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Established 1927



FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Friends,

Greetings!

New Delhi YMCA is back in business with all activities that have re-opened their doors. Now, the whole effort is to market and promote our Mission, and effectively communicate our plans to beneficiaries and customers, especially while explaining health and safety protocols for safe and secure surroundings.

It is heartening to see Jai Singh Road coming alive once again after the number of closures and lockdowns in the past two years. Young people seeking admissions to Educational Programmes, the School of Music, Fitness Centre and Tourist Hostel showing encouraging results as occupancy is growing day by day.

YMCA Public School completes all academic and statutory compliances within the past 6-7 months viz Directorate of Education recognition, CBSE affiliation and now, Completion Certificate for the New school building. Programme departments viz; Christian Emphasis, Youth, PCT, HPDP and YPS kept the Mission alive by initiating a number of Online programmes from time to time. YMCA Programme Centre & campsite at Sattal, and Social Human Development Department for the upliftment of the deprived too are looking forward to an uninterrupted Mission -business year.

Keep your YMCA in prayers as it moves ahead.

Regards,
Mark Clive
General Secretary & CEO

Dear Friends and Members of the NDY,

Greetings in His precious name!

It is now time at the NDY to plan out its activities and programmes for the coming business year. Teams are at work, working out financials for this at one side while on the other side the leadership is busy formulating policies, road maps and action plans towards consolidation and growth post-pandemic, course correction, expansion and overall sustainability of your organisation. And it is the time when all the stakeholders join hands and minds, leaving aside any personal preferences, prejudices, conflict of interest, etc and work for the overall strengthening of the Y movement in general and the NDY in particular. And in turn, each one of the stakeholders, the staff, the executives, the secretariat, the Board members and especially the membership gets responsibilities and duties along with the privileges and rights.

The staff and secretariat must compliment the policies and vision of the Board with dedication and mutual trust. The Board must deliberate to move forward and not for stalling or regression. There should be no room for any personal benefit and conflict of interest, whether direct or perceived.

And the most important responsibility is of the members so as to ensure the selection and election of Board Members again keeping aside personal likes, preferences or relationships and choosing only those candidates who are forward-thinking, not aligned to any perceived power centres, not having any personal agendas, must have a global vision and overall committed to the Lord and The Mission. Watch out for this space as it is time now to be prepared to take your organisation forward to fulfil the mission.

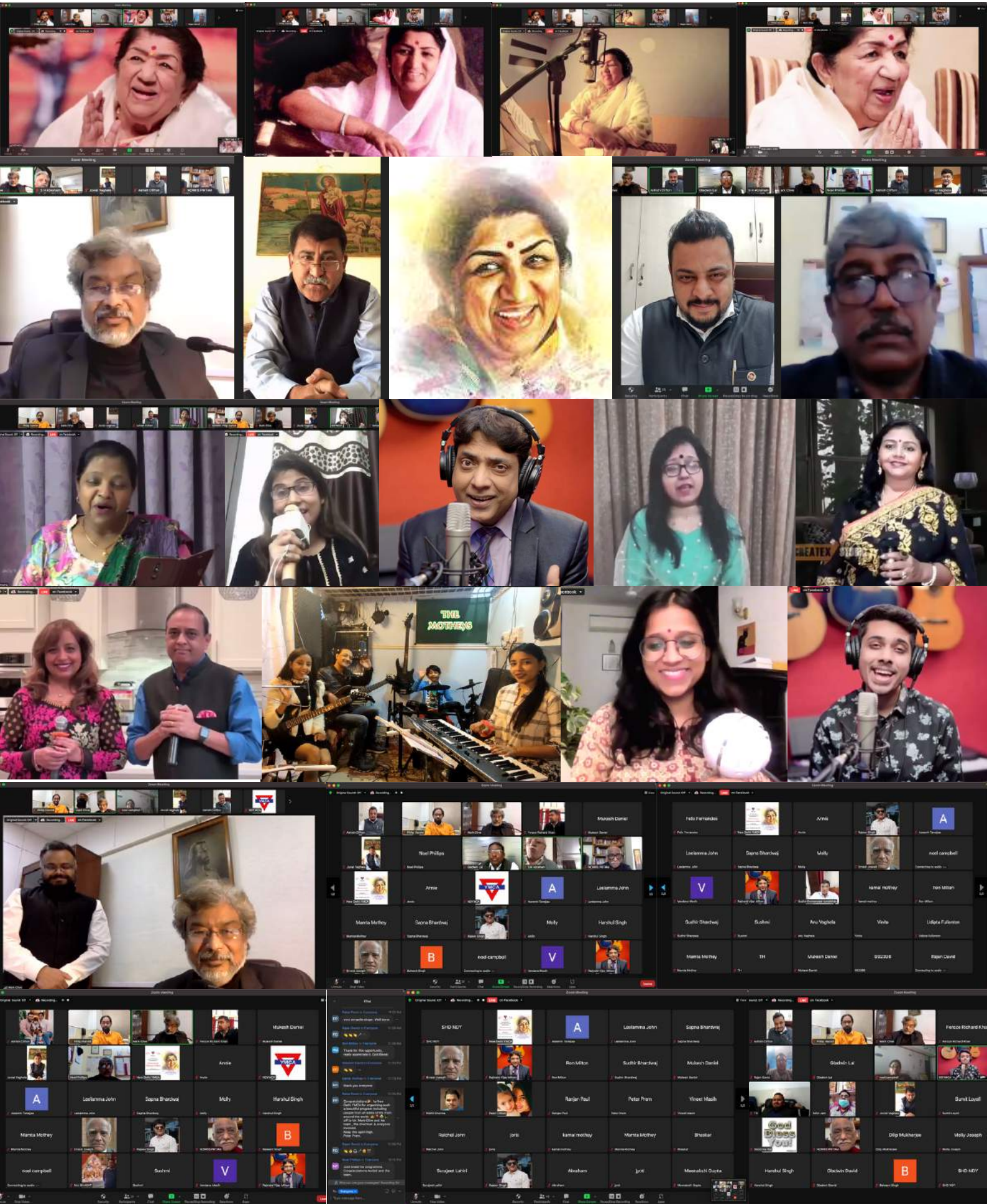
Please continue to keep NDY, its activities and the Mission in your prayers.

Regards and God bless!
Jovial Vaghela
President



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The New Delhi YMCA PCT Committee organized a Special tribute to the Nightingale of India, Bharat Ratna Lata Mangeshkar Ji in memory of her stupendous legacy and legendary contributions to Indian Music on 02/02/2022. Lata Mangeshkar Ji (born as Hema Mangeshkar (28 September 1929 – 6 February 2022) was an Indian playback singer and occasional music composer. She is widely considered to have been one of the greatest and most influential singers in India. Her contribution to the Indian music industry in a career spanning more than seven decades gained her honorific titles such as the "Queen of Melody", "Nightingale of India", and "Voice of the Millennium".

In honor of her Singing Supremacy, the NDY PCT Committee presented an Online tribute that included various NDY participants and well-wishers who sang famous songs that were made immortally brilliant by the immaculate voice of Lata Mangeshkar Ji. The Program began with an Opening Prayer offered by Mr. Mukesh Daniel, Storekeeper, NDY. The NDY General Secretary & CEO Mr. Mark Clive shared insightful knowledge about Lata Ji and Welcomed everyone while sharing his greetings for the program. The Online Initiative began with a song sung by Late Lata Mangeshkar Ji, "Yesu Naam hai Kitna Mahan" which is an amazing combination of Worship to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, sung in the Angelic voice of Late Lata Mangeshkar Ji. Ms. Elizabeth Campbell, an accomplished Singer, and a seasoned performer presented the song "Rahe Na Rahe Hum". Ms. Mahashweta Choudury, Guest Faculty, NDY presented "Ek Pyaar ka Nagma" followed by Mr. Rajinald Milton who presented "Tere Bina Zindagi Se Koi Shikwa". Ms. Preeti Tanejjaa wife of Mr. Aseem Tanejjaa, Head of Finance & Accounts, NDY, followed up with her wonderful rendition of "Piya Tose Naina Laage Re". Ms. Anuja Sinha, a versatile playback singer, and a highly accomplished Bollywood performer, presented "Ab To Hai Tumse" in her beautiful voice. The dynamic duo of Ron and Carol Milton presented "Tujhe Dekha Toh Ye Jaana Sanam" and added excitement and joy to the presentations. The next performance was presented by The Motheys, Kamal Mothey, Mahima Mothey, Pratigya Mothey, and Arul Mothey, who sang and played their instruments on "Lag Ja Gale". Ms. Ruchika Chitravanshi, Senior Assistant Editor, Business Standard, presented a soulful performance of "Naam Gum Jayega" followed by the concluding performance by Mr. Shawn Milton, who articulated the famous song "Ajeeb Daastaan Hai Yeh".

The Performances were highly appreciated and enjoyed by 75+ Online Participants via Zoom and 500+ viewers enjoyed the mesmerizing performances via Facebook Live. The Online Tribute for Lata Ji was a grand success and everyone expressed their appreciation and gratitude for the concept and implementation of this undertaking. Lata Ji Was, Is, and Always Will Be the "Epitomy of Melody" and the True "Voice of the Nation". May the Lord Bless her Soul with Peace.



Free Eye Screening Camp by NDY PCT Committee



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The NDY PCT Committee organized its 3rd Free Medical Camp on Friday, 25 February 2022 at the Y School of Music Recreation Hall. This Free Medical Camp was dedicated to the Screening and Diagnosis of the Eyes, organized for NDY Staff, Executives, Members, and Well-wishers. The Free Eyes Screening Camp included procedures such as Refraction by Auto Refractometer, Subjective Refraction - Sneller's Chart, Pupillary Reaction Test - Torchlight Beam, Muscular, Balance Test - Squint Screening, Diagnosis of General Condition of the Eye, etc.

The Free Eye Screening Camp was organized by NDY in association with the "Centre for Sight - A Mahindra Collaborative" (CFS). The team from Centre for Sight included Mr. Avinash Prasad, Marketing Department, CFS; Ms. Garima Fonia, Optometrist, CFS, and Mr. Ajay Kumar, OPD Attendant, CFS, who conducted the Camp at NDY flawlessly while diagnosing 100+ NDY participants and beneficiaries.

The Free Eye Screening Camp began with an Opening Prayer by Mr. Mukesh Daniel, Storekeeper, NDY. Rev. Joel Prem, Chairman, PCT Committee shared his Greetings and inaugurated the Medical Camp. The Welcome Greetings were shared by Mr. Mark Clive, General Secretary & CEO, NDY. The Medical Representatives from CFS were highly appreciative of the NDY hospitality and the resources provided for the Camp. The Free Eye Screening Camp was highly appreciated by all the beneficiaries and more Medical Camps will be implemented by NDY PCTC in the near future.



Noteworthy Newsbytes

Ringside view of YMCA Boxing

In the years gone by, YMCA Boxing Championship was a Blue Ribbon event in the Indian sports calendar. In fact, the championship revived boxing in India. Several juniors, who began their career at the YMCA Championship went on to perform well in the national and international arenas. Several Padma Shri and Arjun Award winners are the product of the YMCA Boxing ring! Mohammed Qamar Ali shot into the limelight in the YMCA Championship and then went on to become the first Indian to win a gold medal in the Commonwealth Games in 2002 in Manchester. Currently, he is the national coach. Akhil Kumar repeated the feat at the Commonwealth Games in Melbourne in 2006. Olympic bronze medallist Vijender Singh also began his career as a sub-junior at the YMCA Championship. Arjun Awardee Dharmendra Yadav is another YMCA product. Presently a national coach, Dharmendra was India's first Pro International Boxer. The Championship was widely covered in national media. T R RAMAKRISHNAN (Indian Express and The Straits Times, Singapore) also covered the Championship in its initial days. He walks down memory lane to recreate the magic of the YMCA Boxing Championship.

Memory plays strange tricks. Looking back on my days as a sports reporter in the late 1970s and 1980s, it seems now that the YMCA Boxing Championships had been going on forever, an established feature of the Delhi sports calendar from time immemorial. Google, however, shatters illusions faster than you can key in n-o-s-t-a-l-g-i-a. One of the few articles Google God threw up says the 23rd YMCA Boxing Championships was held in 2000. I'm not that old then to work out that the first would have been in 1978, the very year I joined Indian Express Delhi as an apprentice reporter. So, it was then, an honor and privilege that my Sports Editor K R Wadhwaney asked me to cover the event within a year on the job.

Boxing, for most people in those days, meant Muhammad Ali, and for those with a little more knowledge about the sport, a few others like Joe Louis, Rocky Marciano, Sonny Liston, Joe Frazier, and George Foreman. The YMCA Boxing Championships of course wasn't in this heavyweight league but it had within a short span of its institution become the most important event in the country, second only to the National Championships; however, to many insiders of the sport, it was THE most important.

The championships were held in January-February, in the large courtyard -- where the tennis courts were -- behind the YMCA Tourist Hostel on Jaisingh Road; The Ring was set up, with attending paraphernalia like changing rooms, warming-up areas, etc; all tented, canvas structures with assistance, no doubt, from The Army -- from where most of the competing boxers came. There were hundreds of entries for the Championships -- so many age and weight categories; the event started on a Monday, with bouts beginning at 4 pm each day and going past 10 pm, even up to midnight. The excitement built up day by day, reaching a crescendo on the weekend when the semi-final and final bouts were contested; under lights on crispy cold winter nights. For a rookie reporter, this was a wonderful experience, learning the ropes in the best possible way. Sitting ringside, as close to the fight as anyone but the boxers themselves; getting coached not only in the technicalities of the sport but also the jargon of reporting by helpful seniors. There was Ramu Sharma, a former Delhi Amateur Boxing Association official and a sports reporter with The Statesman.

Ramu and Commander T Rowe, if memory serves me right, were key organizers. There were other familiar figures among the officials, none more so than Keith Flory, another Statesman reporter. Decked in the starched white shirt and trousers of the referee -- do I imagine this or did he actually wear a black bow tie? -- he would be in the middle of the ring, barking out "Box" to start proceedings.

Most of the competitors were from the military. The best of them came from the Madras Sappers (MEG Bangalore), coached by 1972 Munich Olympian Muniswamy Venu and Chander Narayanan. The Sappers were all skill and craft, in contrast to the hardy and stronger boxers from the Kumaon and Gorkha regiments, who produced most of the other title contenders.

But it wasn't always that the "superior" boxer won. One year, flyweight Issac Amaldas, Moscow Olympian and one of India's best stylists, was considered a shoo-in for the title but he was knocked out in an early-round by one of the Kumaonis. "He just walked into a punch," was the lament of a connoisseur. And then the MEG guys could be sluggers too, like Christo Raj. Two years in a row he won his weight class and scored so many knock-outs wins that he was nicknamed Kayo King. The audience loved the bouts between these differently styled combatants. Crowds at the Championships grew as the days progressed and for the weekend climax, the place would be jam-packed. They were a mix of civilians, mainly Anglo-Indians (a surprising number of women among them), and jawans out to support the fighters of their regiments.

Nothing roused the crowd like a blow that would draw blood. (This was boxing in the days before helmets were mandatory -- and the bouts were of three rounds, each lasting three minutes.) The fans would be up and screaming, asking their man to finish the fight with a knock-out. The overwhelming favorite with which to deliver that knock-out blow was the Upper Cut. "Up-ray Cut, Up-ray Cut" they would shriek, their pitch getting higher and higher with each blood-drawing punch.

"Pounding Action. Searing Passion. The YMCA Boxing Championship was Amateur Sports at its Entertaining Best"

- Editorial by Mr. Norris Pritam



Necrologue



With heartfelt grief, we would like to inform you that **Mrs. Dulcine Pinto**, Mother of Mr. Martin Pinto, NDY Member, passed away on 17 February 2022. Kindly uphold the bereaved family in your Prayers. You may send your condolences to Mr. Martin Pinto - 9810030202; Email ID: camartinpinto@gmail.com. May her soul Rest in Peace.

With tremendous grief, we would like to inform you that NDY Member, **Mr. Norris Micah**, son of NDY Member, Mr. Maryel Micah; passed away on 20 February 2022. Please uphold the bereaved family in your Prayers. You may send your condolences to Mr. Maryel Micah: 9810464625; E-mail: maryelmicah@gmail.com. May his soul Rest in Peace.



Did You Know?



In 1927 a group of well-meaning people joined together to form the Delhi Association with the purpose of fellowship and to organize special lectures, seminars and discussions for meaningful interactions towards the development of the Community at Large. **Before the New Delhi YMCA Tourist Hostel was built in 1937, the YMCA of Delhi functioned from the Massey Hall Building on Jai Singh Road.**