

CEO SPEAK



Mark Clive
General Secretary & CEO

It had been a hectic fortnight with exercise of online Annual General Meeting on December 5. But I am grateful to the members who attended the AGM in large number (124) and voted to pass the annual report for 2019-20, the audited statement for the year and also approved appointment of auditor for the years 2020-21.

The fortnight was also a mixed bag of sadness and joy. In quick succession we lost some members. It was heart breaking for all of us. But then life has to go on. We pray for the grieving families.

The Christmas Music on Pipe Organ programme on December 12 however brought cheers. In a virtual Pipe Organ ensemble from different parts of the country and abroad, Christmas music was reverberated in our drawing rooms much to the delight of a record number of some 3,000 worldwide audiences. It was heartening to see a large number of members attending the unique event.

Many members messaged to say it was a soothing experience for them, especially to those who were recovering after suffering Corona infection.

There are many more Christmas programmes in the coming days. I sincerely hope the members would again attend in large numbers and spread the message of peace and love among all communities.

Like in the past the Tourist Hostel has prepared Christmas cakes and other goodies. To my sheer delight despite pandemic and related problems, members have booked a record number of orders. This shows that we are slowly moving towards normalcy even as we face the spectre of a 'new normal'.

Through this special Christmas issue of our digital newsletter 'NDY Today', I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

God bless us all

Mark Clive

WHAT A SPLENDID START TO CHRISTMAS!

Some two months ago it was just an idea. But on Saturday, December 12, the idea turned into a splendid reality. At 4:50 pm Zoom room was opened for people to let in. But before show's schedule time of 5 pm 200 people had logged in.

In the next five minutes the room was full with a maximum number of 500. By then it was confirmed that the virtual programme of Christmas Music on Pipe Organ was going to be a hit beyond expectation. What happened in the next one hour and 25 minutes was simply amazing. All 500 remained glued to their seat till the end

as one after another eight top organists regaled the audience with superlative performance.

Markus Karas from Bonn and Ms Han Na Kim from Korea gave it an international colour. But home players were no less. In fact on vintage organs, some as old as 140 years, they fully complemented the foreign performers.

Some of the traditional carols played by masters like Retd Commodore Champion and Mr Rajdeep Singh and Mr Amarjeet Frank brought alive the Christmas spirit in abundance. Mr Joshua Virender, young Lydia Joan and Manish completed the line up to

make it a memorable evening with their scintillating performance.

It was a historic moment in New Delhi's YMCA history as besides foreign organists even overseas audience joined in. Lovers of music joined from Sweden, Thailand, Pakistan and USA to make it a global event.

The main idea behind the show was to launch Christmas festivities in the country and change the depressive mood. At the end it was amply proved that New Delhi YMCA was more than successful to bring cheer to the drawing rooms. For all it was an experience divine and many continue to enjoy it on New Delhi YMCA's Facebook page and YouTube. ■



NEW DELHI YMCA
Department of Christian Emphasis
Cordially invites you, your family and friends to
CHRISTMAS CHOIR CONCERT
(By New Delhi YMCA Choir. Directed by Rajesh V Pillai)
on Friday 18th December 2020 from 6:00 p.m.
Online Live from the Heinz Auditorium
Zoom Meeting ID: 914 8221 4961 Password: 847656

Gladwin Lal Sr. Secretary, Isha G. Gokhale Asst. Gen. Secretary, Jai Prithi Chairman, Mark Clive Chief Secretary & CEO, Javial Ushaha President

MUCH MORE AT NDY THIS CHRISTMAS

- **YMCA, Greater Noida Programme Centre:** Christmas programme on Thursday, December 17 at 4:00 pm. R-2 Recreation Area, Opp Jaypee Golf Course.
- **New Delhi YMCA, 1-Jai Singh Road:** Christmas concert by New Delhi YMCA choir. Friday, December 18, 6:00 pm. Available on Zoom Meeting ID: 916 0535 6391 Password: 847656.
- **YMCA Nizamuddin Centre:** Christmas programme. Saturday, December 19, 5:00 pm onwards. On Zoom. Meeting ID: 933 1481 7362 Password: 791619.
- **New Delhi YMCA, 1, Jai Singh Road:** An Evening of Christmas Carols. Monday, December 21, 5:00 pm onwards (Online).

SONDAY TIMES
Virus-hit Xmas hits a key note with virtual concert
LOG IN TO SING ALONG

By Rajesh V Pillai
New Delhi: Usually every year when the last Sunday of November comes, the Christmas season is in full swing. This year, however, the Christmas season is in full swing in a virtual world. The New Delhi YMCA choir, directed by Rajesh V Pillai, is performing a virtual Christmas concert on Sunday, December 13, 5:00 pm onwards. The concert will be held on Zoom Meeting ID: 933 1481 7362. The concert will feature a variety of Christmas carols and songs. The concert will be held in Hindi and English. The concert will be held on Zoom Meeting ID: 933 1481 7362. The concert will be held on Zoom Meeting ID: 933 1481 7362.



Decorative Christmas tree illustration.

MEMBERS SPEAK

PIPE ORGAN CONCERT STRIKES DIFFERENT CHORDS

- Simply superb! It shows the colossal indefatigable preparatory effort that must have gone in to weave this labyrinth of organ music across the globe. Hearties congrats to team YMCA New Delhi. Please do it every year
— Commodore TMJ Champion (Organist)
- Brilliant!
— Lianne Rodrick, (Sweden)
- What an emotional experience for me! Listening to such a beautiful sounds from India where I need to be part of such programmes. Keep it up NDY. Thank you
— Keith Jordan (Britain)
- This event was superb. Really enjoyed and also learnt about the pipe organ. Thanks.
— Joseph Kouk
- A novel idea and a wonderful programme that entire family enjoyed. Thank you for the great family evening. Season's greetings to the entire YMCA family. God be with us all.
— Darius Singh
- Congratulations on the excellent programme of Pipe Organs. It was very good.
— Dilip William
- I am from La Martiniere in Lucknow and in fact Amarjeet is my childhood friend. For me it was an emotional experience. Through this concert I have regain touch with many of my child friends.
— Stephen DaCosta
- Incredible experience: What a beautiful way to praise the Lord. Thank you New Delhi YMCA
— Pastor Kim (USA)
- Christmas Music On Pipe Organ programme was a terrific experience. Sitting here in the USA and listening to some great Pipe Organist back home in India was a thrilling and emotional experience.
— Ron Milton, (Florida)
- Great event. Many congratulations
— Tanja (Sweden)
- Beautifully designed and presented programme.
— Syed Mohd Irfan (TV presenter)
- Congratulations New Delhi YMCA for the concert, especially President Mr Jovial Vaghela, G S Mr. Mark Clive and presenter Mr. Norris Pritam.
— Rajesh Sunny Joshua (Board Member)
- Fantastic concert. Merry Christmas
— Ena Joseph
- Enjoyed the concert. Beautifully played by all organists. Thanks to the organisers.
— Farrell Osborn
- Very good event. I saw Pipe Organs for the first time. I am excited.
— Enam Gordon
- I am grateful to New Delhi YMCA for inviting me to play in such a wonderful and unique programme. Waiting for more such events.
— Manish Organist
- Great opportunity for me to be part of this unique programme. Thank you New Delhi YMCA
— Joshua Virender (Organist)
- Thankful to New Delhi YMCA for this great opportunity.
— Lydia Joan (Organist)
- Thank you New Delhi YMCA for involving me in this Wonderful programme.
— Emmanuel Sanga (Ranchi)

MEDIA PLAYS A FRIENDLY TUNE

New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel
Merry Christmas
Christmas Goodies

1. Plum Cake	@ 395/-	Half Kg.
2. Fruit Cake	@ 350/-	Half Kg.
3. Walnut Cake	@ 425/-	Half Kg.
4. Assorted Cookies	@ 325/-	Per Kg.
5. Chicken Patties	@ 70/-	Each
6. Mutton Patties	@ 70/-	Each

For booking order please contact:
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From 1st to 18th December 2020, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Delivery between 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.



IN MEMORIAM
We condole the passing away of some members of our extended New Delhi YMCA family. RIP the departed soul. May God grant peace to the grieving families and relatives.

MORRIS EDWARD, Father of Board member Sanjiv Edward.

THOMAS PHILIP, A veteran member

ANJUM DANIELS, A young member and son of Mr Anil Daniels, also a member

TODAY NEWS
On-line Pipe Organ Music programme on Saturday

With Christmas approaching and the country in the midst of restrictions on social gathering, the YMCA in the city is organising a unique online programme consisting exclusively of Pipe Organ.

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INDIAN EXPRESS
Classic connection

SERIOUS QUERIES
Happy Christmas 2020 - 12 Hours of YMCA on-line Pipe Organ music, will be a unique affair with diverse

The Tribune
Wednesday 16, December 2020

Tribune News Service
New Delhi, December 11

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