. Their dedication and encouragement played a pivotal role in creating a memorable and inclusive festive season for the YMCA Public School community.

In conclusion, the Christmas celebrations at YMCA Public School exemplified the true spirit of the season - a time for joy, unity, and spreading love. These events not only brought the school community together but also showcased the talents and creativity of the students, making December a truly magical month at YMCA Public School.



Nativity Play - A Heartwarming Celebration by Special Children

In the spirit of festive joy and inclusivity, a remarkable Christmas Nativity play unfolded recently, on the 22nd of December 2023 at the LTG Auditorium, New Delhi, featuring special children who not only showcased their talents but also spread love and warmth. The event organized by the Special Wing and TTI Department of YMCA Public School Nizamuddin, was a testament to the power of inclusion, fostering a sense of community and acceptance. This report delves into the heartwarming performance of these special children, highlighting the significance of such initiatives in promoting diversity and celebrating the true essence of Christmas.

The venue resonated with the anticipation of a unique and heartening experience. Parents, teachers, and community members gathered to witness the Christmas Nativity play, eager to support the special children taking center stage. Special Wing Teachers and TTI students provided backstage support. The atmosphere was filled with a palpable sense of excitement and goodwill.

One of the most inspiring aspects of the Nativity play was the commitment to inclusivity. Children with various abilities were cast in key roles, showcasing the organizers' dedication to providing equal opportunities for all. Months of preparation had gone into ensuring that each child felt comfortable and confident in their role.

The Nativity play, a timeless tale of the birth of Jesus, was adapted to accommodate the diverse abilities of the participants. Special attention was given to create an environment that catered to the unique needs of each child, fostering a supportive atmosphere that allowed them to express themselves freely.

As the curtains lifted, the audience was greeted with a sight that warmed their hearts – special children radiating joy and enthusiasm. The Nativity play unfolded seamlessly, with each child delivering their lines with heartfelt sincerity. From Mary and Joseph to the shepherds and angels and kings, every participant shone in their own way, bringing the story to life with genuine emotion.

The use of adaptive technology and creative staging allowed the children to engage with the audience on a profound level. Some participants used assistive devices to enhance their communication, while others relied on expressive movements and gestures. The result was a beautiful tapestry of performances that transcended traditional expectations, capturing the essence of the Christmas story in a uniquely touching manner.

The success of the Christmas nativity play was not only attributed to the efforts of the special children but also to the unwavering support of the community. Special Wing Teachers and TTI students worked tirelessly behind the scenes, ensuring that every child felt valued and included. The audience, in turn, responded with resounding applause and cheers, demonstrating their appreciation for the inclusive spirit of the event.

Beyond the applause and celebration, the Christmas Nativity play left a lasting impact on all those involved. For the special children, it was a transformative experience that boosted their confidence and self-esteem. The community, too, witnessed the power of embracing diversity and breaking down barriers.

In a reflective moment, one could sense that the true magic of Christmas lay not only in the decorations and festive cheer but in the ability of a community to come together and celebrate the uniqueness of each individual. The Nativity play served as a poignant reminder that the holiday season is about compassion, acceptance, and the joy that comes from sharing the stage of life with those who may navigate it differently.

In conclusion, the Christmas Nativity play performed by special children was a heartwarming and inspiring event that celebrated the true spirit of the season. It showcased the beauty of inclusion, highlighting the importance of providing equal opportunities for all individuals, regardless of their abilities. As the final curtain fell, the lasting impact of this remarkable performance echoed in the hearts of the audience, fostering a sense of unity, compassion, and the true meaning of Christmas.



GREATER NODIA PROGRAMME CENTRE

The New Delhi YMCA - Greater Noida Programme Centre organised a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on fourth Saturday, 25th November 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the GNPC Auditorium.

The Fellowship began with a wonderful prayer offered by Pastor Kiran Devadas from Kingdom Warriors Church. Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, heartily welcomed the gathering and Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, GNPC, extended their cordial greetings to all the members present. This edition of the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship saw an presence of approximately 80 people.

The Praise and Worship session was led by the Anugrah Prathana Bhavan, Greater Noida. They sang lovely Gospel songs, filling the auditorium with a gracious ambiance and inspiring the people, as everyone sang along.

Before the Sermon, the Scripture portion was taken from the Gospel of Matthew - 16:24, that was read by Mr. Rajinald Milton. The guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Anand Abraham, delivered the Word of God and emphasised on the importance of denying the worldly pleasures and to live a spiritual life.

After the Sermon, the Congregational Hymn "Ho Teri Stuti Aur Aradhana" which filled the auditorium with a graceful atmosphere. The Closing Prayer and Benediction was offered by Pastor Anil Kumar, Greater Noida.

The Assistant General Secretary, Mr. Hemant Agarwal invited the Chairman, Mr. Vijay Russell for the felicitation ceremony and presented the guests speaker and the choir with planters and mementos.

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



On 9th December 2023, Saturday at 11 a.m., the New Delhi YMCA – Greater Noida Programme Centre organised the "Christmas Melodies" Programme at its premises. The programme was attended by over 120 people.

Pastor Biju Parackal of the Indian Pentecostal Church, Noida led the opening prayer which was followed by a warm welcome brought by Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA. Additionally, Christmas greetings were shared by Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, GNPC.

The event was made memorable owing to the performances by each of the participating choirs which were from Christ Church CNI, Noida, Anugrah Prathana Bhavan, Noida, Father Agnel School, Greater Noida, and Metro Delhi International School, Greater Noida. The melodious tunes of every one of the choirs truly invited the atmosphere of Christmas into the hearts of all the attendees.

The Scripture portion was read by Mrs. Sonam Singh David from Christ Church, CNI, Noida. Following this, the message for the day was given by Rev. Sandeep David from Christ Church, CNI, Noida, who enlightened everyone with God's Word in a meaningful manner for all to meditate upon.

At the end of the programme, the Closing Prayer was led, once again, by Rev. Sandeep David, who also pronounced the Benediction, concluding the event.

Finally, the vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Sagar Emanuel Paul, Assistant Secretary, New Delhi YMCA.

The Christmas Melodies Programme was followed by lunch which was enjoyed by all.



FASHION SHOW- MEMORABILIA 2023 dated 24.11.2023 THEME – “PHYGITAL”

Institute for Fashion Technology & Design presented the Fashion Show – Memorabilia 2023 on 24th November, 2023 at the LTG Auditorium. It is an integral part of the curriculum of fashion design students. It is an opportunity for students of New Delhi YMCA to showcase their talent as well as what they have learnt in the institute for two years, as budding designers. It also enables students to gain a valuable exposure and to train their minds as per the industry requirement. The entire show was curated by the students under the able guidance of the Faculty members and the Executive Director of Institute for Fashion Technology & Design. The theme of the Fashion Show – Memorabilia 2023 was “Phygital” which depicts the blend of physical and digital experiences. It is a new union that transforms the fashion landscape. Post covid physical stores have undergone a remarkable transformation embracing interactive screens, augmented reality and virtual reality to immersive consumption experience. This in effect enabled innovation and efficiency in the world of fashion. The students had showcased these concerns by conceptualizing these into their designs. Fashion show had 7 themes. Each theme had 5-6 designs. There was some surprising element associated with each design. There were 36 designers and 27 models. These themes were:

- Phygital Barbie
- De'code
- Glitch
- Phantasm
- Goddess of Light
- Aadhar
- Posterity

The Chief Guest for the Fashion Show was Mr. Sunil Sethi, Chairman, Fashion Design Council of India (FDCI). He appreciated the work of students and was amazed by the phygital designs which depicted the fashion of forthcoming generations.

The Show was inaugurated by Mr. Sunil Sethi Chairman FDCI, Mr. J.A Benjamin, President, NDY, Mr Alope Michyari, Vice President NDY, Mr Girish Varghese, Vice President NDY, Mr Inderjit Lal, Hony.Treasurer NDY, Mr. Nikhil Banerjee Chairman IFTD, Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, NDY and Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary HPDP and the other dignitaries of New Delhi YMCA.

At the outset, students of Institute for Office Management invoked the God by their prayer dance. The welcome address was given by Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, NDY. The show was introduced by Ms. Meenakshi Gupta, Executive Director. Mr. J.A Benjamin, President, NDY conveyed his greetings to all present there. Mr. Nikhil Banerjee, Chairman- IFTD also conveyed his remarks. The Chief Guest was introduced by Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary HPDP.

The show was microscopically judged by the experienced Jury members: Ms. Rosy Ahluwalia, Mr. Amit Vermani and Ms. Mansi Malhotra. Each sub theme got a title by the jury members as per their designs.

- Best Surface Ornamentation Collection
- Most Innovative Collection
- Most Phygital Collection
- Best Color Combination Collection
- Most Elegant Collection
- Best Optically Appealing Collection
- Most Outstanding Collection



Best Male and Female Models, Best Designers for Male and Female outfits were awarded on the show.

The gaps in between the sequences were filled by the cultural performances viz; Western and Classical group dances by the students of Office Management and Interior Designing.

The show was culminated by the Model Walk and Award Ceremony The entire show was appreciated by one and all present there. The mesmerized ramp walks and designs left everybody awe struck.

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE PROGRAMME



The Christmas Open House Programme with Prayer fellowship was organized at the YMCA Programme Centre, Dorothy Villa, Mehragaon on 27th December 2023 at 3pm. The programme was dedicated to continuing the legacy of Late Miss Lillian Wallace, a revered figure in the community known for her commitment to service and spirituality. The primary objective of the event was to celebrate Christmas in the spirit of love, joy and togetherness, while also paying tribute to Miss. Lillian Wallace and perpetuating her legacy of community service.

The event commenced with opening prayer by Mr. Joydeep Raychawdhuri, Executive Secretary, YMCA Youth Centre, Bhimtal setting the tone for an afternoon of celebration, reflection and prayer. The audience was welcomed and the purpose of the event was highlighted. After that scripture portion was read by Miss. Pooja Arya, Assistant Housekeeping, NDY from Isaiah 9:2-7. A special segment was dedicated to honoring the Late Miss. Lillian Wallace by Mr. Sunil Ram, Manager, Sattal Ashram Estate where he shared her stories, life, work and contribution to the community. The festive atmosphere was enhanced by soul stirring congregational hymn 'How Great Thou Art'. The heart of the event was the fellowship where attendees came together to offer prayer for peace, unity and goodwill. After that Closing Prayer was offered by Rev. Rajesh Lal, Local Preacher, Bhowali, followed by vote of thanks by Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, NDY. Following the programme, a time of fellowship and refreshments allowed participants to connect on a personal level. It provided an opportunity for new and old community members to bond and strengthen the sense of belonging. The Christmas Open House Programme with the Prayer fellowship at YMCA Programme Centre, Dorothy Villa was a resounding success. The event not only celebrated the festive season but also brought the community together in a spirit of love and service.



YMCA CAMPSITE CUM PROGRAMME CENTRE, SATTAL

The YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal was filled with festive joy and spiritual warmth on the memorable Christmas Day Celebration held on Saturday, December 09, 2023. The event, titled "Christmas Spectacle," was organized in Open Chapel, YMCA Campsite, Sattal. The celebration commenced with a heartfelt opening prayer led by Pastor Caleb Tryte, Future Foundation Children's Home, Bhimtal setting the tone for the day filled with gratitude and reflection on the true meaning of Christmas. Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, NDY, extended a warm welcome to all attendees. His words resonated with the spirit of unity and togetherness that the Christmas season embodies. After that Mr. Joseph Anil Benjamin, President, NDY, shared uplifting Christmas greetings, spreading cheer and goodwill among the participants. The atmosphere was reverberated with melodious carols presented by the Yeeshu Sangh Church, Haldwani and the Future Foundation Children's Home, Bhimtal. Their performances added a musical charm to the celebration. The scripture portion from the Gospel of John 3:16 was read by Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, NDY. Later Rev. Shibu Thomas, Yeeshu Sangh Church, Haldwani delivered an inspiring message, emphasizing the spiritual essence of Christmas and encouraging attendees to embody the teachings of Christ in their lives. The celebration continued with a delightful Christmas carol performance by the talented students from the YMCA PG Hostel, Dorothy Villa, Mehragaon, filling the air with joy and festive spirit. After that everyone joined in the congregational hymn "Aya Masih Duniya Me Tu," creating a sense of unity and shared faith. The programme concluded with a closing prayer led by Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, NDY, expressing gratitude and seeking blessings for the days ahead. Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, NDY delivered a sincere vote of thanks, expressing appreciation to all participants, and contributors to the success of the event. The celebration continued with a festive fellowship lunch, where participants shared laughter, joy, and delicious food, strengthening the bonds of togetherness. The day concluded with a lively Christmas Tree programme, featuring festive decorations, tea, cake, gifts creating lasting memories of the "Christmas Spectacle" Celebration. The Christmas Spectacle Celebration at YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal was a resounding success, blending spiritual reflection with festive merriment, and fostering a sense of community and togetherness during this joyous season.



Rural Community Development Centre, Hodal

The Rural Community Development Centre Hodal organized the Christmas Day Programme on 13th, December 2023. The Programme started with a Prayer dance performed by the students of YPS, introduction and welcome of the Guests, Committee Members and Children by Mr. Ashish Thorat, Associate General Secretary, RCDC, NDY and Christmas Greetings for all the children and parents by Mr. Saju Varghese – Vice Chairman, RCDC, Hodal.

The programme was witnessed by Mr. Prakash Manwar - Committee member, RCDC Committee along with BEO, Hodal (Block Education Officer) Mrs. Kiran Bala, Mr. Rajbir – Sarpanch Bhulwana, Mr. Kuwar Singh, Former Sarpanch Bhulwana and large number of the local people.

The Children participated in the program with great enthusiasm; the program had a variety of Christmas songs as well as Nativity play was presented beautifully by the children; they also presented Haryanvi dance. The parents of the children came out in large numbers to witness their children participating in the program.



Noteworthy Newsbytes



Shri D.K. Shiva Kumar, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka felicitating Mr. Stephen DaCosta with a Silver Plaque at the inauguration of the Centre of Excellence at Hyderabad on 22nd January 2024. The citation on the Plaque reads as follows --

Thank You Mr. Stephen DaCosta for your Unwavering Support and Unrelenting Guidance that helped in Leading our Path to Success. With much Appreciation and Gratitude Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations 22nd January 2024.



The Nizamuddin Centre Christmas programme was celebrated on 22nd December 2023 at the Little Theatre Group, whereby the TTI students sang Christmas carols. Also they participated in the Nativity Play along with the Special Children of YPS Special wing.



The Teachers Training Department celebrated Rangoli Day on November 10, 2023, whereby the students of TTI made various colourful Rangoli.

Obituary



Mr. Michael Masih, NDY Member, passed away on 26 November 2023. May the Peace of Almighty God reside with the Bereaved Family.

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