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YMI NEWSLETTER

Every time a hand reaches out
To help another... that is Christmas

Every time someone puts anger aside
And strives for understanding
That is Christmas

Every time people forget their differences
And realize their love for each other
That is Christmas

May this Christmas bring us
Closer to the spirit of human understanding
Closer to the blessing of peace!

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CHRISTMAS IS FOR EVERYONE



CHRISTMAS IS FOR LOVE

Dear friends,

Here is an interesting story as we welcome the season of Christmas....

Mark was an 11 year old orphan who lived with his aunt, a bitter middle aged woman greatly annoyed with the burden of caring for her dead sister's son. She never failed to remind young Mark, if it hadn't been for her generosity, he would be a vagrant, homeless waif. Still, with all the scolding and coldness at home, he was a sweet and gentle child.

I had not noticed Mark particularly until he began staying after class each day (at the risk of arousing his aunt's anger, I later found) to help me straighten up the room. We did this quietly and comfortably, not speaking much, but enjoying the solitude of that hour of the day. When we did talk, Mark spoke mostly of his mother. Though he was quite small when she died, he remembered a kind, gentle, loving woman, who always spent much time with him.

As Christmas drew near, however Mark failed to stay after school each day. I looked forward to his coming, and when the days passed by and he continued to scamper hurriedly from the room after class, I stopped him one afternoon and asked why he no longer helped me in the room. I told him how I had missed him, and his large gray eyes lit up eagerly as he replied, "Did you really miss me?"

I explained how he had been my best helper. "I was making you a surprise," he whispered, a touch of excitement in his voice. "It's for Christmas." Embarrassed by his confession, he dashed from the room. After that, he always left school as soon as the bell rang.

Finally, came the last school day before Christmas. Mark crept slowly into the room late that afternoon with his hands concealing something behind his back. "I have your present," he said timidly when I looked up. "I hope you like it." He held out his hands, and there lying in his small palms was a tiny wooden box.

"It's beautiful, Mark. Is there something in it?" I asked opening the top to look inside.

"Oh you can't see what's in it," He replied, "and you can't touch it, or taste it or feel it. But mother always said it makes you feel good all the time, warm on cold nights, and safe when you're all alone."

I gazed into the empty box. "What is it, Mark," I asked gently, "that will make me feel so good?" "It's love," he whispered softly. "And mother always said it's best when you give it away." With that, he turned and quietly left the room.

So now I keep a small box crudely made of scraps of wood on the piano in my living room and when inquiring friends raise quizzical eyebrows, I simply smile and explain to them that there is love in it.

Yes, Christmas is for gaiety, mirth and song, for good and wondrous gifts. But mostly, Christmas is for love.

Wishing you the love of Christmas

Dr. K. C. Samuel
International President



DETERMINATION

- J. K. Rowling



Joanne Rowling, famously known as J. K. Rowling, was born on July 31, 1968, to Peter James Rowling and Anne Volant Rowling. Raised in a hardworking middle-class family who were also fond of reading, Rowling's childhood was steeped in stories. Her father often read – 'The Wind in the Willows' to her and her sister, while her mother introduced them to Richard Scarry's books. At just six years old, Rowling wrote her first story, 'Rabbit'!

In 1982, Rowling faced her first major setback when her application to Oxford University was rejected. Despite this, she pressed on with her aspirations. However, the death of her mother in 1990 halted her writing plans. With time, she got over the pain of the loss of her mother and moved to Portugal to teach English, eventually marrying Jorge Arantes. But from the start, the relationship was a disaster. By the time her daughter Jessica was born on July 19, 1993, the marriage had turned catastrophic as she suffered domestic abuse. She eventually left Portugal for UK with her infant daughter.

Rowling moved in with her sister and began life as a single mother. Living on government assistance and without a job, she began writing again and managed to complete the first three chapters of Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone. Her manuscript faced numerous rejections from many publishers before finally catching the attention of Nigel Newton, who was then in charge of Bloomsbury. Newton shared the three chapters with his young daughter, who loved it and was eager to know more. This led to the publication of a small batch of 1,000 copies. The book was an instant hit, quickly becoming a New York Times bestseller and captivating readers worldwide.

Rowling went on to write many other successful books and rose to fame as one of the most cherished authors of all time. The Harry Potter series became a cult classic, and today it has millions of fans.

J. K. Rowling's journey teaches us a lot. When we look into her life, we see her resilience and determination to never give up. Being a single mother with severe depression and being relatively poor did not stop her from her writing goals. Inspired by her family, teachers and a love of storytelling, she persevered, transforming rejection into a literary phenomenon. Today, she is one of the most well-known and beloved authors of all time as well as a prominent philanthropist. Her story teaches us that with determination and passion, no challenge is insurmountable.



The highly anticipated mega event, Intellect 24, showcased a wide array of technical competitions and drew an impressive turnout, with over 2,500 students participating. Organized by the Young Minds Club of GCT COIMBATORE, this inter and intra-college event spanned five consecutive days, celebrating innovation, creativity, and technical expertise. Intellect 24 was designed to challenge students, push their limits, and reward outstanding performances with the prestigious titles of Mr. Intellect and Ms. Intellect.

The first four days of Intellect 24 were dedicated to intra-college participants. Students competed in preliminary rounds of various technical events, showcasing their skills and knowledge. The final rounds for intra-college participants were held on the fourth day, culminating in the announcement of the Mr. and Ms. Intellect awards, which recognized the top-performing male and female participants for their exceptional talent, leadership, and dedication.

The fifth day welcomed inter-college participants, adding a more competitive and diverse element to the event. The day concluded with the grand valedictory ceremony, which included speeches, reflections, and the acknowledgment of outstanding achievements.

A total of 15+ technical events were organized during Intellect 24, each designed to test participants' technical expertise, problem-solving abilities, and innovative thinking. The events included:

1. Link Sphere - Mechanical event based on hydraulic principles
2. Digibyte - Electrical event
3. Civitas - Civil event focused on construction
4. Design Horizon - Poster design competition
5. Dash of Trivia - Coding and treasure hunt event
6. Mr. Workshop - Mechanical event based on workshop skills
7. Idea Exchange - Presentation on industrial biotechnology
8. Tech Trek - IT event centered on coding
9. Speak Up - Communication development event
10. Building Vision - Civil event focused on CAD modeling
11. Spec Build - Coding competition
12. Electrogen - Electrical and electronics-based event
13. Shark Tank - Startup and product idea presentation
14. Comtronics - Electronics-focused event
15. Slide-o-vert - Presentation on various topics



Intellect 24 was a resounding success, drawing extensive participation and showcasing remarkable talent from various colleges. It provided a platform for students to engage in meaningful technical challenges, foster collaboration, and enhance their skills. The awarding of Mr. and Ms. Intellect celebrated individuals who excelled in their respective competitions and embodied the spirit of perseverance, innovation, and leadership. The grand valedictory ceremony marked the end of an inspiring week, recognizing the hard work and achievements of all participants.

Intellect 24 was more than just a competition; it was a celebration of academic excellence, teamwork, and the pursuit of innovation.

INDUCTION - UK



International President with leaders of Nottingham and Cheltenham clubs

INDUCTION - GUNTUR



YOUNG MINDS INTERNATIONAL
REGION III. CLUBS I-XX

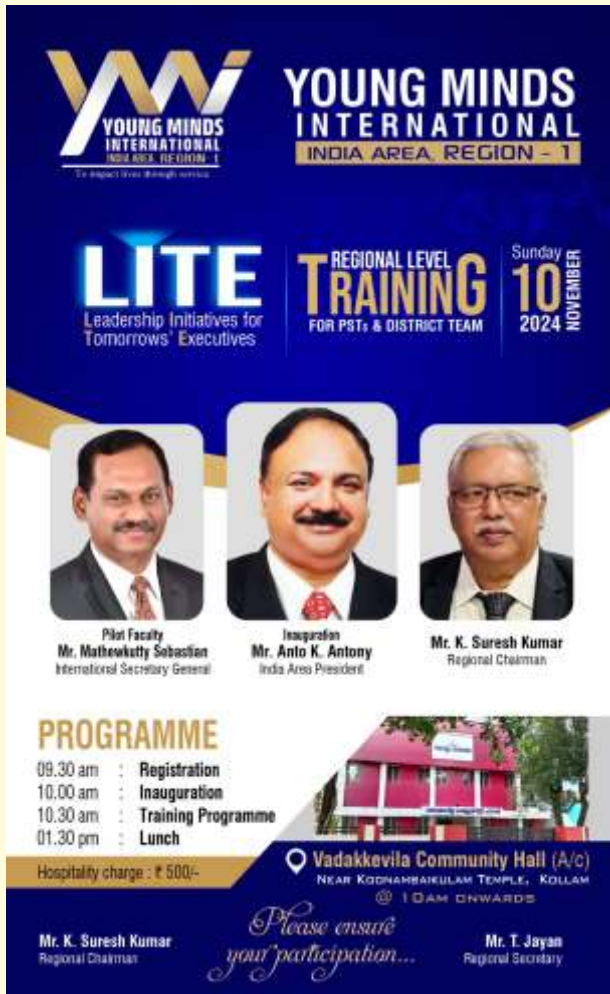
INDUCTION & INSTALATION OF YOUNG MINDS CLUBS

28TH NOVEMBER 2024, 2 NOON.
AT EL-SHADDAI SEMINARY HALL,
BHARATH PET, AMARAVATI ROAD, GUNTUR.

 Bishop Dr. A.C. Sobhan Babu President of Guntur	 Dr. D. Martin Luther Robu President of Tenali	 Fr.A.X.J. Bosco President of Vijayawada
 Pastor B.R. Ratnam President of Narsipatnam	 Mr. M. Rama Krishna President of Raitu Nagar	 Mr. G. Prem Raju President of Dhone
 Rev. G. Arun Kumar President of Srinahalam	 Rev. Dr. V.Vijay Kumar President of Maranalla	 Rev. Ch. Soma Raju President of Gopulapuram

In a glittering ceremony presided by IP, Dr. K. C. Samuel, nine club presidents were installed, at Guntur.

REGIONAL LEVEL TRAINING REGION-I



YOUNG MINDS INTERNATIONAL
INDIA AREA, REGION - 1

LITE
Leadership Initiatives for Tomorrow's Executives

REGIONAL LEVEL TRAINING
FOR PST & DISTRICT TEAM

Sunday **10** NOVEMBER 2024

Pilot Faculty
Mr. Mathewkutty Sebastian
International Secretary General

Inauguration
Mr. Anlo K. Antony
India Area President

Mr. K. Suresh Kumar
Regional Chairman

PROGRAMME

- 09.30 am : Registration
- 10.00 am : Inauguration
- 10.30 am : Training Programme
- 01.30 pm : Lunch

Hospitality charge : ₹ 500/-

Vadakkevila Community Hall (A/c)
NEAR KODNAMBAKULAM TEMPLE, KOLLAM
@ 1 DAM ONWARDS

Mr. K. Suresh Kumar
Regional Chairman

Please ensure your participation...

Mr. T. Jayan
Regional Secretary

Pst training Kollam led by Mathewkutty Sebastian



LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE REGION-II



YOUNG MINDS INTERNATIONAL
INDIA AREA REGION - II
LEADERSHIP CONCLAVE
24-11-2024: SUNDAY: 3.30 PM
HOTEL HILL PALACE, TRIPPUNITHURA

Mathewkutty Sebastian, ISG

Prof. of Mathematics, International, ISG

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Profile of Mathewkutty Sebastian, ISG

M Tech/MBA from IIT, Kharagpur
Started career in Space Applications at IIT, Mumbai
Joined ISRO as Scientist/Engineer
Became the MD of World-Space Satellite Radio in 2008
Presently, Co-Founder and CEO of Timbre Media, Bangalore
Member of various National and International Organisations
Office-bearer of various National and International Organisations
Regular speaker at Seminars in Schools, Colleges and Institutions
First ISG of Young Minds International (Voluntary Service)



Dear Young Minds Leaders,

I am thrilled to report that the District Council of District-II, held on 24.11.2024, was a resounding success! With 63 out of 120 members in attendance, we exceeded the 50% participation mark. Your active participation made this District Council an ever-memorable event.

Special thanks to Mr. Rajesh Kumar RK, our district bulletin editor, for taking the initiative to release a beautiful bulletin that captured the essence of our gathering.

I would like to express my heartfelt gratitude to all leaders who participated in the district council and supported the district team. Our appreciation goes to our host, YMI Iritti, for providing excellent facilities.

We also acknowledge the presence and contributions of our esteemed guests, including Grand Council Chairman Mr. Scariachen, Regional Chair Ranjith Kumar, RS Rajesh Gopal, RT Pramod, Dr. Dinesh, O. Mathew, Stephen, and all other leaders who attended the program.

Thank you for your dedication and commitment to Young Minds International.

Best regards,

District Team, District-II



Honouring our Club President Raju George for being nominated as District Chair Elect.

Young Minds Club of Coonoor installation meeting



7 new members were inducted by Er. Thomas Mathew.
Very happy to announce that our Club, YMI Club of Trivandrum reached membership of 40 members.



District Presidium Meeting of District-I,
Region-I on 21-11-2024





Acceptance speech by Mr. Varghese Mathews, Club President
Young Minds Club of Kalamassery



Young Minds Club of Champad

Young Minds Club of Kannur Main, in association with the Kerala State Excise Department, organized an Anti-Drug Awareness program for students of classes 10, 11, and 12 at the Government Regional Fisheries Technical Vocational Higher Secondary School, Azheekkal, Kannur. The session was led by Excise Sub-Inspector V. V. Shaji. The event was attended by Club President Rajesh Gopal, Vice President Siddique, Diljith, Arun Kumar & Ratheesh Gopal. This initiative aims to educate and empower the youth against substance abuse.





In an effort to assist those in need, YMI Trivandrum Central Club led by Mr. Sunil Kumar, president, sponsored a Rs. 62,000 prosthetic leg for Mrs. Kavita, a 36-year-old woman from Thirumala Punakka Mukal, Thiruvananthapuram, who lost her right leg in an accident.



An Eye Camp with 269 participants was conducted by Bangalore District Clubs



FREE CANCER DETECTION CAMP AND AWARENESS CLASS

Young Minds Club Panoor conducted free cancer screening camp and awareness class. Municipal Councilor K. K. Sudheerkumar inaugurated the camp held at Panoor Palliative Physio Centre.

Palliative Physio Center Secretary P. P. Sulaiman Haji, R. K. Rajesh Kumar - President of Young Minds Club, Panoor took part in this program.

Early detection tests for breast cancer, uterine cancer and colon cancer were conducted at the camp.





250 meals were distributed as part of TIRUPUR GH AKSHAYAM PROJECT FOOD FOR NEEDY. Running successfully for 241 weeks.

NEWS COVERAGE





YMI Region 1 Chairman Suresh Kumar honours the newly appointed Sabarimala Melasanti (head priest) Sri Arun Kumar



YMI Trivandrum Tower on holiday at Varkala.



Young Minds Club of Pathanapuram tour to Vagamon



OBITUARY

We express our condolences to the family of **Sibin Mathew**, Young Minds Club of Good Shepherd, Mamalassery, Region-II

For our website and newsletter, please send details of projects, meetings, installations, thoughts and ideas to ymyoungminds@gmail.com

Best wishes,
Daniel Thomas

