

"Behold, I am Making All Things New" – Revelation 21:5

NDY
TODAY

Happy New Year
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GENERAL SECRETARY & CEO SPEAKS



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Greetings!

"Family" has been on our minds as we approached Christmas and the New Year. Nothing is more important to us than family—wife, and kids, parents, grandparents, brothers, and sisters, cousins, nieces, and nephews. But a family can be defined as more than blood relatives. A family is any group of related things. At New Delhi YMCA, we consider ourselves one big family comprised of members and staff. And like any family, we have our struggles and our triumphs, our cries and our laughs, our sadness and our joy.

As I reflect back on 2021, I want to acknowledge how amazing each and every one of our NDY family members has performed in the face of adversity this past year. They have had to endure a very challenging year of uncertainty with work and children being homeschooled, cooking a lot more than we may or may not have been used to, and worrying about our health and the health of those we care about.

During a time when it could have been possible for people to turn their backs on one another, I saw our YMCA Family and our community come together and help out however they could. Our acts of hope, strength, optimism, positivity, kindness and unfaltering perseverance have left me truly in awe and grateful for each and every one of you.

I would like to express my gratitude to our Board members and staff for their tireless work. I cannot thank everyone enough for all of your hard work, patience, and unwavering commitment throughout the difficult time. They are ALL heroes to me. Their gracious contributions to our Mission and Business have not gone unnoticed. I am blessed to associate with each of them—a team that works hard and respects those around them.

I would especially like to thank those in our community who made (and distributed) face masks, donated quilts to keep the poor warm this winter, gave raw food grains and cooked food to those who were struggling. I would also like to thank those of you who volunteered your time on various service projects and who performed small acts of kindness on a daily basis that perhaps no one really saw.

As this pandemic year of uncertainty continues, may we focus our efforts on a prosperous New Year. A New Year where we join our efforts to increase empathy and charity to our neighbors. A New Year of unmatched love to our God and family, and of service to our country and community. Let us make 2022 great through our actions of acceptance, service, and love toward our fellow man.

I wish you all, a Prosperous 2022. I hope that you and your family will be able to embrace peace, love, and happiness and carry those feelings into the New Year. and, may you be happy, healthy, and hopeful.

Warm Regards,

Mark Clive
General Secretary & Chief Executive Officer

Dear Friends and Members of the New Delhi YMCA

Greetings in His Precious Name!

I am pleased to extend my good wishes to you and your families. With this New Year, I hope and pray that our Lord and saviour Jesus Christ will strengthen us with His grace and blessings. Past year has been a year of testing and rigour.

All of us have been through ups and downs in our lives. But we are grateful to God that He kept us all in His arms and gave us peace and strength during the tough times.

With the new year and our hopes and faith renewed, we look forward to better days, for we believe that our future is in the hands of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I thank our members for your commitment towards the New Delhi YMCA and your never ending support that you extended to the movement during these difficult times.

Yes, the pandemic is not over yet and we continue our battle with the current situation, however we are confident that with your support and strength we will achieve our goals and will serve the society and community with more rigour and enthusiasm.

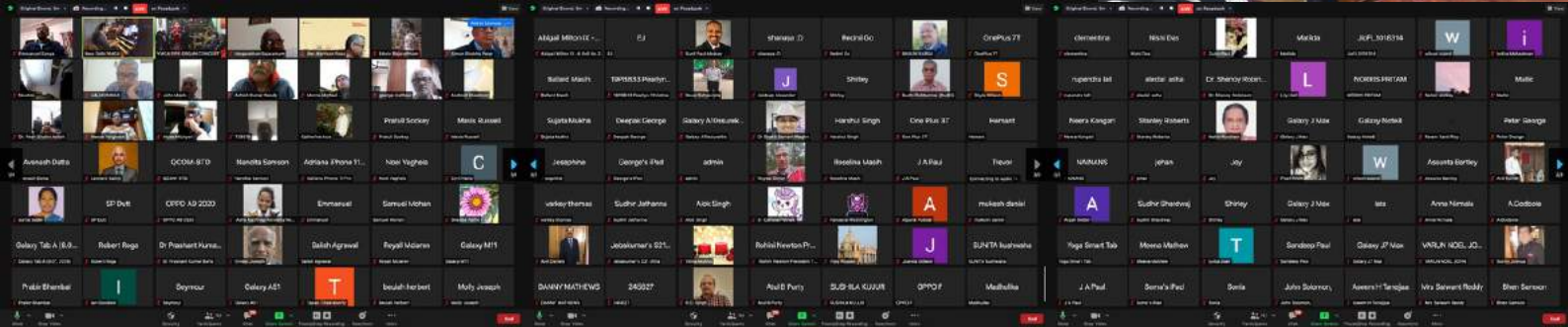
I would not be wrong in admitting the fact that our members have defeated all odds and participated in the movement and its activities even when the rest of the world was in doubt and fear.

Looking forward to your continuing support which is motivation for all of us to continue with the mission work.

Thank you once again and God bless all of us.

Jovial Vaghela.

NDY Pipe Organ Concert



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The New Delhi YMCA heralded Christmas with a scintillating online Pipe organ Concert on December 11. The office of the General Secretary, Mr. Mark Clive was converted into a make-shift studio from where the concert was streamed live across the world. Eleven organists from India and Germany presented soulful Christmas music on some of the vintage organs installed in heritage churches. This was the second successive concert organized by New Delhi YMCA.

While the NDY President, Mr. Jovial Vaghela, and General Secretary along with Secretaries attended the concert at the make-shift studio, hundreds of keen lovers of music remained glued to their digital devices at different global geographies. Many people in London, Dubai, the USA, Sweden and all over India enjoyed the 90-minute concert. NDY Board members also joined online to make it a highly successful event.

The New Delhi YMCA expressed gratitude to all the performing organists, especially from the American Protestant Church and Bonner Munster in Bonn, Germany.

It was a pleasant surprise to find so many, some even century-old, organs still in working condition in India. The Churches and the organists who play there deserve a special thanks for this Service to God

It is said that the organ was first used for ceremonial purposes but the instrument began making its way into churches around 900 CE. By the 1400s, the use of organs was well-established in monastic churches and cathedrals throughout Europe. But audiences for the NDY event proved that pipe organ has a very special place in the hearts of Gospel music lovers even when it is played outside the Church.

Several people sent messages complimenting New Delhi YMCA for this unique initiative. At the same time, many requested to organize a similar musical to mark Easter. Both, President Mr. Jovial Vaghela and General Secretary Mark Clive agreed to the request and work has already started to stage a concert to mark Easter.

The following Churches and Institutions participated in the Concert:

American Protestant Church
Bonn, Germany
Organist: [Mr. Hans Peter Bahr](#)

Bishop Cotton School, Shimla
Organist: [Mr. Asshur Wilson](#)

St Paul's Church, Pune
Organist: [Mr. Peter George](#)

La Martiniere College, Lucknow
Organist: [Ms. Ibrana Masih & Mr. Amarjeet Frank](#)

George Garrison Church
Wellington Nilgiris
Organist: [Dr. Annie Israiel](#)

St Andrew's Church, Bengaluru
Organist name: [Mr. Andrew Bhagyanathan](#)

St Paul's Cathedral, Ranchi
Organist name: [Mr. Rajdeep Singh](#)

The Cathedral Church of the Redemption,
New Delhi
Organist: [Lydia Joan](#)

Old Mission Protestant Church, Kolkata
Organist: [Mr. Amit Victor](#)

Presenter: [Norris Pritam](#)

Technical Support: [Rajinald Vijay Milton, Nikhil Sharma, and Amit Sharma](#)

Christmas Carols Unplugged



On 15th of December, 2021 at 5:45 pm, the New Delhi YMCA Students and Youth Dept. organised the Christmas Carols Unplugged programme. On the cold winter night, the voices of various artists lit up the sky singing praises, celebrating the birth of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. The occasion was honoured by the voices of more than ten solo and group singers. Mr Mark Clive, General Secretary & CEO, New Delhi YMCA welcomed the gathering. The Chairman of the Students and Youth Services, Mr Girish Varghese shared his greeting. Our distinguished members of the board namely Mr Vijay Russell along with his wife and Mr Sandeep Arora with his wife and family blessed the occasion with their presence. The programme was beautifully hosted by Mr Ashish Clifton our young and dynamic Secretary of New Delhi YMCA who also participated and presented hymns on the occasion.

SHD Beneficiaries' Christmas Festivities



The Department of Social and Human Development celebrated Christmas with the children of all five Community Development Centers on 16th December 2021 in Heinz Auditorium at, New Delhi YMCA. Carol singing and dance performances were presented by the children of different Community Development Centers. It was exquisite to see Children in different attire and perfect traditional costumes while presenting the dance numbers. It was highly appreciated by the President of the New Delhi YMCA. The program was attended by 180 children and staff of the Community Development Centers. Members also attended the program online. The program was graced by the presence of Mr. Jovial Vaghela, President, NDY, Mr. Vijay Russell, Chairman, SHD, Mr. Mark Clive, General Secretary, and CEO, NDY, SHD Committee Members, Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary, All the Secretaries, and Ms. Monica Singh, Programme Officer, SHD. The program was efficiently compared by Ms. Anu of Kalyanpuri CDC. At the end of the program, the whole team of SHD was felicitated and appreciated for its tremendous effort in successfully organizing the Christmas Programme.

Christmas Celebration at GNPC



Christmas is a season of praise and thanksgiving for the incarnation of God in Jesus Christ, which begins with Christmas Eve and continues through the Day of Epiphany. The name Christmas comes from the season's first service, "the Christ Mass". Epiphany comes from the Greek word epiphania, which means "manifestation". The New Delhi YMCA, Greater Noida Programme Centre organized the Christmas Programme on 17th December 2021 at 11:00 am at Greater Noida Programme Centre. The program started with Praise and Worship by the Father Agnel Bal Bhawan Choir, Greater Noida. The Opening Prayer was said by Pastor Sam Baby and Mr Mark Clive, General Secretary & CEO, New Delhi YMCA welcomed the gathering. Mr Jovial Vaghela, President, New Delhi YMCA gave the President's Greetings and Dr Sanjeet Singh, Chairman, Greater Noida Programme Centre, addressed the gathering with Christmas Greetings. The Bible Reading was done by Pastor Simon Chandra & Pastor Samson Duke Arthur. Mr. Rajeev Singh, Assistant General Secretary, introduced the speaker Rev Osmond David, who spoke about the birth of Christ and what our goals should be as Christians. The Kingdom Warriors Church Choir, Father Agnel Bal Bhawan Choir, Assembly of God Church Choir and Assembly of Believers Church Choir were invited for the program, who sang some wonderful and melodious Christmas Carols. The Closing Prayer was done by Rev Elijah. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Sagar Emanuel Paul, Trainee Secretary, Greater Noida Programme Centre.

Christmas Fellowship at Sattal Programme Centre



The YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal organised a “Christmas Get-together” on Saturday, 18th December 2021 at Dorothy Villa. Usually, over 250 people would participate in this annual event organized by the YMCA Campsite but this year due to government restrictions and Covid guidelines a few close associates, friends and well-wishers of YMCA were invited for the programme.

The programme began with a word of prayer offered by Mr Mark Medley, Principal, St. Andrews Public School, Bhowali. The choir of Redemption Ministries Church led the gathering in singing well-known Christmas Carols and worship songs. This was followed by a message on Christmas by Rev Pradeep Kumar, Pastor, Redemption Ministries. In his message, Pastor Pradeep spoke on the importance of Christmas and how to celebrate the birth of Christ in a more meaningful way. The worship part of the programme concluded with a prayer offered by Mr Noel Phillips, Assistant General Secretary, YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal. Mr Phillips thanked each and everyone for their participation in the programme and for their support and prayers for the YMCA.

The programme ended with a fellowship lunch which was enjoyed and greatly appreciated by one and all.

Christmas Melodies Concert by Y School of Music



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"Music is the Language of the Soul". The Y School of Music embodied the ongoing Christmas Festivities by presenting an accumulation of Christmas Carols sung and performed by the Y School of Music Faculty and Students, on 18th December 2021 at the NDY Heinz Auditorium. The Program began with the Opening Prayer by Rev. Joel Prem, Chairman, PCT Committee. Mr. Mark Clive, CS & CEO, NDY shared his wonderful greetings, welcomed the audience, and motivated the participants and performers. The Christmas Melodies Concert included solo performances by students on the Piano, Guitar, Drums, and Keyboard. A collection of the finest Christmas Carols was presented by the Y School of Music students and faculty as the attendees enjoyed the spirit of Christmas through the performances and enactments of the Y School Clan. The program also included Special Performances by Mr. Rajinald V Milton, Mr. Shawn Milton, and Ms. Shanon Milton, who sang melodious Carols and enhanced the Christmas celebrations.

As a gesture of Appreciation by NDY, all students and faculty were presented with Certificates and Mementos to appreciate the efforts and dedication of the students and faculty, who practiced for this Concert for over 2 months. The Closing Prayer was offered by Rev. Timothy Shaw, Presbyterian In-charge, Free Church, Sansad Marg, who blessed the performers and prayed for the Grace of God to dwell upon the New Delhi YMCA. The Christmas Melodies Concert was compered by Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary, NDY. The Program was made possible by the efforts and consistent persuasion of the Y School of Music team that included the Faculty, Students, Mr. Philip Harold, Program Assistant, NDY, and the technical assistance of Mr. Rajinald Milton, Mr. Nikhil Sharma, and Mr. Amit Sharma from NDY the IT Department. The Program was attended by 75+ attendees who were accommodated with proper adherence to the Covid protocols and the event was witnessed online via Zoom and Facebook Live by 500+ spectators.

Christmas Celebrations at RCDC Hodal



New Delhi YMCA Rural Community Development Centre organized Christmas Day Celebration at Hodal YMCA on 20th December 2021. Children participated in events like Dance, Drama, and Games, etc. Mr. Sumit Gupta Chairman RCDC committee shared his Christmas message, Mr. Mark Clive General Secretary & CEO also shared his greetings on the occasion. All the Children participated with a lot of enthusiasm uplifting the true spirit of Christmas.

NDY Festival of Choirs



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Christmas is a time of celebrating the Coming of Jesus Christ into this world, it is a season of rejoicing and singing aloud the Carols. Like every year, this year too New Delhi YMCA organised the 'Festival of Choirs' on Tuesday, the 21st of December 2021. This year it was more special as the International flavour was added to this programme. Department of Christian Emphasis brought together the Choral Groups from Germany, the United Kingdom, Dubai (UAE), Lahore (Pakistan) along with eminent Choral Groups from New Delhi to present a melodious evening of Carol singing. 'Festival of Choir' was telecasted online through the Zoom platform.

The 'Festival of Choir' began with a word of prayer offered by Mr Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA. Mr Mark Clive, General Secretary & CEO welcomed everyone present. Christmas Greetings was shared by Mr Jovial Vaghela, President New Delhi YMCA and also by Mr Inderjit Lal, Chairman Christian Emphasis Committee. Eleven Choral Groups participated in this year's 'Festival of Choirs' and the Carol singing started with a presentation by 'Delhi Christian Chorus', Directed by Mr Royall S McLaren. The Choir presented 'Calypso Noel' and 'Rejoice the Christ is born' Christ Methodist Church came up next with the presentation of famous carol numbers in Hindi, 'Aaya Masih Duniya Main Tu' and 'Jhilmilatey Hain Tare'. The Choir was Directed by Mr Rajinald Milton. Centenary Methodist Church (Hindi Congregation) Choir Directed by Mr Manoranjan Minz came up with a traditional Hindi Carol, 'Ishwar Teri Jai Ho.

Another melodious Hindi Carol singing was done by Green Park Free Church. They presented 'Tera Ho Abhishek' in Direction of Mr Aman Das. Very interestingly a Hindi Carol was presented by the Choral Group of St. Peter's Marthoma Church from London. The Choir was Directed by Ms Susan Shekhar, while they presented very popular 'Khamosh Raaton Ki'. Eternity Gospel Band came up with a beautiful number 'Taron Ki Roshni'. The Director of the Band was Mr Bipin Thomas.

Another international presentation was done by Dubai YMCA Choir. They presented a Malayalam Carol 'Vinnil Oru Pantharam', directed by Ms Shiny Oommen. The Hindi meaning of the song translates to 'Swarg Me Ek Sunehra Tara'

The American Protestant Church Choir from Bonn, Germany presented two very popular Carols, 'Angels We Have Heard On High' and 'Silent Night', directed by Mr Hans Peter Bahr. The next presentation was from another international Choral Group, as Mr Emmanuel Sarfaraz directed the Lahore YMCA Choir from Pakistan to present 'Joy To The World' and 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'. Youth for Christ Choir Directed by Mr Mukul presented two more popular Carols 'Angels We Have Heard On High' and 'Heart Sings Halleluiah'

New Delhi YMCA Choir, a Choir comprised of New Delhi YMCA staff and directed by Mr Rajinald Milton presented two jingling Carols 'Deck The Halls' and 'Jingle Bells'. The concluding presentation was done by the 'Delhi Christian Chorus', Directed by Mr Royal McLaren with a Carol 'We Wish You A Merry Christmas'.

Mr Mark Clive, General Secretary & CEO, New Delhi YMCA proposed the Vote of Thanks. He thanked the organising team of the 'Festival of Choirs' for making it possible to bring such a wonderful evening full of traditional and contemporary music and singing for our viewers. Ms Jyoti Micah anchored the programme very efficiently, which was witnessed by 485 viewers online through Zoom and YouTube.



NDY shares Happiness with the Aged, Orphans, Lepers, and the Deprived

Christmas is a season of sharing Happiness with each other. This year New Delhi YMCA went out to reach people to celebrate the joy of Christmas. A team of Secretaries and Executives led by the General Secretary & CEO Mr. Mark Clive went on to visit two Orphanages and two Elderly Homes on 22nd and 23rd December 2021. The first day the team visited Home for the Aged, run by Delhi Christian Friend in Need Society at Fatehpur Beri, Delhi. We distributed gifts and lunch to 25 persons at the Home. All the Secretaries sang Carols for the Inmates and prayed for their wellbeing.

New Delhi YMCA is thankful to Rev. Morrison Rose, General Secretary of DCFNS, and Mr. Ashish Rose, Committee Member for giving us an opportunity to visit the home and spend joyful time with the Inmates. On the second day, on 23rd Dec'21, the Team visited three centers. Firstly, we visited Missionaries of Charity (Mother Teresa) Children's Home at Jangpura, New Delhi. We sang Carols and prayed for the children and their caretakers. New Delhi YMCA distributed Gifts and Lunch packets for 60 children in the Center. The next center we visited was Prithak Foundation at Okhla in Delhi. They're also the whole team of Secretaries and Executive spent some time singing and sharing the story of the Birth of Jesus. We distributed gifts and Lunch Packets for 30 children in the Center.

We visited Uddarkarta Old Age Home at Sangam Vihar in New Delhi. 25 Elderly persons reside at this Home along with their Caretakers. The inmates joined us in singing and praying for the whole of humankind. There also we shared our joy by distributing Gifts and Food packets.

The Christmas celebrations and distribution drive also included gifts given to Lepers and Rickshaw Pullers at Lodhi Road, New Delhi, in order to help them stay warm during the freezing December nights. Blankets were given to these lesser-privileged people for their comfort & convenience. Mr. John Prakash, Human Resources Head, along with Mr. Gulab from NDY SHD carried out this distribution process whilst promoting the spirit of Christmas on behalf of the New Delhi YMCA.

It was a noble venture by New Delhi YMCA, especially when we can't gather people for any kind of ceremony. We thank our General Secretary & CEO Mr. Mark Clive for leading and guiding the team in this venture. Mr. Rajeev Singh (AGS), Mr. Gladwin Lal (Sr. Sec), Mr. Vineet Masih (Sr. Sec), Mr. Feroze Khan (Secretary), Mr. Ashish Clifton (Secretary), Mr. Philip Herald, Mr. Gulab, Mr. Sanjay, and Mr. Hemant Agarwal (AGS) were part of the New Delhi YMCA Team.



Christmas Celebrations at Home for the Aged



Christmas Celebrations at Prithak Foundation



Christmas Celebrations at Jeevan Jyoti Home



Christmas Celebrations at Lodhi Road



Christmas Celebrations at YMCA Nizamuddin

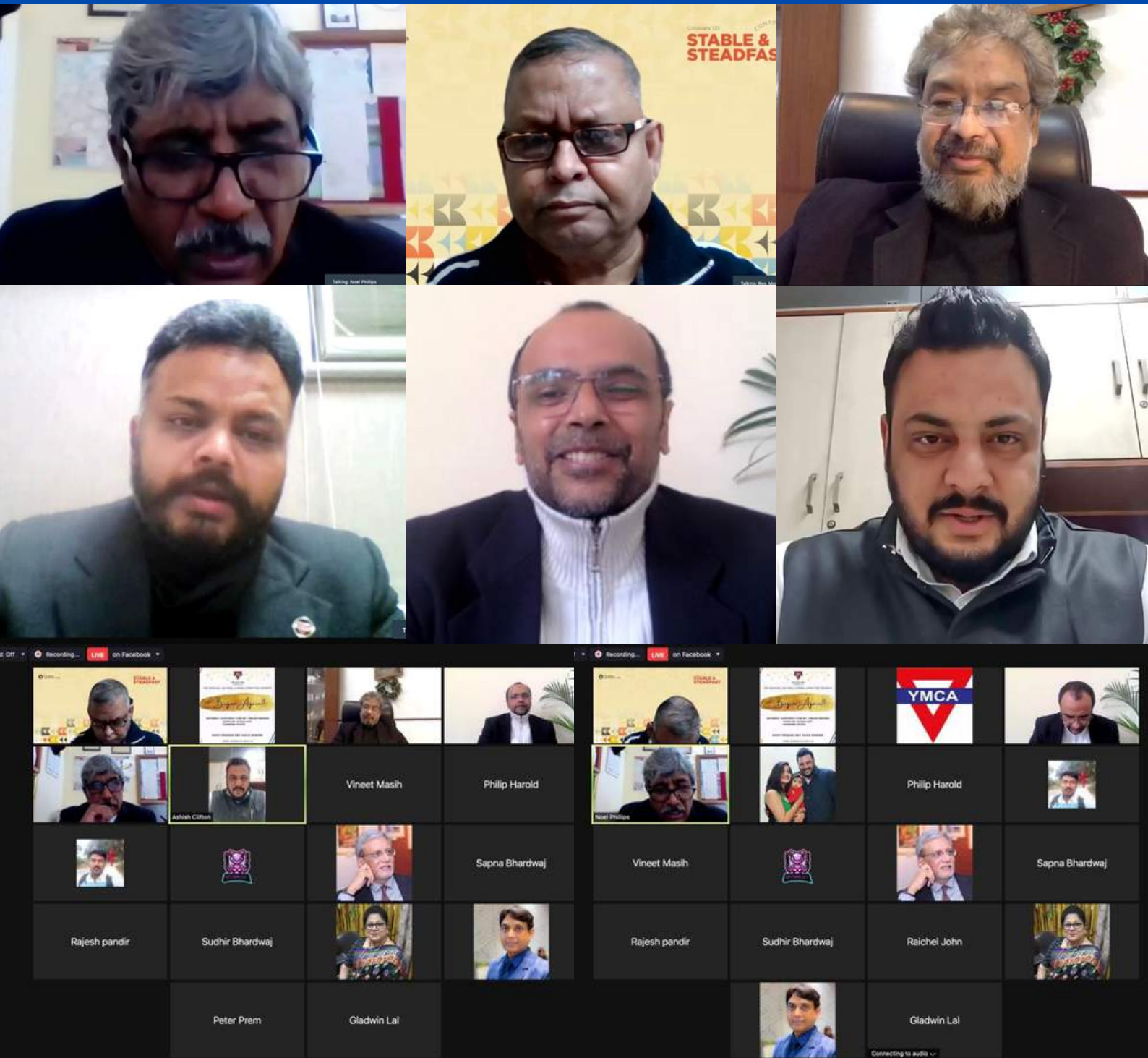


YMCA public school celebrated Christmas on 22nd December 2021 at 5 pm virtually with enthusiasm and joy. The celebration included Carol songs, Group dances, Nativity Play and messages by the dignitaries.

The Christmas Programme started with the prayer by Master Aaron Joseph. Fr. Rajeev Thomas, the principal of YPS welcomed everyone with the introductory note. Mr Mark Clive the CEO & General Secretary of NDY gave the Christmas Message. He emphasized the joy of giving than receiving. In the keynote address Mr Jovial Vaghela, the president of NDY wished everyone a blessed time and hope for physical togetherness. In his message, Mr Stephen Dacosta, the manager of YPS wished everyone the blessing of Christmas and appreciated teachers and parents for helping students with their online studies.

Students from Class Nursery to Ninth coloured the programme with group dances. The rhythmic steps along with the Christmas songs reminded the Gloria Hymn of Angels. The remarkable event of the day namely the Nativity Play was enacted by the students of Special wing and YPS. The efforts of teachers and the support of parents for the same are appreciable. The students of the Teacher's Training Institute and the Teaching Staff of YPS presented beautiful Christmas Carols. Mrs Sheena Subroi along with Mrs Alpana Poddar did the anchoring of the programme. The Christmas Celebration Programme is concluded with the words of gratitude by Mr Feroze Khan, the Secretary of YMCA Nizamuddin division.

PCTC New Year Fellowship – "Begin Again"



"Well Begun is Half Done" The New Delhi YMCA firmly believes in placing our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, "First", above and beyond anything and everything else. In lieu of this, the PCT Committee organized an Online Initiative to begin & enter into 2022 with Prayer, Fellowship, and Biblical & Scriptural Guidance. The online gathering was organized on the lovely chilly morning of Saturday, 1 / 1 / 22 as Rev. David Osmond led everyone in a brief Message of Hope, Faith, The Awesomeness of God, His Incomprehensible Wisdom, Knowledge, Love & Might, and Theological Motivation. The GS & CEO, Mr. Mark Clive welcomed the participants and shared his greeting and heartfelt wishes for the New Year. Rev. Morrison Rose offered a Prayer for the current situations as we continue to battle and overcome the ongoing pandemic and deal with the variants of the dreaded Covid virus. The Prayer of Thanksgiving, Adoration, and Gratitude was led by Mr. Noel Phillips, AGS, NDY. Mr. Vineet Masih, Senior Secretary, NDY, offered the Concluding Prayer which was followed by New Year Greetings shared amongst the Online Members. The "Begin Again Initiative" was conceptualized and implemented by Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary, NDY along with Mr. Philip Harold, Programme Officer, NDY, and Mr. Rajinald Milton, Systems Officer, NDY.

Noteworthy Newsbytes



LT. GOVERNOR GIVES AUDIENCE TO NDY LEADERSHIP

Mr. Jovial Vaghela - President and Mr. Mark Clive - General Secretary & CEO paid a visit to His Excellency Lt Governor Mr. Anil Baijal on 24th December 2021 to share Christmas Greetings and spend some time discussing concerns and challenges the society is facing due to pandemic. The informal discussion encompassed the role of the Government and NGOs on the ever-growing social issues and possible solutions to combat and overcome social atrocities.

Did You Know?



RENOWNED CINE STAR RAJ KAPOOR VISITED THE YMCA CULTURAL EVENING IN JUNE 1961. SEEN IN THE PHOTOGRAPH IS REV. N J CORNILEUS, GS, NDY



LEGENDARY CINE STAR DAVID GRACED EVERYONE WITH HIS PRESENCE AT THE YMCA CULTURAL EVENING IN JUNE 1961.