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GENERAL SECRETARY & CEO SPEAKS

Dear Members,

Teachers lead you to God. Jesus said, "I am the way. If you have to go to my father, go through me." Jesus took all the pain and suffering for the sake of his disciples. That is the compassion of the Guru(Teacher). Every year, on 5th September, Teachers Day is celebrated across the nation. Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan – a distinguished envoy, academician, advocate of Education, the former patron of New Delhi YMCA and above all a great teacher was born on this day and the day is dedicated to teachers as an acknowledgement of their valuable lessons and contributions in shaping student's lives. Teaching is one of the noblest professions in the world. By choosing to spread wisdom and knowledge; Teachers, Mentors, and Guides contribute to developing a world of an educated population. A world with a more educated workforce can only progress and become a developed nation.

New Delhi YMCA for the past 8 decades have been into teaching and imparting education. A team of 210 teachers/instructors/Coaches at Human Potential Development Programme (Education Centre), YMCA Public Schools at Nizamuddin East & Hodal ,Institute of Special Education ,Teachers Training Institute, Social Human Development Division, School of Music, Coaches in Sports academies etc. play a massive role in building the nation; hence they deserve the utmost respect. They are the architects of society without whom no society can progress and develop. They are the sole reason you can read and write, thus keep them in your heart and prayers forever.

New Delhi YMCA observed Teachers Day on 4 September to recognize its teaching fraternity in carrying forward the Mission and on 8th September in Association with Media House Dainik Jagran & wider teaching fraternity from various Institutions.

As part of its commitment to strengthening the YMCA movement, New Delhi YMCA joined hands with the Northern Region of YMCAs to host a three-day programme "Developing Young Peacemakers" on 10th -12th September. With Lord's Grace & Blessings, efforts of the lay & professional leadership, executives and entire team of staff, the New Delhi YMCA is on the recovery path and looking up.

Keep this Great Movement in Prayers.

Mark

NDY Secretaries Retreat at Sattal Campsite



The Secretary Cadre Retreat was held on 20 & 21 August 2021 at the mesmerizing & beautiful Sattal Campsite, to revisit the NDY Plan for 2020-25.

The Agenda of the Retreat revolved around discussions including, sharing experiences of new secretaries so far, the journey of senior secretaries over the years, the importance of managing staff and keeping their morale high during this difficult time, understanding needs of co-workers and their expectations, analyzing & defining contributions of each staff member at all levels. Revisiting the Mission and Vision of NDY to re-energize the core functions, as we go through the prevailing crisis and adapt to the new methodologies of work culture and professionalism to overcome obstacles and attain self-sustainability of the Organization.

The Secretaries expressed their gratitude towards the leadership at the Board Level for their guidance and advice and above all thanked the Lord Almighty for his Grace and Mercies. The Cadre visited the Program Center at Dorothy Villa where the learning center to expand HPDP programs is being planned and strategized. The Retreat was conceptualized, managed and led by Mark Clive, General Secretary & CEO, and attended by the Secretary Cadre viz; Ian Goodwin, Noel Philips, Rajeev Singh, Gladwin Lal, Vineet Masih, Feroz Khan, Ashish Clifton, Sagar Paul and Harshul Singh. Hemant Agarwal was unwell and hence could not attend.



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends and Members of the NDY,

Greetings in His Precious Name!

It has been quite an eventful fortnight at the New Delhi YMCA. Lots of online as well as physical activities and programs have been taking place. All departments are back with activities under the stipulated Covid protocols. Department of HPDP organized a Teacher's Felicitation Program with the Dainik Jagran media group. Dignitaries such as NCERT Secretary Major Harsh Kumar and Delhi Skill and Entrepreneurship University Vice- Chancellor Prof. Niharika Vohra graced the event.

NDY hosted a Young Peacemakers Training Program of North India Regions of YMCA at Greater Noida.

Many committees met and discussed about their programs and activities. The Finance Committee and the Board approved the Audited Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet for the FY 2020-21 to be presented at the forthcoming AGM.

It is once again time for the members of NDY to share their appreciations as well as concerns about the Organization. You are kindly requested to join and attend the AGM of NDYMCA on 22nd of September, 2021 at 5:15 PM.

Meanwhile please continue to keep New Delhi YMCA in your Prayers.

Regards and God bless!

Jovial Vaghela

"Guru Samman" Initiative by NDY in association with Dainik Jagran

The GURU SAMMAN Program, in association with Dainik Jagran, was organized on 8th Sep 2021 to acknowledge and appreciate the tireless efforts of the teaching fraternity and to commemorate the occasion of Teachers Day (05th September 2021). The Chief Guest, Secretary NCERT, Major Harsh Kumar, and Guest of Honor, Vice-Chancellor, Delhi Entrepreneurship and Skill University, Prof. Dr. Niharika Vohra, graced the occasion with their presence along with other Dignitaries. The honorable President of New Delhi YMCA, Mr. Jovial Vaghela, conveyed his greetings and the respected GS & CEO, NDY, Mr. Mark Clive welcomed the dignitaries and teachers. The NDY President and General Secretary & CEO gave a brief on the YMCA Mission and its contributions in the fields of Social and Intellectual development. The GS & CEO stated that New Delhi YMCA has been imparting education for over eight decades and was proud to host this prestigious Program.

The event began with the lighting of the lamp followed by a prayer by Mr. Vineet Masih, Senior Secretary, NDY. To give mileage and good exposure to HPDP (Human Potential Development Programme), a presentation was made by Ms. Meenakshi Gupta, Executive Director, HPDP. She shared information about the programs and activities held in HPDP throughout the year to enhance YMCA students' skills and aptitude. The institute of office management, institute of management studies, institute of career studies, institute of media studies and information technology, and institute of fashion technology displayed their promotional literature at their information counters at the venue to spread awareness of the vast education spectrum of NDY.

"The Teacher's Excellence Award 2020-21" was presented to 35 outstanding teachers hailing from various streams. The nominations were from premier schools and institutes of Delhi viz. Air Force Bal Bharti, Lodhi Road, Shaheed Bhagat Singh College, Department of Political Science, University Of Delhi, Centre for Environmental Management of Degraded Ecosystems, etc. To make the program more vibrant, YMCA students presented two beautiful group songs for the audience.

We are proud to apprise you that two of our teachers, Ms. Anamika Arora, Faculty IOM, and Ms. Vinita Sinha, Faculty IMSIT also received the Teacher's Excellence Award on the occasion.

The Guru Samman Programme was attended by over 80 participants at the Heinz Auditorium, including the Chief editor of Dainik Jagran, intellectuals from top universities, schools, and other institutes, and students. The program was broadcast live on Facebook and Zoom and was witnessed by more than 300 online participants. It was a memorable day for everybody.



NDY Saturday Morning Prayer Fellowship has Resumed:

The New Delhi YMCA, Department of Christian Emphasis organized a Prayer Fellowship Programme on Saturday 11th September 2021 via Zoom. Opening Prayer was offered by Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary, NDY. Mr. Mark Clive, General Secretary & CEO, Welcomed everyone, while Mr. Inderjit Lal, Chairman Christian Emphasis, and Mr. Jovial Vaghela, President New Delhi YMCA, gave their Greetings. The Bible reading was taken from the book of Exodus 4:10-17 and was read by Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary - NDY. Rev. Timothy Shaw, Presbyterian In-charge, Free Church, Parliament Street was the Guest Speaker. He shared the word of God and spoke about Building a Strong Faith in Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ; He also shared that we should spend more time in Devotion and Prayer. The Praise & Worship was led by Shawn and Shannon Milton and a special song was presented by Mr. R V Milton. The Vote of Thanks was pronounced by Gladwin Lal, Senior Secretary, NDY. The Closing Prayer & Benediction was said by Rev. Morrison Rose.



NDY SHD Continues its Service to Humanity:

The Community Development Centre at Kalyanpuri organized an Awareness Generation Programme on the "Protection against Dengue and Malaria" on 10th September 2021. The objective of the programme was to discuss the prevention of the spread of mosquitoes, maintain proper hygiene and control the symptoms and precautions of Dengue and Malaria. The session was conducted by Ms. Tara Visiting Faculty, CDC Kalyanpuri and 13 students participated in the programme.

The Community Development Centre at Sunlight Colony organized Awareness Generation Programme on Cleanliness for "Swachh Bharat" with Community Women on 10th September 2021. The objective of the programme was to create awareness about maintaining Proper Hygiene & Sanitation and how this can affect our health. The session was conducted by Ms. Meenu, Field Supervisor and Ms. Nirmala, Visiting Faculty, CDC Sunlight Colony and 11 students participated in the programme.

Subsequently, SHD also conducted AGP's on The Importance of Online Education, Nutrition & Anemia, Corporate Careers, Seasonal Diseases & International Literacy Day and also celebrated the occasion of Teachers Day at the SHD CDC.





Revival of GNPC Chapel to continue Glorifying the Lord Almighty:

The Chapel at GNPC has been rejuvenated and regular Staff Prayer Meetings are now being organized every Wednesday. The Chapel is open 24X7 for everyone who is staying at the GNPC Tourist Hostel for Prayer & Fellowship.

YOUNG PEACEMAKERS PROGRAMME:

New Delhi YMCA hosted the North India Region of National Council of YMCA's of India Programme "Developing Young Peacemakers" Inaugural function on 10th September 2021 at 3:00 pm at the Auditorium of Greater Noida Programme Centre. It was a 03-Day programme which was attended by about 30 young children from Northern India Region. There was a gathering of more than 60 Participants attending the Inaugural Programme.

The Programme started with a Welcome Dance followed by Praise & Worship by the students of Father Agnel School. Mr. Stephen DaCosta Chairman, NIRY welcomed the gathering. The lighting of the lamp was done by the dignitaries present and it was a great honour for us to have Bishop Subodh C Mondal, Bishop of Delhi & Agra Episcopal Conference, Methodist Church in India as the Chief Guest. Mr. Mark Clive General Secretary & CEO introduced the Chief Guest. Bishop Subodh C Mondal delivered the Keynote Address on the Theme "Yuva Ke Dwara Shanti Phelana". The Greetings were presented by Mr. Bertram Devadas, National General Secretary, NCYI, Mr. Jovial Vaghela, President of New Delhi YMCA and Dr. Sanjeet Singh, Chairman, Greater Noida Programme Centre. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Bhen Samson, NIRY and the Closing prayer was offered by Mr. Feroze Khan, Secretary, New Delhi YMCA. The programme was conducted by Mr. Rajeev Singh, Assistant General Secretary, GNPC.



GNPC TREE PLANTATION DRIVE:

The New Delhi YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre organized the "Tree Plantation Programme" on 10th September 2021. It was a moment of great joy and honour for us to have Bishop Subodh C Mondal, Bishop of Delhi & Agra Episcopal Conference, Methodist Church in India as the Chief Guest, Mr. Stephen DaCosta, Chairman, Northern India Region, National Council of the YMCA's of India, Mr. Jovial Vaghela, President, New Delhi YMCA, Dr. Sanjeet Singh, Chairman, Greater Noida Programme Centre, New Delhi YMCA, Mr. Mark Clive, General Secretary & CEO, Mr. Bhen Samson, Regional Secretary, Northern India Region, National Council of YMCA's of India and Mr. Rajeev Singh, Assistant General Secretary, Greater Noida Programme Centre, participated in the Tree Plantation Programme at the GNPC Campus.



Kabaddi Coaching at GNPC:

The New Delhi YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre conducted Kabaddi Coaching Classes on 08th September 2021. The coaching for Kabaddi re-started after the lockdown and it was a wonderful surprise to have Shri Prasad Mahankar Ji (BJP Sagathan Mantri) at the GNPC Campus to encourage the children who came from different schools of Greater Noida. There were friendly matches organized for the participants.



DID YOU KNOW?

Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, Former President of India, was the Patron of New Delhi YMCA in 1962

Shri S. K. PATIL,
Minister for Transport & Communications.
Chairman, New Delhi Y. M. C. A.
Building Fund-Raising Committee.

Invest in Youth!

I have known and watched with deep interest the work of Y. M. C. A. in India and abroad for over thirty years, and have been greatly impressed by its excellent record of humanitarian service. Its facilities are open to all communities, castes and creeds. For over one hundred years the Y.M.C.A. has served Indian youth with general approval and public support. Dr. Rajendra Prasad is the Patron of the New Delhi Y. M. C. A.

To meet and fulfil the increasing needs and demands of young men and boys in this metropolis, it is necessary to enlarge its field of service and provide for additional facilities. It has, therefore, been decided to construct an additional Hostel-cum-Programme Building at an estimated cost of Rupees Ten Lacs. To secure this sum we are appealing to the generous public. You will agree with me that this is a wise and sound investment.

A copy of certificate regarding "Rebate of Income Tax in the hands of donors under Section 13 B" of the Indian Income Tax Act will be of interest to donors. It would also interest them to know that the fund my committee is able to raise will be augmented by a substantial grant that is expected from the International Committee of Y. M. C. A's which is raising special funds to aid Y.M.C.A. Building Projects in India and elsewhere.

My Committee will be happy to name any part or portion of the proposed building, for which money is donated, after the name of the donor or his nominee.

I hope that my appeal for funds for an additional Y.M.C.A. building in New Delhi will have an adequate response which it so richly deserves.

S. K. Patil
(S. K. PATIL)



Dr. S. Radhakrishnan
President of the Republic of India
is pleased to be the

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Maj. Gen. S. S. Sanyal
Military Secretary to the President

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The President of India

"I hope it will be enabled to do the same....."

The Vice-President of India

Invest in Youth!

The Union Minister for Food & Agriculture

"I hope the public will respond generously....."

President of All India Congress Committee

"Y. M. C. A. called to help the nation....."

The Union Minister for Commerce

"I endorse its appeal for funds for this national service....."

The Chief Minister of Punjab

The Union Minister for Scientific Research

Role of YMCA & its Leadership by Dr. R. Sweety Prem Kumar, PhD

India and Olympics: The recent Olympics 2020 at Tokyo, Japan 23 July to 8 August 2021 was a dream sports event for any sports enthusiast. This was followed by the Paralympics in Tokyo, Japan between 24 August and 5 September 2021. The first modern Olympics were held in Athens, Greece, in 1896. It took 28 years in 1924 for India to participate Olympics in Paris, France between 4 May to 27 July 27, 1924. During my tenure of three years as Correspondent and Secretary at YMCA College of Physical Education at Chennai, I had the opportunity of meeting a number of sports and games personalities, administrators, academicians, Olympians, and Paralympians.

Beginning of Olympic participation by India: Following the 1920 Olympics in Antwerp Dr. A.G. Noehren the National physical director of Indian YMCAs prepared the YMCAs for the promotion of the Olympic idea in India. The first Indian Olympic coach was Harry Crowe Buck, an athletic coach from Springfield College, Massachusetts, USA, founded in 1885, with the Young Men's Christian Association, and is known as the birthplace of basketball, which was invented there in 1891 by instructor James Naismith. Buck was the principal of the then YMCA Physical Education School Madras. The spirit to achieve the gold medal is missing. Who should motivate? Who should inspire? Want a foreigner? Buck's contribution to sports and games aka physical education in India is immense. His Book of Rules Published by the National Council of YMCAs in India is still the best and most popular in libraries. The college started tennis coaching with the help of Vijay Amirtaraj, a tennis legend.

Harry Crowe Buck was able to ignite the fire of sports competitiveness and led the team first time to the 1924 Olympics in Paris, France, and the spirit continued to win gold in 1928. It is a history to be remembered. In 1929 Buck launched the first sports journal in India, Vyayam, a quarterly. For hundred years of Olympic participation, we continue with a single gold medal, though with some misses in between. Olympics mean competition for countries who are already familiar with, and participation for new entrants. This is the level of achievement. Often I come across statements like 'best performing Olympic team'. For a sportsperson, the best performance is winning a medal in Olympics. Anything less is mediocrity.

Physical education and sports institutions and schools and colleges should be able to motivate and inspire. Mere mundane lectures are not enough to motivate. The curriculum should focus more on practical and may have to be revised in consultation with UGC or any other regulatory body. The Indian contingent for Tokyo Olympics 2020, consisted of 228 members, including 119 athletes to compete in 85 medal events. Sports inspiration started almost a century ago, and we people of 1.4 billion are proud to win 7 medals (gold-1, silver-2, and bronze-4) at 48th position in Tokyo 2020. We have also not forgotten to encourage and celebrate losers also. The 2020 Paralympic Games, was held in Tokyo, Japan between 24 August and 5 September 2021, and we are proud to win 19 medals (Gold-5, Silver-8, and Bronze-6), at 24th position.

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