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“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.” - Philippians 4:6–7

Dear Reader of the New Delhi YMCA's Newsletter,

It gives me immense pleasure to share with you all and reflect on the YMCA movement's profound journey in Delhi—a story of resilience, service and transformation that continues to shape young lives.

The National Council of YMCAs of India (NCYI) is the apex body of YMCAs across India, with over 700 YMCAs, which came into existence on February 20, 1891, in Madras and is in the 130th year of its formation as a national body. Thereafter the national headquarter shifted to Calcutta and was housed at 86, college street in the northern part of Calcutta and later at 5, Russel in Central Calcutta finally relocated to the Massey hall, New Delhi in 1964 and in 1975 moved to Bharat Yuvak Bhavan and in 2015 shifted to K. T. Paul building in the same premises. The Indian YMCA Movement with membership exceeding 300,000 and considered the largest network of YMCAs in the Asia Pacific Region besides, its pre-eminence in the global set-up, the World's Alliance of YMCAs. There are 109 YMCA Professional Secretaries on the national roster in India at present.

The New Delhi YMCA is dedicated to making the world a better place to live by promoting social responsibility, community service and youth empowerment. Through its various programmes in education, health, skill development and social welfare, the YMCA nurtures values of compassion, equality and integrity. It provides opportunities for young people to grow into responsible citizens and encourages active participation in building inclusive and sustainable communities. By fostering understanding among people of different backgrounds and faiths, the New Delhi YMCA continues to inspire positive change, strengthen communities and create a more peaceful and caring world for all.

Thank you for your continued prayers, support and partnership.

God Bless the New Delhi YMCA.

With warm regards,

Rajeev Singh
General Secretary & CEO
New Delhi YMCA

Respected Members of the New Delhi YMCA,

Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

The months of September and October have been a time of immense activity, learning and celebration within the New Delhi YMCA. These two months have witnessed a series of meaningful programmes and events across our various departments and institutions, each reflecting our continuing commitment to youth empowerment, community service and value-based education.

Teacher's Day provided us with a wonderful opportunity to honour and express our gratitude to the dedicated educators who continue to shape the lives of our students. Their tireless efforts, patience and passion for teaching truly embody the YMCA's mission of nurturing individuals in spirit, mind and body. It is through their guidance that our students not only gain knowledge but also grow into responsible citizens and compassionate human beings.

As we commemorated Gandhi Jayanti, we were reminded of the timeless values of truth, non-violence and simplicity that Mahatma Gandhi stood for. These principles continue to be deeply relevant in today's world and align closely with the ethos of the YMCA. Let us continue to uphold these ideals in our personal lives and institutional practices, striving towards peace, justice and harmony in society.

The New Delhi YMCA has always believed in dynamic growth, adapting to the changing needs of the times while remaining rooted in its foundational Christian values. I am heartened to see that our teams are actively engaging in innovative programmes, expanding our outreach and ensuring that our educational and social service initiatives remain relevant and impactful.

As we move forward, let us continue to work together with renewed dedication and unity of purpose. May our collective efforts help us build a stronger YMCA that continues to serve as a beacon of hope, opportunity and transformation for all.

I extend my sincere appreciation to all members, staff, students and volunteers for their continued commitment and contribution to the mission of the New Delhi YMCA. Let us continue to pray for God's guidance as we plan and prepare for the months ahead.

With warm regards and best wishes,

Dr. Sudhir Joseph
President,
New Delhi YMCA

DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

PRAYER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

13th September 2025

The Department of Christian Emphasis, New Delhi YMCA organized the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on 13th September 2025 at the Heinz Auditorium, Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road. The programme began with an Opening Prayer by Pastor Jacob Masih, followed by a hymn and welcome address by Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary. Mr. Christopher Das from Exquisite Flame Ministries led a soul-stirring Praise and Worship session and the Message was delivered by Rev. Dr. Fr. Roby Kannamchirayil, CMI, Director, Chavara Cultural Center, Delhi.

The event concluded with a Benediction by Rev. Sunil Solomon Ghazan and a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary. Around 80 participants joined in a meaningful time of worship, fellowship and reflection.



11th October 2025

The Department of Christian Emphasis, New Delhi YMCA held its Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on 11th October 2025 at the Heinz Auditorium, Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road. The fellowship opened with a prayer by Mr. Vijay Russell, followed by a soulful hymn and a warm welcome by Mr. Noel Phillips, Officiating General Secretary. Ms. Shefali and her team from St. Mary's Church, Noida led the congregation in a heartfelt session of Praise and Worship. The Message was shared by Rev. Fr. John Roshan Pereira, Parish Priest of St. Mary's Church, who encouraged all with his inspiring words.

The programme concluded with the Closing Prayer and Benediction by Rev. Ajay Sobers Peter and a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary. The gathering of around 75 participants experienced a refreshing time of devotion, fellowship and spiritual renewal.



XX Inter School Bible Quiz Competition - 31st October 2025

The New Delhi YMCA, Department of Christian Emphasis organized the XX Inter-School Bible Quiz Competition on Friday, 31st October 2025 from 8:30 am to 1:00 pm in the Heinz Auditorium, New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi – 110001.

The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 22 schools across Delhi and the NCR region.

The programme commenced with an Opening Prayer led by Ms. Jomy Jerome, Teacher, Mater Dei School, followed by a Special Song (खुल जायेगी किताबें.....) presented by Mr. Rajinald Vijay Milton.

Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, extended a warm Welcome to everyone present and Mr. Francis Andrade, Chairman, Department of Christian Emphasis, delivered the Chairman's Greeting.

The Quizmasters, Rev. Fr. Chatan Machado and Rev. Fr. Savarimuthu Sanker, along with their team, conducted the quiz competition with great enthusiasm and professionalism.

Among the 22 participating schools, the winners were:

- First Place: Somerville School, Vasundhara Enclave
- Second Place: Mount Carmel School, Dwarka
- Third Place: Rosary Sr. Sec. School, Kingsway Camp

All participating schools received Certificates of Participation. Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, along with the Chairman, Board Members and Quizmasters, presented the prizes and certificates to the winners.

The event concluded with a Closing Prayer by Rev. Fr. Savarimuthu Sanker, followed by a Vote of Thanks proposed by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary; New Delhi YMCA.

The competition was an inspiring and enriching experience, promoting biblical knowledge, fellowship and the spirit of healthy competition among the students.



Greater Noida Programme Centre



Prayer Breakfast Fellowship - 27th September 2025

The YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre organised a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on 27th September 2025 at 8:30 AM, bringing together members and well-wishers in a spirit of worship and unity.

The event began with prayer by Mr. Hari Om Sharma and a warm welcome by Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary, NDY. Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, shared words of encouragement, followed by uplifting praise and worship by the YAHWEH Group.

Rev. Dr. Suresh Kumar delivered an inspiring message and the fellowship concluded with benediction by Rev. Philip Rakesh and a joyful breakfast, leaving everyone spiritually refreshed and strengthened in faith.



Prayer Breakfast Fellowship - 25th October 2025

The YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre hosted a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on 25th October 2025 at 9:00 a.m., gathering members and friends for a blessed time of worship and reflection. The meeting opened with prayer by Mr. Peter Raj, after which Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, NDY, extended warm words of welcome and appreciation. The Rehoboth Assembly of God Choir led the congregation in soul-stirring praise and worship, followed by an inspiring message on faith and restoration delivered by Rev. Sushil Kumar Tyagi of Faith Alive Church.

The programme concluded with the benediction by Pastor Samuel George and a vote of thanks by Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, NDY. The morning ended in joyful fellowship over breakfast, marked by heartfelt conversations and renewed spiritual strength.



Free Eye Check-Up Camp

The YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre organized a Free Eye Check-Up Camp on 25th October 2025 in association with JR Hospital, Greater Noida, as part of its health awareness and community outreach initiative.

The programme began with an opening prayer by Pas. Vino Thomas, followed by a welcome address by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, NDY. The medical team from JR Hospital conducted eye check-ups, vision screening and consultations for over 55 participants from the local community. The camp concluded with a vote of Thanks by Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, NDY. The initiative reflected YMCA's continued commitment to promoting health and community well-being.



DEPARTMENT OF STUDENTS & YOUTH

Honouring Meritorious Students



The Department of Students and Youth, in collaboration with the Department of Social and Human Development, organized the Honouring Meritorious Students programme on 26th September 2025 at Heinz Auditorium, Tourist Hostel. The event began with a prayer by Mr. Noel Phillips, followed by a welcome address from Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, NDY. Mrs. Mercy Omen and Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben presented the Sam Ninaan Omen Excellence Awards to ten SHD students, while 28 others were also recognized for their academic achievements. The Chief Guest, Prof. Sr. Molly Abraham, Principal, Jesus and Mary College, inspired the gathering with her words of encouragement. Over 90 Christian students from Delhi and NCR schools who scored 90% and above in Classes X & XII were felicitated, with toppers Christeena Elsa Robin (97.4%) and Acsah Janice (97.2%) receiving special recognition. The event witnessed the presence of Board Members and was attended by over 400 people.

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Teachers' Day was celebrated with enthusiasm across all five Community Development Centres (CDCs) on 05th and 06th September 2025, to honour the dedication of Visiting Faculties. The celebrations featured cultural performances, speeches and entertainment by students expressing gratitude to their teachers. The event was graced by Mr. Francis Andrade, Member, Board of Directors, NDY, Mr. Hemant Aggarwal, Assistant General Secretary and Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer. Teachers were presented with gifts and cards as tokens of appreciation. Outstanding faculties — Ms. Rani, Ms. Nasra, Ms. Suhana, Ms. Annu Chand and Ms. Poonam were felicitated as Best Teachers of the Year for their exemplary service. The celebration concluded with a heartfelt Vote of Thanks and joyful memories.



CORE GROUP MEETING – NETWORKING WITH GOVERNMENT & NON-GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

The Department of Social and Human Development, Family Counselling Centre organized a Core Group Meeting on 18th September 2025, bringing together representatives from 24 NGOs and Government Agencies with 60 participants. The meeting aimed to strengthen collaboration, enhance networking and promote mutual support for community development. Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer, addressed the gathering, emphasizing the importance of collective effort in addressing social issues.

The interactive session encouraged idea exchange, joint initiatives and resource sharing, reaffirming the department's commitment to sustained partnerships for societal growth.

FELICITATION FUNCTION – HONORING MERITORIOUS STUDENTS

The Department of Social and Human Development, in collaboration with the Department of Students and Youth, organized a Felicitation Programme on 26th September 2025 to honor students who excelled in their Class X and XII Board Examinations after receiving coaching at various CDCs. The event was graced by Prof. (Sr.) Molly K.A., Principal, Jesus and Mary College, as Chief Guest, along with members of the Board of Directors and senior YMCA officials. A total of 28 students (6 from Class X and 22 from Class XII) secured 75% and above, with Ms. Sayma (CDC Savda Ghevra) scoring the highest in Class X with 87.9%, and Ms. Muskan (CDC Daya Basti) topping Class XII with 86.75%.



DISTRIBUTION OF SAM NINAN OOMMEN EXCELLENCE AWARD

The Sam Ninan Oommen Excellence (SNOE) Award instituted in memory of Late Sam Ninan Oommen, a former Member of the New Delhi YMCA, was distributed on 26th September 2025 among 10 needy students from various CDCs. The award, carrying a cash prize of ₹25,000, is graciously sponsored by Mrs. Mercy Oommen, wife of Late Sam Ninan Oommen. She also announced that the contribution would be continued by her daughters — Mary, Rebecca and Elizabeth Oommen.



The New Delhi YMCA expressed heartfelt gratitude for their continued support toward empowering underprivileged students.

DIWALI SALE

Department of SHD organized Diwali Sale at the New Delhi YMCA Headquarters, from 13th to 18th October 2025 and Delhi School of Social Work, Delhi University. Products were displayed for sale, which included Designer Diya and Glass Candles prepared by the marginalized girls and women of the community. This sale was a part of the Economic Empowerment and Skill Enhancement Programme.



The Department of Social and Human Development



YMPower Carnival cum Competition at National Council of YMCAs of India

The Department of Social and Human Development (SHD), New Delhi YMCA, actively participated in the “YMPower Carnival 2025” organized by the National Council of YMCAs of India on 11th October 2025, marking the birth anniversary of Sir George Williams, Founder of YMCA. The event featured vibrant Group Dance and Group Song competitions, celebrating youth creativity and community spirit. Six teams from SHD’s Community Development Centres — Kalyanpuri, Sunlight Colony, Karpoori Thakur, Daya Basti and Savda Ghevra participated enthusiastically.

CDC Savda Ghevra bagged First Prize, CDC Kalyanpuri won Third Prize in Group Dance and CDC Sunlight Colony secured Third Prize in Group Song. These accomplishments highlight the SHD Department’s ongoing commitment to youth empowerment and cultural enrichment.

Success Stories

Ms. Rahemin

Ms. Rahemin, a former student of the YMCA Remedial Classes, has transformed her life through hard work and perseverance. Coming from a financially challenged family, she joined YMCA in 2010, completed

her Class X in 2017 and gained valuable skills through NIIT computer courses and various YMCA activities. Today, she proudly serves as a Visiting Faculty at CDC Savda Ghevra, teaching and mentoring young learners while pursuing her higher studies.

Her inspiring journey reflects how education, guidance and determination can empower individuals to create a better future.



Ms. Gurdeep Kaur

Ms. Gurdeep Kaur, a homemaker from Kalyanpuri, transformed her life through YMCA’s Diploma in Cutting and Tailoring Course. Encouraged by the YMCA team, she enrolled in October 2023 and successfully completed the course in March 2024. Today, she skillfully tailors clothes for



her family and neighbourhood, earning a steady income from home. Her inspiring journey from hesitation to empowerment reflects how YMCA’s Skill Development Programme helps women gain confidence, independence and dignity.

THE DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

AWARENESS GENERATION PROGRAMMES (AGPs)

Date	AGP	CDC	Objective	Resource Person
SEPTEMBER 2025				
8th September 2025	Financial Literacy	CDC Kalyanpuri	The importance of savings, budgeting, digital banking, and safe financial practices	Mr. Vinit Saini, Financial Literacy Counsellor from ICICI Foundation
10th September 2025	Literacy for Empowerment Skills for Daily Life	CDC Sunlight Colony	To Developing functional and life skills to help women enhance self-sufficiency and better manage daily challenges.	Ms. Beenu, Cluster Coordinator, Access Development Services.
12th September 2025	Hindi Diwas	CDC Daya Basti	To promote the use and respect of the Hindi language, celebrate its significance in Indian Culture and National Unity, and encourage its Development and Preservation among the younger generation.	Ms. Naina and Ms. Priya, interns from Aditi Mahavidyalaya.
13th September 2025	Artificial Intelligence (AI)	CDC Kalyanpuri	The role of AI in modern life and the importance of protecting digital information	Ms. Islah Khan, Soft Skill Trainer from NIIT Foundation
16th September 2025	HIV/AIDS	CDC Karpoori Thakur	To educate participant about HIV/AIDS, its transmission, prevention and treatment	Ms. Arti (MSE) and Mr. Prem Saini (ORW) from Sahyog Foundation
22nd & 24 th September 2025	Orientation session on Vocational Courses offered by The Leprosy Mission (TLM)	CDC Kalyanpuri & CDC Sunlight Colony	To familiarize participants with various skill-based courses such as Beautician, Computer, and other vocational training opportunities	Mr. Bijay Hemborn, Principal and Ms. Sarah Rao, Field Coordinator from TLM



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AWARENESS GENERATION PROGRAMMES (AGPs)

Date	AGP	CDC	Objective	Resource Person
OCTOBER 2025				
01st October 2025	Gandhi Jayanti	CDC Daya Basti	The session aimed to educate children about Mahatma Gandhi's life and his values of peace, non-violence, and community harmony	Ms. Annu, Visiting Faculty of the Coaching Class, CDC Daya Basti
06th - 8th October 2025	Workshop on "Entrepreneurship & Financial Literacy"	CDC Savda Ghevra	To Empowering women by enhancing their knowledge of financial management and entrepreneurship.	Ms. Renu Sharma (Senior Officer) and her team from the Learning Links Foundation
07th & 30th October 2025	Stand-up Against Street Harassment	CDC Sunlight Colony & Kalyanpuri	To encourage the women and youth to break the silence and intervene in Sexual Harassment to create a world wherein every individual can live a life with dignity, equality, and justice	Mr. Salman, Senior Coordinator from Breakthrough Trust
11th October 2025	International Day of the Girl Child	CDC Daya Basti	To create awareness about rights, challenges and potential of girls in society	Ms. Pooja & Mr. Deepak Kumar , Visiting Faculty, CDC Daya Basti
14th October 2025	Green Diwali, Safe Diwali	CDC Savda Ghevra	To promote an eco-friendly and safe celebration of Diwali by encouraging the use of environment-friendly products, reducing air and noise pollution, ensuring public safety, and spreading awareness about the harmful effects of firecrackers on human health and the environment.	Mr. Manoj Kumar from Mahila Housing Trust
24th October 2025	Tuberculosis (TB)	CDC Karpoori Thakur	To educate participants about the causes, symptoms, and prevention of TB	Ms. Sonu (FPA) and Ms. Arti Singh (CM) from PSI India

Ten students from the Institute of Fashion Technology and Design (IFTD) volunteered at the FDCI Show – Legacy of Craft held on 30th August 2025 at The Kunj, Vasant Kunj. The event brought together celebrated designers, models and industry professionals, offering students valuable exposure to the fashion world. They assisted in managing return gifts, backstage coordination and event facilitation while interacting with renowned designers like Payal Jain. The experience enhanced their teamwork, time management and professional skills, adding immense value to their academic and industry learning.

IFTD Students Volunteer at FDCI Show – “Legacy of Craft”



Industrial Visit to Weaver's Service Centre, Bharat Nagar



The Institute for Fashion Technology and Design (IFTD) organised an Industrial Visit to the Weaver's Service Centre, Bharat Nagar, Delhi, on 03rd September 2025 for students of Fashion Designing Jan'25 and Apparel Retail Merchandising Jan'25 batches. Accompanied by faculty member Ms. Smita Srivastava, 16 students explored various aspects of weaving, dyeing and printing processes. They observed different handlooms, including Jacquard and pit looms and learned about natural dyes, yarn dyeing and hand block printing. Interactive sessions with Mr. Vishwanath Barak and Mr. Rishikesh deepened their understanding of traditional textile techniques. Students also gained hands-on experience in weaving and printing, linking classroom learning with real-world practice. The visit proved to be a highly enriching and insightful experience, offering a closer look into India's rich handloom heritage.

Fourth Sustainable Textile Summit



The Institute for Fashion Technology and Design (IFTD), New Delhi YMCA, participated in the 4th Sustainable Textile Summit held on 17th September 2025 at PHD House, New Delhi, organised by the PHD Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Led by Dr. Indu Gupta, Director, IFTD, along with faculty members Ms. Rachita Ahuja, Ms. Smita and Ms. Jasmeet Kaur. 19 students from Advance Fashion Designing Aug 2025–26 and Jan 2025 batches attended the event. The summit, themed “Innovating Towards a Sustainable Future: Collaborative Strategies in the Textile Industry,” explored topics such as circular economy, sustainable supply chains, green fashion and eco-friendly production methods. The sessions provided valuable industry insights that enhanced students’ understanding of sustainable practices in fashion. This participation reaffirmed IFTD’s commitment to promoting sustainability and strengthening industry-academia collaboration.





SANITARY AWARENESS GUEST SESSION

A Sanitary Awareness Guest Session was organised on 11th October 2025 at the Education Centre Building, Room No. 19, aimed at enhancing students' understanding of sanitary fittings and plumbing systems. The session was conducted by guest speaker Mr. Vinay Jain and attended by two batches — Undergraduate Interior Design (UGID) July, Interior Design Jan, Advance Interior Design Jan (18 students) and Interior Design (ID) August A & B (11 students). Covering topics such as proper installation, maintenance and common issues in sanitary systems, the session offered practical insights into real-world applications.

Students responded positively, appreciating the relevance of the information shared and expressing interest in future sessions. The event successfully promoted awareness of sanitary practices and encouraged responsible maintenance habits.



VASTU SHASTRA GUEST SESSION

A Vastu Shastra Guest Session was organised for Interior Design students at the New Delhi YMCA Education Centre on 09th October 2025 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Room No. 15. The session was led by Ms. Atushi Kakkar, who spoke on "Application of Vastu Principles in Interior Design." A total of 28 students from the first, second and third year participated enthusiastically. Ms. Kakkar shared practical insights on spatial planning, directional alignment and energy balance, making the session both informative and interactive.

The Q&A segment encouraged active engagement, helping students relate Vastu concepts to modern interior design. Students appreciated the session's practical value and it was highly recommended that similar expert talks be organised in the future to further enrich learning.



Industrial Visit to Merino Experience Centre



The Interior Design (ID) August A Batch

The Interior Design (ID) August A batch of New Delhi YMCA visited the Merino Experience Centre at Kirti Nagar, New Delhi, on 24th September 2025 under the guidance of faculty member Ms. Neha Jain. The visit, led by Mr. Bhuvnesh, Sales Executive at Merino, provided 26 students with hands-on exposure to various surfacing solutions including laminates, plywood, doors and wall claddings. Students explored standard, performance and special laminates along with Luvih surfaces and solid materials, observing their real-time applications.



The interactive session helped bridge the gap between theory and practice, enhancing their understanding of design materials and industry innovations. The visit was a valuable learning experience that enriched students' professional and practical knowledge.

The Interior Design (ID) August B Batch

The Institute for Fashion Technology and Design organized an industrial visit for the Interior Design (ID) Aug-B 2025 batch to the Merino Experience Centre, Kirti Nagar, on 01st October 2025, accompanied by Ms. Ratna Saxena. A total of 32 students participated in this insightful visit focused on Furniture Design and laminates. Students explored innovative surfacing materials, digital visualization tools and learned about the latest technologies in laminate applications.



The visit proved to be highly informative and enriching, offering practical exposure that connected classroom learning with real-world design practices.

Industry Visit to Hotel Radisson Blu, Gurugram

As part of its academic curriculum to bridge classroom learning with industry experience, the Institute of Management Studies (IMS) organized an Industry Visit to Hotel Radisson Blu, Gurugram on 30th October 2025, facilitated by Ms. Sakshi Sharma, Visiting Faculty for HR & OB. Students attended interactive sessions with Ms. Jayanti Seth, Assistant Learning & Development Manager and the General Manager, gaining valuable insights on the hotel industry, recruitment processes and essential employee skills.

The visit concluded with a guided hotel and back-office tour, offering students a first-hand view of hotel operations and guest service excellence.

The objective of this visit was to help students understand HR practices in the hospitality sector, covering areas such as recruitment, employee engagement, training and performance management.



Guest Lecture

The Institute for Hotel Management & Catering Technology (IHMCT) organized a Guest Lecture by Chef Suraj Singh from Crowne Plaza on 17th September 2025. He spoke on "Understanding Kitchen Hierarchy, Discipline, Principles and the Role of Hotel Management Professionals." The interactive session provided valuable insights into kitchen management, teamwork and the importance of discipline in hospitality, leaving students enriched and inspired by the industry expert's experience.



Orientation Programme



The Institute for Hotel Management & Catering Technology (IHMCT) held its Orientation Programme on 09th October 2025 for students of the 1.5-year Diploma in Hospitality & Hotel Management and the 1-year Diploma in Hotel Management & Catering Technology. The session was graced by Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary and Mr. Yogesh Wadhawan, Head-HR, The Imperial, New Delhi, who shared valuable insights on career prospects, challenges and opportunities in the hospitality industry, inspiring and motivating the new batch.

Diwali Celebration

The Institute for Hotel Management & Catering Technology (IHMCT) organized a Punjabi-themed lunch to celebrate Diwali, providing students with a professional platform to showcase their culinary and service skills. From preparing exquisite dishes to demonstrating fine dining etiquette, students displayed exceptional teamwork and creativity. The festive atmosphere was enhanced with lively dance and singing performances, making the celebration both joyous and memorable.



Workshop on Artificial Intelligence

The Institute for Media Studies and Information Technology (IMSIT), New Delhi YMCA, organized a Workshop on Artificial Intelligence (AI) on 16th October 2025 at the Heinz Auditorium. The session was led by Ms. Surbhi Kaul, BBC journalist and digital platform head, who provided hands-on training and shared insights on the use of AI in the media industry. The interactive workshop was attended by students, faculty and staff, offering valuable practical exposure to emerging AI tools.



IMSIT Students Volunteered at TV9's Festivals of India Event



Students from the Broadcast Journalism and Event Management programmes of IMSIT volunteered at TV9's Festivals of India event held at Dhyani Chand Stadium from 28th September to 02nd October 2025. Around 30 students gained valuable industry exposure while assisting across various event sections. They also received appreciation hampers from UP Tourism officials, making the experience both educational and inspiring as they applied classroom learning to real-world event management.

Field Learning Visit – Event Management Students Explore the World of Event Décor



In October 2025, Event Management students visited Chattarpur, Delhi — one of the largest wholesale markets for event props and décor materials. Guided by Faculty Mr. Hemant Mehra, they gained hands-on exposure to selecting fabrics, styling décor and understanding the process from sourcing to setup. The visit offered valuable experiential learning, blending creativity with real-world industry practice.

Photo Walks by IMSIT Photography Students

In October 2025, IMSIT Photography students participated in a series of photo walks across Delhi at Connaught Place, Chandni Chowk and Jama Masjid, exploring the art of visual storytelling through light, composition and perspective. Guided by experienced faculty, students practiced key techniques such as framing, exposure control and capturing candid moments. These hands-on sessions, part of the MESC (Govt. of India) approved photography course, offered a perfect blend of creativity and technical learning, helping students see the world through a more artistic lens.



Dedication Ceremony – IMS and IMSIT

The New Delhi YMCA Education Centre held the Dedication Ceremony of the 2nd Floor, CCL Building which will house Institute of Management Studies (IMS) and Institute for Media Studies and Information Technology (IMSIT) on 10th October 2025.

The service began with a prayer by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary followed by the dedication of the premises by His Grace Rt. Rev. Paul Swarup, Bishop of Delhi (CNI), in the presence of Dr. Sudhir Joseph, President, NDY and Members of the Board.

The ceremony included scripture reading and sprinkling of Holy Water by the Bishop.

The event concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, HPDP.



Interactive Session on Family Peace & Values

An Interactive Session on Family Peace and Values was held on 19th September 2025 at the Heinz Auditorium, New Delhi YMCA, focusing on nurturing family harmony and strengthening moral values. The session was introduced by Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary and facilitated by Mr. Piyush Tripathi from the Family Peace & Association – Pacific Institute, along with international participants from the Philippines, Nepal and India. Students and faculty from the Education Centre, HPDP Department actively participated in discussions on peace, integrity and family bonding. The session emphasized mutual respect, honesty, communication and empathy as key values for a peaceful society and inspired participants to practice these principles in daily life.



YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL NIZAMUDDIN EAST



A Day of Fun, Friendship and Festivity – Bal Mela 2025 Shines Bright!



Bal Mela 2025 – A Grand Celebration of Childhood

Bal Mela 2025 was celebrated with great enthusiasm on 18th October 2025 at YMCA Public School, Nizamuddin East, marking the school's first grand festivity dedicated to childhood, creativity and togetherness. The event was inaugurated by Chief Guest Air Commodore Dr. Angshuman Dutta, with a warm welcome by Associate General Secretary, Mr. Noel Philips and under the leadership of Principal, Mr. C.P. Davis.

The day featured vibrant cultural performances, including energetic Western dance numbers, along with exciting game, art and food stalls managed by students. Parents and children enjoyed activities like "Match the Bottle," caricature art, mehndi and delicious snacks. The event concluded with a grand finale and a Vote of Thanks by Senior Coordinator, Ms. Sheena Subroi.



Inter-House Football Tournament 2025

The Inter-House Football Tournament was held on a pleasant Wednesday morning, 24th September 2025, at YMCA Public School, Nizamuddin East. The event was inaugurated by Principal Mr. C.P. Davis, who flagged off the tournament after the players took an oath of fair play.

Teams from the four houses — Red, Blue, Green and Yellow displayed great enthusiasm and sportsmanship in the knock-out matches for both Junior and Senior Boys categories. The matches, conducted under the guidance of Sports Teacher Mr. Edward P. Pershad and scoring by Ms. Gunjan Sharma, were full of excitement and competitive spirit.



After thrilling finals, Yellow House emerged champions with 20 points, followed by Red House (12), Blue House (10) and Green House (8). The tournament concluded at 1:50 PM, celebrating teamwork, discipline and the true spirit of the game.



Teachers' Day Celebration

Teachers' Day 2025 was celebrated with great joy and enthusiasm at YMCA Public School, Nizamuddin East. The program featured heartfelt performances including songs, dances, skits and speeches expressing students' love and gratitude towards their teachers. A special "Students as Teachers" activity added excitement, giving students a fun glimpse into their teachers' roles.

The celebration concluded with an energetic Students vs Teachers Volleyball Match, where the students emerged victorious. The event was a grand success under the leadership of Principal Mr. C.P. Davis, AGS Mr. Feroze Khan and the support of the school management, making it a truly memorable occasion.

हिन्दी दिवस समारोह

दिनांक 24 सितम्बर 2025 को YMCA पब्लिक स्कूल में हिन्दी दिवस बड़े उत्साह और गरिमा के साथ मनाया गया। कार्यक्रम का आयोजन ब्लू हाउस के विद्यार्थियों द्वारा किया गया, जिसकी शुरुआत प्रार्थना और हिन्दी में "आज का विचार" से हुई। विद्यार्थियों ने भाषण, कविता वाचन और नारों के माध्यम से हिन्दी भाषा के महत्व व उसकी समृद्धता पर प्रकाश डाला। पूरे विद्यालय में मातृभाषा के प्रति गर्व और देशभक्ति का वातावरण छा गया, जिससे विद्यार्थियों में हिन्दी के प्रति सम्मान और प्रेम की भावना और अधिक प्रबल हुई।



YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL, HODAL

TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION

Teacher's Day was joyfully celebrated on 05th September 2025 at YMCA Public School, Bhulwana, to honour the dedication and commitment of teachers. The programme began with a warm welcome speech by the students of Class 7th, followed by heartfelt messages and performances expressing gratitude towards teachers.

Fun activities such as Guess the Teacher and Musical Chair brought smiles and laughter to the celebration. Teachers were felicitated with handmade cards and gifts of appreciation from the management. Mr. Feroze Khan, Assistant General Secretary, graced the occasion and encouraged the teachers with his inspiring words.



The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks by Mr. Sarthak Joel Tunious, Secretary on Probation, who commended the students' efforts and emphasized the importance of valuing educators. The event ended on a joyful and memorable note.



RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, HODAL

New Delhi YMCA Under-19 Invitational Volleyball Tournament at RCDC, Hodal



The New Delhi YMCA Under-19 Invitational Volleyball Tournament was successfully held at Rural Community Development Centre (RCDC), Hodal, on 26th–27th September 2025, with an enthusiastic participation of 27 teams from Delhi, Agra, Gorakhpur and Lucknow.

The tournament was inaugurated by Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO and Mr. Feroze Khan, Assistant General Secretary, who were welcomed with the traditional Haryanvi Pagdi. A special friendly match between YMCA Hodal and Government Senior Secondary Girls' Team, Banchari marked the launch of girls' volleyball coaching in Bhulwana, a milestone for women's sports in the region.

The Closing Ceremony was graced by Mr. Karan Singh Chautala, President, Haryana Volleyball Association, as Chief Guest. After two exciting days, JBS Sports Club emerged Champion, followed by YMCA Hodal (2nd) and Dauji Banchari Sports Club (3rd). Prashant (YMCA Hodal) was declared Best Player.

The event received wide appreciation for promoting youth talent, sportsmanship and gender inclusion in rural Haryana.



Department of Sports

Lifeguard Training & Swimming Instructor Course (Fresher & Renewal Batches – 2025)

The Department of Sports, New Delhi YMCA, successfully conducted the Lifeguard Training and Swimming Instructor Courses for fresher and renewal batches from October 06th–18th, 2025, at the YMCA Swimming Pool, Jai Singh Road.

The programme aimed to enhance aquatic safety skills and update participants on modern instructional techniques. A total of 53 candidates participated including 26 in Lifeguard (Fresher), 8 in Swimming Instructor (Fresher), 17 in Lifeguard (Renewal) and 2 in Swimming Instructor (Renewal) batches.

The training combined theoretical sessions with practical poolside drills, CPR practice and rescue simulations under expert supervision. Successful candidates were awarded certifications by the Department of Sports, reinforcing YMCA's commitment to promoting safety, skill development and professional excellence in aquatic education.



XXVII New Delhi YMCA

Invitational Inter College Basketball Tournament – 2025

The Department of Sports, New Delhi YMCA, successfully organized the XXVII Invitational Inter College Basketball Tournament from 07th to 11th October 2025 at the YMCA Basketball Court. A total of 32 teams (18 Men's & 14 Women's) from leading Delhi colleges participated in this five-day sporting extravaganza. The event was inaugurated by Mr. Mukesh Kalia, President, Delhi Basketball Association, with H.E. Jason Keats Hall, High Commissioner of Jamaica to India, as Guest of Honour.



The finals witnessed thrilling performances as Kirorimal College (KMC) and Shri Ram College of Commerce (SRCC) emerged as Champions in the Men's and Women's categories respectively. Mr. Prince (KMC) and Ms. Yashasvi (SRCC) were awarded Best Players of the tournament. The closing ceremony, graced by Mr. Arjun Singh, International Basketball Player, marked a fitting finale to this grand event which celebrated youth, sportsmanship and the YMCA's commitment to holistic development through sports.

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Department of Sports

XXV New Delhi YMCA Invitational Inter College Volleyball Tournament 2025



The Department of Sports, New Delhi YMCA, successfully organized the XXV Invitational Inter College Volleyball Tournament from 27th to 31st October 2025 at the YMCA Volleyball Court, Jai Singh Road. A total of 21 teams participated, including 13 in the Women's section and 8 in the Men's section, in matches played on a league-cum-knockout basis. The tournament was inaugurated by Mr. Sudhir Vats, President, Delhi Volleyball Association, with Ms. Nirjala, International Volleyball Player, as Guest of Honour. After five days of exciting matches, PGDAV College emerged Men's Champion and Gargi College claimed the Women's title. Abhay (Aryabhata College) and Nisha Pilkhwal (Gargi College) were named Best Players of the tournament.

The closing ceremony, graced by Mr. Kuldeep Vats, President, Delhi Olympic Association, featured the distribution of trophies, cash prizes and mementos. The event was a resounding success, promoting sportsmanship, teamwork and youth engagement through volleyball.



Inter “Y” Movement National Youth Assembly, Shimla 2025



The National Council of YMCAs of India, Department of Youth Empowerment, Gender, Sports & Physical Education, successfully organized the National Youth Assembly 2025 in Shimla, hosted by the North India Region of YMCAs, under the theme “Ignite Change, Lead with Purpose, Transform Tomorrow.” The New Delhi YMCA was represented by Mr. Harshul Singh (Secretary, NDY), Mr. Anugrah Daniel (Member, NDY), Ms. Jennifer Dennis (Teacher, YPS) and Ms. Wairok Mantimdar Makunga (Volunteer).

The three-day event featured impactful sessions on leadership, empowerment and YMCA values led by eminent speakers including Dr. Koshy Alexander Vaidyan, Mr. Eldo N. Varghese and Ms. Neha Barbara Scott. Highlights included cultural evenings, a scenic hike, and the Youth Declaration – Shimla 2025.



The Assembly fostered fellowship, leadership and a renewed commitment among youth to create a just and sustainable future in the true spirit of YMCA.

INTER “Y” MOVEMENT

NATIONAL WORKSHOP ON YMCA DISASTER RESPONSE, REHABILITATION AND MITIGATION PROGRAMME 2025

The National Council of YMCAs of India organised a National Workshop on Disaster Response, Rehabilitation and Mitigation from 17th to 19th October 2025 at Carey Retreat and Study Centre, Gopalpur, hosted by YMCA Cuttack. The theme was “Resilience, Recovery and Readiness: Building a Disaster Ready India.”

The New Delhi YMCA was represented by Mr. Francis Andrade, Member, Board of Directors, NDY and Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary. The workshop included expert-led sessions on India’s disaster profile, first responder training, resource mobilization, psychosocial support and FCRA framework. Practical exercises by ODRAF and UNDP enhanced learning on emergency response and recovery planning.

The event concluded with the development of a National YMCA DRR Framework, fostering inter-YMCA collaboration and strengthening disaster preparedness across India, with over 73 participants from various YMCAs nationwide.



INTER "Y" MOVEMENT NATIONAL COUNCIL OF YMCAS OF INDIA LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT TRAINING PROGRAMME 2025

The National Council of YMCAs of India organised a Leadership Development Training Programme from 20th to 22nd October 2025 at the YMCA Camp Centre, Aluva, Kerala. The workshop brought together YMCA Secretaries from across India with under 15 years of experience, including Mr. Sagar Emanuel Paul, who represented the New Delhi YMCA.



Conducted by experts from the Christian Institute of Management, the sessions covered vital topics such as Effective Communication, Ethical Leadership, Finance Management, FCRA, Team Building, Conflict Resolution, Property Management, POCSO and POSH. The training aimed to strengthen leadership, enhance professional competence and ensure organisational compliance. It was an enriching and insightful experience that equipped the participants with practical knowledge and renewed commitment to serve the YMCA movement effectively.



Leadership Development Programme for Senior YMCA Secretaries

23rd – 25th October 2025



The National Council of YMCAs of India, in collaboration with the Christian Institute of Management and the YMCA Training and Leadership Department, organized a three-day Leadership Development Programme from 23rd – 25th October 2025 at YMCA Camp Centre Aluva, Kerala. The inauguration was graced by Mr. Noel Amanna, President of Bombay YMCA and Mr. Eldo N.V., National General Secretary.

Designed for Professional Secretaries with over 15 years of service, the programme focused on equipping participants for advanced leadership roles through faith-based and practical learning. Key sessions included Property and Organizational Management, Legal Awareness on POCSO and POSH, Conflict and Financial Management, Ethical Leadership and Succession Planning.

Biblical reflections and devotions were integrated throughout, reinforcing the link between faith and professional integrity. The programme concluded with a valedictory ceremony and certificate distribution, graced by Justice Jacob Benjamin Koshy (Retd.) and Mr. Eldo N.V. The training served as a meaningful refresher, empowering YMCA leaders with renewed vision, ethical grounding, and practical management skills.



Leadership Development Programme

Mr. Feroze Khan, Treasurer AOS and Mr. Gladwin Lal, Executive Committee Member AOS visited Aluva YMCA for Executive Committee and Constitution Revision Committee on 22nd October 2025. The main highlights of the meeting were to follow up on the resolutions and decisions taken in the AOS Conference and discuss the matters at hand and plan for the upcoming events for the Financial Year 2025-26.



YMCA CAMPSITE CUM PROGRAMME CENTRE, SATTAL

Cricket Teams Visit YMCA Campsite, Sattal

The YMCA Campsite, Sattal, hosted six cricket teams from Delhi, Noida, Lucknow, Meerut, Faridabad and Gwalior during October 2025. Over 75 players stayed for three days each, participating in intensive cricket training, adventure activities like kayaking and zip lining and cultural evenings that fostered team spirit.

The campsite provided comfortable accommodation and wholesome meals, ensuring a memorable experience for all. Each team's stay concluded with a prize distribution ceremony, celebrating outstanding performances and sportsmanship.

The visit was a perfect blend of training, recreation and fellowship in the serene environment of Sattal.





The New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel cum Programme Centre continues to enhance its guest experience through facility upgradation, improved services and focused promotional efforts to attract both domestic and international travellers.

Accommodation Rooms and Meeting Halls:

Continuous upgradation of rooms and meeting halls is being carried out to enhance comfort and ambience. With occupancy levels of 75% in September and 72.19% in October 2025, the Hostel continues to maintain strong performance through online reservations, walk-ins and telephonic bookings.



Dining Hall:

The air-conditioned dining hall, with a seating capacity of 84, offers a wide range of multi-cuisine dishes and snacks. The popular Dish of the Day and a newly introduced takeaway facility add freshness and convenience to the dining experience.



Continuity to the Dining Experience:

The Chai Par Charcha promotion continues to delight guests with caffeine-free tea flavors. Special event-based menus and dishes like Palak Murg with Garlic Naan and Tandoori Mushrooms with Mint Chutney were well appreciated. A new à la carte and “Add-On” breakfast menu will be launched soon.



NEW DELHI YMCA TOURIST HOSTEL	
CHAI PAR CHARCHA	
A Cultural Phenomenon in India The magical moments that transform your day. Sit back, relax and enjoy our array of caffeine free, choice of organic herbal teas with an optional High Tea Menu.	
Tulsi Ginger Delicious blend of Tulsi 'The Queen of herbs' in a strong really base with zingy ginger	50.00
Deeli Masala Chai Delightful, full bodied robustness and rich taste of unique Assam blend	50.00
Kashmiri Kahwa Warm, mildly spicy, sweet, nutty with notes of cardamom and cinnamon, golden hue	50.00
Natural Green Tea Light, delicate, clean, grassy, vegetal, earthy, slightly bitter and sweet with subtle notes	50.00
Calming Chamomile Floral flavors with notes of apple and pear, mellow sweetness, akin to a warm hug on a cold winter day	50.00

News from the Bakery:

New cakes, pastries, savorys and cookies have been introduced, with pre-booking available for guests and Board members.

Diwali Offer:

A festive Diwali buffet was organized from 18th to 20th October 2025, featuring a special menu, welcome drink and complimentary dessert, creating a joyful dining experience for all guests.

Banquets / Rooms:

The Tourist Hostel successfully hosted the Annual General Meeting (120 pax) on 13th September and the CNI group (180 members) from 20th–24th October 2025, both of which received excellent feedback.

Farewell:

Ms. Shivani Moza retired on 30th September 2025 after 38 years of dedicated service as Executive – Conference & Banquet.



Training and Development:

Monthly two-hour training sessions are conducted for all staff on grooming, teamwork, guest handling and professionalism. Security staff training was conducted by Westech Securities during September and October.



Promoting Hospitality Facilities:

The Tourist Hostel team continues to promote its facilities through social media, website updates, photoshoots and video clips of new dishes. These initiatives aim to enhance visibility, attract new guests and ensure continued excellence in hospitality.

OBITUARY



*...and the dust returns to the ground it came from,
and the spirit returns to God who gave it.
-Ecclesiastes 12:7*



- Mrs. Aruna Loreng, Mother of Mr Abhijeet Loreng (NDY Member) on 20.09.2025
- Mrs. Rahel Bhaskar Awale, Mother of Dr Shailendra B Awale (NDY Member) on 01.10.2025
- Mrs. Kamla Amos , Mother of Rev Ashish Amos, Former NDY Board Member on 12.10.2025
- Ms. Angelina Lekhraj, former NDY Staff Member and sister of Mr Rajesh Laikh, NDY Member, on 17.10.2025
- Mr. Mahinder Ingle, former NDY Staff Member on 26.10.2025
- Mrs. Indira Singh, Wife of Mr Narender Singh (NDY Member) on 27.10.2025



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Forthcoming Programmes - 2025

S. No.	Department	Programme	Date	Venue
NOVEMBER 2025				
2.	PCT	In House Concert (YSM Students)	19th November 2025	Heinz Auditorium
3.	GNPC	Legal Workshop	19th November 2025	GNPC Auditorium
4.	GNPC	Prayer Breakfast Fellowship	22nd November 2025	GNPC Auditorium
5.	DoSY	Inter School Talent Competition	25th November 2025	Heinz Auditorium
6.	HPDP	Memorabilia (IFTD's Fashion Show)	29th November 2025	TH Parking Arena
DECEMBER 2025				
7.	Sattal	Christmas Programme	5th December 2025	YMCA Campsite, Sattal
8.	GNPC	Christmas Programme	6th December 2025	GNPC Lawn
9.	DoCE	Festival of Choirs	12th December 2025	TH Parking Arena
10.	Corporate	Staff Lunch	13th December 2025	TH Parking Arena
11.	DoCE	Evening Prayer Fellowship	13th December 2025	TH Dining Hall
12.	Corporate & DoCE	Member's Lunch (YMCA Choir Concert)	14th December 2025	TH Parking Arena
13.	DoCE	Children's Christmas Tree Party	14th December 2025	TH Front Lawn
14.	RCDC	Christmas Programme	16th December 2025	RCDC, Hodal
15.	SHD	Christmas Celebration	20th December 2025	At all CDCs
16.	YPS, Nizamuddin	Annual Day cum Christmas Programme	20th December	YPS, Nizamuddin

DoCE - Department of Christian Emphasis

HPDP - Human Potential Development Programme

DoSY - Department of Students & Youth

PCT - Programme Cultural & Tribal

YPS - YMCA Public School, Nizamuddin East, New Delhi

GNPC - Greater Noida Programme Centre, Greater Noida, UP

RCDC - Rural Community Development Centre, Hodal, Haryana

If there are any changes in the programme schedule, date, or venue, the same will be intimated to you in due course.

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