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Rev. Amar Singh

A three day Leadership Training Program was successfully held at Sadhana, New Delhi, from 13 to 15 April 2026. The program focused on Training of Leaders (TOL) and New Leaders Training.

The sessions were led by the ICOE team along with Zonal Facilitator, Rev. Amar Singh. It was a meaningful and enriching time of learning, teaching, and sharing experiences.

Participants came from the North West India District, Himalayan District, and Delhi District. Representatives from the pioneering areas of Rajasthan and Jammu and Kashmir also joined the training. A total of 36 participants attended the New Leaders Training, while 30 leaders took part in the TOL program.

The program was truly transformative, offering practical insights into leadership and equipping participants with valuable tools for ministry. Many described the training as encouraging and meaningful.

We express our sincere gratitude to the ICOE team and the ICOE Director for their dedicated efforts in organizing and leading this training. Their commitment to developing strong and effective leaders in the Church of the Nazarene is deeply appreciated.

We are also thankful to Rev. Dr. Sunil (FSC) for his prayers and kind permission to conduct this training for pastors and leaders of the North Zone.

Mid-Maharashtra



Rev. Balu Waghmare



On April 26, 2026, the MID Maharashtra District Church of the Nazarene, Dedegaon, witnessed a beautiful gathering as it organized a special Children and Youth Program based on the theme Shining Stars for Christ.

A total of 27 children, 20 youth, and nearly 150 parents came together, creating an atmosphere filled with joy, faith, and expectation.

Rev. Balu Waghmare, District Superintendent, shared a message that was simple yet deeply meaningful. He explained that a shining star does not hide its light. It shines even in darkness. In the same way, children and youth are called to reflect Christ in their daily lives through their words, actions, and behavior. Speaking truth, helping others, respecting parents, and praying daily are ways their light can shine before others.



The program was engaging and full of life. Children participated in worship dances, songs, Bible stories, and scripture recitation. Competitions and activities added excitement and encouraged them to use their talents for God's glory. Each moment reflected growing confidence and faith. Parents watched with joy and shared positive feedback. Many felt encouraged as they saw their children actively involved and learning. The gathering created a strong sense of unity and purpose among everyone present.

At the end of the program, all participants were appreciated with small gifts. Smiles and encouragement filled the space. More than the activities, the vision behind the program stood out clearly. It was a sincere effort to guide children and youth to live out their faith in everyday life.

Indeed, the day served as a beautiful elucidation of what it means to shine for Christ, as the children's lives reflected a quiet yet lambent glow of faith through their simple and sincere actions.



ICOE-South Zone



Rev. DSP Raja

Strong leadership does not happen by chance. It is nurtured through intentional learning, spiritual grounding, and practical training. With this vision, the South Zone experienced a meaningful season of leadership development through two important programs organized under ICOE at Paalanaa Bhavana, Bangalore.

The Training of Leaders focused on shaping both the heart and the skill of those serving in ministry. Around 33 participants took part in this two day training. The sessions were thoughtfully designed to help leaders grow in their calling. Participants were guided through themes such as learning to train like Jesus, train like Paul, and train with a sense of professionalism in ministry. These sessions helped leaders understand that effective ministry requires both spiritual depth and practical wisdom.

The second day of the training emphasized the core foundations of faith and ministry. Participants explored the significance of doctrinal beliefs, the importance of mission, and the value of ministry. These teachings helped leaders reflect on their purpose and strengthened their commitment to serve with clarity and conviction.

The resource team, led by Dr. Subhash, along with Rev. Kiran Thomas, Rev. Wilson, Rev. DSP Raja, and Rev. Gethsy, ensured that the sessions were accessible and impactful. Trainings were conducted in both English and Tamil, allowing participants to engage deeply and meaningfully. The feedback from participants was highly encouraging, with many expressing a strong desire to take these learnings back to their districts and local churches.

Alongside this, the Newly Elected Leaders Training brought together 38 district leaders from across the South Zone, including those from pioneering fields. This one day training focused on building a strong foundation for leadership. Sessions covered essential areas such as the foundations of Christian leadership, skills for effective ministry, and leading people and ministries with responsibility and care.

The training encouraged the participants and gave them confidence to serve better in their churches and ministries. Many left with new ideas, practical knowledge, and a stronger passion to faithfully fulfill the responsibilities God has given them.

Kerala Training



Rev. Dr. Subhash Dongardive

As part of the leadership development initiative, a one day training program was conducted on May 9 for newly elected leaders and ministry leaders from local churches across the district. Earlier, the Kerala Group was unable to attend the

training for new leaders because of practical difficulties. Therefore, the district leadership arranged this special training opportunity for pastors, local church leaders, and ministry leaders.

The training included three important sessions. Rev. Kingsly spoke on “Biblical Foundations of Leadership.” Rev. DSP Raja led a session on “Leadership Skills.” Rev. Subhash Dongardive shared on “Leading Ministry Teams Effectively.” The sessions encouraged and equipped leaders for stronger ministry and effective service in their local churches.

On May 10, 2026, the Third District Convention of the Church of the Nazarene Kerala District was organized with participation from local churches and invited guests. A large number of pastors, leaders, and members attended the gathering.

The main theme of the convention was “The Nazarene Perspective of the Nature and Work of the Holy Spirit.” The convention became a meaningful time of worship, fellowship, teaching, and spiritual encouragement for the churches in the district.

Telangana Training



The Church of the Nazarene in Telangana is growing rapidly through God's grace and the faithful ministry of local leaders. What began in 2024 with just three NEMM teams has now expanded into 6 NEMM teams and 16 active local churches across four geographical districts of Telangana state. Each church stands as a testimony to God's faithfulness and the commitment of those serving in this pioneering mission field.

A major milestone was celebrated on April 29, 2026, when the Telangana District organized its first ever One Day NDI Teachers Training Workshop. The workshop focused on strengthening discipleship ministry and equipping local church leaders for effective teaching and spiritual formation.

More than 100 participants attended the event, including NDI Presidents, Sunday School teachers, ministry leaders, and 35 children. The gathering was filled with joy, fellowship, learning, and a strong passion for making Christlike disciples.



The district was honored to welcome Rev. Rose Mary as the main resource person for the workshop. Through her inspiring sessions, participants received practical guidance and spiritual encouragement to strengthen discipleship ministries in their local churches.

This training marked an important step in the spiritual growth and organizational development of the Telangana District. The focus was not only on planting churches but also on building strong foundations through biblical discipleship. By equipping teachers and leaders today, the Church of the Nazarene in Telangana is preparing future generations to remain faithful in ministry and mission.

As these trained teachers return to their congregations, they carry the vision and tools needed to nurture children, youth, and families in their communities. Their ministry will help ensure that the Gospel continues to spread across Telangana for years to come.

Please continue to pray for the pioneering work in Telangana. May God continue to raise up leaders who will make Christlike disciples and bring transformation to communities through the power of the Gospel.

The greatest thing anyone can do for God and man is pray



Samuel D. Gordon



1. **Pray for** God's peace and protection amid wars and rising global tensions.
2. **Pray for** India amid global wars, economic challenges, and national concerns.
3. **Pray for** every training program to bear lasting fruit and strengthen leaders for God's Kingdom.
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.



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