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DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM.
Rejoice in the resurrection of

Jesus Christ.

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“Commit to the Lord whatever you do,
and He will establish your plans.” - Proverbs 16:3

Dear Readers of the New Delhi YMCA Newsletter,

The New Delhi YMCA successfully organized its Annual Business Meeting on 26th April 2025 at the Heinz Auditorium, Jai Singh Road. The meeting witnessed active participation from members reaffirming their commitment to the mission and values of the YMCA. A key highlight of the event was the election for five positions on the Board of Directors. The electoral process was conducted in a transparent and democratic manner, in accordance with the organization's constitution and by-laws.

The elections concluded successfully, and the names of the newly elected Board Members were announced amidst applause. Their appointment marks a new chapter in the leadership of New Delhi YMCA, as they bring fresh perspectives and energy to the Board.

I would like to congratulate the Members who got elected to be the Board of Directors of New Delhi YMCA, namely:

1. Mr. Joseph Anil Benjamin
2. Mr. Nikhil Banerjee
3. Mr. Rishi Michael Herenz
4. Mr. Oliver Joshua Jacob
5. Mr. Felix Fernandes

I also take this opportunity to congratulate the newly elected Office Bearers of New Delhi YMCA, namely:

1. Dr. Sudhir Joseph - President
2. Mr. Joseph Anil Benjamin - Vice President
3. Mr. Peter Prem - Vice President
4. Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben - Vice President
5. Mr. Jovial Vaghela - Honorary Treasurer

I would like to thank the Chairman of the Nominating Committee 2025, Mr. Inderjit Lal and the members. Also, would like to thank the Chairman of the Scrutinising Committee, Mr. Vijay Russell and the members for the smooth elections of the New Delhi YMCA.

The meeting ended on a positive and forward-looking note, emphasizing unity, service, and progress.

I would like to thank all the members of the New Delhi YMCA for their participation and support in strengthening the organization's future.

God Bless you all & the New Delhi YMCA.

With Warm Regards,

Rajeev Singh
General Secretary & CEO
New Delhi YMCA



Respected Members and Friends of NDYMCA,

Greetings to you on behalf of the Board of Directors of NDYMCA.

I thank all of you for giving me the opportunity of leading our wonderful institution as President for the year 2025–2026. This is an onerous responsibility and I pray to our Almighty father that he grant the entire Board his wisdom as we undertake the Governance of NDYMCA.

NDYMCA has been playing a stellar role in the development of the youth of Delhi. Through a multiplicity of programs, many lives have been shaped to become productive and useful citizens of our Country. NDYMCA as a brand is a trusted name among youth and it is our responsibility to provide quality services to all associated with us.

Therefore, it is imperative to review our areas of engagement and examine ways to increase our impact. We are running many programs under our HPDP initiative. There are a few which, under current conditions, have become redundant. On the other hand, there are many new emerging fields which give us the opportunity to start fresh courses which have more relevance to the future of youth today. We also have to remember that, unlike a couple of decades ago, we now face stiff competition from many other institutions in the field of post high school education. Therefore, we must maintain very high standards of quality in the courses we offer. Similarly, our social impact programs in urban slums also need a re-look. With many other NGOs' also working in the same field in the same areas, we should focus on providing training in professions that would result in successful placements in jobs or enable them starting small businesses on their own.

The NDY School in Nizamuddin is progressing well. However, we are still searching for solutions to best utilize our properties in Hodal and Sattal. The Greater Noida Campus needs a proper plan to optimize our presence there. Since Covid our resources have not increased significantly and our reserves have dipped. A carefully thought out financial roadmap for the next decade has to be worked out and implemented to secure our future.

In 2027, we will be celebrating 100 years of NDYMCA. We have much to be thankful for as our Lord has always been faithful and guided our path. While we make preparations to celebrate this century of commitment, the entire membership must contribute in thanking God for all His mercies and blessings and also actively participate in all the planned programs for this event. Let us come together and 'make a joyful noise unto the Lord'.

Yours in Christ,

Dr. Sudhir Joseph
President
New Delhi YMCA



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MESSAGE FROM THE OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Dear Members and Well-wishers of the New Delhi YMCA.

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

As I pen this message as the outgoing President of the New Delhi YMCA, my heart is filled with immense gratitude, reflection, and joy. Serving as President from 2023 to 2025 has been a journey of commitment, purpose, and transformation. I consider it a profound honour to have led an institution rooted in Christian values, social responsibility, and community service.

Over the past two years, NDY has embraced both challenges and opportunities with determination and faith. Together, we have navigated post-pandemic recovery, financial restructuring, and changing social needs. Under God's grace and with the collective support of the NDY Board, dedicated Secretaries, Staff, and Members, we have not only sustained the work of NDY but expanded its vision.

One of the most significant milestones during my tenure was the signing of the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with the Management & Entrepreneurship and Professional Skills Council (MEPSC). This strategic partnership marks a major step in empowering youth and professionals with industry-relevant skills, aligning our mission of holistic development with national capacity-building objectives.

With renewed energy, we revived dormant activities, upgraded our infrastructure, introduced new community outreach programmes, and restructured internal systems for better accountability and transparency. We also enhanced spiritual and educational initiatives and undertook key projects under the roadmap for the Centennial Celebrations in 2027.

I remain deeply grateful to the NDY Board for their vision and constant support; to the Secretaries and Staff for their tireless efforts, creativity, and commitment; and to every Member of NDY who believed in our shared mission. Each achievement was a result of our collective labour and dedication to building a just, inclusive, and spiritually vibrant society.

As I now pass the baton to the newly elected President, I do so with joy, knowing that the seeds we have sown together will continue to bear fruit. I offer my warmest congratulations and best wishes to the new leadership and invite you all to continue praying for the future of the New Delhi YMCA.

May God bless you abundantly.

With heartfelt gratitude and best regards,

J A Benjamin
Former President
New Delhi YMCA





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ELECTED MEMBERS OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
FOR THE TERM 2025-28

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



MR. JOSEPH ANIL BENJAMIN



MR. NIKHIL BANERJEE



MR. RISHI MICHAEL HERENZ



MR. OLIVER JOSHUA JACOB



MR. FELIX FERNANDES



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MR. JOSEPH ANIL BENJAMIN
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VICE PRESIDENT



REV. VASANT KUMAR REUBEN
VICE PRESIDENT



MR. JOVIAL VAGHELA
HONORARY TREASURER

NEW DELHI YMCA

EASTER PAGEANT - 2025

The New Delhi YMCA successfully organised its **Annual Easter Pageant**, titled **“The Mighty Acts of God”** (in English) on Friday, 18th April 2025, and **“ईश्वर के महान कार्य”** (in Hindi) on Saturday, 19th April 2025. The event was held at The Quadrangle, YMCA Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110001.

This 90-minute tableau of sound and light beautifully portrayed the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, highlighting the mighty acts of God throughout the narrative of salvation. More than 100 participants, including YMCA staff, students, and volunteers, contributed to this powerful and spiritually enriching presentation.

The pageant was directed by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary of the New Delhi YMCA, whose creative leadership brought the biblical story to life through dramatic storytelling, music, and visual effects.

On 18th April, the English presentation commenced with great anticipation and was attended by a large audience. However, due to sudden inclement weather and heavy rainfall, the show had to be stopped midway after 35 minutes. Despite the interruption, the performance was highly appreciated for its quality and message.

The Hindi version, “ईश्वर के महान कार्य”, staged on 19th April, went smoothly and was witnessed by a full house. The audience responded with heartfelt applause and appreciation, acknowledging the impact and spiritual depth of the performance. This landmark 40th edition of the Easter Pageant was covered by several reputed media outlets, including Newsroom Post, Delhi News, and Dainik Jagran.

The New Delhi YMCA extends its sincere gratitude to all participants, volunteers, and attendees who contributed to the success of this meaningful celebration of Christ’s resurrection and the message of hope and redemption it conveys.



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MAUNDY THURSDAY EUCHARIST SERVICE

The New Delhi YMCA organised a special **Maundy Thursday Eucharist Service** on the morning of Maundy Thursday at 10:15 AM at the 'Y' School of Music. This service was thoughtfully arranged for the staff and participants of the upcoming Easter Pageant, considering the full-dress rehearsal scheduled for the evening. Since the rehearsal would prevent many from attending church services later in the day, this meaningful morning gathering ensured that all could observe the solemnity of the occasion through spiritual reflection and the Sacrament.

The service commenced with an opening prayer by Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary of the New Delhi YMCA, who also extended a warm welcome to all gathered. Scripture readings were presented with reverence: Mr. Sarthak Joel Tunious read from the Old Testament in Hindi, and Ms. Vandana Masih read from the New Testament in English.

Rev. Timothy Shaw, Presbyterian of the Free Church, Parliament Street, served as the Guest Speaker. His sermon offered deep reflections on the significance of Maundy Thursday and the message of servant leadership embodied by Christ. He led the Eucharist with solemnity, enabling all present to partake in Holy Communion with due reverence.

Approximately 40 people attended the service. The attendees expressed heartfelt gratitude to the leadership of the New Delhi YMCA for organising this special observance. It was a spiritually enriching experience and a thoughtful initiative that underscored the YMCA's commitment to nurturing the spiritual well-being of its community.

The service concluded on a note of quiet reverence, setting a prayerful tone for the remainder of Holy Week.





On 15th March 2025, the Fashion Designing students of IFTD showcased their talent at the grand fashion show Tale of a Trend – Season 8, held at Radisson Blu, Dwarka, New Delhi.

Organised by Ms. Mehak Gulati of Tale of a Trend, the event featured a stunning finale collection curated by second-year students, earning praise from both the audience and fashion industry professionals.

In recognition of her guidance and mentorship, Dr. Indu Gupta, Director of IFTD, was felicitated during the event. The show was a resounding success, celebrating creativity, innovation, and the promising future of IFTD's budding designers.

FASHION SHOW

On 8th March 2025, IFTD celebrated International Women's Day with a captivating fashion show at Reliance Mall, Vikaspuri, themed "Progressive Woman." The event was anchored by faculty member Ms. Rachita Arora and fully conceptualized and choreographed by Fashion Designing students Ms. Karishma and Ms. Sukhmani Kaur.

First and second-year Fashion Designing students designed and modelled elegant ensembles, while Beauty department students, under the guidance of Ms. Srishti Ahuja and Ms. Kanishka Gupta, enhanced the visual appeal with professional makeup. Adding to the event's creative flair, Fine Arts students exhibited stunning paintings—several of which were purchased by visitors—and Interior Designing students created an eye-catching photo booth that became a popular attraction.

The event also featured an exclusive interview with Dr. Indu Gupta, Director of IFTD, as part of a series spotlighting Women in Leadership.

The celebration highlighted the creativity, collaboration, and talent across IFTD's departments, leaving a lasting impression on all attendees.



INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO STONEX



On 16th April 2025, an industrial visit was organized for Interior Design students of IFTD (August A & B batches) to STONEX, located at WZ-29, Mansarovar Garden, Opp. Rajouri Garden, Ring Road. The visit aimed to provide practical exposure to flooring and wall cladding materials, focusing on production processes and installation techniques.

Accompanied by faculty members and Ms. Aditi, 40 students participated in the visit. The STONEX sales team facilitated the tour, dividing students into two groups for a structured walkthrough of the Stonex and Stonelam galleries.

Group 1 began with the Stonex gallery, exploring various imported natural stones like onyx, granite, quartzite, and marble, followed by a visit to Stonelam. Group 2 followed the reverse sequence, starting with Stonelam—a premium natural facade material made from 100% natural pigments and manufactured in Italy.

The two-hour visit concluded with an interactive Q&A session, allowing students to clarify their doubts and deepen their understanding.

This visit effectively bridged the gap between theory and practice, enriching the students' academic learning with real-world industry insights.



NEW DELHI YMCA INSTITUTE FOR FASHION TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN

INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO ALOK FASHION PVT. LTD

The Department of Fashion Designing, YMCA, organised an industrial visit to **Alok Fashion Pvt. Ltd.**, a partnership firm specializing in manufacturing and business support services. Established on **17th December 2018**, this 7-year-old enterprise operates from its registered office at **B-29, Infocity, Sector-34, Gurugram, Haryana**. Classified as a micro-enterprise for the financial year 2023-24, the firm plays a significant role as an exporter and manufacturer, supplying to several well-known garment brands across the globe.

This visit provided an excellent opportunity for students to gain first-hand exposure to the operations of a real-world export house. It allowed them to explore and understand various functional departments involved in garment manufacturing and export processes. **Ms. Areeza, Merchant Manager** at Alok Fashion, warmly welcomed the students and delivered an insightful briefing on the export industry. She led a detailed tour of the facility, explaining the roles and functions of each department. Throughout the visit, supervisors actively engaged with students, addressing their questions and sharing practical insights about industry workflows. The two-hour session covered an in-depth walkthrough of the following departments and areas:

- Showroom
- Design department
- Sampling department
- Documentation
- Fabric and Accessories store
- Different types of Sewing machines and techniques
- Pattern+ Khakha and cost sheets of the orders / Tech Packs
- CAD department
- Stitching and finishing department
- Quality control /Checking
- Packing and packaging



The visit to **Alok Fashion N Pvt. Ltd.** was highly insightful, offering a real-world perspective on the operations of an export house. The firm's commitment to quality, efficiency, and business support activities underscores its strong potential for growth in the competitive manufacturing sector. This experience deepened our understanding of export-oriented business processes and highlighted the essential role of micro-enterprises in the broader industrial ecosystem.

SAVI FASHION APPAREL PVT. LTD



The department of Fashion Designing, YMCA organized an Industrial visit to the **SAVI FASHION PVT. LTD.** It is a Private company incorporated on 02 Dec 1994. The firm has a significant role as an exporter, manufacturer of leather products. It was a great opportunity for students to learn and explore different departments of an export house which supplies to many recognizable garment brands across the globe.

It was a learning journey for students as they practically witnessed different departments of an export house and their functioning. Mr. Nikhil (Merchant Manager) briefed the students about the leather export industry and then handed over to his assistant Mr. Yogesh, gave us a complete tour of the leather export house explaining functions of each department. Supervisors helped students solve their queries and provided them with useful knowledge about the functioning. The session was for around 2 hours and 30 mins, which covered the following details: -

- Showroom
- Documentation
- Leather and Accessories store
- Different types of leather
- Stitching and finishing department
- Quality control /Checking
- Packing and packaging

The visit to The Savi Fashion Apparel was highly insightful, providing a real-world perspective on the operations of an export house. The firm's commitment to quality, efficiency, and business support activities highlights its potential for growth in the competitive manufacturing sector.



NEW DELHI YMCA INSTITUTE FOR FASHION TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN

INDUSTRIAL VISIT PACIFIC MALL FOR 3RD AID JAN & AID AUGUST STUDENTS

SHOW WINDOW DESIGN STRATEGIES WITH TRANSLITE

An insightful industrial visit was organized for the students of 3rd AID January and AID August batches to Pacific Mall, Netaji Subhash Place, Delhi. Accompanied by faculty members Ms. Aditi Singh and Ms. Palak Kukreja, a total of 34 students participated in the visit, which commenced at 11:00 AM as per the planned schedule.

The main objective of the visit was to have students an overview of "THE PACIFIC MALL". All the students were headed by the faculty and some sign printout sheets and architectural plan of mall which helped them to understand about the different elements of the mall.

At industrial visit students studied about various finishes like: -

- Elements of design
- Overall merchandising techniques
- Basic design style
- Modern day techniques
- Types of services
- Parking design standards
- Retail showroom types, etc.

The visit lasted around 2.5 hours, allowing students to thoroughly observe and analyse the layout and interiors of the mall. It concluded with a Q&A session to clarify concepts and encourage discussion. Students were later assigned reports to reflect their observations and measurements.

This industrial exposure enabled students to connect classroom knowledge with on-ground practices. The experience was both informative and interactive, helping students gain a clearer understanding of translating design theory into real-world applications.

Overall, the visit was a great success and a valuable learning opportunity for all involved!

SKYLIGHT ANALYSIS WITH COOLING TECHNIQUES AT THE ENTRY FOYER WALK STREET



INDUSTRIAL VISIT SS PRINTS, D-226, SECTOR 63, NOIDA

On April 24, 2025, students from the New Delhi YMCA's (IFTD) Fashion Design & apparel and retail merchandising programs visited SS Prints in Noida, a company specializing in digital screen printing, manual screen printing, digital fabric printing, and computer embroidery.

The visit was guided by Mr. Man Singh, Mr. Sispal, and Mr. Rajan, who provided comprehensive insights into the company's operations. They explained the differences between manual and digital screen printing, highlighting how manual printing allows for artisanal detailing, while digital methods offer precision and efficiency for large-scale production.

The team also demonstrated computer embroidery machines, showcasing how digital patterns are translated into intricate stitched designs, enhancing the aesthetic appeal of garments.

This hands-on experience provided students with a deeper understanding of contemporary textile printing and embroidery techniques, bridging the gap between academic learning and industry practices. The visit emphasized the importance of integrating traditional craftsmanship with modern technology in the evolving fashion industry.

Overall, the industrial visit to SS Prints was an enlightening experience, offering valuable practical knowledge that complements the students' academic curriculum and prepares them for future careers in fashion and textile design.





NEW DELHI YMCA INSTITUTE FOR FASHION TECHNOLOGY AND DESIGN



FINE ARTS EXHIBITION ON WORLD ART DAY

14 April , Tourist Hostel Building
15 April (WORLD ART DAY) CCL Building
16 April 2025 YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL , Nizamuddin

The YMCA Fine Arts Department marked World Art Day with its much-anticipated Annual Art Exhibition-cum-Sale, held from April 14th to 16th, 2025 across three venues—YMCA Tourist Hostel Reception, CCL Building, and YMCA Public School. The three-day celebration of creativity drew an enthusiastic audience of students, staff, art lovers, and members of the YMCA community. Organized under the guidance of Dr. Indu Gupta, Director, IFTD, the exhibition featured a stunning and diverse collection of works by the talented Fine Arts students.

The exhibition showcased a diverse range of artwork created by the talented students of the Fine Arts department. The collection included paintings, sculptures, mixed media works, digital art, installations, and handcrafted items. Each piece reflected not only technical skill but also a deep understanding of artistic themes such as identity, environment, heritage, and social issues.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Indu Gupta, Director IFTD who appreciated the initiative and encouraged the students to continue exploring and sharing their creative voices. Faculty members and mentors guided visitors through the exhibits, providing insight into the creative process behind the artworks.

One of the key highlights of the event was the art sale, where several artworks were purchased by visitors, giving students an opportunity to engage with the professional art world and gain recognition for their work. The proceeds from the sales will partly go towards supporting student scholarships and future art events.

Interactive live painting sessions and artist talks were also held throughout the day, engaging attendees and offering a deeper look into the evolving world of contemporary art. Visitors expressed admiration for the innovative concepts and the passionate storytelling behind each piece.

The exhibition was a resounding success, both in terms of footfall and impact. It not only celebrated the spirit of World Art Day but also empowered young artists by providing them with a platform to share their vision and talent with a wider audience.



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VISUAL MERCHANDISING DISPLAY PROJECT

The students of the Fashion Design (FD) August 2024–25 batch successfully conducted a Visual Merchandising Display Project on 23rd April 2025, as part of their course requirements for the subject Fashion Merchandising.

The project was designed to provide hands-on experience in the planning, conceptualization, and execution of visual merchandising strategies commonly used in the retail industry. Working in teams, students created thematic window displays, demonstrating their understanding of product placement, colour theory, prop arrangement, and the vital role of storytelling in enhancing customer engagement.

Each team selected a specific retail theme and target customer base, tailoring their displays to align with the chosen concept. From seasonal promotions to brand identity representation, the students showcased creativity, critical thinking, and the practical application of merchandising principles.

Displays were evaluated based on several criteria, including:

- Concept clarity
- Innovation
- Visual appeal
- Relevance to the theme
- Overall presentation

This project not only deepened students' understanding of visual merchandising but also strengthened their ability to collaborate, communicate, and present ideas effectively—essential skills for future careers in fashion retail, visual display, and brand management.



END-SEMESTER EXHIBITION

The Institute of Fashion Technology and Design (IFTD) hosted its End-Semester Exhibition on April 29, 2025, at Y School of Music Hall. The event showcased exceptional talent and creativity of IFTD students from Fashion Designing, Interior Designing, and Beauty Therapy programs.

The exhibition was inaugurated by Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, who addressed the students with inspiring words. His motivational speech encouraged students to pursue their passions and strive for excellence in their chosen fields.

The exhibition featured an array of innovative designs, stunning creations, and impressive projects from IFTD students. Visitors were impressed by the creativity, skill, and attention to detail displayed in the exhibits.

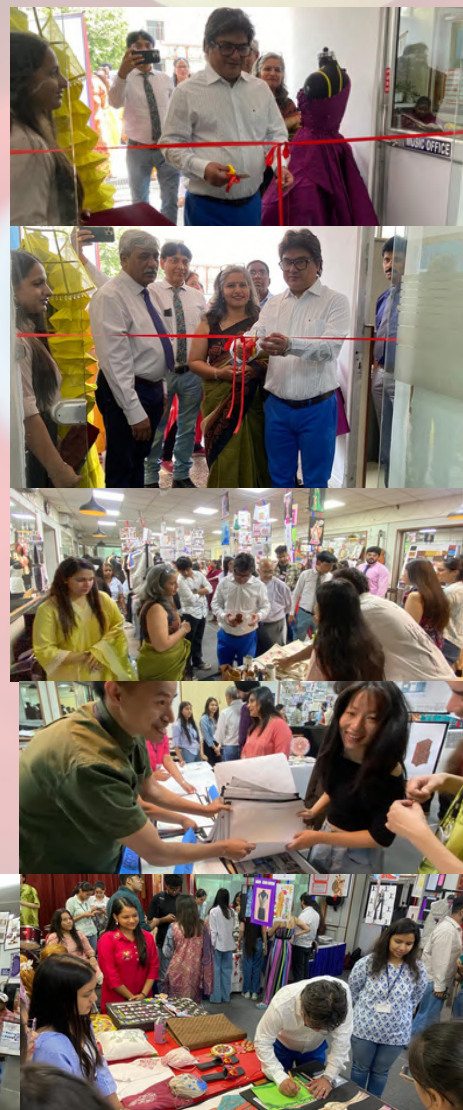
Fashion Designing students showcased their designs, from conceptualization to final product, highlighting their understanding of textiles, color, and style.

Interior Designing students displayed their projects, demonstrating their knowledge of space planning, aesthetics, and functionality.

Beauty Therapy students offered services and showcased their skills in makeup, hairstyling, and skincare.

The End-Semester Exhibition was a resounding success, providing students with a platform to showcase their talents and gain valuable experience. The event also demonstrated IFTD's commitment to fostering creativity, innovation, and excellence in the fields of fashion, interior design, and beauty therapy.

The IFTD community extended its gratitude to Mr. Rajeev Singh General Secretary & CEO for gracing the occasion and inspiring the students. We also appreciate the efforts of our students, faculty, and staff who worked tirelessly to make this event a success.





NEW DELHI YMCA SOCIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Department of Social and Human Development (SHD) of the New Delhi YMCA celebrated International Women's Day on 11th March 2025 with great enthusiasm and purpose. The event was held for the women of the Self-Help Groups (SHGs) across all five Community Development Centres (CDCs). It aimed to recognize and felicitate community women while providing them with a platform to showcase their talents and achievements.

The day was dedicated to celebrating women's empowerment and fostering self-confidence and personal development. A vibrant cultural programme was presented by the women of the SHGs from all CDCs. They also shared inspiring success stories that reflected their journey of resilience and determination. In addition, stalls were set up by the SHG members, displaying a wide range of handicraft items and delicious food items — all created and curated by the women themselves.

The Chief Guest for the event was Dr. Juhi Priyanka Horo, Co-Principal Investigator (India), University of Alberta, Canada. She delivered an insightful address, emphasizing the importance of balancing career and family, and highlighted that the support of one's family plays a crucial role in a woman's success. Dr. Horo also spoke about the significance of gender equality for a healthy society and urged young girls to be aware of their rights and stay vigilant against crimes targeting women.

The event was further graced by the presence of several distinguished guests, including Mr. Francis Andrade, Chairman, SHD, along with his wife; Mr. James Massey, Vice Chairman, SHD; Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben, Member, Board of Directors, along with his wife; Mr. Alope Michyari, Member, Board of Directors, NDY; Dr. Saju Varghese; Mr. Alex Francis Fernandes and his wife; Mr. Benjamin Paul; and Mr. Joseph Kuok, all Members of the SHD Committee. Also in attendance were Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, NDY; Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary, SHD; and Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer, SHD.

As a token of recognition, five outstanding women from each Self-Help Group were felicitated. Additionally, the best attendants from each CDC were honoured with mementoes by the Chief Guest and other esteemed dignitaries.

The event saw a remarkable attendance of approximately 500 women and staff from the Community Development Centres, making it a memorable celebration of strength, solidarity, and womanhood.



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AWARENESS GENERATION PROGRAMME

An Awareness Generation Programme (AGP) on 'Positive Parenting and Child Care' was organized on 5th March 2025 at the Community Development Centre, Sunlight Colony. The event was conducted for the parents of students enrolled in the Remedial Classes and was held in collaboration with the NGO Butterflies. The session was led by Mr. Mohd. Shareef and Ms. Sana, Senior Programme Officers from Butterflies, who served as the resource persons for the programme. The primary objective of the AGP was to educate parents on essential aspects of child development, including proper hygiene and healthcare, early childhood education, effective parenting techniques, and the importance of emotional bonding with young children. A total of 38 parents participated in the session, which was both informative and interactive. The programme provided valuable insights and practical guidance to help parents create a nurturing and supportive environment for their children. The session was facilitated by Mr. Narendra and Ms. Deepika, student interns from the Delhi School of Social Work, Delhi University, whose efforts contributed significantly to the smooth conduct of the programme.

Awareness Generation Programme on 'Vaccination for Uterus Cancer'

Awareness Generation Programme (AGP) on 'Vaccination for Uterus Cancer' was organized on 05th March 2025 with Girls & Women at Community Development Centre, Karpoori Thakur in networking with Parivar Seva Sansthan. The Resource Person was Ms. Seema Malhotra, Educationist from Parivar Seva Sansthan. Our main thrust was, to aware the women to prevent infection with high-risk strains of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). 30 Girls & Women participated in the programme.

Technical Training Workshop of Sewing Machines

The Department of Social and Human Development organised 'Technical Training Workshop of Sewing Machines' in collaboration with Singer India for the Visiting Faculties and Students of Diploma in Cutting & Tailoring on 19th March 2025 at Community Development Centre Sunlight Colony. The Programme was organised to make the students understand the mechanism, maintenance, usage and proper functioning of the Sewing Machines.

A Session on Mechanical Training on Sewing Machines was conducted by Mr. Anuj, General Manager and Mr. Mohit, Senior Officer from Singer India Limited. The Training Programme was attended by 57 Students and Staff.

Free Medical Check-Up Camp

The Community Development Centre Savda Ghevra organised a Medical Check - up Camp for General Diagnosis, Skin Care and Eye check-up on 26th March 2025 in collaboration with The Leprosy Mission Hospital (TLM) Shahdara. During the camp, screening and diagnosis of health issues were done for the community members, ensuring they receive essential medical attention and guidance. The Camp provided a range of healthcare services, including general diagnosis, skin problem assessments, eye check-up, weight and blood pressure monitoring and random blood sugar testing. A medical team comprising Dr. Reeti Tiwari Das, Ms. Rudhmila, Ophthalmic Technicians, Ms. Simphiya Ajith – Counsellor from The Leprosy Mission conducted the Camp, offering free medical services to the Community. 130 Community Members participated in the health camp, benefiting from the medical consultations and screenings. The initiative was highly successful and well-appreciated by the community, because it focused on critical healthcare needs.



NEW DELHI YMCA SOCIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

THE DELEGATION FROM WORLD ALLIANCE OF YMCA AT CDC KARPOORI THAKUR

It was a great privilege to host the Delegation from the World Alliance of YMCA and National Council of YMCAs of India on 11th April 2025 at the Community Development Centre Karpoori Thakur of SHD Department, New Delhi YMCA.

The Delegation was led by Ms. Soheila Hayek, President, World Alliance of YMCA, Mr. Carlos Sanvee, Secretary General, World Alliance of YMCA. Secretaries and Staff of National Council of YMCAs of India were also part of the visiting team. The Programme was also graced by the presence of Mr. Joseph Anil Benjamin, Mr. Vijay Russell and Mr. Oliver Joshua Jacob, Members, Board of Directors, Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO along with the other Secretaries of New Delhi YMCA.

The Delegation appreciated the work of Department of Social & Human Development in the field of community development for the marginalised sections of the community.

Souvenirs (prepared by the SHD team) were presented to each of the delegates. Ms. Soheila Hayek, President World Alliance of YMCA was impressed with the services being provided by New Delhi YMCA to the marginalised section of the community. Mr. Carlos Sanvee, Secretary General also appreciated the efforts of New Delhi YMCA in bringing together the people from different walks of life to a common platform of YMCA. He emphasised on the efforts being put together for catering standardised services to different sections of the society from a common platform.

SHG women showcased their products including Bed sheets, Pillow cases, Table mats, Tea coasters, Handicraft work, Handmade Masala (Indian Spices) etc., which left the delegates impressed.

Later that evening, youth from CDC Kalyanpuri and CDC Savda Ghevra presented Welcome Dance and Folk Dances during the Cultural Night organised by the National Council of YMCAs of India in honour of the Delegation from the World Alliance of YMCA.



SUCCESS STORIES

EMPOWERED THROUGH EDUCATION AND OPPORTUNITIES

Ms. Preeti's dream of achieving something in life through education and skill development came true in 2008 when she joined the Remedial Classes at YMCA, CDC Kalyanpuri. The guidance and encouragement she received motivated her to participate in YMCA's various programmes, such as Summer Camp and NGO Mela, where she won several awards that boosted her confidence.

Further to enhance her skills, Preeti completed a Basic Computer Course at YMCA. In 2018, she began working as a Remedial Class Instructor with CDC Kalyanpuri. Later, she joined MAGIC BUS NGO as a Community Mobilizer, earning handsome amount as salary. In 2022, Preeti completed the NIIT CCMO course at YMCA, which led to a job offer from NIIT Foundation. She is currently working with the NGO "KHUSHI."

Ms. Preeti credits YMCA for playing a pivotal role in her personal life and career. She considers YMCA her family, as it has provided her with the opportunities and support needed to create a bright future.

YMCA has encouraged her to pursue her dream and provided her numerous opportunities to do so. This has not only helped Ms. Preeti as an individual to succeed in life but also inspired those around to follow their dreams despite the lack of resources- which are met by life-altering NGOs like the YMCA.



**FROM REMEDIAL CLASS TO COUNSELLOR
MS. LAKSHMI'S JOURNEY TO EMPOWERMENT**

New Delhi YMCA has a rich history of transformative success stories highlighting its impact on the underprivileged communities. New Delhi YMCA's impactful success stories are numerous and one such inspiring story is of Ms. Lakshmi. Her family consisted of six members: her mother, father and siblings. Her father works as a daily wage labourer and her mother is a member of the Self Help Group "Ekta" at CDC Sunlight Colony.

Ms. Lakshmi connected to YMCA, when she was just 10 years old. This early exposure marked the beginning of her educational journey. She enrolled in Remedial Classes in ALC of Rajiv Camp and also started participating in various programmes such as the Summer Programme, Independence Day and Republic Day Celebrations. She became a member of Youth Group at CDC Sunlight Colony. In 2010 after completion of her Class XII, she joined New Delhi YMCA as Visiting Faculty of Remedial Class and worked for 5 years. After completing her Masters in Social Work (MSW) she worked in several NGOs and now she is working as a Counsellor in Bal Sahyog (NGO).

YMCA has sowed the seed of service in Ms. Lakshmi at a very young age. Today her commitment towards Social Work is a reflection of YMCA's support and help she received during her student-life and the initial stage of her career.

Her involvement with the Social Work is her way of repaying the community. She speaks out proudly about YMCA and her family's support. YMCA too, is proud and glad to be able to establish a career for another youth.



NEW DELHI YMCA GREATER NOIDA PROGRAMME CENTRE

PRAYER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

March 2025

On the morning of 8th March 2025, the YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre held a deeply meaningful and memorable Prayer Breakfast Fellowship at 8:30 am. It was both special and memorable. One of the highlights of the event was the participation of a group of bikers from the Department of Student and Youth, who travelled all the way from New Delhi YMCA to Greater Noida on their bikes. The theme of their bike rally was "Global Peace,"

The service began with an opening prayer by Mr. Hari Om Sharma, setting a serene and reflective tone for the gathering. Following the prayer, Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA delivered the welcome address, warmly greeting all attendees and setting the stage for the day's proceedings. After that Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, Greater Noida Programme Centre, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of fellowship and unity in the YMCA community.

Mr. Ajitabh Thomas led the praise and worship segment, uplifting the spirit of all present with heartfelt songs of worship. The scripture reading, taken from Matthew 5:3-9, was delivered by Mr. Oliver Joshua Jacob, Chairman, Department of Students and Youth. His reading resonated with the theme of peace and humility, laying the foundation for the message to follow.

The guest speaker for the occasion was Mr. Samuel John Shekhar, Chaplain, St. Stephen's College and Director of the Delhi Youth Fellowship, Diocese of Delhi CNI. His message was inspiring and thought-provoking, urging the attendees to embody the values of peace, love, and compassion in their daily lives. After the message, Mr. Shekhar, along with Mr. Ajitabh and Mr. Oliver Jacob, was felicitated with a bouquet in recognition of their valuable contributions.

The event concluded with a closing prayer by Pastor Manish, followed by a benediction, leaving everyone with a sense of peace and unity. In the final moments, Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, New Delhi YMCA expressed gratitude to all those who had contributed to the event with a vote of thanks. The gathering then transitioned into a delightful breakfast fellowship, where participants enjoyed a meal together, fostering further bonds of friendship and community.



April 2025

The YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre successfully organized a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on 12th April 2025 at 8:30 AM. The gathering was a time of spiritual enrichment and fellowship.

The programme commenced with an opening prayer led by Pastor Sanjay Kumar, setting a reverent and reflective tone for the morning. Following this, Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary, NDY welcomed all present with a heartfelt welcome address, expressing the joy of coming together in the spirit of unity and devotion.

A powerful time of praise and worship was then led by the Greater Noida Choir, lifting the hearts of all in attendance. The scripture portion was read by Mr. Naveen Chainni, taken from Matthew 6:9-10, encouraging the congregation to focus on the Lord's Prayer and the importance of aligning with God's will.

The message of the day was shared by Pastor Samson Arthur from Assembly of Believers Crown Church, Greater Noida. His message brought inspiration and spiritual encouragement to all, emphasizing the importance of prayer, humility, and community. Following the message, the congregation joined together in singing the congregational hymn "Sagar Se Bhi Gehera", creating a deeply moving moment of collective worship. As a token of appreciation, the pastors and the choir group were felicitated with plantain saplings, symbolizing growth, blessing, and sustainability.

To conclude the service, Pastor Kiran Devadas led the congregation in the closing prayer and benediction, invoking God's grace and peace over all who were present. The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, NDY who expressed gratitude to everyone involved in making the fellowship a meaningful and blessed event. After the service, all attendees gathered in the dining hall for breakfast, enjoying a time of fellowship, conversation, and community bonding.



NEW DELHI YMCA GREATER NOIDA PROGRAMME CENTRE

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



The YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre successfully organized a solemn and spirit-filled Easter Sunrise Service on Sunday, 20th April 2025 at 6:00 AM in the campus premises. The event witnessed the participation of approximately 240 individuals, comprising members of the local community, pastors, church groups, and well-wishers.

The programme commenced with an opening prayer led by Pastor Samson from Assembly of Believers Crown Church, setting a reverent tone for the morning. This was followed by a welcome address and Easter greetings by Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, NDY, who extended warm wishes to all present and acknowledged the significance of the resurrection of Christ.

Praise and worship was led by the students from Father Agnel Bal Bhawan, Greater Noida, drawing the congregation into a deep time of reflection and celebration. This was followed by the scripture reading, conducted by Pastor Prempal, highlighting the resurrection. The heart of the service, the Easter Message, was delivered by Rev. Wilson Joseph of Calvary Temple Christian Fellowship, Greater Noida. His sermon focused on the hope and victory found in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and encouraged the community to walk in the power of the risen Lord.

Following the message, the congregation united in singing a congregational hymn, rejoicing together in the spirit of Easter. The service concluded with a closing prayer and benediction by Rev. Simon Chandra from Nav Jeevan Church, Greater Noida invoking blessings upon all attendees and their families.

Before dispersing, Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, NDY offered a heartfelt vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all pastors, worship leaders and attendees for their presence and contributions toward making the event a meaningful one. The morning concluded with refreshments served to all, fostering fellowship and a sense of community among those gathered.



NEW DELHI YMCA DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

PRAYER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

March 2025

The Department of Christian Emphasis of the New Delhi YMCA organised a spiritually uplifting Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 8th March 2025 at The Heinz Auditorium, YMCA Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road. The fellowship commenced at 8:30 AM and was attended by over 50 participants from diverse backgrounds, gathered in a spirit of prayer, worship, and fellowship.

The programme began with the Opening Prayer and Words of Welcome by Rev. Vasant Kumar Rueben, Chairman of the Department of Christian Emphasis, New Delhi YMCA. His warm welcome set the tone for a meaningful time of spiritual engagement.

Praise and Worship was led by the Ibteda Band, whose heartfelt and vibrant songs created a reverent and joyful atmosphere, drawing all into collective worship.

The Scripture Reading was done by Mrs. Neelam Lal, who read a selected passage from the Bible, providing a reflective foundation for the message that followed.

The Sermon was delivered by Evangelist R. Rajkumar, the Guest Speaker for the occasion. He shared an inspiring message focused on our relationship with God, encouraging the audience to strengthen their spiritual walk and live in close communion with the Divine.

The service concluded with the Closing Prayer and Benediction, pronounced by Rev. Sunil Ghazan, invoking God's blessings upon all in attendance.

A sincere Vote of Thanks was offered by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, who expressed appreciation to the organisers, participants, and all who contributed to the success of the event.

Following the service, a fellowship breakfast was served in the Dining Hall, providing an opportunity for attendees to interact, reflect, and build deeper connections within the YMCA community.

The Prayer Breakfast Fellowship was a spiritually enriching experience and reaffirmed the New Delhi YMCA's ongoing commitment to Christian values and community engagement.



April 2025

The New Delhi YMCA organized a spiritually enriching Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 12th April 2025, at the Heinz Auditorium, YMCA Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road. The fellowship commenced at 8:30 a.m. and was attended by over 60 participants, comprising YMCA members, staff, and guests.

The gathering was warmly welcomed by Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, who set the tone for the morning by emphasizing the importance of prayer and community fellowship.

A vibrant session of Praise and Worship followed, led by the Worship Team of the Assembly of Believer's Church, Mahendra Park, under the leadership of Pastor Jonathan Mathews. The worship inspired an atmosphere of devotion and reflection.

The Scripture Reading was conducted in English by Mr. Rupinder Lal, a member of the New Delhi YMCA, and in Hindi by Mr. Sarthak Joel Tunious, Secretary on Probation, New Delhi YMCA.

The highlight of the morning was the message delivered by Pastor Ajay Mathews, Senior Pastor of the Assembly of Believer's Church, Delhi. His sermon was insightful and uplifting, encouraging attendees to remain steadfast in faith and to serve with humility and purpose.

The Vote of Thanks was presented by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to all who contributed to the success of the event, including the organizing team, speakers, and worship leaders.

The fellowship concluded with a hearty breakfast served in the foyer, providing an opportunity for attendees to interact and strengthen bonds of Christian fellowship.

The Prayer Breakfast Fellowship was a meaningful time of worship, reflection, and community, reinforcing the YMCA's commitment to nurturing spiritual growth and fellowship among its members.



NEW DELHI YMCA DEPARTMENT OF PROGRAMME, CULTURAL AND TRIBAL

Seminar on “Empowering Women to Empower Communities with Dignity”

On March 8, 2025, the New Delhi YMCA came alive with dialogue, inspiration, and purpose as it celebrated International Women's Day with a powerful Panel Discussion on the theme “Empowering Women to Empower Communities with Dignity.” The event, hosted by the Department of Programme, Cultural Tribal (PCT), took place at The Heinz Auditorium, Tourist Hostel, NDY, and drew in a vibrant crowd of women from Education Centre, YWCA, SHD Centres, and other NGOs and tribal communities.

The programme began at 11:00 AM with an opening prayer by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, NDY followed by a warm welcome from Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, NDY. Special greetings were extended by Mr. J.A. Benjamin, President, NDY, and Mr. Aloke Michyari, Chairman, PCT.

The highlight of the event was the engaging panel discussion moderated by Dr. Gomati Bodra, Professor Social Science, Jamia Milia Islamia who skillfully introduced the esteemed Panelists:

- Dr. Juhi Priyanka Horo, Co-Principal Investigator(India) University of Alberta, Canada
- Mrs. Babita Hembrom, Educator & Artist
- Dr. Virginius Xaxa, former Director, TISS Guwahati

Each speaker shared profound insights on the transformative role of women in community development, with dignity at the heart of empowerment. The session concluded with an interactive open house, where attendees asked thoughtful and inspiring questions.

Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, NDY delivered the vote of thanks, acknowledging the panelists and participants for making the event memorable. The celebration ended on a high note with a fellowship lunch, fostering connection and solidarity among women from all walks of life. Together, they reaffirmed a powerful truth: when women rise, communities thrive.



NEW DELHI YMCA DEPARTMENT OF STUDENTS AND YOUTH

MOTORBIKE RIDE

The Department of Students and Youth Services (DoSYS) organized a Motorbike Ride on Saturday, 8th March 2025, under the theme “Ride for Global Peace.” The event began at 7:00 a.m. from the New Delhi YMCA, CCL Building, Jai Singh Road, with approximately 15 enthusiastic bike riders, including staff and members of the New Delhi YMCA.

Participants began gathering at the venue around 6:30 a.m. The event commenced with an opening prayer led by Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary of NDYMCA.

The ride was officially flagged off by Mr. Oliver Joshua Jacob, Chairman of DoSYS, and Mr. Sumit Gupta, Member of NDYMCA. All riders reached the Greater Noida Program Centre by around 8:00 a.m., accompanied by the Speaker of the Day, Rev. Samuel John Shekhar, who also participated as one of the bike riders.



The program concluded with a meaningful Prayer Breakfast Service followed by a wholesome and healthy breakfast.



NEW DELHI YMCA YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL, HODAL

ART & CRAFT EXHIBITION CUM VALEDICTORY FUNCTION

An Art & Craft exhibition was organised at the YMCA Public School, Hodal on 28th March 2025 along with the Valedictory function for the students.

The students showcased their talent in art and craft by the various charts, models and creative objects they made throughout the year.

The Valedictory function of YPS Hodal for the year 2024-25 was also held on the same day, the prizes were distributed by Mr. Feroze Khan, AGS, New Delhi YMCA. He encouraged the students for the art/craft exhibition and also congratulated them for the excellent results they had achieved. He also appreciated the efforts put in by the teacher's team led by Mr. Rakesh Sharma in organising the programme.

The parents, who came in large numbers, appreciated the exhibition organised by their wards and also appreciated the Valedictory function.



NEW DELHI YMCA YMCA PROGRAMME CENTRE, DOROTHY VILLA, MEHRAGAON

PRAYER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

On March 29th 2025, YMCA Programme Centre, Dorothy Villa hosted a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship at Dorothy Villa. The prayer meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. with a word of prayer led by Dr. Alok Naskar, Haldwani Methodist Church.

Mr. Sagar Emanuel Paul, Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, warmly welcomed attendees, present for the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship. The Praise and Worship segment was powerfully performed by the Haldwani Methodist Church Choir. Their soulful melodies stirred the hearts of the congregation, lifting their spirits and inspiring fervent rejoicing for the expansion of His Kingdom.

Ms. Pooja Arya read a Scripture passage from Isaiah 58:1-8 in Hindi, guiding everyone into a moment of deep reflection. This was followed by sharing of the Word of God, which was delivered by Rev. Sameer Massey from the Kathgodam Methodist Church. Rev. Massey's sermon emphasized the importance of true righteousness by helping the needy and oppressed, leaving a lasting impact on the congregation.

The Fellowship concluded with a closing prayer and benediction by Rev. Massey. The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr. Sagar Emanuel Paul, where he expressed his sincere gratitude to all who attended. The event was rounded off with a delightful breakfast, providing a final opportunity for camaraderie and connection among those present.

Approximately 23 individuals attended this enriching Prayer Breakfast Fellowship, leaving with renewed faith and a strengthened sense of community. The event offered a meaningful opportunity for spiritual reflection and communal support, fostering an environment where attendees could strengthen their bonds and find inspiration for their personal journeys.



NEW DELHI YMCA INTER "Y" MOVEMENT

REPORT ON VISIT TO YELAGIRI FOR NATIONAL GENDER WOMEN ASSEMBLY



The National Gender Women Assembly on Gender Equity – A Shared Responsibility for Sustainable Communities was organized by the National Council of YMCAs of India, Department of Youth Empowerment, Gender, Sports/Physical Recreation. The assembly was held at the YMCA Camp Centre, Yelagiri, Tamil Nadu, from 7th to 9th March 2025, and hosted by the YMCA Boys Division, Thirupattur on the theme: "Gender Equity – A Shared Responsibility for Sustainable Communities".

The New Delhi YMCA deputed Mr. Allen Dsouza, Member, NDY, Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Asst. General Secretary, Ms. Angelina Anthony, ERP Executive and Ms. Namita Kakkar, TGT, Special Education, to attend the programme.

The program aimed to engage young and dynamic YMCA members, leaders, and women from various YMCAs across India to promote gender equity and inclusivity. The assembly aimed to address gender justice within the YMCA movement and society, encouraging positive change through discussions, knowledge-sharing, and leadership development.

Objectives of the Assembly - The assembly aimed to:

- Promote awareness and understanding of gender equity as a shared responsibility for sustainable communities.
- Address gender disparities and advocate for policies that strengthen gender justice within the YMCA.
- Create equitable opportunities and enforce a zero-tolerance policy against sexual harassment.
- Discuss challenges faced by women in the workplace and promote their inclusion in leadership and social spheres.
- Empower women and youth through knowledge-sharing and leadership development.
- Provide a collaborative platform for women to share experiences and raise awareness on gender equity and women's empowerment.

The National Gender Women Assembly was an enriching experience, providing valuable insights into gender justice, leadership development, and the significance of gender equity in building sustainable communities. The interactive sessions, discussions, and cultural exchanges offered a comprehensive understanding of the challenges and opportunities in promoting gender justice within the YMCA movement and beyond.

The event reaffirmed the importance of collaborative efforts in achieving gender equity and empowered the delegates to take proactive steps towards advocating for a more inclusive and just society.

NEW DELHI YMCA

New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel cum Programme Centre

The New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel cum Programme Centre continues to set new benchmarks in hospitality by focusing on enhancing guest experiences through upgraded facilities and dynamic service offerings. With a growing influx of both domestic and international travellers, the Hostel remains committed to providing a comfortable, memorable, and satisfying stay.

As part of its ongoing development, the Tourist Hostel has launched a series of initiatives aimed at improving overall guest satisfaction.

The facility is also increasing its outreach through promotional campaigns to better connect with travellers seeking reliable, budget-friendly lodging in the heart of the capital.

We are dedicated towards creating a warm and welcoming environment for our guests. Our focus remains on continuous improvement ensuring that every visitor enjoys not just a stay, but an experience.

The New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel cum Programme Centre has **received the Certificate of Appreciation for securing second place in the Swachh Survekshan**. It's a major accomplishment to be recognized by the New Delhi Municipal Council (NDMC) for maintaining such high standards.



ROOM & HALL



The New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel cum Programme Centre remains steadfast in its mission to offer a standardized, comfortable stay for every guest. Consistent improvements and strategic planning continues to be key drivers in enhancing guest satisfaction securing better reviews and increase in business.

In the month of March 2025, we achieved an impressive room occupancy rate of 78.24%, followed by 70% in April 2025. **We proudly achieved more than 100% occupancy** on the following dates in March: 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th, and 26th. Even during the lean period, we achieved full occupancy on 23rd April 2025, reflecting strong demand and guest trust.

Facility improvements are ongoing, with a special focus on enhancing the banquet halls. Upgrading these spaces is a strategic move to attract more events and bookings, positively impacting our Food & Beverage (F&B) sales and Banquets.

Ongoing facility upgrades are a central part of our mission to deliver enhanced services and a comfortable stay for all our valued guests.

Hall Bookings:

Power Finance Corporation Ltd.

The Lutheran World Federation

Macadam – Expansion and Empowerment Team Pvt. Ltd.

These organizations booked our halls for their respective events, underlining the trust and preference shown towards our facilities.

DINING HALL



One of the standout enhancements is the refreshed, air-conditioned Dining Hall, now seating up to 80 covers. To cater to diverse palates, a new menu has been introduced, offering an even greater variety of flavourful, multi-cuisine meals and snacks. In addition, efforts are underway to revamp the overall look of the Dining Hall to create a fresher, more inviting ambience for guests.

Y's Men International Dinner

The Y's Men International Dinner on 9th April 2025 was successfully organized by the National Council of YMCAs of India and New Delhi YMCA. International YMCA guests participated in the event, which was held in the Heinz Auditorium.

Tourism Sustainability Summit 2025

The Tourist Hostel had strong representation at the Tourism Sustainability Summit 2025 held at Hotel Le Meridien New Delhi.

Green Initiative

First of its kind, the NDY Tourist Hostel is contributing to sustainability initiatives by safely disposing of used cooking oil through certified agencies and generating revenue in the process.



NEW DELHI YMCA YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL, NIZAMUDDIN

BEGINNING OF NEW ACADEMIC SESSION 2025- 26

"Each new beginning brings a chance to do better, learn more, and be our best selves." With this thought in mind, YMCA Public School, Nizamuddin commenced the academic session 2025–26 with a special assembly on March 25 2025, aimed at setting a positive tone for the year ahead.

The assembly began with a heartfelt prayer led by the YPS teachers, who sang the uplifting song "Showers of Blessings." This was followed by an inspiring thought of the day shared by Ms. Jyotsna, encouraging students to embrace the opportunities the new session offers.

To keep everyone informed, Mr. Pranav presented the latest news headlines along with the weather forecast, ensuring students were aware of current events.

Adding a poetic touch to the morning, Ms. Amala recited verses that uplifted spirits and added beauty to the start of the day.

As it was the first day of the academic session, students were eager to know about their new class teachers. The introductions followed, allowing students to familiarize themselves with their mentors for the year.

The assembly concluded with the National Pledge, led by Ms. Nandini, reminding everyone of their duties towards the nation and the school. The session ended on a positive note, encouraging students to set goals and stay focused throughout the academic year.

This cheerful and motivating start marked the beginning of a promising academic journey for all.

SPECIAL ASSEMBLY FOR EARTH DAY

To commemorate Earth Day, a special assembly was held on April 5, 2025, under the theme "Invest in Our Planet". This initiative aimed to raise awareness about environmental issues and inspire students to take proactive steps toward a sustainable future.

The assembly commenced with a thought-provoking quote on nature, setting a reflective tone for the gathering. A prayer emphasizing harmony with the environment was then led by the teachers, reinforcing the importance of living in balance with nature.

Aditya Thakur from Class X-A delivered an insightful opening address, highlighting the significance of Earth Day and stressing the urgent need to address challenges such as climate change, deforestation, and pollution.

Students from Classes V-A and V-B—Daniyal, Mariam Salim, and Manara—presented a heartfelt poem that celebrated the beauty of our planet and reminded everyone of their responsibility to protect and preserve it.

Further enriching the assembly, Laxmi from Class X-A delivered a speech in Hindi, discussing practical ways to safeguard our environment and emphasizing the role of individuals in fostering positive change.

The assembly concluded with the National Anthem, followed by a collective pledge taken by the students to be responsible citizens and stewards of the environment. This event successfully instilled a sense of awareness and responsibility among students, motivating them to contribute actively to the well-being of Mother Earth.



NEW DELHI YMCA YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL, NIZAMUDDIN

THROWBALL MATCH

YMCA Public School hosted an exhilarating Inter-House Throwball Tournament on April 9th and 11th 2025. The event commenced with the ceremonial flag-off by the Principal, Mr. C.P. Davis, followed by an oath taken by all players to uphold the principles of fair play and adhere to the tournament's rules and regulations.

The four spirited houses—Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow—assembled on the meticulously marked courts, each team donning their vibrant house colours, ready to compete for supremacy. The atmosphere was charged with enthusiasm as students from grades 6 to 12 showcased their skills and sportsmanship.

The tournament followed a knockout format, with matches conducted across four categories: Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Senior Boys, and Senior Girls. Approximately 80 students participated, demonstrating commendable teamwork and determination. Mr. Edward P. Pershad, Head of the Sports Committee, provided a comprehensive briefing on the rules and regulations, ensuring a smooth and fair competition. Ms. Nidhi Carol diligently managed the scoring throughout the event.

Each round was met with heightened excitement, as players gave their all to secure victory for their respective houses. The finals, held on April 11th, were a testament to the **"One Team, One Dream"** spirit, with the entire school community, including teachers, rallying behind their teams. Mr. Davis offered words of encouragement before each final match, further elevating the morale of the participants.

After a series of intense matches, the final standings were as follows:

- **1st Place: Yellow House – 35 points**
- **2nd Place: Blue House – 23 points**
- **3rd Place: Green House – 22 points**

The tournament concluded at 1:30 PM, leaving behind memories of spirited competition and a reinforced sense of community. The event not only highlighted the athletic prowess of our students but also underscored the values of teamwork, discipline, and sportsmanship.



NEW DELHI YMCA YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL, NIZAMUDDIN

BADMINTON COMPETITION

On April 16 and 17, 2025, YMCA Public School hosted its much-anticipated Inter-House Badminton Tournament, bringing together spirited competitors from the four houses: Red, Blue, Green, and Yellow. The event was inaugurated by the esteemed Principal, Mr. C.P. Davis, who emphasized the importance of adhering to the rules and maintaining fair play throughout the competition.

The tournament followed a knockout format, with matches conducted across four categories: Junior Boys, Junior Girls, Senior Boys, and Senior Girls. Each match was a testament to the players' dedication, skill, and teamwork, reflecting the vibrant house spirit.

Mr. Edward P. Pershad, Head of the Sports Committee, provided a comprehensive briefing on the tournament's rules and regulations, ensuring all participants were well-informed. Ms. Nidhi Carol, also from the Sports Committee, efficiently managed the scoring system, contributing to the smooth conduct of the event.

The finals embodied the "One Team, One Dream" ethos, with students and teachers alike passionately supporting their respective houses. Before each final match, Principal Mr. C.P. Davis extended his best wishes to the players, fostering an atmosphere of encouragement and camaraderie.

After intense and closely contested matches, the final standings were as follows:

- 1st Place: Red House – 33 points
- 2nd Place: Blue House – 24 points
- 3rd Place: Yellow House – 22 points
- 4th Place: Green House – 21 points

The tournament concluded at 11:00 AM, leaving participants with a sense of accomplishment and unity. It was a celebration of sportsmanship, teamwork, and the enduring spirit of YMCA Public School. The event not only showcased the athletic talents of our students but also reinforced the values of discipline and fair play.



INVESTITURE AND AWARD CEREMONY

YMCA Public School proudly hosted its Investiture and Award Ceremony on 30th April 2025, marking a momentous occasion in the school's calendar. The event was a celebration of leadership, achievement, and the values that define the institution. It was a moment of immense pride for the staff and students alike, as it symbolized the trust placed in young minds to lead with vision and responsibility.

The ceremony commenced with a warm welcome extended to the esteemed dignitaries. The event was graced by Mr. Eldo N.V., National General Secretary of the National Council of YMCAs of India, as the Chief Guest. He was joined by Mr. Rajeev Singh, CEO of NDY, and Mr. Feroze Khan, AGS, NDY. The school's respected Principal, Mr. C.P. Davis, stood beside the guests throughout the event, offering his encouragement and support.

A highlight of the day was the official induction of the newly elected School Council Members for the academic year 2025 -26. The appointed student leaders took charge of various roles including Head Boy, Head Girl, Deputy Head Boy, Deputy Head Girl, House Incharges, Cleanliness Incharges, and Discipline Incharges. Their appointments aim to nurture leadership, responsibility, and teamwork among the student body.

A historic moment in the ceremony was the introduction of the Special Wing Captain—a newly created leadership post that ensures inclusivity and representation for students from the special wing. This initiative was met with overwhelming appreciation and is a commendable step toward promoting equality and unity within the school. In addition to the investiture, deserving students were recognized for their exceptional achievements in academics, attendance, and zonal-level competitions. These awards served as motivation for all students to strive for excellence in every sphere.

The event concluded with a solemn oath-taking ceremony, during which the new student leaders pledged to uphold their responsibilities with sincerity, integrity, and dedication. The ceremony was further enriched by inspiring speeches from the Chief Guest and other dignitaries, who emphasized the significance of leadership rooted in empathy, service, and moral values.

The Investiture and Award Ceremony 2025 was a resounding success, reflecting YMCA Public School's unwavering commitment to holistic education and inclusive growth, as it continues to empower the leaders of tomorrow.



NEW DELHI YMCA YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL, NIZAMUDDIN

CARROM COMPETITION

Recognizing the importance of non-physical activities in fostering mental well-being and enhancing concentration, YMCA Public School organised a two-day inter-house Carrom competition on the 24th and 25th of April 2025. This initiative aimed to engage students in a constructive and enjoyable manner, unveiling their latent talents.

The event commenced with a briefing during the morning assembly, where students were reminded to maintain discipline and silence throughout the proceedings. Given the inter-house nature of the competition, a spirited and competitive atmosphere ensued, with some participants eager to showcase their skills and others determined to secure victory. Regardless of the outcome, all involved appreciated the engaging experience.

Senior category boys and girls were the first to compete in the multipurpose hall, followed by their junior counterparts. The competition was captivating, with participants displaying remarkable enthusiasm and focus throughout the event.

Special thanks were extended to Mr. Edward P. Pershad for his diligent oversight and record-keeping, and to Ms. Nidhi Carol and Ms. Sheeba Todd for their meticulous scoring of the matches. As the tournament progressed, the intensity heightened, culminating in the finals by 11:00 a.m. The venue was vibrant, with representatives from all houses adding to the lively atmosphere. Every corner of the hall was occupied by students striving to elevate their house's standing.

Upon conclusion of all categories, the final standings were as follows:

Carrom Tournament Results:

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| 1. Red House | 49 points |
| 2. Blue House | 36 points |
| 3. Yellow House | 33 points |
| 4. Green House | 32 points |

The students expressed immense satisfaction by participating, competing, and demonstrating their abilities.



NEW DELHI YMCA YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL, NIZAMUDDIN YPS STAFF- SATTAL TRIP

YMCA Public School organized a rejuvenating Nature Camp for its staff at the YMCA Campsite-cum-Programme Centre in Sattal, Uttarakhand, from March 21 to 23, 2025. Nestled amidst the serene landscapes of the Lower Himalayan Range, Sattal is renowned for its cluster of seven freshwater lakes surrounded by dense oak and pine forests, offering a perfect blend of tranquility and adventure.

The journey commenced from New Delhi on the morning of March 21, with the scenic drive through the hills and forests setting a tranquil tone for the trip. Upon arrival at YMCA Sattal, staff members were welcomed by the refreshing climate and the peaceful ambiance of the lakeside. The accommodation, comprising well-maintained tents with attached facilities, provided comfort amidst nature. The multi-cuisine dining area served nutritious and delicious meals, enhancing the overall experience.

Throughout the camp, participants engaged in a variety of activities designed to foster team bonding and appreciation for nature:

- **Boating on Sattal Lake:** Enjoying the calm waters and the reflections of surrounding hills.
- **Nature Walks and Trekking:** Exploring lush green trails leading to Panna Lake, learning about local flora and fauna.
- **Campfire Evenings:** Sharing stories, singing songs, and bonding under the stars.
- **Photography Sessions:** Capturing breathtaking landscapes and wildlife.
- **Excursion to Nainital:** Boating in Naini Lake, shopping at Mall Road, and relishing local snacks like tea and Maggi.

The trip concluded with a morning walk along the lakeside, allowing participants to reflect on the enriching experiences. The blend of natural beauty and cultural exploration made the Nature Camp a memorable and rejuvenating experience for all involved.

This Nature Camp not only offered a respite from daily routines but also strengthened the bond among staff members, fostering a sense of community and shared purpose.



NEW DELHI YMCA DEPARTMENT OF SPORTS

INTER-DEPARTMENT CRICKET TOURNAMENT 2025

The Inter-Department Cricket Tournament 2025, organized by the Department of Sports at New Delhi YMCA, was held from March 3 to March 11, 2025. A total of 11 teams participated, representing various departments including Corporate, SHD, HPDP, Finance Department A & B, Tourist Hostel A & B, Nizamuddin School A & B, and the Department of Sports A & B. The tournament aimed to foster teamwork, boost morale, and provide a fun, competitive atmosphere for employees.

The tournament followed a league-cum-knockout format, with each team playing 10-over matches during the league stage. The semifinals and final were played as 15-over matches. After a series of intense games, the top four teams advanced to the semifinals, culminating in an exciting conclusion to the week-long event.

The teams showcased great sportsmanship and talent, with standout players such as Mr. Ashish Clifton from the Department of Sports, who impressed with his batting throughout the tournament. The best bowling performance came from Mr. Parmod Jadram from the Finance Department.

Semifinal Results:

- **1st Semifinal:** Finance Department-A vs Sports Department-A. **Sports Department-A won by 9 wickets**
- **2nd Semifinal:** Corporate vs Nizamuddin-A. **Corporate won by 11 runs**

3rd Place Match: Finance Department-A vs Nizamuddin-A. **Finance Department-A won by 7 wickets**

Final Match: The final was a closely contested match between Corporate and Sports Department-A.

- Sports Department-A batted first and scored 94 runs in 15 overs.
- Corporate struggled in their chase and managed only 41 runs for 6 wickets in 8.4 overs.

Result: Sports Department-A won by 53 runs. **Mr. Ashish Clifton**, captain of Sports Department-A, was named 'Man of the Match' for his outstanding all-round performance in the final.

Awards and Recognitions:

- **Best Player of the Tournament:** Mr. Ashish Clifton, Sports Department-A
- **Best Batsman:** Mr. Ashish Clifton, Sports Department-A
- **Best Bowler:** Mr. Parmod Jadram, Finance Department-A

Final Standings:

- **Winners:** Sports Department-A
- **Runners-Up:** Corporate
- **2nd Runner-Up:** Finance Department-A

The tournament was a resounding success, providing employees with a fun and engaging platform to build connections across departments. We look forward to organizing similar events in the future to continue promoting teamwork, camaraderie, and a healthy work-life balance.



CHRISTIAN INSTITUTIONAL CRICKET TOURNAMENT

The New Delhi YMCA Christian Institutional Cricket Tournament 2025, organized by the Department of Sports, was held on March 8, 15, 22, and 29, 2025, at the DTEA Cricket Ground, Mandir Marg, New Delhi. The event featured eight teams from various regions competing in a T-20 knockout format.

Participating Teams:

- St. Thomas' Church
- St. Francis' Church
- St. Stephen's Church
- Holy Trinity Church
- St. Paul's Church
- Free Church
- St. John's Church
- St. Stephen's Hospital Chapel

The tournament followed a knockout format. Each team played one match in the initial round, with the top four teams advancing to the semifinals, culminating in a final match to determine the champion.

The opening address was delivered by Mr. R. Sunny Joshua, Chairman, Sports Committee, who emphasized unity, healthy competition, and fair play. The ceremony was graced by Chief Guest Mr. Aftab Masih, Member of New Delhi YMCA, who delivered an inspiring speech about the significance of the tournament in fostering talent and sportsmanship. Mr. Joseph Anil Benjamin, President of New Delhi YMCA, also extended his greetings.

Match Highlights:

1. St. Thomas' Church vs. St. Francis' Church. **St. Thomas' Church won by 25 runs.**
2. St. Stephen's Church vs. Holy Trinity Church. **St. Stephen's Church won by 8 wickets.**
3. St. Paul's Church vs. Free Church. **St. Paul's Church won by 58 runs.**
4. St. John's Church vs. St. Stephen's Hospital Chapel. **St. Stephen's Hospital Chapel won by 1 wicket.**

Semifinals:

1. St. Thomas' Church vs. St. Stephen's Church. **St. Thomas' Church won by 2 wickets.**
2. St. Paul's Church vs. St. Stephen's Hospital Chapel. **St. Stephen's Hospital Chapel won by 3 wickets.**

Final Match:

- St. Thomas' Church vs. St. Stephen's Hospital Chapel. **St. Stephen's Hospital Chapel won by 12 runs.**

Individual Awards:

- **Man of the Series:** Mr. Gaurav Massey (St. Thomas' Church) – exceptional all-round performance
- **Best Batsman:** Mr. Raul Castro (St. Stephen's Church) – 122 runs in 2 matches
- **Best Bowler:** Mr. Anoop (St. Stephen's Hospital Chapel) – 7 wickets in 3 matches

Sponsorship and Acknowledgments:

We extend our sincere thanks to NIVIA for sponsoring cricket shoes for the Man of the Match awardees in the semifinals and final. Our heartfelt gratitude also goes out to the volunteers, officials, and organizing team whose efforts made the tournament a grand success.

Closing Ceremony:

The tournament concluded with an exciting final on March 29, 2025, at DTEA Cricket Ground. The closing ceremony was attended by Chief Guest - **Dr. Sudhir Joseph, Board Member, New Delhi YMCA**, who presented awards to the winning team and individual achievers.

In the closing address, Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary, Department of Sports, New Delhi YMCA, expressed his appreciation to all participants, volunteers, and sponsors for their unwavering support and shared his optimism for the tournament's continued growth in the years to come.

The New Delhi YMCA Christian Institutional Cricket Tournament 2025 was a resounding success, celebrating cricketing talent, sportsmanship, and community spirit. We look forward to even more thrilling matches and heightened competition in the next edition!



NEW DELHI YMCA

HPDP – PLACEMENT SERVICES

ANNUAL REPORT - 2024-25

During the year 153 companies registered with the New Delhi YMCA placement division. Interviews were scheduled for students of different Institutes in these companies.

We have also conducted Campus Interviews for the students with the following companies:
The Career Next, Greater Noida West on 3rd August, 2024 for students of Travel and Tourism.
Alok Fashion, Sector 37, Gurugram on 28th September 2024 for the Students of Fashion Design.
Four Brothers, Fashion House, Mayapuri on 18th January 2025 for students of Fashion Design.

The Placement Service has provided innumerable counselling sessions for the students and their parents providing them with guidance on courses, career paths to follow, preparation and presentation for interviews, and follow ups with companies on the performance of the students placed.



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Ruqayya Bano	PGDOM	LexOrbis	Trainee Executive
Jasvinder Kaur	PGDOM	LexClaim-Law Firm	Front Desk Executive
Sheetal Thakur	PGDOM	SI UK	Admission Counsellor
Ranjitha Rajesh	PGDOM	Council of Architecture	Executive
Shivani	PGDOM	One Vasco	Visa Counsellor
Lydia Merlin Joseph	PGDOM	The Grand Thorton	Executive Assistant
Ritika Kichloo	PGDOM	The Grand Thorton	Executive Assistant
Elana Sebastin	PGDOM	The Grand Thorton	Executive Assistant
Arushi John	PGDOM	VFS Global	Visa Counsellor

NEW DELHI YMCA NOTEWORTHY NEWSBYTES

Mr. Inderjit Lal, Member of the Board of Directors, New Delhi YMCA, generously donated a treadmill to the Special Wing of YMCA Senior Secondary School, Nizamuddin. This thoughtful contribution will support the physical and locomotive development of special children, enhancing their daily exercise routines and overall well-being.



Ms. Jyotsna Sharma, a student of Mr. Syed Sajid Rasul at the "Y" School of Music, has made a generous donation to the institution. She contributed an Acoustic "Tama" Drum Kit to the New Delhi YMCA's 'Y' School of Music, further enriching the school's musical resources. This thoughtful gesture is a testament to her commitment to supporting the growth and development of music education at the YMCA.

Two student teams from YMCA Delhi participated in the prestigious National Fashion Design Competition 2024 organized by ATDC. The team comprising Shiksha Kumari, Simran, Akshita, and Garima secured the Consolation Winner position for their creative entry under the group name Monochromatic Magic. The institute also received an appreciation letter stating: "Hearty congratulations and sincere appreciation to all faculty and mentors for inspiring and motivating students to actively participate and excel."



It is indeed a matter of immense pride that Mr. Sarthak Joel Tunious was adjudged the Best Secretary for the Training Batch 2024–25 at the United Theological College, Bengaluru. He was selected based on outstanding performance in Academic Work, Bible Knowledge, Field Education, Management and YMCA Studies, and overall participation in college life. He was awarded the prestigious Devamoni Solomon Memorial Prize and has also earned a Scholarship for Overseas Exposure.

NEW DELHI YMCA

MOU WITH MANAGEMENT, ENTREPRENEURSHIP & PROFESSIONAL SKILL COUNCIL (MEPSC)

New Delhi YMCA signed MOU with Management, Entrepreneurship & Professional Skill Council (MEPSC)

A HISTORIC MILESTONE

We are happy to announce that on 3rd April 2025 the New Delhi YMCA signed an MOU with the Management and Entrepreneurship & Professional Skills Council (MEPSC), Ministry of Skill Development, Government of India. This will boost the profile of the New Delhi YMCA Education Centre as it will now be able to offer Courses that will be recognized by MEPSC thereby offering value to the graduating students. The new courses offered will increase the employability of our graduates as the course curriculum developed by MEPSC is based on industry needs.

The initiative was taken by the Institute of Management Studies but will also benefit other institutes as well in the long run. The New Delhi YMCA will now offer the following courses for which Diplomas will be awarded jointly by MEPSC and the New Delhi YMCA:

Courses offered by Institute of Management Studies:

- 1.Digital Sales & Marketing
- 2.Business Analytics Executive
- 3.Human Resource Operations Executive
- 4.Documentation Executive
- 5.Consultant (Chartered Tax Practitioner)

Courses offered by Institute for Office Management & Secretarial Practice:

- 1.Office Assistant
- 2.Receptionist
- 3.Executive - Secretarial Services
- 4.Office Operations Executive

OBITUARY



1. Father of Mr. Sumit Benjamin Loyall, Accounts Assistant, NDY on 05/03/2025.
2. Mr. T K Mathew, former NDY Member, on 12/03/2025.
3. Elder Sister of Ms. Regi James, Office Assistant- HPDP on 03/04/2025
4. Mrs Molly Joseph, wife of Mr. Ernest Joseph and Sister of Mr. Norris Pritam, NDY Members, on 14/04/2025.

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