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## The Star That Leads to the Light

The early church father Saint John Chrysostom once wrote in his Homily on the Gospel of Matthew 2, “For by the leading of a star they were taught to seek the Light of the world.” His words remind us of the true heart of the Christmas story.



Rev. Pravin Samudre

The journey of the Magi remains one of the strongest pictures of how God guides people. These wise men from the East were careful observers of the sky. When a strange and wonderful star appeared, they knew it was not just another cosmic event. I personally believe it was a divine invitation to seek through the star. The star did not speak, yet it sent a message. It did not push them, yet it gently guided them. Its steady light led them across long distances until they finally reached the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ.

In Homily, Chapter 6, St. John Chrysostom writes that the star did not lead the Magi to a palace or a grand place. Instead, it guided them to a simple home where the Saviour was staying. This shows us that God often uses simple

people, ordinary believers, to guide those who are searching for hope and salvation.

Our world today is dark and broken just as it was in the days of the Magi. Yet the Bible tells us, “The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it” from John chapter 1 verse 5. When we received Christ, His light entered our hearts and now we reflect Him wherever we go. Our thoughts, our daily work, our relationships at home, our connection with our neighbours, our compassion and our everyday living become small yet powerful lights just like that Christmas star shining in the night sky.

There may be moments when you feel insignificant, like a tiny speck in a huge universe. But the Christmas star reminds us that God does not look for size. He looks for clarity and a willing heart. Near you there is always someone who is wounded or confused or silently longing for a new life. God wants you to be that guiding light for them.

So shine. Shine with kindness, shine with truth and shine with the good news. Shine so that someone near you may find the brightest Light of all, the Lord Jesus Christ, the Light of the world. Wishing you and your family a blessed Christmas filled with His guiding light and joy.

## **Shaping Your Mission- Youth Leaders Training**

By: Dr. Manisha Gude

NYI India Field with the Mission Mobilisation India launched an important milestone of challenging and inspiring young people to commit their lives for the mission of God through ‘Shaping Your Mission’ training in Hyderabad. This became a powerful move of God as 90 youth leaders from 11 districts gathered with one heart, to hear God’s personal call for this generation.

By anointed of the Holy Spirit Pastor Paul Emmanuel- an associate Pastor of the All Peoples Church Bangalore challenged the young people with rich experience and testimony on the topics like Lifestyle Evangelism, Urban Missions, College &



Marketplace Evangelism. These topics brought down the traditional barriers and provided a new perspective of perusing mission of God to all the participants.

India Field Strategy Coordinator Rev. Dr. Sunil Dandge and Mrs. Sarah Dandge challenged everyone to participate in the vision and mission of the India Field. Eurasia NYI Coordinator boosted the spirit of mission by sharing the inspiring stories from the Eurasia region of how young people in different areas are involved actively involved in the mission of God. Eurasia Social Media Coordinator brought out the innovative ideas by sharing how the young people contribute to the mission through digital media.

All these sessions were planned to deeply root the mission of God in every heart that was present there to listen to the voice of God. When lively music played the strings of every heart, God touched more than 30 young leaders to move to the alter without any hesitation and declare the purpose of their lives to accomplish the mission God is giving them.

The training was brought to the conclusion with commissioning and commitment tears rolling from the eyes to live to Glorify God and live for him.

NYI Coordinator India expresses special thanks to all the resource persons and volunteers like Dr. Manisha, Mahima, Rev. Joseph, Rev. Pravin and many more.

Kindly uphold all the youth leaders who prepare further as missionaries in future.

# **Nazarene Nurses Training College (Reynolds Memorial Hospital)**

By: Dr. Jaya Gawai



Our students actively participated in a variety of academic, sports, and cultural competitions. They showcased their talents, confidence, and strong team spirit throughout the event. The delegation also had the wonderful opportunity to reconnect with alumni, creating cherished memories and strengthening professional relationships.

A team of 30 students and two faculty members from Nazarene Nurses Training College, Reynolds Memorial Hospital & AC, Washim, proudly represented the institution at the State-Level Biennial Conference held in Latur, Maharashtra.



The students delivered commendable performances in multiple competitions. They played exceptionally well in the throw ball tournament and proved to be strong competitors. They also took part in essay writing competitions in both Hindi and Marathi. In the state-level quiz competition, out of 32 participating groups, our team secured an impressive 4th place.

In addition, the students presented a vibrant group dance and participated enthusiastically in the personality contest, where one of our students earned the

position of First Runner-Up at the state level.

This enriching experience helped our students identify their strengths, build confidence, and develop leadership qualities. All participants hold lifetime SNAI student membership from New Delhi. As an institution, we remain committed to encouraging and supporting our students in pursuing research, academic excellence, and personal growth in the future.

## Hope in Christ's Second Coming!

By: Mrs Jyotsna Gaikwad



City Church of the Nazarene, Aurangabad, arranged an NMI seminar for the district on 29 October 2025. The seminar was actually held for two days for the local church, and the district joined on the second day. It was attended by two hundred participants from different churches in the district.

The seminar was led by Mrs Jyotsna Gaikwad, NMI President for the Mid Maharashtra District. The program began with worship led by the choir of the City Church, Aurangabad. After this, Rev P D Patil gave a wonderful message on the spiritual beauty of women.

The main speaker, Rev Pritam Kasbe, who is pastoring the Khopoli Church, delivered a powerful message on the second coming of Jesus. He challenged the participants to be ready for the Kingdom of God. The message was concluded w

with an altar call by Rev Vinay Gaikwad. The Spirit of God worked in many lives, and many people responded and came forward to dedicate or re dedicate their lives to Christ.

After lunch, Mrs Noyella Patil, Rev Prafulata Mhaske, Mrs Manisha Solomon, and Mrs Jyotsna Gaikwad shared the teaching and insights from the Women in Ministry Conference held in Bangalore from January



seventeen to nineteen two thousand twenty five. Their sharing encouraged everyone to grow spiritually.

This seminar encouraged the participants to serve God with greater vigor and enthusiasm. It was organised with the goal of challenging everyone to reflect on their lives and to be dedicated to serve God fervently with all their hearts, minds, abilities, and being.

## **Eurasia Regional Conference: “There is More!”**

By: India field News

Nearly eight hundred Nazarenes from across the Eurasia Region met in Tirana, Albania, from 4 to 8 November 2025 for the first Eurasia Regional Conference since 2019. With the theme There Is MORE, pastors, leaders, missionaries, and families came together for meaningful worship, powerful preaching, practical teaching, and a joyful celebration of God's work in the region.

Participants represented many cultures, languages, and countries, reflecting the rich diversity of the Church of the Nazarene in Eurasia. The conference focused on six important ministry areas. These included engaging the next generation, developing leaders of Christian character, doing church and discipleship in the digital world, caring for immigrants and refugees, supporting creation and the vulnerable, and responding wisely to secularism.



Attendees joined in breakout sessions where they discussed ideas, learned from one another, and explored strategies for ministry in their local settings. For many, the conference was a time of spiritual renewal and encouragement. The presence of the Holy Spirit was experienced in a clear and powerful way, leaving a lasting impact on all who attended.



India had thirty five delegates attending the conference, and a few of them shared meaningful personal reflections from their experience. Vijayakumar S said that the sessions helped him understand scripture more deeply, refreshed his spiritual life, and encouraged him to address ministry gaps. He also cherished the fellowship with new friends and expressed gratitude for the sincere guidance and leadership offered throughout the event.

Rev Mrs Kiran Thomas described the conference as a great blessing. She thanked Dr Rev Sunil D for the opportunity to attend and Mrs Sarah for arranging travel and stay. The teachings on holiness, secularism, and integrity strengthened her commitment, and she joyfully recommitted herself to the work of the Holy Spirit through worship and fellowship.

Mrs. Priyanka Kasabe shared that attending the Regional Conference in Albania was spiritually uplifting. She appreciated the six themes, the insightful teaching by global leaders, and the memorable privilege of serving with the worship team. She thanked Rev Sunil Dandge and Mrs Sarah Dandge for their support and guidance and praised God for renewed passion and clear direction.

## Stay Connected

We encourage everyone to stay updated with news, stories, and events from the Church of the Nazarene. You can visit the global Church of the Nazarene website and the Eurasia region website to register, learn more, and receive regular updates. Kindly click the link below.

### Global Church of the Nazarene website

- [Nazarene.org](http://Nazarene.org)

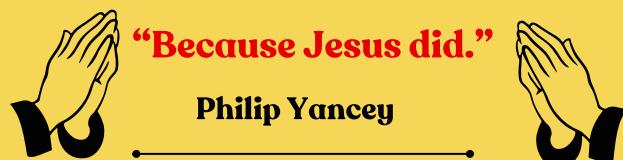
### Eurasia Church of the Nazarene website

- [Eurasia.org](http://Eurasia.org)



# India Field Wishes everyone Blessed & Christ Centered Christmas

If I had to answer the question “Why pray?” in one sentence, it would be,



1. **Pray for** Christ centered Christmas celebrations in all Nazarene churches.
2. **Pray for** the upcoming district assemblies across the India field.
3. **Pray for** all who were affected by Cyclone Ditwah.
4. **Pray for** all pastors and clergy of the Church of the Nazarene worldwide.
5. **Pray for** FSC and all District Superintendents of the India Field and their advisory boards, as they play an important role in extending the Kingdom of God.
6. **Pray for** all coordinators and their teams in the India Field as they spread the Word of God in different parts of the country.

