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## New Delhi YMCA Wishes All A Very Happy Independence Day



**Mark S Clive**  
General Secretary & CEO

I thank God for giving me a chance to lead the New Delhi YMCA, considered an arm of the Church. Being General Secretary & CEO of this prestigious body of Lord's work is the biggest honour in my life. And taking over the charge from the incumbent Mr Joseph Anil Benjamin on July 15, 2020 will remain the most memorable day for me.

I am also grateful to the President Mr Jovial Vaghela, Task Group on Succession and the Board members for having confidence in me and considering me for this prestigious job.

Covid-19 pandemic has caused considerable damage to the society all over the world. People have suffered huge financial losses, bad health and stress of all kinds. It is in these times that the role of bodies like New Delhi YMCA becomes even more crucial.

New Delhi YMCA began with serving food to the needy and destitute with the assistance of Delhi Police. Later, the Tourist Hostel was converted into a healing centre for Doctors, Nurses and other para-medical staff. After running it for three months, the Delhi Government handed back the Hostel to us.

I am happy to say that all Secretaries and staff of New Delhi YMCA have shown tremendous courage and cooperation to face the challenge that lies ahead.

In a short span of less than a month, things have started falling in place. Education Department is running regular online classes while a number of online musical programmes and prayer fellowship have proved a great success. Here I must compliment members for attending these programmes. It encourages us to do even better and I am sure the coming events will be even more interesting.

The Programme Department has already planned online musical and cultural shows for Corona Warriors like Police, medical fraternity and media persons.

I will request members to inform their friends, churches and other like minded people about our online programmes and share details.

No doubt these are challenging times but with hard work, dedication and patience I am sure we will overcome it soon. Please remember New Delhi YMCA in your prayers.

May God bless you all



President Mr. Jovial Vaghela felicitating Mr. Mark S Clive, the new General Secretary & CEO

### Musicals lift up spirit

The Corona-19 has failed to dampen the spirits at the New Delhi YMCA. After an initial obvious disappointment and a bit of sadness, the Secretaries, Executive and Staff took upon themselves to bring the vibrant NDY back to track.

Physical programmes were not possible due to Government restrictions and guidelines. Working online was the only alternative. It was new experience for all. But everyone accepted the challenge and soon online programmes started shaping up.



### Successful Musical Evening

The first online programme, a musical evening proved a huge success. While the brother-sister duo of young Shawn and Shannon Milton regaled the audience from their home studio in Delhi, Sharon Mirandi joined us from Kolkata to make it a memorable evening. Besides President, Board members and members, people joined us even from abroad.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/LK1zntoroww>



### International Flavour

For an old New Delhi YMCA man, it was kind of homecoming for Ron Milton as he and his family joined us from Florida in The USA. Samuel Pervez, CEO/National General Secretary Pakistan YMCA enjoyed the lovely music by the talented youngsters sitting at home in Lahore. Eric from YMCA Batticaloa in Srilanka also participated in the event and sent in requests for some popular songs.



### US singer participates

Prayer Breakfast and Gospel Music Evening also proved a tremendous success. Several singers from all over India participated in the programme. Mr Erskin Anavitarte from the US was a special and joined us from New York.

The Gospel Music Evening began with New Delhi YMCA Systems Manager Rajinald Vijay Milton leading Yesu ke Geet Ministries with his wife Rosemary, son Shawn and daughter Shanon. Later Christian Youth Fellowship of Delhi Mizo Presbyterian Church, Danny performed Much more is in the offing in the coming weeks. Acharya Vikas Masih from Family Life Ministry was also a guest preacher in Prayer Fellowship. If you have any suggestion please feel free to communicate.

YouTube Link: <https://youtu.be/qMwQcPSbwaQ>



### Dining Hall to start functioning soon...

Delhi Government has handed back the Tourist Hostel with appreciation and gratitude to New Delhi YMCA for its noble services. The Hostel has been thoroughly sanitised and is ready for business once Government clears running of the hotels. The dining hall however will start functioning within few days.



## Global Y Movement

### World YMCA initiative



The Covid-19 pandemic has severely hit young people. They face unemployment, economic crisis and uncertainties as for their future. But young people are full of resources, ideas and creativity when it comes to collectively find solutions. This is why World YMCA has launched the Better Together initiative with Goodwill, to give an opportunity to young leaders, innovators and dreamers to share their ideas and actions for a better future. Through a five-week online course, World YMCA aims to develop skills, provide global networking platform and offer entrepreneurial opportunities to the youth effected by Corona-19

### YMCA Lebanon office damaged

A massive explosion ripped through central Beirut, near the city's port on Tuesday, 4 August. The blast sent up a huge mushroom cloud-shaped shockwave, flipped cars and damaged distant buildings.

Four of the city's hospitals were damaged by the explosion and are out of service. The YMCA Lebanon office also suffered damages. All the windows of the office were blown apart. Fortunately the office was empty as the explosion happened after working hours. "All our staff and volunteers are safe" shares Mr Issam Bishara, CEO of YMCA Lebanon. "But we are all in shock. We have never faced such a terrible situation in our lives." New Delhi YMCA prays for the safety and wellbeing of the YMCA Lebanon.

Carlos Sanvee, Secretary General World YMCA, expressed solidarity: "Our thoughts and prayers are with our friends in Beirut and across Lebanon, who are impacted by this terrible explosion. We stand with you in solidarity as you recover and rebuild." Messages of prayer and support have also been shared from the YMCA family from around the globe.

### Special prayers for NDY

During the third event of the World YMCA Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on July 22, a special prayer was said for the New Delhi YMCA. The global Thanksgiving Service was held in view of the Corona virus pandemic



### Green Team 2020-2023



The YMCAs in the Asia-Pacific region during its 20th General Assembly committed to reducing carbon emissions and taking effective steps to become carbon neutral by 2030. Part of the initiatives under this Environment and Climate Change program thrust is to strengthen its existing Green Team that will support regional work in the development of policies and environmental programs. As such, APAY Green Team has been engaged in online meetings and currently designing the upcoming Green Ambassadors Training coming October 2020. Likewise, the members have committed to share knowledge, experience and good practices through written articles, which will be shared through APAY e-News.