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*"Therefore encourage one another
and build each other up, just as in
fact you are doing"*
1 Thessalonians 5:11

Dear Readers of the New Delhi YMCA Newsletter,

Warm greetings to you all in the gracious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

As we journey through the last quarter of the Financial Year 2025-2026, we thank God Almighty for His continued grace, guidance, and blessings upon the New Delhi YMCA. The months of January to March have been filled with meaningful activities that reflect our commitment to service, learning, and community engagement.

In January, we began the year with a spirit of patriotism and service. Republic Day was celebrated with enthusiasm across all five CDC's of SHD, YMCA Nizamuddin, RCDC Hodal, the National Flag was unfurled at the Greater Noida Programme Centre and Tourist Hostel. The Greater Noida Programme Centre also organized a Blood Donation Camp, reflecting our shared commitment to serving humanity.

February focused on awareness and well-being. The Disaster Management Training conducted by the District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA), New Delhi, was attended by all staff, equipping them with essential life-saving skills. The Cyclothon 3.0, organized by Students and the Youth Committee, and Walkathon 2.0 by GNPC on the theme "Step Towards Health and Wellness," encouraged fitness, unity, and social awareness.

March was a particularly vibrant and engaging month. The HPDP Annual Convocation was a proud moment, celebrating the achievements of our students and their hard work. We also conducted MS Office Training for our staff, strengthening their skills and enhancing workplace efficiency. The youth-led event, 'Y'UTSAV 3.0, organized by the students and Youth Committee, showcased their creativity, leadership, and enthusiasm.

One of the highlights of this period was the Exposure Visit of the Secretary Trainees Batch 2025-26 from Bangalore. The visits to various New Delhi YMCA Programme and Project Centres were well planned and meaningful, providing valuable learning experiences and deeper insights into the diverse activities of the New Delhi YMCA.

I would like to place on record my sincere appreciation to our President, Office Bearers, Members of the Board, Members, Staff and all Colleagues of New Delhi YMCA for their dedicated efforts, careful planning, and warm support in making all these programmes successful.

Let us continue to move forward with faith, unity, and renewed commitment as we serve society and uphold the mission and vision of the New Delhi YMCA.

Kindly uphold the New Delhi YMCA in your prayers.

God Bless the New Delhi YMCA.

Rajeev Singh
General Secretary & CEO
New Delhi YMCA



*"Whatever you do, work
heartily, as for the Lord and not
for men"*
Colossians 3:23

Dear Members,

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

I am grateful to God Almighty for the immense responsibility. He placed on my shoulders of leading the New Delhi YMCA as its President. I place on record my gratitude to each and every one of you for your prayers, support and encouragement. I also express my gratitude to my fellow members of the Board who have guided me and worked together for the Organization, as well as all the staff who have strived to help the Institution achieve its objectives.

The present age is marked by a troubling paradox. Even as technology connects continents, humanity appears increasingly divided. Nations turn inward, communities grow more guarded, and individuals often prioritize self-interest over collective well-being. Ongoing wars and conflicts intensify this fragmentation, displacing lives and eroding trust. The language of "us" versus "them" grows louder, while empathy struggles to find space.

At the same time, artificial intelligence is rapidly shaping daily life—guiding decisions, influencing perceptions, and redefining human interaction. While AI brings efficiency and innovation, it also raises a critical concern: whether reliance on technology may weaken human judgment, compassion, and moral responsibility. Without careful reflection, technology risks amplifying divisions rather than bridging them.

In this complex landscape, the message of Easter offers a necessary counterbalance. Beyond its religious significance, Easter embodies hope, renewal, sacrifice, and reconciliation. It speaks to a world fractured by conflict, reminding us that suffering and division are not the end. The resurrection symbolizes the possibility of restoration—of individuals, relationships, and societies.

Easter calls humanity to resist hatred and choose compassion, to replace vengeance with forgiveness, and isolation with community. In a world marked by war, it challenges us to seek peace grounded in justice and shared dignity. It also reminds us that no technological advancement can replace the human capacity for empathy and love. Ultimately, Easter restores perspective in a divided world, uniting people in hope and guiding humanity toward healing, balance, and renewed purpose.

I wish all of you a belated but Blessed Easter.

I humbly request you to continue to pray for our NDYMCA that is not just the social arm of the Church but has the immense potential to transform lives and give people, young and old, dignity and confidence to lead a meaningful life.

May God continue to bless you, your family and the New Delhi YMCA.
Best Wishes,

Dr Sudhir Joseph
President
New Delhi YMCA

DEPARTMENT OF STUDENTS & YOUTH

CYCLOTHON 3.0

The New Delhi YMCA, Department of Students & Youth (DoSY) successfully organized Cyclothon 3.0 on 28th February 2026 under the theme "Riding for a Pollution Free Environment." The event was conceptualized as an awareness initiative to address the pressing issue of air pollution in Delhi and to promote eco-friendly modes of transportation among citizens, especially the youth.

Cyclothon 3.0 aimed to encourage a shift towards sustainable living practices by advocating cycling as a healthy and environmentally responsible alternative.

The event witnessed the enthusiastic participation of 180 cyclists, including students, YMCA members, youth groups and fitness enthusiasts. The diverse participation reflected a shared commitment towards environmental sustainability and civic responsibility.

The programme began with an Opening Prayer led by Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary, invoking God's guidance for the successful conduct of the event.

This was followed by the Welcome Address delivered by Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, New Delhi YMCA, who emphasized the importance of youth-led initiatives in tackling environmental challenges and highlighted YMCA's role in nation-building.

Greetings were extended by Mr. Walter Prince Wilson, Chairman, Department of Students & Youth, who appreciated the efforts of the organizers and participants in promoting a cleaner and healthier environment.

Before the commencement of the rally, Mr. Oliver Joshua Jacob, Board of Director, NDY, briefed the participants on safety protocols and guidelines to ensure a smooth and disciplined ride.

The Cyclothon 3.0 was officially flagged off by Mr. Rajeev Singh, marking the beginning of the rally.

The rally commenced from New Delhi YMCA, Gate No. 2, Jai Singh Road, and covered a significant stretch of central Delhi. The route was as follows:

- Ashoka Road
- Udyog Bhawan (U-turn point)
- C-Hexagon
- T-Loop / Akbar Road
- Teen Murti Roundabout
- Mother Teresa Crescent Road
- RML Roundabout
- B.K.S. Marg
- Gole Dak Khana Roundabout
- Ashoka Road

The rally culminated back at New Delhi YMCA, Gate No. 2, Jai Singh Road.

The event was conducted with due authorization and permission was obtained from the Delhi Police, ensuring safety, traffic regulation and smooth execution throughout the route.



Upon completion of the Cyclothon, a Medals Distribution Ceremony was held to recognize and appreciate all participants for their enthusiastic involvement.

The programme concluded with a Vote of Thanks delivered by Mr. Feroze Khan, Assistant General Secretary, DoSY, who expressed sincere gratitude to the dignitaries, Delhi Police authorities, organizers, volunteers and participants for their valuable contributions. To foster fellowship and appreciation, breakfast was served to all participants. Cyclothon 3.0 was a resounding success, serving as a powerful reminder that collective efforts can bring about meaningful change. The event effectively reinforced the message that small individual actions, such as choosing cycling over motorized transport, can contribute significantly toward reducing pollution and promoting a healthier environment.

Through such initiatives, the New Delhi YMCA continues to inspire youth to become responsible citizens and active agents of change, working towards building a sustainable and pollution-free future.

Highlights of the Event:

- Participation of 180 cyclists demonstrating strong community engagement
- Successful coordination with Delhi Police ensuring a safe rally
- High enthusiasm and disciplined conduct by participants
- Promotion of environmental awareness through action-based advocacy
- Special customized medals bearing "Cyclothon 3.0" along with the New Delhi YMCA logo were presented to each participant.

These medals were widely appreciated and served as a memorable token of participation and encouragement.



DEPARTMENT OF STUDENTS & YOUTH



The Department of Students and Youth successfully organized '**Y Utsav 3.0**' on 30th March 2026 at the YMCA Heinz Auditorium. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from 305 students representing various institutes and colleges across Delhi NCR, including Tamanna Institute, Lady Irwin College, National Trust, Ashtravakra, Vision Institute, and YMCA HPDP.

Participants showcased their talents in a wide range of activities such as Western group dance, folk dance, solo and group singing, reel making, poster making, and recreating Bollywood scenes. The vibrant performances reflected the creativity, passion, and energy of the youth.

The Chief Guest for the occasion was Mr. Neeraj Kalra, a renowned Bollywood personality known for his work in web series Delhi Crime and movie 12th Fail. Several distinguished personalities, excelling in their respective fields, graced the event as judges and added prestige to the occasion.

The dignitaries were felicitated by the Chairman, Students & Youth Mr. Walter Prince Wilson, along with the General Secretary and CEO, Mr. Rajeev Singh, and other Board Members.

The day was filled with excitement and spirited competition, culminating in the distribution of cash prizes and trophies to the winners. 'Y Utsav 3.0' proved to be a lively and memorable celebration, marked by the zeal, enthusiasm, and unity of the youth gathered on one platform.



DEPARTMENT OF CHRISTIAN EMPHASIS

Evening of Prayer Fellowship

The New Delhi YMCA's Department of Christian Emphasis hosted an Evening of Prayer Fellowship on 17 January 2026 at the YMCA Tourist Hostel. The programme opened with a prayer by Mr. Ashish Clifton, followed by the hymn "O Lord My God".

Mr. Noel Phillips welcomed the gathering, emphasizing the role of prayer in spiritual growth, and Mr. Francis Andrade encouraged steadfast faith and service. Praise and worship were led by Yeshu ke Geet, followed by Scripture reading from Mark 8:22–26 by Mr. Terence Braganza.

Rev. Gershombhai Khristi delivered the message, highlighting spiritual vision, faith, and gradual transformation through Christ. The evening concluded with a closing prayer and benediction, and a vote of thanks by Mr. Gladwin Lal.

The fellowship was a spiritually enriching experience, leaving participants encouraged and renewed in faith.

Prayer Breakfast Fellowship

The New Delhi YMCA, Department of Christian Emphasis, held a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 21st February 2026, at the Heinz Auditorium, YMCA Tourist Hostel.

The event began with an opening prayer by Mr. Ryan Steve Braganza, followed by the hymn "Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross." Mr. Noel Phillips welcomed attendees, and Mr. Francis Andrade extended greetings. Praise and worship were led by Mr. Stephen Dey and the St. Mary's Church Choir, Noida, with Scripture reading from Matthew 4:1–11 by Mr. Aryan Prasad.

Rev. Fr. Shajun Subister of Maria Sadan Church, Noida, delivered an inspiring message and led the closing prayer. The fellowship concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Gladwin Lal.

Around 60–70 members attended, enjoying a spiritually enriching morning of prayer and fellowship.

The New Delhi YMCA, Department of Christian Emphasis, organized a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 14th March 2026 at the Heinz Auditorium, New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel, Jai Singh Road – 110001. The programme began with an opening prayer by Pastor Sushil Tyagi, followed by the congregational hymn "The Old Rugged Cross."

Mr. Noel Phillips; Associate General Secretary, welcomed the gathering, while Mr. Francis Andrade; Chairman, DoCE shared greetings. Praise and worship was led by Mr. Nelson and team. The Scripture Reading from Luke 15:11–14 was read by Mr. Nathaniel Lal. The message was delivered by Pastor Ajit Horo from Amazing Grace Church, Delhi, who spoke on reflection, repentance, and God's unconditional love.

The programme concluded with the closing prayer and benediction by Rev. Sunil Solomon Ghazan, followed by the vote of thanks by Mr. Gladwin Lal; Assistant General Secretary. Around 60–70 members attended the fellowship, making it a blessed and meaningful gathering for all.



IFTD Students Attend Garment Technology Expo (GTE)



Fashion Designing and ARM students of IFTD attended the Garment Technology Expo (GTE) 2026, a leading exhibition showcasing the latest trends and innovations in garment technology. The event provided a platform for students to interact with industry experts, witness live demonstrations, and explore opportunities. Students gained insights into cutting-edge technologies and innovations shaping the garment industry.

The expo offered a valuable learning experience, enhancing their understanding of industry trends and requirements.

The Institute for Fashion Technology & Design organized a master class by Ms. Lipika Sud, a renowned interior design expert, on 28 March 2026 at Heinz Auditorium, New Delhi YMCA. The session aimed to provide students with industry exposure and practical insights into contemporary interior design practices.

Ms. Sud shared her professional journey and discussed key aspects such as space planning, material selection, colour coordination, and current trends. She emphasized creativity, functionality, and a client-centric approach, supported by real-life project examples.

The session was interactive, with students actively participating and engaging in a Q&A on career opportunities and industry expectations. A total of 85 students and 6 faculty members attended.



The master class was highly beneficial, enhancing students' understanding and bridging the gap between academic learning and industry practices. The session concluded with a vote of thanks to Ms. Lipika Sud.



HPDP

Industrial Visit



The construction site visit was organised to bridge the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical application. A group of 19 students from the AID Jan 26 batch visited a site in East Patel Nagar, New Delhi, guided by Mr. Varun Gulati. During the visit to an under-construction building at 34/7, students observed key aspects such as false ceilings, plumbing, and woodworking. Mr. Gulati also emphasized the importance of site visits in helping students connect classroom learning with real-world construction practices.

Visit to State Emporiums, Connaught Place

The students of New Delhi YMCA visited the State Emporiums located in Connaught Place as part of their Fashion Design project. The visit aimed to explore traditional Indian textiles, handicrafts, and regional design elements from different states of India.

During the visit, students observed a wide variety of fabrics, embroidery styles, patterns, and color combinations. Each emporium showcased the unique cultural identity and craftsmanship of its respective state, providing valuable inspiration for design development.

This educational visit helped students gain practical exposure, enhance their understanding of traditional art forms, and gather creative ideas for their fashion design illustrations and project work.



Training Program for Women Entrepreneurs By AEPC

A one-day training program on “How to Start an Apparel Export Business” was organized by the Apparel Export Promotion Council on 20th March 2026 to empower aspiring women entrepreneurs with practical industry knowledge. The event was attended by the Director of IFTD, faculty, students from New Delhi YMCA, and budding entrepreneurs, fostering an interactive learning environment.

The program featured eight masterclass sessions covering key areas such as compliance, finance, logistics, e-commerce, legal documentation, and buyer identification and engagement. Industry experts shared insights on global standards, funding opportunities, digital tools, and effective communication with international buyers.

Participants gained awareness of government schemes, export procedures, and the importance of compliance, supply chain efficiency, and long-term buyer relationships. Overall, the training provided a comprehensive understanding of the apparel export process and served as a valuable initiative in promoting women entrepreneurship.

The program effectively combined theory with practical knowledge, encouraging participants to explore opportunities in the global apparel market.



Interior Design Students Explore India Design Exhibition 2026

Students from AID Jan 2026 and AID Aug A & B visited the India Design Exhibition in New Delhi to explore the latest trends in furniture, lighting, materials, and space planning.

They interacted with leading designers and exhibitors, gaining practical insights into design techniques and industry practices. The visit offered valuable exposure to real-world applications, bridging classroom learning with professional experience.



INDUSTRIAL VISIT TO JAQUAR ORIENTATION CENTER

The recent industrial visit aimed to provide students with hands-on exposure to the world of modern bathroom and interior solutions.

Experts at Jaquar explained working principles, installation techniques, and real-life applications of interior sanitary systems. Students also toured the display areas, gaining insight into how design seamlessly integrates with functionality.

The industrial visit proved highly informative and beneficial. It successfully bridged the gap between theoretical knowledge and practical industry experience, enriching students' understanding of modern interior solutions.



Celebrating Women's Empowerment Through Fashion

On 7 March 2026, the Ambedkar Global Foundation hosted a vibrant fashion show at Heinz Auditorium, YMCA, New Delhi, to mark International Women's Day. The event celebrated women's achievements while providing a platform for young fashion talents.

Students from YMCA Institute for Fashion Technology and Design (IFTD) showcased their creativity as designers and models, presenting collections reflecting women's journeys—from education and determination to professional success. The show emphasized independence, confidence, and self-expression.

Guests and faculty appreciated the students' talent in design, styling, and stage presentation. Dr. Indu Gupta, Director of IFTD, was honored with the Nari Shakti Samman 2026.

The event was a grand success, offering students practical exposure and celebrating creativity, talent, and the spirit of International Women's Day.



HPDP

Industrial Visit to Merino Experience Centre

On February 25, 2026, 18 students from the ID Nov-C 25-26 and ID Jan 2026 batches visited the Merino Experience Centre under the guidance of Ratna Saxena.

The visit aimed to deepen students' understanding of laminates and panel products through interactive and expert-led sessions. Students explored a wide range of decorative laminates, gaining insights into textures, colors, patterns, and their practical applications in interior design.

This industrial visit served as a valuable learning platform, bridging the gap between theory and practice while inspiring students to create innovative and sustainable interior spaces.



An Insightful Session with Mr. Sunil Sethi, FDCI Chairman



The Masterclass with Mr. Sunil Sethi was successfully conducted. The session, comprising a presentation followed by a discussion, offered students an engaging and interactive opportunity to connect with the Chairman of FDCI. The Institute for Fashion Technology and Design (IFTD) sincerely expressed its gratitude for Mr. Sethi's gracious presence and for the support extended by the FDCI team.

The masterclass was held in the gracious presence of Mr. Nikhil Banerjee, Chairman of IFTD; Mr. Rajeev Singh, GS & CEO; Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate GS; and Dr. Indu Gupta, Director of IFTD.

Excursion Report: Pratapgarh Farms and Resorts,

On 28th Feb 2026, IFTD students and staff, led by Dr. Indu Gupta, enjoyed a one-day trip to Pratapgarh Farms, Jhajjar. The farm, just 50 km from Delhi, offered a refreshing rural escape.

The day began with a traditional welcome and breakfast, followed by exciting activities: camel and bullock cart rides, rural games like gilli danda and kite flying, fun challenges such as mud baths and pottery making, and sports including cricket and volleyball. Participants also explored the dairy, poultry farms, and herb and Nakshatra gardens. Lunch featured a delicious Haryanvi thali.



New Delhi YMCA Fine Arts Students Visit to Annual Art Exhibition



On 24th February 2026, the Fine Arts students of New Delhi YMCA visited the Annual Art Exhibition at the College of Art, Tilak Marg, New Delhi. The visit offered valuable academic exposure to contemporary and experimental art practices.

The exhibition featured a wide range of artworks in painting, sculpture, printmaking, applied arts, visual communication, and installations. Innovative use of materials—metal scraps, wires, stones, and recycled objects—highlighted strong social and environmental messages. The diversity of themes, from identity and urban life to cultural heritage and social awareness, reflected students' creativity and originality.

Exploring the exhibition enhanced the understanding of presentation, composition, and conceptual clarity. The experience encouraged the students to experiment with new materials and techniques, broadened their artistic perspective, and inspired confidence in own creative endeavors.

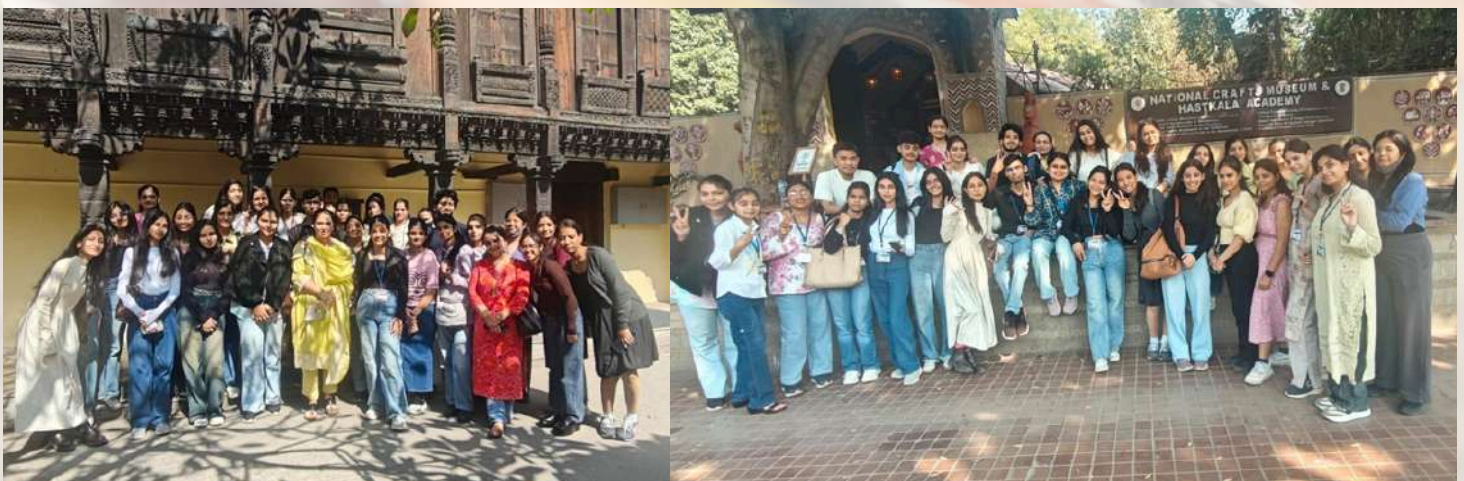
The visit was both educational and inspiring, reinforcing the importance of such exposures in shaping young artists.

Fashion Designing Students Visit to National Crafts Museum

The Fine Arts students of New Delhi YMCA visited the National Crafts Museum & Hastkala Academy on 7th April 2026 as part of their academic exposure. The visit aimed to enhance students' understanding of traditional Indian crafts and cultural heritage. During the visit, students explored a wide range of exhibits showcasing handicrafts, textiles, pottery, paintings, and tribal art from different regions of India. Students saw and learned about various Indian art forms such as Madhubani, Pattachitra, and traditional handloom textiles, gaining deeper insight into their techniques and cultural significance.

One of the major attractions was the live demonstration by artisans, where students observed the process of pottery making, weaving, and block printing. This interactive experience helped them understand techniques, materials, and the effort involved in traditional art forms.

Students also visited the rural complex, which features life-size structures representing traditional village homes from various states. This provided a realistic insight into rural lifestyles and artistic expressions. Overall, the visit was highly informative and inspiring. It helped students connect theoretical knowledge with practical exposure and encouraged them to appreciate and preserve India's rich artistic heritage.



Students recently visited Häfele to experience the latest in interior hardware and modular systems firsthand.

What They Explored:

- Modern kitchen mechanisms and accessories
- Wardrobe and storage solutions
- Sliding systems and functional hardware
- Smart space utilization concepts

Hands-On Learning:

Häfele experts showcased installation techniques, real-world applications, and innovative design solutions, giving students a clear view of how theory meets practice.

Key Take aways:

- Industry-oriented knowledge
- Practical application of classroom concepts
- Insights into modular systems and fittings
- Understanding functional design planning

The visit offered an engaging, real-world perspective, helping students bridge the gap between classroom learning and industry practice.



Documentary in the Making

Location: Humayun's Tomb

Focus: Hands-on documentary filmmaking & MOJO

IMSIT

The Broadcast Journalism students of IMSIT explored documentary filmmaking by planning, shooting, and capturing footage using cameras and smartphones. Guided by the visual production faculty, students honed skills in framing, composition, and creative shot-making. "The best way to learn is by doing!" – IMSIT Faculty

This field-based activity reinforces IMSIT's commitment to practical training, helping students gain real-world experience and industry-ready skills.

Industry Exposure: India TV News Channel

Event: Special Show with Rani Mukerji

Focus: Live television production & media interaction

IMSIT students visited India TV and witnessed the production of a live show featuring actress Rani Mukerji promoting *Mardani 3*. Students interacted with the guest and channel professionals, learning the intricacies of live shows, audience management, and anchor responsibilities.

Panasonic Lumix Camera Workshop

Panasonic Lumix hosted a workshop where students explored camera features, lenses, and camcorders. Hands-on exercises allowed them to apply technical knowledge in real-time, bridging the gap between classroom learning and professional practice.

"Handling professional cameras boosted both our technical and creative confidence."

Sustaina India Art Exhibition

Students attended the Sustaina India Art Exhibition, a collaborative initiative by CEEW and artists Thukral & Tagra, blending art and science to promote sustainability. They explored creative climate communication methods, from theatre and music to participatory formats and visual storytelling.

An Inter-College Business Plan Competition was recently organized with the objective of fostering creativity, innovation, and entrepreneurial thinking among students. The event witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 20 teams representing various colleges, providing a dynamic platform for young minds to present their innovative business ideas and strategic plans.

Our institution proudly fielded two teams in the competition. We are delighted to announce that one of our teams emerged victorious, securing the first position. The winning team, comprising Ridhima Singh, Ankit Parida, and Aditi Ghosh, impressed the judges with their exceptional business proposal titled “Hydra Tech – Smart Water Bottle Reminder.” Their idea stood out for its practicality, innovation, and impactful presentation.

This remarkable achievement reflects the team’s dedication, creativity, and passion for innovation and entrepreneurship.

The second team from our institution, consisting of Purna Khawal, Goaransh Goel, Dhruv Saini, and Shantanu Tyagi, also demonstrated commendable effort and enthusiasm, contributing to the competitive spirit of the event.

The teams were guided and supported by Faculty Coordinators Dr. Lakshay Sharma and Ms. Nikita Surana, along with Student Mentor Ms. Shubhra Verma, whose encouragement and mentorship played a vital role in this success.

We extend our sincere gratitude to Mr. Rajeev Singh (CEO & GS), Mr. Noel Phillips (Associate GS), and Dr. Piyush Sharma, Director, IMS New Delhi YMCA, for their continuous support and encouragement in motivating students to participate in such enriching learning experiences. This accomplishment highlights our institution’s commitment to nurturing talent and promoting entrepreneurial excellence among students.



Orientation Program at IMS New Delhi YMCA



The Institute of Management Studies (IMS), New Delhi YMCA, organized an orientation program on 22nd January 2026 to welcome newly admitted students and their parents.

The event commenced with a welcome address by Ms. Sakshi Sharma. Dr. Piyush Sharma, Director of IMS, then delivered an informative presentation outlining the core values, institutional strengths, and teaching-learning pedagogy of the institute.

Faculty members and administrative staff were introduced, fostering a sense of familiarity and support among the newcomers. Students were also informed about various value-added initiatives, including industry visits, guest lectures, seminars, and cultural activities aimed at holistic development.

The session concluded with refreshments, followed by a formal vote of thanks by the Director.

Educational visit by students of Institute for Career Studies to PATA India Tourism conference

The students of the Institute for Career Studies visited the **PATA (Pacific Asia Travel Association) India Tourism PowerHouse** on 8th January 2026 at Hotel ITC Maurya. The event was supported by the Ministry of Tourism and themed **“Accelerating Tourism for Tomorrow,” powered by Data & Knowledge.**

The key learning outcomes for students included gaining a comprehensive understanding of current tourism policies and future strategies, recognizing the importance of data and knowledge-based decision in accelerating tourism growth, and developing awareness of global tourism trends and best practices. Interaction with senior policy makers and international domain experts enhanced students' industry exposure, critical thinking, and professional outlook.



Educational market visit by the students of Institute for Hotel Management & Catering Technology

Students of the Institute for Hotel Management & Catering Technology undertook an educational market visit on 16th Jan to INA Market, Delhi, with a focus on the vegetable and non-vegetarian food sections. The visit provided practical exposure to the selection of quality raw vegetables and meat, while emphasizing market management, hygiene standards, and food safety practices.

Students had the opportunity to interact with global speakers and domain subject matter experts, who shared valuable insights and perspectives on accelerating tourism for the tourism.



Through direct interaction with shopkeepers and observation of daily market operations, students enhanced their understanding of supply chain management, inventory control, procurement processes, pricing strategies, and consumer behavior. Additionally, the visit strengthened their awareness of logistics, cost management, stock rotation, and operational efficiency, while improving communication, interpersonal skills, and the ability to apply theoretical knowledge to real-world industry practices. This experience contributed significantly to their professional learning and readiness for careers in the hospitality and catering sector.



The Institute for Hotel Management & Catering Technology organized a guest lecture on 21st January 2026 by industry stalwart Mr. Shyam Sunder having an experience of 15 years in the Hospitality industry.

Mr. Shyam Sunder delivered a lecture on Fire Safety Management in Hotels: Roles, Responsibilities & Accountability.

The session highlighted the critical importance of proactive fire safety planning in the hospitality industry. He emphasized the shared responsibility of hotel management, staff, and safety officers in preventing fire hazards and ensuring preparedness. Mr. Shyam Sunder discussed key aspects such as risk assessment, compliance with fire safety regulations, emergency response planning, staff training, and regular safety audits. The lecture was highly informative and served as a valuable learning opportunity for participants, strengthening their understanding of structured fire safety practices in hotels.



The Institute for Hotel Management & Catering Technology organized a guest lecture on 17th February 2026 by industry stalwart Chef Ramesh Sharma



The guest lecture on Culinary Presentation from Kitchen to Plate provided an inspiring and insightful look into the art of food plating and modern gastronomic presentation.

The speaker highlighted that food presentation is more than just decoration; it is about telling a story and turning a simple dish into a full sensory experience for the guest. Students were introduced to the principles of balance, color harmony, texture contrast, and portion control, learning how each element on the plate contributes to visual appeal and customer perception. The session also explained how modern culinary trends and cultural influences shape plating styles in fine dining restaurants and across the hospitality industry.

Orientation program for the 1.5-year Diploma in Hospitality & Hotel Management and the 1-year Diploma in Hotel Management & Catering Technology on 17th March 2026



A wonderful and engaging orientation session was conducted, offering students valuable insights into the hotel industry.

The Director of the Institute, Dr. Sunil Kumar Vohra, shared in-depth knowledge about career prospects and industry expectations.

The session also included a detailed discussion on the course curriculum, guest lectures, kitchen practicals, outdoor catering, and internship opportunities. Overall, the session sparked great enthusiasm and motivation among the students.

The Institute for Hotel Management & Catering Technology organized a guest lecture on 19th March 2026 by industry stalwart Dr. Kamal Piyush



The guest lecture on Managing Food & Beverage Service through Effective Control Systems offered valuable insights into the strategic and operational practices that drive efficiency and profitability in the hospitality industry.

The session highlighted the importance of implementing structured control mechanisms across purchasing, inventory management, portion control, and service standards to minimize waste and maximize quality.

The speaker also shared real-world examples and industry best practices, encouraging students to think critically about balancing cost control with exceptional guest experiences. Session was very informative and full of learning.

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The Institute for Office Management & Secretarial Practice organized the Orientation program for the 1-year Diploma in Office Management & Secretarial Practice on 17th February 2026.

An engaging orientation was conducted, providing students with an overview of the course structure, objectives, and career opportunities associated with the program.

A detailed discussion on the curriculum and the skills required as per the industry including communication, office administration, and professional etiquette and stenography were highlighted.

The session was very interactive with enthusiastic participation from the students.



HPDP

New Delhi YMCA's Annual Convocation for the academic session 2024-25 was held on 7th March 2026.

The Guest of Honours were Ms. Swati Maliwal, Member of Parliament, Rajya Sabha and Dr. Rashmi Singh, IAS, Secretary, Department of Women and Child Development, Govt. of NCT of Delhi.

The Board of Directors and New Delhi YMCA dignitaries present for the occasion were :

Dr. Sudhir Joseph, President, New Delhi YMCA
Mr. Stephen DaCosta, Chairman, HPDP
Mr. Aditya Raj Datt, Chairman, ICS
Mr. Felix Fernandes, Charman IOM
Mr. Nikhil Banerjee, Chairman IFTD
Mr. John Manohar, Chairman, IMS
Mr. Jacob Mathew, Chairman IMSIT
Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO
Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA.

This function was a combined Annual Convocation of the six Educational Institutes of the New Delhi YMCA namely:

- Institute For Career Studies.
- Institute For Office Management
- Institute For Fashion Technology & Design
- Institute Of Management Studies
- Institute For Media Studies & Information Technology
- Institute For Hotel Management and Catering Technology

Total 722 successful students were awarded Diploma. Out of those 143 meritorious awardees were present to receive meritorious certificates. Dr Sudhir Joseph, President New Delhi YMCA confirmed the diploma to the graduating students.

Mr Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA started the programme with the Opening Prayer and the convocation closed with the National Anthem.



SATTAL CAMPSITE CUM PROGRAMME CENTRE

During the month of March 2026, the YMCA Campsite, Sattal, had the privilege of hosting a cricket team from Rohtak, Haryana. The team stayed at the campsite for three days and engaged in a well-planned and enriching stay that combined sports, recreation, and team bonding.

A total of more than 13 players participated in cricket training sessions and various recreational and team-building activities. Friendly matches were also conducted with the teams from the local Sattal region, providing valuable exposure and competitive experience. The campsite ensured that all arrangements—including lodging, meals, and recreational facilities—were maintained at a high standard to support both comfort and performance. An important aspect of the visit was the organization of an award ceremony, where players were acknowledged for their performance, dedication, and sportsmanship. These events were well-received by both the participants and their support staff, adding a celebratory dimension to the stay.

Evenings were marked by informal gatherings, including bonfires and cultural interactions initiated by the team. These sessions fostered a sense of unity and encouraged stronger interpersonal connections among team members, contributing positively to overall morale. Beyond their cricket schedule, the participants explored a range of adventure-based activities such as kayaking and zip lining. They also visited nearby natural attractions, including a local waterfall, allowing them to experience the scenic surroundings of Sattal. Overall, the visit proved to be both productive and enjoyable. The players benefited not only in terms of skill development but also in building stronger team relationships, making their time at the YMCA Campsite a truly enriching experience.



GREATER NOIDA PROGRAMME CENTRE (GNPC)

PRAYER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP

The Greater Noida Programme Centre successfully organised its first Prayer Breakfast Fellowship of the year on 24 January 2026 at 09:00 a.m. The programme was conducted in a spirit of fellowship, thanksgiving, and worship, with the active participation of members and guests.

The event began with an opening prayer led by Pastor Rajesh Kumar, invoking God's guidance and blessings upon the gathering. This was followed by a warm welcome address by Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, NDY, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to all attendees for their presence. Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman of the Greater Noida Programme Centre, also extended his greetings and encouraged everyone to begin the year grounded in prayer and unity. A meaningful session of Praise and Worship was led by the Vessels of Fragrance Worship Team, setting a reverent and devotional atmosphere. The scripture reading was delivered by Mr. Sangat from Colossians 3:5-11, reminding the congregation of Christian values and the importance of living a renewed life in Christ.

The highlight of the programme was the message delivered by the guest speaker, Rev. Daniel Masih from Meerut. His inspiring and thought-provoking sermon encouraged spiritual reflection and practical Christian living. Following the message, the congregation joined together in singing the hymn "Aaj Ka Din," further enhancing the spirit of worship. As a gesture of appreciation, the choir and the guest speaker were felicitated with planters. The programme concluded with a closing prayer by Rev. Daniel Masih, followed by the benediction. The vote of thanks was proposed by Mr. Harshul Singh, who acknowledged the efforts of all those who contributed to the successful organisation of the event. The fellowship concluded with a Prayer Breakfast, where attendees shared a meal together, strengthening bonds of unity and beginning the new year with a sense of gratitude, prayer, and togetherness.



The Greater Noida Programme Centre successfully organized a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on 28 February 2026 at 9:00 AM. The programme began with an opening prayer by Pastor Rajesh Kumar, followed by a warm welcome address from Mr. Vineet Masih (AGS, NDY). Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman of GNPC, also extended his greetings and encouraged the gathering.

The Praise and Worship session, led by the Vessels of Fragrance team, created a devotional atmosphere. The Scripture reading from Matthew 14:22-36 was presented by Ms. Sweta. Pastor Joman Joseph, the guest speaker, delivered an inspiring message, after which the congregation joined in the hymn "Prabhu ka Dhanyawad Karunga."

The programme concluded with a closing prayer and benediction by Pastor Joman Joseph, followed by a vote of thanks from Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, NDY. Participants then shared breakfast together, fostering unity, fellowship, and gratitude. The event proved to be a spiritually enriching experience for all present.

The Prayer Breakfast Fellowship was successfully organised at the YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre on 28th March 2026 at 8:30 AM. The programme began with an opening prayer led by Pastor Anil Kumar, invoking God's blessings upon the gathering.

Following the opening prayer, Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, GNPC, extended a warm welcome to all the guests present. This was followed by a time of praise and worship, which was led by the Spiritual Growth Fellowship Worship Team, creating a spiritually uplifting atmosphere. The scripture reading was then conducted by Mr. Abhishek Samuel Kattal, setting the tone for the message.

The Word of God was shared by Rev. Rajesh Masih Konai, Associate Presbyter, Christ Church, Greater Noida, who delivered an inspiring and thought-provoking message for all attendees. Thereafter, all the guests joined together in a congregational hymn, expressing unity and devotion. As a token of appreciation, the Guest Speaker and the Worship Team were felicitated with planters. The programme concluded with a closing prayer led by Rev. Dr. Suresh Kumar, followed by the Benediction.

At the end of the programme, Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary delivered the vote of thanks, expressing gratitude to all the speakers, participants, and organizers for their contribution. The fellowship continued as everyone gathered in the dining hall for breakfast, strengthening bonds in a spirit of love and community.



GREATER NOIDA PROGRAMME CENTRE (GNPC)

WALKATHON 2.0

YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre successfully organised a Walkathon on 21 February 2026 at 8:30 a.m. The theme of the programme was "Step Towards Health and Wellness", aiming to promote healthy living and community participation. The programme commenced with an opening prayer by Pas. Vino Thomas, seeking God's guidance and blessings for the initiative. This was followed by a warm welcome address by Mr. Vineet Masih, AGS, New Delhi YMCA who welcomed all the guests and participants present.

Subsequently, Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, Greater Noida Programme Centre extended his greetings and encouraged the participants, appreciating the initiative taken by YMCA Greater Noida. Mr. Satya from Delhi Movement also addressed the gathering and commended the efforts of YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre for organising such a meaningful programme focused on health and wellness. As a token of appreciation, Mr. Satya was felicitated with a planter.

The most awaited moment of the programme followed, as the ribbon was cut, marking the official start of the Walkathon. Participants enthusiastically took part in the walk, reflecting the spirit of unity and commitment towards a healthy lifestyle. After the completion of the Walkathon, refreshments were served to all participants, and gifts were distributed as a gesture of appreciation for their active participation.

The programme concluded with a vote of thanks by Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, NDY, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to all the guests and participants for their cooperation and contribution towards the successful conduct of the Walkathon.



GREATER NOIDA PROGRAMME CENTRE (GNPC)

BLOOD DONATION CAMP



The Greater Noida Programme Centre organised a Blood Donation Camp on 24 January 2026 at 11:00 AM in the auditorium to promote voluntary blood donation and community service.

The programme began with a prayer by Pastor Anil Kumar, followed by a welcome address by Mr. Harshul Singh, Secretary, NDY, who highlighted the importance of blood donation. Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, inaugurated the camp, appreciated the organisers, and encouraged community participation.

The camp received an overwhelming response, reflecting a strong spirit of compassion and social responsibility. Donors were presented with certificates, refreshments, and gifts as a token of appreciation. Free medical tests were also conducted to ensure health awareness and safety.

The programme concluded successfully, reinforcing the Centre's commitment to community welfare and humanitarian service.

LIFE GUARD TRAINING AND CPR PROGRAMME

YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre successfully conducted a Life Guard Training, CPR, and Renewal Course from 20–30 March 2026 under the guidance of Course Director Mr. Suresh Deshwal. The programme focused on equipping participants with essential life-saving skills, including water safety, rescue techniques, surveillance, first aid, and CPR through both theoretical and practical sessions.

Hands-on training in the swimming pool enabled participants to practice rescue operations, assist distressed swimmers, and perform CPR in simulated emergency scenarios. A renewal course was also held to update the skills of existing lifeguards.

A total of 26 participants qualified in the Life Guard Training Course, while 7 completed the Renewal Course. The initiative highlights YMCA's commitment to safety, skill development, and community welfare.



SOCIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (SHD)

REPUBLIC DAY PROGRAMME



The New Delhi YMCA, Department of Social and Human Development, celebrated the 79th Republic Day across all five Community Development Centres (CDC) with students, staff, and community members on 23rd and 24th January 2026. The celebrations were held at CDC Daya Basti and Savda Ghevra on 23rd January, followed by Sunlight Colony, Kalyanpuri, and Karpoori Thakur Centres on 24th January.

The two-day programme witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 1200 children and staff. The National Flag was unfurled at all centres by SHD leadership, committee members, local councillors, and dignitaries. Patriotic cultural performances including songs, dances, speeches, and skits by children highlighted the spirit of unity, national pride, and celebration.

At CDC Daya Basti and Savda Ghevra, Rev. Vasant Kumar Reuben, Chairman SHD, addressed the gathering, along with SHD committee members and NDY representatives. At Sunlight Colony, Dr. Rajeev Joy Nathan, Vice Chairman SHD, led the flag hoisting ceremony. At Kalyanpuri, the flag was unfurled by Mr. Buntty Gautam, Local Councillor, followed by cultural performances. CDC Karpoori Thakur concluded the celebrations with flag hoisting, cultural programmes, and distribution of sweets to children.

The presence of dignitaries, including SHD committee members and NDY officials, inspired and encouraged both children and staff. The celebrations concluded on a joyful note with sweets distributed to all participants.

PARTICIPATION IN LEPROSY DAY CELEBRATION



New Delhi YMCA, through its Department of Social and Human Development, actively participated in the World Leprosy Day celebrations organized by The Leprosy Mission (TLM) Hospital, Shahdara on 30 January 2026. Community Development Centres from Sunlight Colony, Kalyanpuri, and Savda Ghevra joined the event to support awareness and solidarity efforts for leprosy.



CDC Savda Ghevra showcased handmade products including paper bags, table mats, tea coasters, greeting cards, and spices through exhibition stalls. The YMCA team also took part in folk dance, poster making, and mehndi competitions.



CDC Sunlight Colony was felicitated by TLM Shahdara in recognition of its contributions. The event provided a meaningful platform for collaboration, awareness-building, and community engagement between CDCs and TLM Hospital Shahdara.

SOCIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (SHD)

CORE GROUP MEETING WITH COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES



The Family Counseling Centre (FCC), CDC Sunlight Colony, held a Core Group Meeting with community representatives on 17 February 2026. The session focused on the role of FCC in addressing family disputes, domestic violence, and other community issues, and strengthening coordination for community development. FCC services such as counseling, mediation, legal guidance, and referral support were explained, with emphasis on community participation in case identification and awareness generation.

Community representatives shared suggestions and agreed to support outreach and awareness activities. The meeting concluded with a commitment to continued collaboration for a safe and harmonious community. It was conducted by Ms. Anjali Choudhary (FCC Counsellor) and Ms. Kudsia Shamim (Community Organiser, CDC Sunlight Colony), with participation from 60 community leaders.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

The Department of Social and Human Development (SHD) of New Delhi YMCA celebrated International Women's Day on 9 March 2026 at CDC Savda Ghevara with women from Self-Help Groups and staff across five CDCs.

The event aimed to recognize and felicitate community women while promoting empowerment, confidence, and personal development.

A cultural programme and inspiring success stories highlighted resilience and achievement, followed by fun activities such as balloon balancing, musical glass, counting games, blind games, and ring race, in which participants actively engaged and enjoyed. The programme was attended by dignitaries including Mr. Francis Andrade, Mr. Vejay George, Mr. Vineet Masih, and Ms. Monica Singh. Around 150 participants took part in the celebration.



Training for the Visiting Faculties of Day Care and Balwadi on Early Childhood Development

The Department of Social and Human Development organized a 2 days Training for Staff on Early Childhood Development. The training was conducted on 13th and 14th March 2026, with the help of Mamta Health Institute for Mother and Child. The objective of the training was to enhance the knowledge and skills of the Visiting Faculties of Day Care and Balwadi in the area of Early Childhood Development, with a focus on improving Child Health, Nutrition, and overall well-being. The sessions were facilitated by resource persons from Mamta NGO Dr. Neha Bhardwaj, Senior Regional Manager, and Ms. Alka Dhiman, Senior Field Assistant, led the training.

They shared valuable insights, practical approaches, and field experiences related to Early Childhood Care and Development. The training programme covered several important topics, including Child Growth, Developmental Milestones, Communication, Positive Behaviour Management, and Hygiene, Healthy Habits in Children, Child Nutrition, Health practices and community-based interventions. Interactive sessions, Group Discussions, and practical examples made the training engaging and informative for the participants. The participants actively took part in the sessions, sharing their experiences and gaining a deeper understanding of effective strategies to support early childhood development in their respective areas of work. Total 48 Staff participated in the training.



SOCIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (SHD)

Awareness Generation Program on Cervical Cancer



An Awareness Generation Programme on cervical cancer was successfully organized on 30th January 2026 at the Community Development Centre, Karpoori Thakur. The session aimed to educate participants about cervical cancer, including its transmission, prevention, early detection, and available treatment options.

The programme featured expert sessions by Ms. Kalpana (Senior Nursing Officer) and Ms. Praveen Gupta (Nursing Tutor) from Dr. RML College of Nursing, who provided valuable insights into women's health and preventive healthcare practices.

Cervical cancer is recognized globally as the fourth most common cancer among women. The awareness session highlighted key preventive strategies such as HPV vaccination, regular Pap smear and HPV screening, and the importance of early diagnosis. Participants were also informed about major risk factors, particularly Human Papillomavirus (HPV) infection, which is the leading cause of cervical cancer.

The programme aligned with global health initiatives supported by the World Health Organization (WHO), which aims to eliminate cervical cancer as a public health concern through a combination of vaccination, screening, and timely treatment. Emphasis was also placed on awareness campaigns conducted during Cervical Cancer Awareness Month (January) and Elimination Day (November).

The session successfully encouraged behavioral change by motivating participants to adopt regular health check-ups and promoting awareness of HPV vaccination among young individuals. It was also emphasized that early-stage cervical cancer is highly treatable, making timely screening and awareness critical for prevention.

Awareness Generation Rally on "Anjaan Se door, Suraksha Zaroor (Suraksha Hi Bachav hai)"

The Department of Social and Human Development, Community Development Centre, Savda Ghevra organized an Awareness Generation Rally titled "Anjaan Se Door, Suraksha Zaroor (Suraksha Hi Bachav Hai)" on 11 February 2026 with students of Remedial and Coaching Classes at CDC Savda Ghevra.

The rally aimed to raise awareness about potential dangers, accidents, and unforeseen situations, encouraging people to follow safety rules and promote a safer environment to protect life, health, and property. A total of 144 participants took part in the event.



Awareness Programme on Skill Development in Beautician and Computer Training

An Awareness Programme on Skill Development in Beautician and Computer Training for girls and women was conducted on 13 February 2026 at ALC Dayal Singh, Community Development Centre Karpoori Thakur.

The programme was organized for 25 women to promote economic independence and self-reliance through vocational skills. The session was conducted by the resource persons, Ms. Khushnam Imtiaz and Ms. Arisha Nayab, interns from Jamia Millia Islamia University.

They explained the importance of beautician skills such as skincare, hair styling, makeup, grooming, and hygiene practices, along with basic computer skills including MS Office, internet use, email handling, and digital payments. The programme aimed to empower women by encouraging them to develop professional skills and explore opportunities for self-employment, such as starting their own beauty services or home-based computer work.

Awareness Generation Program on Liver Care awareness (Liver fit hai to Life hit hai)

The Department of Social and Human Development, Community Development Centre, Savda Ghevra organized an Awareness Generation Program on "Liver Care (Liver fit hai to Life hit hai)" on 20 February 2026 for students of Remedial and Coaching Classes, in collaboration with The Liver Care Foundation.

The session, led by Mr. Santlal, Senior Community Development Officer, focused on the importance of liver health, ways to maintain it, and diseases caused by liver failure. A total of 58 students participated in the program.



SOCIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (SHD)

PARTICIPATION IN THRIVE YOUTH MUSIC FESTIVAL- 2026



The New Delhi YMCA Department of Social and Human Development (SHD) actively participated in the Thrive Youth Music Festival organized by YWCA of Delhi on 14 March 2026. A team of 16 participants from CDCs Kalyanpuri, Sunlight Colony, Karpoori Thakur, Daya Basti, and Savda Ghevra competed in solo singing, poetry, and folk group singing alongside 15 other organizations.



The participants achieved notable success: CDC Kalyanpuri won 3rd prize in solo singing, CDC Savda Ghevra secured 2nd prize in poetry, while in folk group singing, CDC Kalyanpuri and CDC Karpoori Thakur won 2nd and 3rd prizes respectively.



The achievements highlight young performers' creativity and teamwork and the SHD Department's efforts in youth empowerment through New Delhi YMCA. The "Rights, Justice and Action" festival gave youth, especially women and girls, a platform for expression through art and music, showcasing CDC participants' talent and New Delhi YMCA's commitment to empowerment.

Awareness Generation Program on Financial Literacy

An awareness session on Financial Literacy was conducted on 10th, 11th, 12th, and 17th March 2026 across five CDCs—Savda Ghevra, Kalyanpuri, Sunlight Colony, Karpoori Thakur, and Daya Basti. The session aimed to educate participants on savings, budgeting, digital banking, and safe financial practices.

Key topics included financial planning, debt management, and government schemes. The sessions were led by Mr. Prince (Senior Executive Operations) and Ms. Bhawna and Mr. Pratham, Master Trainers from NIIT Foundation. A total of 205 participants attended the programme.



SOCIAL AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT (SHD)

Awareness Generation Programme on “Menstrual Hygiene & Distribution of Sanitary Pads



Community Development Centres at Daya Basti, Sunlight Colony, and Kalyanpuri organized a series of health awareness programmes for women and adolescent girls in February 2026.

An awareness session on Menstrual Hygiene & Sanitary Pad Distribution was conducted on 24th and 26th February for 86 adolescent girls. The programme focused on menstrual health, debunking myths, and promoting the use of sanitary napkins. Sessions were led by Ms. Anjali Kumari, Ms. Reevika Pal (Pinkish Foundation), and Mr. Prigyan (Pariwar Sewa Sansthan).



Additionally, a Breast Cancer Awareness Programme was held on 27th February at CDC Kalyanpuri with 40 women participants. The session emphasized early detection, symptoms, preventive measures, and the importance of regular self-examination and timely screening. Ms. Sarika from Apollo Hospital facilitated the session. These initiatives aimed to promote health awareness and encourage proactive healthcare practices among women and girls in the community.

Awareness Generation Programme on “World Water Day”

An awareness programme on World Water Day was held on 20 March 2026 at CDC Daya Basti, engaging 35 students.

The session highlighted the importance of water conservation, daily saving practices, and the impact of climate change on water resources, encouraging responsible use of this vital resource.



From Uncertainty to Success Ms. Rekha's Journey



Ms. Rekha, from a lower-middle-class family, realized the importance of skills after graduation. In 2023, she joined a Mehndi course at YMCA CDC Kalyanpuri, where she built confidence through hands-on training.

Today, she works as a Mehndi Instructor at Ghar Foundation, earning ₹10,000 per month along with extra income during weddings and festivals, and supports her family financially.

Her journey shows how the right skills can turn determination into independence and success.



Success Stories

Ms. Gauri's Journey

Empowering her Future Through Skill Development

Ms. Gauri, daughter of a daily-wage labourer and housekeeping staff, overcame financial constraints with strong family support and a focus on education and skill development. Guided by her mother, she pursued a Basic Computer Course at YMCA CDC Sunlight Colony (2024) and later completed the NIIT Certificate Course in Microsoft Office (CCMO), gaining advanced job-ready skills.

After completing her training, she secured a job in Noida and later moved to a position in Nirman Vihar, where she currently earns ₹12,000 per month. Now financially independent, she also supports her family. Her journey highlights the importance of determination, vocational training, and family encouragement, making her an inspiring role model for young women.



YMCA PUBLIC SCHOOL

Safety Awareness Sessions for Primary Students

On 06.02.26, safety awareness sessions were conducted for students of Classes I to V, aiming to sensitize young learners about personal safety, environmental awareness, and seeking help in unsafe situations.

The sessions included an interactive PowerPoint presentation and a short educational video to engage students and teach essential safety skills. Key topics covered were:

- Being aware of surroundings using eyes and ears.
- Saying “No, thank you” to strangers and understanding the importance of safe people, such as parents and teachers.
- Knowing emergency contact numbers and wearing school ID cards daily.
- Understanding one’s Safe Circle and distinguishing between good touch and bad touch.

Students actively participated by sharing experiences and discussing ways to respond safely in real-life situations. The sessions helped them develop confidence in observing their environment, reporting concerns, and seeking help promptly.

Overall, the sessions were highly effective in fostering safety awareness, empowering students, and promoting their well-being.



KG Graduation Day Little Stars Shine Bright!

On 13th February 2026, usually a day of superstition, our KG students at YMCA Public School turned it into a day of joy and celebration! The campus sparkled with balloons, giant flowers, a selfie booth, and a cheerful “CONGRATULATIONS” banner.

The tiny graduates walked proudly to the stage with their teachers, followed by Mr. C.P. Davis, Ms. Sheena, and Mr. Anup Robinson. After a warm welcome, opening prayer, and felicitation of special guests, the highlight of the day began: our little stars danced with infectious smiles, leaving everyone amazed.

Certificates were proudly handed out by the Principal, accompanied by hugs, handshakes, and treasured photos. A heartfelt message for children and parents closed the ceremony. Walking out in their caps and gowns, our tiny tots knew this was a day to remember forever.

Congratulations to our little graduates of 2025-26!



YPS Special Wing

TECH-SKILL EXHIBITION AT THE BLIND SCHOOL

On 13th February 2026, YPS Special Wing students and Teachers Training Institute trainees visited the Tech and Skill Exhibition at the Blind School, New Delhi. They explored innovative assistive technologies like Braille sewing machines, Braille chess, and audio learning tools, interacting with visually impaired students. The visit offered valuable insights into how education, technology, and vocational training empower children with special needs to learn independently and build confidence.



SPORTS MEET AT THE OKHLA CENTRE (DELHI SOCIETY FOR THE WELFARE OF SPECIAL CHILDREN)



The YPS Special wing students participated in the Sports Meet on 18th February 2016 in various events like Races, Soft Ball Throw, volley pass, Relay Race etc. Anmol won the gold medal in 50 metres race. Sannidhya won bronze medal in Volley Pass.

YPS SPECIAL WING STUDENTS AT KHEL UTSAV AT THE THYAGRAJ STADIUM

The YPS Special Wing students participated in the 4th Annual Khel Utsav organised by Ananth Centre for Learning and Development on 24th February 2026

The students participated in assistive walk, Races. Soft ball throw, Tennis ball throw and standing long jump. Sukhirat won IInd prize in Assistive race, Hitesh won IIIrd prize in Tennis ball throw and Sannidhya won IInd prize



Safety Awareness Sessions for Girls (Classes VI–XII)



Safety awareness sessions were conducted for girl students of Classes VI to XII, focusing on both online and offline safety. The sessions aimed to equip students with knowledge, confidence, and practical strategies to stay safe, alert, and responsible in real-life and digital environments.

Key highlights included understanding personal boundaries, trusting instincts, and clearly communicating discomfort. Students were guided on their basic rights, the importance of speaking up, and seeking help from trusted adults or authorities without hesitation.

Practical tips were shared on recognizing warning signs, street-smart planning, responding confidently to strangers, and building a personal safety network. Online safety was also emphasized, covering cyberbullying, online harassment, privacy protection, and responsible digital behavior.

The interactive sessions encouraged students to share experiences, ask questions, and reflect on real-life situations, making the program engaging and impactful. Overall, the initiative successfully sensitized students to personal safety and empowered them with essential life skills to navigate challenges confidently.



RURAL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE, HODAL

Republic Day Celebration

The Republic Day celebration was held with great enthusiasm and patriotic spirit at RCDC, Hodal, organized by YMCA Public School under the New Delhi YMCA. The programme began with a devotional Vandana by students, setting a dignified tone.

Mr. Feroze Khan welcomed the gathering and highlighted the importance of Republic Day and constitutional values. A Class VII student delivered an inspiring speech on the Constitution, freedom fighters, and civic responsibility. Mr. Dennis Singh appreciated the school's efforts in shaping value-based citizens.

The Chief Guest, Mr. Ajay Rathore (Station Master, Hodal), encouraged students to stay disciplined, work hard, and serve the nation with integrity.

Cultural performances added vibrancy to the event, including patriotic dances by Classes I-III, a Hindi speech by Mrs. Nisha Tiwari, a group song by teachers, and a Haryanvi dance by Classes V-VI showcasing local heritage. The celebration successfully fostered patriotism, unity and cultural pride among students.



YMCA Nizamuddin, visit to RCDC on 11 February 2026

A group of TTI students and staff team led by the Coordinator, Ms. Namita visited the RCDC on 11 February 2026. The group besides enjoying various outdoor games also went on a tractor ride to Chameli van. Morning tea with snacks, veg-lunch and evening tea were arranged for the group.



YPS teachers visit to RCDC on 30 March 2026

A group of 50 teachers and staff of YMCA Public School, Nizamuddin, led by Mr. C P Davis, Principal, YPS visited RCDC on 30 March 2026. The group visited the Chameli Van (local forest & temple site) near Hodal besides enjoying the Rural centre. The teachers enjoyed various games such as cricket, volleyball and badminton besides getting a tractor ride inside the campus. The Nizamuddin teachers had an interaction time with the teachers of YPS Hodal.

Art & Craft Exhibition cum Valedictory Function

YMCA Public School, Hodal held an Art & Craft Exhibition and Valedictory Function on 28 March 2026. Students displayed creative projects made during the year, and prizes were distributed for the 2025-26 session. Parents attended in large numbers and appreciated the event.



MS- OFFICE TRAINING



A half-day MS Office training was organised on 14th March 2026 at the Heinz Auditorium for all staff, with most attending in person and a few joining online. The session was conducted voluntarily by Mr. Aditya Raj Datt (Board Member, NDY) and Mr. Rajiv Mallikarjun, Vice Chairman, IT Committee, who also shared training material in advance.

The programme covered MS Word, MS Excel, and MS PowerPoint, along with a practical Q&A session. Through slides and live demonstrations, the resource persons provided hands-on learning and useful tips. The session was comprehensive, well-structured, and warmly received by all participants.



Obituaries

1. Ms. Marina Tunious, Sister of Mr. Gilchrist Tunious, NDY Member, on 04.01. 2026.
2. Mrs Isabella Maria Saverina (Falcao) Pinto mother of Mr. Bennet Pinto, NDY Member, on 07.01.2026.
3. Rev. Zeckey Simon Peters, NDY Member , on 17.01.2026.
4. Mrs. Marie Keelor, Wife of Late Air Marshal Denzil Keelor, Former NDY President, on 31.01.2026
5. Mr. S.A. Ismael, NDY Member, on 06.03.2026.
6. Mr. Jai Prakash, Houseman – TH, on 07.01.2026.



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