

NEWSLETTER

CHURCH OF  THE NAZARENE

INDIA FIELD

CARING FOR GOD'S CREATION



Christian stewardship extends beyond caring for our spiritual lives; it also includes caring for the world God has entrusted to us. When believers faithfully put biblical teaching into practice, they become a positive influence within their families, communities, and the environment. With this understanding, the Dedgaon congregation of the Mid Maharashtra District organised a tree plantation drive as an expression of their commitment to caring for God's creation.

The initiative followed a message shared by Rev. B. Waghmare, District Superintendent of the Mid Maharashtra District, during his visit to the Dedgaon congregation. Speaking from Hebrews 1:1-2, he encouraged believers to respond faithfully to God's Word by living responsibly in every area of life. He reminded the congregation that the Church's responsibility includes not only spiritual nurture but also caring for families, society, and the environment as faithful stewards of

God's creation.

Inspired by this message, members of the congregation gathered at the church premises and planted a variety of trees. Families including the Dalvi, Mirpagar, Vidhate, Kamble, Hivale, and Adhav families actively participated in the programme, demonstrating their willingness to work together in caring for the environment.

The tree plantation drive was carried out under the guidance of Rev. B. Waghmare and reflected the congregation's desire to put their faith into practical action. The programme also provided an opportunity for members of the church to serve together while encouraging a shared responsibility for protecting God's creation.

The Mid Maharashtra District gives thanks to God for the wholehearted participation of the Dedgaon congregation and prays that this initiative will encourage other local churches to care for the environment as faithful stewards of God's creation. Through simple acts of service, believers can demonstrate their faith in practical ways while leaving a lasting blessing for future generations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PRESIDENTS' TRAINING

The Eastern Maharashtra District conducted a Sunday School Presidents' Training on 18 July 2026 at the Church of the Nazarene, Washim. Organised under the leadership of Miss Jaishree Bhalerao, District Sunday School President, the training brought together Sunday School presidents from across the district with the purpose of strengthening their leadership and equipping them for effective ministry among children and young people.

The training session was led by Rev. P. T. Nandeshwar from Sevagram, who shared practical and biblical insights on Christian leadership, discipleship, and the important role of Sunday School in nurturing the next generation. Through the sessions, participants were encouraged to lead with vision, commitment, and a heart for serving children while helping them grow in their knowledge of God's



Word.

Rev. Vandanabai Kinkar, District Superintendent, was present during the training , she encouraged the participants to remain faithful in their ministry. She reminded the gathering that dedicated Sunday School leaders play an important role in laying a strong spiritual foundation for children and strengthening the future of the Church.

In addition to the training sessions, the gathering provided an opportunity for Sunday School presidents from different local churches to interact, learn from one another, and encourage each other in their ministry. The fellowship and exchange of ideas strengthened their shared commitment to serving children effectively in their respective churches.

The district gives thanks to God for the successful conduct of the training and for everyone who contributed to the programme. It is their prayer that the Sunday School presidents will continue to serve faithfully, strengthen children's ministries in their local churches, and help the next generation grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.

NDI (ADULT): DISCIPLESHIP TRAINING

Growing as a disciple of Jesus Christ is a lifelong journey that requires a deep commitment to God's Word, prayer, and faithful Christian living. With this purpose, the Nazarene Discipleship International (NDI) for Adults continued to strengthen local church leaders through a series of Discipleship Training Programs conducted across the India Field during June and July 2026.

Under the leadership of Rev. D. S. P. Raja, NDI (Adults) India Field Coordinator, training programmes were conducted in the Kerala Pioneer District, Mid Maharashtra District, and South Karnataka District, bringing together pastors, NDI leaders, and lay leaders for biblical teaching, practical learning, and spiritual encouragement. Altogether, 104 participants took part in the three training programmes.

The first training was held from 29 June to 1 July at Shola Woods, Nadukani, Kerala Pioneer District, where 36 participants attended. Rev. D. S. P. Raja and Rev. Gethsy Raja led the sessions, encouraging participants to develop consistent Bible meditation, intentional prayer, and Christlike discipleship. The ASPECT method of Bible meditation was introduced as a practical tool to help believers engage more deeply with Scripture and apply God's Word in daily life.



The second programme was conducted on 15 and 16 July at the City Church of the Nazarene, Aurangabad, Mid Maharashtra District. Around 40 pastors, NDI presidents, and church leaders participated in sessions focusing on spiritual disciplines, mentoring, and disciple making. The district expressed appreciation to Rev. D. S. P. Raja for his dedicated teaching, to Rev. B. Waghmare, District Superintendent, for his leadership and encouragement, to the City Church of the Nazarene for hosting the programme, and to the translation team for making the sessions accessible to all participants.



The third training was held on 18 July at Divya Jyothi Church of the Nazarene, Kalyan Nagar, Bengaluru, South Karnataka District, where 28 local church NDI leaders participated. The programme introduced newly appointed leaders to the mission, purpose, and core principles of NDI (Adults), with special emphasis on comprehensive Bible study and developing a disciplined devotional life.



Across all three districts, participants expressed appreciation for the practical and biblical nature of the training. Many shared that they were encouraged to strengthen their personal devotional life, invest intentionally in making disciples, and apply what they had learned within their families, local churches, and communities.

The India Field gives thanks to God for the continued ministry of NDI (Adults) and prays that the lives strengthened through these training programmes will encourage local churches to grow deeper in discipleship, develop spiritually mature believers, and faithfully nurture others in their walk with Jesus Christ.

NEXUS KIDS TEACHERS' TRAINING

Children's ministry plays an important role in helping the next generation grow in their knowledge of God and develop a strong foundation of faith. Recognising the importance of equipping those who serve children, the North West India District organised the Nexus Kids Teachers' Training on 21 and 22 July 2026 at Indira Holiday Home, Chandigarh.

Organised by Brother Enosh Singh, District NDI President, the two-day training brought together 26 children's ministry teachers and leaders from churches across the district. The programme was designed to strengthen teachers with practical skills and biblical understanding so they can minister more effectively to children in their local churches.

The training was led by Rev. K. Kumar, India NDI Kids Coordinator, together with Rev. A. Singh, District Superintendent. Through interactive sessions, participants learned practical ways to understand and teach children according to their different stages of development. The sessions highlighted the importance of recognising children's social, physical, emotional, and intellectual needs while using age-appropriate teaching methods that help them grow in their relationship with Jesus Christ.



During the training, Rev. A. Singh encouraged participants to strengthen Sunday School ministries in their local churches and work alongside their pastors to make effective use of available teaching resources. He reminded the teachers that investing in children today helps build a stronger Church for the future.

Participants expressed their appreciation for the training, sharing that the sessions provided practical guidance for teaching children more effectively. Many said they gained a better understanding of how children learn and develop, and how lessons can be adapted to meet the needs of different age groups while helping them grow as followers of Christ.

The North West India District gives thanks to God for the successful conduct of the training and prays that the teachers will continue to serve faithfully, nurturing children in God's Word and helping them build a lifelong relationship with Jesus Christ.

RAJASTHAN DISTRICT



Pastors play an important role in nurturing the spiritual life of the Church and encouraging believers in their walk with Christ. Regular fellowship among church leaders provides opportunities to pray together, strengthen one another, and plan for the growth of ministry. With this purpose, the Rajasthan District held a Pastors' Meeting, bringing together 16 pastors from different parts of the district for a meaningful time of fellowship, prayer, encouragement, and ministry planning.

One of the significant decisions made during the meeting was to gather every month for prayer,

fellowship, and discussion. The pastors expressed their desire to strengthen unity among church leaders while encouraging the healthy growth of ministry throughout the district.

The meeting was organised by Pastor M. Makar, whose dedicated service in coordinating the programme, hospitality, and meals was greatly appreciated. Rev. K. Singh encouraged the pastors with words of exhortation, while Rev. V. Meena shared a message from God's Word that strengthened and encouraged those in attendance.

During the gathering, Rev. Pratik introduced the various ministries and organisational departments of the Church of the Nazarene. Pastors were encouraged to actively support and strengthen the ministries of Nazarene Youth International (NYI), Nazarene Discipleship International (NDI), Nazarene Missions International (NMI), and other district ministries as they work together to build healthy and Christ centred local churches across Rajasthan.

The meeting concluded with pastors expressing their commitment to serve together in unity and to continue strengthening the ministry of the district.

BIBLE QUIZ



A strong faith is built on a strong foundation in God's Word. When young people devote themselves to studying Scripture, they are equipped to make wise decisions, remain steadfast in their faith, and faithfully serve Christ throughout their lives. Opportunities that encourage the study of the Bible not only deepen biblical understanding but also inspire a lifelong love for God's Word and prepare the next generation of Christlike disciples.

With this vision, the South Karnataka District NYI organized the District Bible Quiz on 11 July 2026 at Nava Spoorti Kendra, Richard Town, Bengaluru. Based on the Book of Acts, the event brought together around 50 young people, with more than 35 participants taking part in the competition. The gathering provided an opportunity for fellowship, learning, and healthy competition while strengthening participants' understanding of the Scriptures.

The programme began with prayer before participants entered the written and oral rounds of the quiz. Throughout the competition, the youth demonstrated an impressive knowledge of the Book of Acts by answering questions on the early Church, the ministry of the apostles, missionary journeys, and significant events recorded in Scripture. Their enthusiasm reflected the time and dedication they had invested in studying God's Word and preparing for the event.

Reflecting on the purpose of the programme, Pastor Navin Kumar, South Karnataka District NYI President, said, "It was encouraging to see our young people



invest time in studying God's Word. We pray that this passion will continue to grow in every local church as young people deepen their relationship with Christ and faithfully serve Him."

The Bible Quiz was made possible through the faithful service of pastors, NYI leaders, judges, volunteers, and the technical team, whose commitment ensured the smooth conduct of the programme. At the conclusion of the competition, three churches were recognised for their outstanding performance and received Winner, Runner up, and Second Runner up trophies and certificates in appreciation of their achievement.

The South Karnataka District NYI expressed sincere gratitude to Rev. Anitha C. R., District Superintendent, for her constant encouragement, prayers, and unwavering support, which greatly contributed to the success of the event. Appreciation was also extended to pastors, NYI leaders, volunteers, sponsors, and participants for their dedicated service and enthusiastic involvement.

The district gives thanks to God for the lives of these young people who are growing in the knowledge of His Word.



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NYI INDIA FIELD
INVITES
Everyone
to take part in
**CREATION
CELEBRATION
2026**
His Creation, Our Celebration

*"Let the heavens rejoice, let the earth be glad."
— Psalm 96:11*

Let's come together to celebrate the beauty of God's creation through creativity, conservation and community action.

PARTICIPATE IN

 Drawing & Painting	 Nature Photography	 Creative Nature Videos	 Tree Plantation	 Community Clean-up	 Flag Hoisting	 Family & Church Participation
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15 AUGUST 2026

Everyone is invited.
Everyone can participate.

Mark your calendar and start preparing!

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**Happy
Independence Day**
15 AUGUST, 2026



Spreading love and happiness on Independence Day

We celebrate India's freedom and seek God's blessing on our land

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INDIA FIELD

PRAY FOR INDIA

- 1. Pray for** peace, unity, and harmony across India, and for God's wisdom to guide our nation's leaders as we celebrate India's 80th Independence Day.
- 2. Pray for** families, children, and young people throughout India, that they may grow with hope, compassion, integrity, and strong values.
- 3. Pray for** all those serving our communities, including teachers, healthcare workers, emergency responders, and public servants, that God will grant them strength, wisdom, and protection.
- 4. Pray for** those affected by floods across India.