

CEO SPEAK



Mark Clive
General Secretary & CEO

With the year's first issue of NDY Connects in your hand, I extend my best wishes to all for the New Year. The year gone by has been very challenging and demanding. Even as more challenges lie ahead, I am sure 2020 taught us several lessons – to keep fighting spirit high for one. It is this spirit among Secretaries, Executives and Staff that kept us going even during the toughest times in New Delhi YMCA's history. The Board and the members also played a crucial role in keeping the wheels in motion. I have no doubt that together we shall overcome all hurdles and soon return to a vibrant and cheerful family as before.

Even during the difficult times, we organized some meaningful online events. Staff and Executives formed a Choir that performed so well.

We organised a community lunch for the poor on Christmas Day. About 1,500 people had the fellowship food. It was first time in many years that NDY campus reverberated with fun and frolic on Christmas. We also distributed quilts to the needy.

It is my utter delight to tell you that even His Excellency the Lt Gov of Delhi Mr. Anil Baijal savoured the cake from our own bakery! The President Mr. Jovial Vaghela and I visited the Honourable Lt Gov at Raj Nivas and gave him the cake and other goodies for his family and staff. It was a very friendly and fruitful meeting in which Mr. Baijal appreciated the efforts of New Delhi YMCA in social sector. Even before I could settle back in my office after the visit, Mrs. Baijal sent a big cake as a return gift and also called to thank New Delhi YMCA.

Wishing you a very happy and prosperous New Year

God Bless Us All

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR TASTES THE NDY CAKE

It has been a trend-setting Christmas at New Delhi YMCA this year. Apart from the food distribution event and several online programmes, His Excellency the Lt Gov of Delhi Mr. Anil Baijal also gave audience to the leaders of New Delhi YMCA.

The President Mr Jovial Vaghela and General Secretary Mr Mark Clive met Mr Baijal at his residence, Raj Nivas, and extended greetings of the New Delhi YMCA family. Mr Baijal and his wife spent time with Mr Vaghela and Mr

Clive and enjoyed the Christmas cake that NDY leaders had carried for them.

Mr Baijal also extended his greetings to the NDY family and appreciated the work done by New Delhi YMCA.

The bigger surprise awaited Mr Clive after his return from Raj Nivas. Even before he could settle back in his office, a car from Raj Nivas drove into the NDY campus. This time Mrs Baijal sent a big cake as a return gift! The Raj Nivas staff member, who brought the cake, also connected Mr Clive with Mrs



Baijal on phone and she again profusely thanked New Delhi YMCA.

It was a huge initiative in promoting brand NDY. ■

SHARING FOOD AND HAPPINESS WITH THE POOR & NEEDY



On Christmas Day, New Delhi YMCA campus came alive with an activity befitting the real spirit of the day. Instead of spending the day at home on a chilly morning, the NDY staff turned in large numbers to distribute food and quilts to the needy and underprivileged.

“The real meaning of Christmas is sharing your riches and happiness with

the poor,” said Mark Clive, General Secretary & CEO of New Delhi YMCA. “If God could sacrifice His Son Jesus, sharing food was the least we could have done,” Clive added.

Clive's words inspired Secretaries, Executives and Staff who cheerfully served food and distributed quilts to the needy. Board member Nikhil Banerjee was also present on the occasion and took part in the programme.

In the past, the NDY Campus used to be a quiet place on Christmas with the staff on leave. “But I am so happy that we all have come together to take part in

Dear Friends,

Time to thank you for your continuous prayers and blessings throughout the year. Time to thank you for understanding the difficulties and the challenges during the years. Time to thank you for your unequivocal support during the special meeting and the last Annual General Meeting. Time to thank you for supporting the Board of Directors of NDY. Time to thank you for your trust in me as the President of NDY. It is once again time to extend the compliments of the season and share all the good wishes with you and your family.

Wishing you a very blessed and prosperous New Year 2021! May the Lord Almighty bless us all to enable us to work for the extension of His Kingdom as we have all pledged through the Paris Basis of the YMCA!

Regards and God Bless.
Yours in Him.
Jovial Vaghela (President)



this noble event today,” said a member of the staff. “This new trend should continue every year,” the member added.

Security guards of various buildings in the vicinity, Policemen on duty and poor on the street enjoyed the community lunch. ■

NIZAMUDDIN SCHOOL



GREATER NOIDA



STAFF WELFARE UNION



CORONA FAILS TO DAMPEN CHRISTMAS SPIRIT AT NDY

YMCA DELHI CHOIR



DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL & HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



TRADITIONAL AND REGIONAL PERFORMANCES MARK EVENING OF CHRISTMAS MUSIC

A mix of traditional and regional performances marked the Evening of Christmas Music by YMCA on December 21. On one hand there were performers like well-known musician Stephen Marazzi and P Masih while on the other hand a group of enthusiastic singers from YMCA Saatal presented carols in Kumaoni. Performers from Dallas in the US and Qatar entertained the online audience with

their rendering of Christmas music, giving the event international touch.

Young brothers John and Steve Alexander were as usual at their best performing When the Saints Go Marching In on Piano and mouth organ.

President Mr. Jovial Vaghela and Mrs. Vaghela sang a traditional carol while Isabella Clive, wife of Mr. Mark Clive was also so tuneful as she sang Go

Tell It On The Mountain.

After Marazzi set the tone with Mary, Did You Know?, it was time for Mr P Masih to give a brilliant performance on saxophone. Thereafter one after another performer regaled the audience.

Former President Mr. Vijay Russell's booming voice has not changed with the passage of time as he sang O Holy Night while Vice President Mr. Aloke Michyari presented a traditional carol in Jharkhand's Sidri dialect.

Rajinald Vijay Milton and his children, Shawn and Shanon were good as usual. ■



MAMATA BANERJEE ATTENDS MIDNIGHT SERVICE AT ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee attended the midnight service on the eve of Christmas at the St Paul's Cathedral in Kolkata. She visited the church along with Trinamool Congress MP Derek O'Brien and took the blessings of Archbishop.

She also greeted people on the eve of Christmas. "I wish Merry Christmas to all my brothers and sisters in the state, country and all over the world. Tonight I am attending prayers with my Christian brothers and sisters. May we all celebrate the festival with joy, love and cohesion with the entire humanity and spread the message of goodwill among all," she said in her Facebook post. ■

'CHRISTMAS LIFTS OUR HEADS IN HOPE'

Rev. Prof. Dr Ioan Sauca, interim General Secretary of World Council of Churches, in his special Christmas message has reflected on fear, despair, hope and joy. "The child in the manger, in its vulnerability, is an image of fragile hope, the beginning of a new story that will culminate in the gift of life and salvation through the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ," he writes. "There have been and there are today many reasons to be afraid and to live in despair."

In the most difficult days of history, Christians have time and again found consolation



and hope during the Christmas season, he continues. "In a world of pain and death, the event of Christmas allows us to find consolation, lift our heads in hope, and glimpse in deep faith the triumph of life and love in the birth of Jesus," he concludes. "This is good news of great joy for all people." "Celebrations of Christmas in churches and families this year was tempered by the physical distancing and other restrictions brought on by our concern to protect each other from the coronavirus," he writes. "People grieved for the many dead around the world and will express their gratitude for those who care for the sick with great dedication and courage." ■

KAILASH SHARMA RETIRES



Kailash Sharma, an Administrative Supervisor attached with Institute of Career Studies under HPDP retired on December 31 after meritorious service for over three decades. At a simple but warm farewell function by his colleagues, Sharma received applause for his unblemished and disciplined service.

Mr Mark Clive, General Secretary of New Delhi YMCA recalled the services of Mr Sharma ever since he himself joined New Delhi YMCA as a trainee secretary.

Mr Sharma, popularly known as Kailash ji, in choking voice said "looks like I am leaving my home and going somewhere." ■



POLITICAL ICING ON CHRISTMAS CAKES IN KOLKATA

With the state Assembly elections due next year, Christmas cakes in Kolkata this year had political icing on them – political party symbols. A woman and her friends opened a stall of homemade cakes with icing designed as lotus (BJP symbol), twin flowers and grass (ruling TMC), hand and sickle-hammer (Congress and CPM). Piyali Sarker told media persons that

she came up with the idea to stand out. "My friends and I have been making cakes for a long time. We thought we should make something that would stand out and with the state elections coming up, we hoped that people would find this interesting and attractive," Sarker said. She added that sales increased and they had been selling at least five cakes every day. Many customers were

delighted at the new look of the classic Christmas dessert. "I was in the area and this (Piyali's cake) caught my eye. I saw the cake with the BJP logo and found it very interesting. This comes just in time for the Bara Din (Christmas, which celebrates Jesus Christ's birth), and combined with the anticipation of the upcoming elections, this is very exciting," said a customer. According to Sarker, she didn't price the cakes high to attract more people. "We sold these cakes at a reasonable price with a slim profit margin, as right now, we want people to know about us and spread the word. It takes about an hour to make one cake," she said. "The TMC and BJP cakes were the most popular among the people. We have also received a lot of orders, not from political parties, but from ordinary people," she added. ■



MEMBERS SPEAK

GOODBYE 2020, HELLO 2021

● Happy New Year to all at New Delhi YMCA.
— **Dr. Sumathi Muralidhar**
(Safdarjung Hospital)

● Greetings for the year 2021. Reflecting on this past year, I guess, we can consider ourselves extremely fortunate to have ridden the storm and the numerous unprecedented challenges of 2020. Now as we embark and look forward to the future, I would like to wish you all the success and the very best in 2021.
— **Harendra Singh**
(Former national Hockey Coach)

● Wishing a very Happy 2021 to everyone at New Delhi YMCA.
— **Prasheena**
(Batticaloa YMCA, Sri Lanka)

● A very happy and prosperous New Year.
— **Christopher Shepherd**

● Seasons Greetings and Happy and Blessed New Year.
— **Sam and Mercy Oomen**

● Remember the good moments we had last year, and let's make some better moments this new year. Happy New Year.
— **Eric**
(Batticaloa YMCA, Sri Lanka)

● Wishing all my friends at New Delhi YMCA a very happy & prosperous New Delhi. God bless all.
— **Thazin Aye** (National Coordinator at YMCA of Myanmar)

● Wishing all a very Happy New Year. Hope this year brings prosperity for all.
— **Rachel Mary Gomes**
(YMCA Dhaka, Bangladesh)

● Wishing you all a very Happy New Year. Music lovers like I and my friends, have all gone gaga over the presentation of Christmas music on Pipe Organ and have immensely appreciated it. From my childhood I have been hearing Pipe Organ being played in St. Paul's Cathedral in Ranchi. My father had formed an integral part of the choir at the Cathedral. Papa had a very rich tenor voice and a really good control over the high notes. Thank you very much for arranging this wonderful recital. Similar effort in future would be much appreciated.
— **Micheal Patro** (Ranchi)

● May the warmth and peace of Christmas fill your home in abundance and may you be blessed in 2021
— **Bertram Devadas**
(National Gen Sec YMCA)

● Happy New Year 2021 to you and everyone at home. May The Good Lord continue to shower His blessings and shield you for the years to come.
— **Anil P Massey & Suchitra**

● Happy New Year.
— **Binkas Ekka** (Ranchi)

● May the New Year ring in lots of love, happiness, good health and loads of blessings for you and your family. Wishing you all a very Happy New Year 2021. Prayers and best wishes.
— **Sumit, Nikita, Aaditya & Aariana**

● साल जरूर बदल रहा है, लेकिन साथ नहीं, हमारा प्यार, स्नेह और अपनापन हमेशा बना रहे. आप सभी को नए साल की शुभकामनाएँ
— **Gladwin Neyburg**

● Wishing the President, General Secretary, Board Members and entire staff of New Delhi YMCA a very Happy & Prosperous New Year.
— **Earnest Joseph**

● May God Bless you and your family abundantly in this new year with good health, success, prosperity, peace, happiness and joy
— **Pastor Praveen & Family**
(Ranchi)

● Happy New year 2021. Celebrating new beginnings! May God pour abundant blessings upon you and your family throughout 2021
— **M P Nathanael**

● Wishing you and your family a very happy and healthy new year
— **Rock Furtado**

● Happy New Year 2021. Health and wealth are two things that reciprocate each other. I wish you all get both good health and wealth in this year in ample.
— **Manosh Sarkar**

● A relaxed mind, a peaceful soul, a joyful spirit, a healthy body and heart full of love. All these are my prayers for you. Wish you a happy New Year.
— **Philip Jadhav**

● To all my wonderful friends and their families, I wish you joy and peace and a New Year filled with prosperity and blessings.
— **Nathaniel Lall**

● Happy New Year 2021. May this New Year bring you and your loved ones,

lots of happiness, love, joy, prosperity, blessings, luck and most important, good health. Have a wonderful 2021.
— **Thacheth Johnny**

● Happy New Year. May each day of the new year bring you luck, joy, happiness and prosperity.
— **Richard Barraud**

● Wish your tomorrow is more prosperous, happy and successful than yesterday and today. Happy New Year.
— **B V Selvaraj**

● I pray that 2021 is better for each and every one of us.
— **Nitin Singh**

● Happy New Year to all.
— **Issac John**

● Happy New Year.
— **Royall McLaren**

● We as a family are deeply grateful to God Jesus Christ for His manifold mercies. We acknowledge with grateful heart to the friends who have been always enquiring on us from time to time, praying, wishing us all well and always ready to help us in times of our need through 2020. We wish and pray for a happy and safe 2021.
— **Prakash Manwar**

● May this New Year bring many opportunities your way, to explore every joy of live and turning all your dreams into reality and all your efforts into great achievements. Happy New Year.
— **Ian Rozario**

● Don't think about the past. Think about the present and hope for the future. Happy New Year 2021.
— **Sudhir Peter**

● Happy New Year.
— **Aseem Zinus**

IN MEMORIAM

DEFENDER OF FAITH AND INDIAN HOCKEY, MICHAEL KINDO PASSES AWAY

New Delhi YMCA mourns the passing of a hockey giant. A staunch defender of faith and on the hockey field Michael Kindo passed away in Rourkela on December 31. A devout Catholic, Kindo was a believer but he never let his faith come in his way as he played with distinction with team members of all other belief. He defended his faith as religiously as he did the Indian hockey's defence line.

Kindo represented India in three World Cup and one Olympics. Interestingly in all four competitions he emerged as a medal winner. In 1971 World Cup in Barcelona, he was a member of bronze-winning Indian team. In the subsequent World Cup at Amsterdam



he won a silver and then at Kuala Lumpur in 1975 he was a member of the Indian team that registered a historic gold-winning victory.

According to Ajitpal Singh, captain of the victorious Indian team at Kuala Lumpur, "Kindo wouldn't do anything flashy on the field or get into any fights with the opposition players. Yet with his precise tackling and cool-headedness he got us out of trouble on so many occasions."

Born and brought up in Simdega in Jharkhand, 74-year-old Kindo moved to Rourkela but his heart was always in Jharkhand. He worked for Navy, Railways and Steel Authority of India and remained active in hockey even after his



STEPHEN DACOSTA ELECTED CHAIRMAN OF NORTHERN REGION

Mr. Stephen DaCosta has been unanimously elected Chairman of the Northern Region. The Board also approved the names of NDY delegates for the Annual Regional Council Meeting on

January 23. The delegates are: Mr Stephen DaCosta, Mr Jovial Vaghela, Mr Alope Michyari, Mr R Sunny Joshua, Mr Girish Varghese, Mr Vijay Russell, Mr Peter Prem and Mr Nikhil Banerjee. ■

playing days were over.

● **Dorothy Chand:** NDY family mourns the passing away of Mrs. Dorothy Chand, mother-in-law of General Secretary Mr. Mark Clive. Mrs. Dorothy Chand, mother of Isabella and Ayona, died on January 3 and was in her mid-seventies.

● **E O Davies:** Senior NDY member E O

Davies passed away on December 27. RIP

● **Prof. George Zachariah:** One of the founding members of the Mar Thoma Church of Greater Washington in 1980, Prof George Zachariah passed away in Virginia, USA on December 31. He also taught for a year at the Mar Thoma Theological Seminary at Kottayam. ■