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"My last legacy is the precious Young Men's Christian Association. I leave it to you beloved Young Men of many countries to carry on and to extend"

-Sir George Williams





**FROM THE DESK OF THE
GENERAL SECRETARY & CEO**



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THE PRESIDENT**

Dear Readers of the New Delhi YMCA Newsletter

On 06 th June 2023, the YMCA became 179 years old. Founded on that day in 1844 by George Williams, the YMCA of today is a global organization making a positive difference for young people and our communities. As we pay homage to the remarkable individuals who envisioned an organization dedicated to nurturing the mind, body, and spirit of individuals from all walks of life. For 179 years, YMCA has been a beacon of hope, fostering inclusivity, and empowering communities across the globe. The YMCA was founded on the principles of social responsibility, compassion, and equality. Its founders sought to create a space where people, regardless of their backgrounds, could come together to grow, learn, and support each other in their journey towards personal growth and community development. Over the years, YMCA has remained true to this noble vision, touching countless lives and leaving an indelible mark on society.

Throughout its rich history, YMCA has played an instrumental role in addressing societal challenges. From promoting education and youth development to advocating for social justice and fostering healthy living, the organization has consistently been at the forefront of positive change.

The YMCA's commitment to empowering individuals to reach their fullest potential has transformed lives, families, and communities. It is essential to reflect on the transformative power of the YMCA's work. Countless stories of personal triumphs and community development stand as a testament to the enduring impact of this organization.

From providing essential resources to underprivileged communities to offering a safe space for personal growth, YMCA has been a catalyst for positive change, empowering individuals to create a brighter future. In an ever-changing world, the YMCA continues to evolve to meet the needs of the communities it serves.

Through innovative programs and initiatives, the organization remains dedicated to supporting individuals at every stage of life. Whether it's providing after-school programs for children, or leadership development opportunities for young adults, YMCA's commitment to fostering holistic growth remains unwavering.

Let us take a moment to express our gratitude to the staff, volunteers, and supporters who have worked tirelessly to keep the YMCA's mission alive. Their dedication and passion for service have been instrumental in making a positive impact on society, one life at a time.

Founder's Day is not just a time for celebration but also an opportunity for introspection. It serves as a reminder of the responsibility we all share in carrying forward the founder's legacy. Let us renew our commitment to the values that underpin the YMCA's mission and work collaboratively to create a more inclusive, compassionate, and resilient world.

In conclusion, on this special day, let us come together to celebrate the enduring spirit of the YMCA, which continues to light the way for countless individuals and communities around the globe. As we honor the founder's vision, let us also reaffirm our dedication to empowering individuals, strengthening communities, and making the world a better place for all. Wishing you all the time filled with hope, joy, and new opportunities

God Bless the New Delhi YMCA

With Warm Regards,
Rajeev Singh
General Secretary & CEO

Dear Members & Well-wishers of the New Delhi YMCA,

Greetings in the Majestic name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

As we celebrate the 179th Founders Day of the Global YMCA Movement, it is paramount to revisit the foundational essence of the inception of the YMCA which is deeply based on the Principles of Christian Values and Doctrinal Ethos. The legacy of the YMCA that Sir George Williams entrusted upon all of us is extremely vital and valuable under the current scenarios of the world.

The YMCA through its programs, projects, and initiatives, has succeeded in creating a global impact towards the holistic development and humanitarian servitude. Through its ever-evolving compassion towards the betterment of society, the YMCA has also gained the prestige of being an imperative part of the United Nations General Assembly through youth representation, for opinions and participation.

The New Delhi YMCA continues to fulfill its Mission and Vision through a plethora of Sports activities, Ecumenical Initiatives, Christian Programs, Social Welfare undertakings, etc. The NDY has made tremendous progress in the past couple of months and special efforts are being directed towards the rapid development of assets such as Rural Community Development Centre (RCDC) Hodal, Sattal Campsite, Greater Noida Programme Centre (GNPC), etc.

To overcome the sweltering heat, and to keep the children occupied, various Summer Camps were conducted at Jai Singh Road, YMCA Public School (YPS) Nizamuddin, RCDC Hodal, and Social & Human Development (SHD) centers, to ensure that the children and youth have an opportunity to learn and grow together and experience the various benefits & facilities of the NDY.

Even though the road ahead is filled with opportunities and challenges, I have full faith that together we will take NDY to broader horizons over a period of time.

Let's continue to dedicate our earnest efforts to serve the community, the society, and the nation through our Prayers, Support, and Cooperation.

Kindly continue to keep the New Delhi YMCA in your Prayers.

Regards & God Bless,
J A Benjamin
President, NDY

YMCA Founder's Day Celebrations at NDY



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The New Delhi YMCA celebrated its Founder's Day Programme on Tuesday 6th June 2023 at 4:00 pm at the Heinz Auditorium, New Delhi YMCA, Jai Singh Road, New Delhi. The theme for the Programme was "That they all may be One" - John 17:21 and the Master of Ceremony was Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA. The Programme started with a word of Prayer by Rev. Morrison Rose, followed by the welcome address by Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, New Delhi YMCA. Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, felicitated all the dignitaries present. Mr. Inderjit Lal, Hon'y Treasurer, New Delhi YMCA, represented Mr. Alok Michyari, Vice President, New Delhi YMCA and read his message of greetings. A Video Presentation on the History of the World YMCA Movement was presented and it was really liked by all. Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary, New Delhi YMCA and Mr. Rajinald Vijay Milton made the AV presentation which was shared during the program. Mr. Ashish Thorat, Associate General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA read the message of Mr. Carlos Sanvee, Secretary General, YMCA. There was a Choir Presentation by Queen Mary's School Choir, Model Town along with Velankani Matha Shrine Church, Indirapuram and the lovely little children from YMCA Public School, Nizamuddin. The Scripture Reading from John 17:20-23 was done by Mr. Sagar Emannuel Paul, Asst. Secretary, New Delhi YMCA. Mr. Ashish Clifton gave a brief introduction of Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup, Bishop, Church of North India, and Mr. Sarthak Joel Tunious, Trainee Secretary, New Delhi YMCA introduced Fr. Vincent D'Souza, Vicar General, Archdiocese of Delhi. They both gave the Message on the Theme for the day "That they all may be one". Mr. Gladwin Lal, Asst. General Secretary proposed the Vote of Thanks and the Programme concluded with a Closing Prayer and Benediction offered by Rt. Rev. Dr. Paul Swarup, Bishop of Delhi, Church of North India.

Ecumenical Children's Conference by Department of Christian Emphasis



The Ecumenical Children's Conference was held this year from 5th to 09th June 2023 at YMCA Public School, Nizamuddin, New Delhi. The Theme was "Charity in Christianity". 192 children (5 years to 16 years), 44 volunteers, and 08 teachers from different churches participated in the Conference. The classes were divided according to the age group of the children. There were 2 classes for each age group. This time each class was given a name, as follows:

- 5 to 8 years- 'New Beginning' and 'The Army of Jesus'
- 9 to 11 years - 'Solomon's Children' and 'The Followers of Saviour'
- 12 to 14 years - 'House of Hope' and 'The Light Seekers'
- 15 to 16 years - 'Glory to God' and 'United in God'

A rigorous syllabus was followed with an effective method to teach the children. The following timetable was set up for them:

- Morning Assembly : 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. [Praise and Worship]
- Classes : 9:15 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. [1st Session]
- Break : 11:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. [Refreshments]
- Classes : 11:45 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. [2nd Session]

The Closing Ceremony of the Ecumenical Children's Conference was held on 9th June 2023 at Heinz Auditorium, New Delhi YMCA, 1 Jai Singh Road, New Delhi. Mr. Alope Michyari, Vice-President, and Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary and CEO of New Delhi YMCA graced the occasion with their presence.

Each class of children performed an act from the Bible. All the participating children were given a Certificate of Participation. The volunteers and teachers were provided with customized T-shirts along with certificates. The Ceremony concluded with the Vote of Thanks by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary.

The Ecumenical Children's Conference was a successful event that helped the children to have a wonderful learning experience from the Holy Scriptures. It brought a great change in the lives of all the children as well as the volunteers and the teachers.

YMCA CAMPSITE CUM PROGRAMME CENTRE, SATTAL PRAYER BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP



YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal organized the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 24th June' 2023 at 09:30 am in the Open Chapel, YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal. The programme started with the opening prayer offered by Mr. Benjamin Wilson, Accounts Assistant cum Cashier, NDY. The Praise and worship was led by the youth of Redemption Ministries. Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, NDY welcomed everyone present and especially the guest speaker of the programme, Pastor Pradeep, Redemption Ministries. The Scripture portion from the Gospel of Mathew Chapter 5:1-16 was read by Mr. Sarthak Tunious, Trainee Secretary, NDY. This was followed by message which was shared by Pastor Pradeep. He spoke on how we can reflect Christ through our daily lives and how we can be a better version of ourselves referring to the beatitudes. It was followed by Hindi Congregational Hymn 'Aao Jag ke log'. The Vote of Thanks was proposed by Mr. Harshul Singh, Assistant Secretary, NDY. The programme concluded with the Closing Prayer and Benediction by Rev. Dr. N.C. George, Acharya, Sattal Christian Ashram. The local Christians appreciated the initiative and really enjoyed the fellowship.

YMCA CAMPSITE CUM PROGRAMME CENTRE, SATTAL CRICKET CAMP



YMCA Campsite cum Programme Centre, Sattal organized the Cricket Camps in the month of April, May, and June 2023 in collaboration with Young Sports Club. This year a total of 25 cricket teams visited the Campsite. A total number of 628 budding cricketers participated this year in the Cricket Camps. This year Cricket Clubs and Cricket enthusiasts from all over the North India visited the Campsite and played their respective matches. Cricket Clubs from states like Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh, Haryana, Madhya Pradesh, and Delhi have been regularly participating in these camps and the popularity of Cricket Camps at Sattal continues to grow.

SUMMER CAMP CLOSING CEREMONY AT RCDC HODAL



New Delhi YMCA, Rural Community Development Centre, Hodal organized the Closing Ceremony of Summer Camp on 17th June 2023 where a total of 95 children participated. The programme started with an opening prayer by Mr. Gladwin Lal – Asstt. Gen. Secretary NDY and the welcome note was given by Mr. Ashish Thorat, Associate General Secretary, RCDC, Greetings for the children were given by Mr. Rajeev Singh – General Secretary & CEO, Closing prayer was led by Mr. Ashish Clifton, Secretary NDY, and Vote of thanks was given by Mr. Mark Anugrah Biswas, Trainee Secretary, NDY. The summer camp closing greetings were extended to all the children and parents by Mr. Rajeev Singh - General Secretary & CEO, NDY. All the children who participated in the program showcased a variety of cultural dances, art & craft items, Mahendi, and Sports activities. This was the first time that a Summer Camp was organized at RCDC Hodal, which was very well appreciated by the parents of the participating children

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The Department of Programme, Cultural and Tribal organized the Summer Camp from 12 – 23 June 2023 in the age group 05-16 years. We had 35 participants' in the camp, from different parts of Delhi, who attended the Summer Camp.

The Camp activities for the children included Arts & Crafts, Singing, Dance, Splash in the Pool, Karate, Baking and Photography.

Qualified young & professional instructors conducted the camp classes. There were young volunteers and interns from Education Centre to help the instructors during the entire camp.

The objective of the camp was to enable the children in exhibiting and realizing their talent and creative skills.

The Closing Function of the Summer Camp was organized on 23 June 2023 in the Heinz Auditorium at 6:00 pm. Mr. Joy Benjamin, President, New Delhi YMCA, Mr. Rajeev Singh, General Secretary & CEO, New Delhi YMCA, Mr. Alope Michyari, Vice-President, NDY, and Mr. James Massey, Member, NDY; distributed participation Certificates to all the children present.

An Art & Craft exhibition was put up in the Foyer, where all the materials were displayed and prepared by the children during the Art & craft classes. The children also prepared Cupcakes during the Summer Camp, which were presented to the Parents and attendees of the Closing Ceremony.

Prayer Breakfast Fellowship At Greater Noida Programme Centre (GNPC)



The New Delhi YMCA Greater Noida Programme Centre arranged a Prayer Breakfast Fellowship on Saturday, 24 June 2023 at 9:30 a.m. in the GNPC auditorium. The meeting began with a prayer offered by Pastor Sam Baby. Mr. Hemant Agarwal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA (GNPC & Department of Sports) heartily welcomed the gathering. Mr. Noel Phillips, Associate General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, extended his greetings to everyone present. The Praise and Worship was conducted by the House of Praise International Church, which was a soul-stirring and made the gathering rejoice fervently for the extension of His Kingdom.

The Scripture portion was taken from the Gospel of Matthew 6:31-34, which was read in English by Mr. Vineet Masih, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA, and the Hindi reading was done by Mr. Gladwin Lal, Assistant General Secretary, New Delhi YMCA. Pastor Samuel George from Rehoboth Assembly of God Church, Bhangel, Noida was the Guest Speaker for the occasion, who delivered the word of God. He shared the message of renewal of faith and the power of prayer. The congregational Hymn "Prabhu Ka Dhanyawad Karunga", filled the auditorium with a graceful atmosphere. The Fellowship concluded with a Closing Prayer and Benediction by Pastor Rajesh Kumar, who also graced the occasion with a gospel song. The Assistant Secretary of Greater Noida Programme Centre, Mr. Sagar Emanuel Paul proposed the Vote of Thanks. The Master of Ceremony was Mr. Ashish Abraham, Trainee Secretary, New Delhi YMCA. Approximately 95 people attended the Prayer Breakfast Fellowship.

GNPC Sports & Activities Report



Greater Noida Programme Centre is a well-known and most sought-after property for recreational purposes in the Greater Noida region of Uttar Pradesh state of northern India. GNPC focuses primarily on the needs, goals, and desires of young people. Over the years, people from all walks of life, irrespective of Cast, Creed and Gender, have been getting the opportunity to avail facilities in various sports activities.

The GNPC is conveniently situated, and has a breathtaking atmosphere in the Recreation facilities GNPC is a multi-purpose facility that serves the needs of different people, families, organisations, and business entities. People love to throng the GNPC campus and engage in leisure activities, spend time in the restaurant, take a walk or sit on benches under the tree shade and love to breathe in the overall ambient green environs of the premises, while they watch or wait for their loved ones who meanwhile indulge in their respective activities.

Sports disciplines offered & their respective progress in the month of June'23:-

Basketball: We have a multi-purpose basketball court with a modern synthetic surface of international standards. We are getting a good response in terms of new registrations since the basketball court has been re-laid. The month of June-July recorded a respectable number of queries from students under the coaching programme for basketball.

Cricket: A lush green top sports field is being used for cricket. The children enjoy the environment and the surroundings

Fitness Centre: We at GNPC have a state-of-the-art indoor Fitness Centre with a professional coach/fitness instructor. Just like every month, the month of June 2023 also attracted an impressive number of members from in and around Greater Noida. The total number of gym memberships for the period stood at 65 members. The air-conditioned modern gymnasium with the best equipment and machines has been the main attraction for the residents in the area. We have been getting some overwhelming response for our fitness centre and people really enjoy coming and availing the facilities which are well maintained with an experienced instructor.

Karate: We also have a karate training programme and the coach for karate organise competitions from time to time to encourage the students to regularly attend the sessions and learn self-defence techniques.

Lawn Tennis: Another major attraction of the GNPC property among outdoor sports is the lawn tennis facility that boasts of an international standard synthetic turf that is used for coaching as well as recreational purposes.

Swimming Pool: Another feather in our cap in the vicinity of the Greater Noida area is that we host an Olympic size swimming pool of global standards. We hold regular coaching programmes for beginners and recreational swimming practice sessions for professionals as well. The swimming pool is open from April to September.

Auditorium: GNPC also has a 150-seat auditorium that is fully air-conditioned. Various organisations hold conferences and workshops in this facility.

Restaurant: The GNPC features a restaurant with seating for 30 - 40 people. The restaurant has a multi-cuisine menu and offers both a la carte and buffet options.

Room accommodation: At GNPC, our guest accommodations include 24 rooms that are completely air-conditioned. Our accommodations are available for all budget travellers

Heartiest Congratulations



Senior Journalist Jacob Mathew receives the coveted Atal Mithila Awards 2023 (Established in the name of Former Prime Minister of India Late Atal Bihari Vajpayee) for the Media Person of the Year. Hon'ble Governor of Bihar Shri Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar graced the occasion held at The Taj Palace, Delhi as the Chief Guest.

Jacob Mathew has been awarded for his exemplary service to Journalism for thirty years through his association with reputed National and International media houses like, Dunia Vision (French TV), ANI- Reuters, CNN, India TV, and News24. He is currently associated with TV9 Network as Coordinating Editor.

The Atal Mithila Awards is conducted every year by the Atal Bharat Foundation and prominent dignitaries from different walks of society are honoured for their respective services.

For the second consecutive year, Jacob Mathew has been honoured for his service to his profession and humanity. He was awarded the Shakseeyat Awards 2022 by the Hon'ble Governor of Odisha.

Noteworthy Newsbytes



As a gesture of help and relief towards the adverse situation in Manipur, the New Delhi YMCA Members donated usable and presentable clothes to the North East Catholic Community of Delhi (NECCOD) on 08 June 2023. We pray that the Grace and Mercy of God will preside over the adversities faced by the people of Manipur.

WEEKLY PRAYER FELLOWSHIP AT RCDC HODAL



Starting June 14, 2023, the New Delhi YMCA Rural Community Development Centre, Hodal, has initiated a weekly prayer session every Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. The inaugural session, held at RCDC, featured Pastor Hariram from Palwal as the speaker. He was warmly greeted with a bouquet. Approximately 20 staff members were present for this first session. Following this, on June 29, 2023, the second weekly prayer session transpired at the same location which was attended by 15 staff members.

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