NEWSLETTER

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TELANGANA



The First District Convention was held on 25 July 2026 at Aposthulala Prarthana Mandhiram, Pandithapuram, Khammam, Telangana. The historic gathering brought together pastors, ministry leaders, delegates, and believers to celebrate God's faithfulness, strengthen fellowship, and look ahead with renewed vision for the Church's ministry across the district.

Around 21 pastors, 90 delegates, and 40 visitors from local churches participated in the convention. The gathering included worship, Christ-centred fellowship, biblical teaching, prayer, and times of spiritual encouragement. Together, the participants reflected on the journey of the Church in Telangana and considered opportunities to strengthen churches, develop leaders, nurture believers, and establish new congregations.

The convention was led by Rev. D. S. P. Raja, Zone Development Facilitator – South Zone; Rev. M. Promod, District Coordinator; and Rev. Rose Mary, South Zone NDI President for Children's Ministries. Their presence and ministry provided encouragement and practical direction throughout the gathering.

Rev. M. Promod shared the keynote devotional from Isaiah 54:2–3, “Enlarge the Place of Your Tent.” Drawing attention to the theme of enlargement, he encouraged the Church to broaden its vision and faithfully respond to the opportunities God has placed before it. He also reviewed the development of Nazarene ministry in Telangana, from its earlier connection with the Andhra Pradesh District to the formation of the Telangana Pioneer District. Looking ahead, he highlighted the importance of strengthening existing churches, planting new congregations, equipping leaders, and developing ministry opportunities across Telangana.







Rev. D. S. P. Raja led two teaching sessions focusing on discipleship and prayer. Participants were encouraged to understand their identity, privilege, and responsibility as followers of Christ and to develop intentional prayer for themselves, their families, churches, and communities.

Rev. Rose Mary also encouraged women delegates and pastors' spouses through a special time of prayer, focusing on wisdom, strength, grace, and spiritual renewal for their lives and ministry.

The convention concluded with a service of dedication and prayer. As the first District Convention of the Telangana Pioneer District, the gathering became a significant milestone, celebrating God's faithfulness and encouraging the Church to move forward with greater unity, renewed vision, and dependence on the Holy Spirit.

CENTRAL MAHARASHTRA DISTRICT



What can a handful of mud, a tiny seed, and a simple handmade pot teach young people about God? At Pease Memorial Nazarene Church, Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, these ordinary materials became meaningful reminders of the beauty of God's creation and the responsibility believers have to care for it.

On 15 August 2026, the church's young people came together for Creation Day Celebration, following the NYI initiative under the theme, “Celebrating God's Creation • Caring for His Creation • Growing Together.” The day blended worship, biblical reflection, creativity, environmental awareness, fellowship, and fun.

Rather than simply hearing about creation, the young people were given opportunities to experience the theme with their own hands. The celebration began with prayer, praise and worship, followed by a devotional message from Mr. P. Mhaske. He encouraged the young people to recognise God as Creator and consider their responsibility to care for what He has made. His message connected the day's practical activities with Christian faith and responsibility.

One of the most creative moments came through pot making and painting. As participants shaped pots, they reflected on how God formed humanity from the dust and gives each person purpose. Painting the finished pots added another dimension to the activity, reminding the youth of the uniqueness and beauty God has placed within His creation.





The afternoon brought another hands-on experience through seed ball making. Mud and tiny seeds became a simple illustration of nurturing life. As the young people prepared the seed balls, they were encouraged to think about their responsibility to protect, nurture, and care for the life God has created.

Games and other fun activities added laughter and strengthened friendships before the day concluded with prayer and reflection. The report describes the celebration as a joyful and memorable experience in which the youth participated wholeheartedly.

Through worship, creativity, fellowship, and practical activities, Creation Day 2026 helped the young people discover that caring for God's creation can be expressed not only in words, but also through simple and thoughtful actions.

MID MAHARASHTRA DISTRICT



Children learn best when they are taught with understanding, creativity, and care. Recognising the important role teachers play in shaping young lives, the Mid Maharashtra District organised the NDI Nexus Kids Teachers' Training on 25–26 August 2026 at City Church, Aurangabad.

The two-day training brought together 26 participants and focused on helping teachers become more effective in their ministry among children. The sessions were led by Rev. K. Kumar and Sis. N. Savantsare, who provided practical teaching and guidance throughout the programme.

The training covered important areas such as child development, communication, classroom management, and creative Sunday School teaching. Participants were encouraged to understand children better and to consider how different teaching approaches can help children engage more meaningfully with biblical lessons. The emphasis on practical skills also gave teachers useful ideas that can be applied in their local churches.

The programme was conducted under the guidance of Rev. B. H. Waghmare, District Superintendent, with coordination by Sis. Kokila Sable Athawale, NDI Children's President, Mid Maharashtra District. Their leadership and coordination helped provide an organised setting for the participants to learn, interact, and grow together.

The training also highlighted the importance of creating Sunday School environments where children can learn about Christ in ways that are appropriate, engaging, and meaningful to their age and understanding. As teachers grow in their ability to communicate and connect with children, local churches can become stronger places for children to learn, grow, and develop in faith.

The Mid Maharashtra District gives thanks to God for His faithfulness and for the opportunity to invest in those who serve children. The district also expressed sincere appreciation to the India Field for its valuable support and financial assistance in making the training possible.

Special appreciation was extended to FSC Rev. S. Dandge for his guidance and encouragement. The training concluded with renewed encouragement for the participants to take what they had learned back to their local churches and continue strengthening Sunday School ministry among children.

SOUTH KARNATAKA DISTRICT



Caring for God's creation can begin with simple actions, and the youth of the church put this into practice by taking their Creation Celebration beyond the church walls. On 29 August 2026, the youth team visited a nearby school to create awareness among children about protecting trees and plants and conserving water.

More than 150 students took part in the programme. Through interaction and a short skit, the youth team helped the children understand why caring for nature is important and how small choices can contribute to protecting the environment.

The programme also included a practical expression of care. The team distributed more than 180 snack packets and provided medicinal plants to each class. These activities gave the students an opportunity to connect the message they heard with simple actions that encourage care for the environment.

The time spent with the children also became an opportunity for the youth to listen, interact, and build meaningful connections with the school community. The team described the experience as a blessed time of sharing awareness about nature and environmental conservation.







The youth expressed special appreciation to the church pastor and SKD NYI President, Pastor Naveen, for their support and encouragement. They also thanked everyone who contributed their time, energy, and efforts to make the programme possible.

The Creation Celebration reminded the youth that celebrating God's creation is not limited to a single programme. It can also be expressed through practical steps that encourage others to value and care for the world God has entrusted to humanity.

The church gives thanks to God for providing this opportunity to engage with the community and encourage children to become more aware of environmental responsibility. The youth team looks forward to continuing to use such opportunities to serve others and reflect God's care for His creation.

ALABASTER MONTH

NAZARENE MISSIONS INTERNATIONAL

MATTHEW 26: 6-10

2 Corinthians 9:6-8



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

Samuel D. Gordon

1. **Pray for** all the churches and their members to show their love for Christ by giving generously toward the Alabaster Offering this month.
2. **Pray for** all those affected by the flood in different parts of Nepal, asking God to provide safety, healing, daily necessities, and wisdom for those involved in rescue and relief efforts.
3. **Pray for** the upcoming Nazarene Advanced Media Cohort, asking God to call and equip men and women who are willing to use their media skills to serve the Church, share stories of God's faithfulness, and bring glory to His name.
4. **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.
5. **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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