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YMI NEWSLETTER





It is with great pleasure and profound respect that we cordially invite you to the

INAUGURATION CEREMONY

OF YOUNG MINDS INTERNATIONAL, KOREA REGION

YOUNG MINDS CLUB OF GANGWON EAST SEA
YOUNG MINDS CLUB OF GWG APGUJEONG
YOUNG MINDS CLUB OF SCHOLE

will be officially inaugurated by



Dr. K. C. Samuel
International President



Yoon Jae Sub
Schole Club



Park Su Hyun
Gangwon East Sea Club



O Sung Won
GWG Apgujeong Club

Date: Saturday, 31st January 2026 Time: 2:00 pm

Venue: Young Minds International - Korea Area Headquarters
3rd Floor, 323 Jimyo-dong, Dong-gu, Daegu, Republic of Korea

Your esteemed presence will bring honour and encouragement to this milestone event, as we gather to celebrate new beginnings and the continued expansion of our mission - to impact lives through service.



Young Minds International continues to Spread its Wings

It is with a sense of pride that we announce the inauguration of three new clubs in Korea.

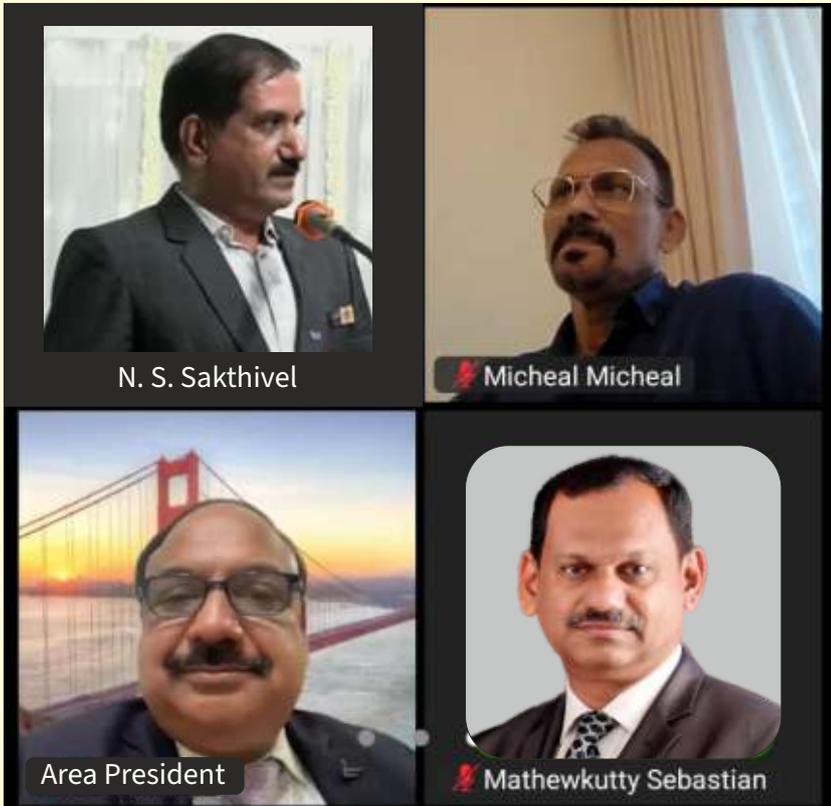
Young Minds International continues to extend its mission of service and community-building across the globe. With clubs already in more than a dozen countries, our focus remains on creating not just the diaspora but also ethnically and culturally diverse clubs that collaborate to make a positive difference.

‘Truly international’ should be our goal. The new clubs in Korea are a starting point, with the potential to inspire and engage members across the region in other countries. By forming clubs in new areas, we not only grow as an organization but also enrich ourselves with the values, ideals, and practices of different communities.

No amount of appreciation is enough for our esteemed IP Dr. K. C. Samuel for his untiring efforts in reaching out and building transnational bridges. We are also indebted to our dedicated leaders from Korea and South-East Asia.

Welcome to the members of the Korean Clubs. Let us wish them a fabulous journey with Young Minds International.

SYDNEY, AUSTRALIA INAUGURATION



Dear all,

It is my pleasure to announce that the YMI of Sydney Silverstar, Australia was successfully inaugurated today by our esteemed Area President through an online platform. I had the honour of inducting the new club members, while the Area President installed the office bearers. Our International Secretary General and Area Secretary graced the occasion with a heartfelt felicitation.

Congratulations to the entire team on this remarkable milestone!

Wishing the club a vibrant and prosperous future.

N. S. Sakthivel

Regional Chair, Region-IV

Special appreciation to Mr. Eappen from Madras for coordinating the club and being present physically in Sydney to coordinate the inaugural ceremony.

Let this be the beginning in Sydney that drives momentum for this great movement.



Three months ago, my teenage son totalled our car. It was his fault-texting. Thank God no one was hurt, but the repair estimate was brutal: \$4,200. Our insurance deductible alone was \$2,500. I was furious and terrified. We didn't have that kind of money. I work two jobs. My husband is disabled. Some months, we were already choosing between electricity and groceries.

The body shop suggested a place on the south side. "Cheaper," they said. "Cash only." I pulled up to what looked like a junkyard. Rusted cars everywhere. Weeds pushing through cracked concrete. A faded sign barely hanging on. I almost drove away. Then an elderly man shuffled out. He had to be seventy-five, maybe older. Grease-stained coveralls. Hands trembling slightly. A thick accent I couldn't quite place.

"You need fix?" he asked.

I explained the situation. He looked at the car, grunted, and disappeared into the garage. A few minutes later, he returned with a clipboard.

"I fix for \$800." I blinked. "But the estimate said—"

"They charge new parts, fancy paint," he said. "I use good parts. Make it safe. \$800."

"And... when do I pay?" "You pay \$50 now. Rest when you can. No hurry."

I just stood there. "Why would you trust me?"

He looked at me with eyes that had seen a lifetime. "During war, a stranger hid my family in a barn. Six months. Never asked for money. Only said, 'WHEN YOU CAN, HELP SOMEONE ELSE' I never could hide someone. But I can fix cars."

I cried right there in that cluttered lot.

He fixed the car in three days. Perfect. Safe. When I came to pick it up, an elderly woman was there, arguing with him in the same language, crying and waving her hands at her battered sedan.

He just nodded, patted her shoulder, and took her keys.

"Another charity case?" I asked quietly.

He shrugged. "Her husband died. Pension not here yet. Car is how she sees granddaughter. I fix."

Over the next two months, I paid him in \$50 and \$100 installments. Every time I stopped by, someone else was there—a single dad, a laid-off factory worker, an immigrant family. All driving cars that should have been scrap, all kept alive by this old man who charged what people could afford, or nothing at all.

When I made my final payment, I asked him, "How do you stay in business?"

He smiled, gentle and tired. Some people pay full. They keep lights on. Some pay little. They keep heart on. Balance."

Last week, I drove past his shop. It was closed. A "For Sale" sign stood out front. I panicked and called the number on his card.

A woman answered—his daughter. "My father passed away Tuesday," she said softly. "Heart attack. In the shop."

I couldn't breathe.

"We're going through his records," she continued. "He had \$847 in the bank. But his ledger... seventy-three people still owed him money. Some for years. Over \$30,000 total."

She paused. "His note says, 'Forgiven. They needed wheels more than I needed money.'"

The funeral was yesterday. Seventy-three people showed up. Every single name from that ledger. Strangers bound together by one man's refusal to let us stay broken. We pooled money, paid off the shop's debts, and gave the rest to his daughter.

Later, my son asked me, "Mom, why are you crying? You didn't even know him that well."

"Because," I told him, "that man taught me something your generation needs to learn. Every day, you see people—really see them. Their broken cars. Their broken hearts. Their empty wallets. And you decide: am I someone who fixes things, or someone who walks away?"

My son understood. Last month, he started volunteering at a food pantry. He doesn't talk about it. He just goes.

The shop is still for sale. The sign still says "Cash Only."

But seventy-three of us know what it truly meant:

Pay what you can. When you can. If you can.

*Because some debts aren't about money.





VIETNAM TRIP 6 NIGHTS 7 DAYS

5th -11th May 2026 90,000/- person

Dear friends,

We are planning for a 6 nights and 7 days trip to Vietnam. Our expected travel dates are from 5th to 11th May. The minimum number required is 40. The ticket fare is highly fluctuating by the day and an immediate confirmation is essential for the tour planners to fix and finalize final rates.

Please contact **Michael** on **94967 30854**



MID YEAR MEETING OF INDIA AREA ON A HOUSEBOAT

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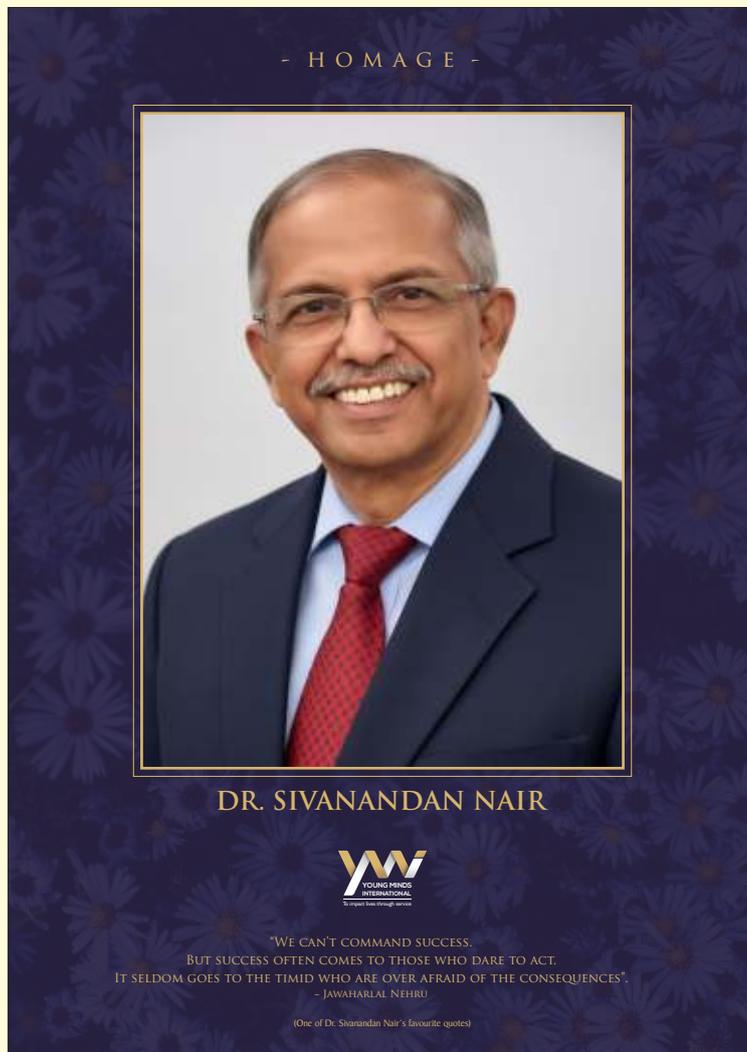
A HOMAGE - Dr. Sivanandan Nair

Young Minds International bid a heartfelt farewell to Dr. J. Sivanandan Nair at his residence on 20 December 2025. Prominent members and clubs paid their respects, laying wreaths in honor of his legacy.

A dedicated Grand Council Member of Young Minds International, Dr. Sivanandan Nair played a pivotal role in expanding the organization's reach. He inspired the formation of new clubs, including inducting his wife Vijayalakshmi into the Young Minds Club of Trivandrum Tower, and leveraging his grandson Madhav's influence to establish a new club in Toronto, Canada.

Following the cremation, a memorial meeting was held at Trivandrum Sree Moolam Club's Orchid Hall, attended by numerous members and seniors, who shared their heartfelt tributes.

Our prayers are with his wife Vijayalakshmi, daughter, spouse, and grandchildren during this difficult time. May God comfort them with cherished memories of Dr. Sivanandan Nair's life and legacy.





Republic Day Celebration - Young Minds Club of Bangalore



Team Kizhakkambalam at Christmas Marathon



Air Vice Marshal PK Kuruvilla VSM (Retd), IPM & Club President - Young Minds International, Ernakulam South Club, was honoured with the highest award (Gold + Special Prize) in the State Level Philatelic Exhibition (KERAPEX-26) conducted by the Kerala Circle P&T from 20th to 23rd January 2026. Only 2 contestants were awarded this prize. The competition was judged by Jury members accredited by the Federation of International Philately (FIP).



Meeting at Young Minds Club of Bangalore. Talk by Tony Augustine on sustainable Energy



Distribution of Blankets to people sleeping on the roadside by Young Minds Club of Telangana Entrepreneurs and Dilsukhnagar Club.



A motivation session was conducted for 300 students of Kadambur Higher Secondary School in Kannur, led by Nassar Aringaloot, District Governor District-II, Region-III.



CELEBRATING NATURE AND ADVENTURE



Young Minds Club of Bangalore Picnic and Adventure outing

Financial aid of Rs. 30,000/- to poor patients was provided by Young Minds Club of Vallithode.



A wheelchair was donated to Chaithaniya Special School, Kunnamkulam by Young Minds Club of Kunnamkulam as part of its social service initiatives.



Inauguration of Young Minds Club of Adoor, Tiruvalla



We're delighted to share that the event "RECONNECT" was successfully conducted on 18th December 2025 by the Young Minds Club of GCT YOUTH, Coimbatore. The event created a joyful and interactive space for members to reconnect, engage, and strengthen their bond with the club.

The programme was filled with fun games, meaningful interactions with juniors, and insightful talks by our board members about club and community activities. The active participation and enthusiasm of everyone made the event lively and memorable.

RECONNECT truly served as a platform for bonding, collaboration, and building lasting connections. Thank you to all the organisers and participants for making this event a great success!



Club Meeting of Ezham Mile Kings



Projects and meetings - Young Minds Club of Gobi Galaxy



Buttermilk distribution to the devotees of Pariyur Amman Temple, Gobichettipalayam by Young Minds Club of Gobi Galaxy, India Area, District-II, Region-IV.



Inauguration of Kottayam Club, India Area, Region-I, Dist-VI by Area President Elect I. C. Raju



Advocate Mr. Selvakumar Prabhu runs the “CIG Church Primary School” at Gobichettipalayam free of cost. He also provides Free Hostel for 19 underprivileged kids, without any fixed aid from outside sources.

During the recent scrutiny of licence renewal for the hostel, local authorities insisted on a revamp of the entire water lines of the bathrooms and toilets. Upon learning of this requirement, YMI Erode agreed to provide the necessary funding for it.

Accordingly, on 30th Nov 2025, the President and the Secretary of YMI Erode handed over the cheque to Adv Selvakumar Prabhu.

This initiative is the Third Project of YMI Erode. We thank everyone for providing us the opportunity to help the needy.



At TIRUPUR GH AKSHAYAM PROJECT - FOOD FOR THE NEEDY, running successfully for over 300 weeks, 250 more meals were distributed.





DINE WITH DIVINE at Egmore Children's Hospital
by Young Minds Club of Chennai Royal.



Distribution of dialysis coupon by the Young Minds Club of Melechinnar, District-III, Region-II.



Young Minds Club of South Parur office inauguration



FIRST WOMEN'S CLUB
In REGION-III, Young Minds
Club of Sreekandapuram

ACHIEVEMENTS



Congratulations **Er. P. G. Pradeep Kumar** of YMI Trivandrum on being appointed as the District Town Planner of Kottayam



Celebrating 35 years of committed legal service, Advocate Mr. Philip Thengumcheril, IPD continues to be a guiding light in the legal community, setting high standards of advocacy, mentoring many, and leaving behind a legacy built on justice, discipline, compassion, and unshakeable principles.



Dr. T. G. Manojkumar, President YMI, Peravoor has won the State Civil Service Table Tennis Competition held at Irinjalakuda, Thrissur. He also secured a spot in the Kerala team for the National Civil Service Table Tennis Competition.



Congratulations and Best Wishes
Anilkumar



Jose Mathai D. S.
District-IV elected as Member of Mynagapally Panchayat.



Anilkumar P.
Ezhammile Kings Club elected to Kunnathur Grama Panchayat.



Asha Sigil
Ezhammile Kings Club elected to Pallickal Grama Panchayat.



Young Minds Club of Punga Royals and Erode



Medical Camp organized by Young Minds Club of Panoor



'Snehasparsham', a multi-level skill development training program organized by Young Minds Club of Panoor at Cheengeri Lower Primary School, Ambalavayal, Wayanad. The program, handled by Soumyendran Kannamvally and Ajayan Panoor, included distribution of food and educational kits, along with bedsheets to the students.





Christmas and New Year celebration - Young Minds Club of Kannur Main.



Christmas and New Year celebration - Young Minds Club of Kuthuparamba in Waynad.



Sargolsavam - Cultural Fest - Region-I



Region-II Cultural Fest





The New Year celebration of Young Minds Club of Tellicherry Fort club, Region-III District-III, inaugurated by District Governor Prasanth K. V.



Christmas Celebrations - Young Minds Club of Trivandrum Royal



New Year celebration of YMI Region-II, District-II



New Year and Christmas celebration - Young Minds Club of Panoor





As the President of Young Minds Club – GCT YOUTH, I am proud to share the success of our Republic Day initiative, Echoes of Republic. This event brought together our juniors and board members in a meaningful collaboration, where they hand-crafted Indian national flags with dedication and pride. Each flag symbolized our respect for the nation and the values it stands for.

These handmade flags were distributed to the public, spreading the spirit of patriotism beyond our campus. More than an activity, Echoes of Republic became a reminder that unity, creativity, and responsibility can create a lasting impact when driven by purpose.

Ajay Raju MJ, President, GCT YOUTH, Coimbatore



Young Minds Club of Adimali

Young Minds Club of GCT YOUTH celebrated Pongal with joy and enthusiasm, by organizing a variety of fun events for our juniors. The celebration aimed to spread happiness, promote cultural values, and create a comfortable space for interaction among students. Juniors participated enthusiastically in the activities, filling the event with energy and laughter.

The program helped strengthen the bond between seniors and juniors and contributed to a positive and inclusive campus environment. The celebration reflected the true spirit of Pongal - togetherness, gratitude, and shared joy. Overall, the event was a memorable experience for everyone involved.



Ajay Raju M. J., President, Young Minds Club of GCT YOUTH



Young Minds Club of Adoor



Christmas and New Year Celebration - Young Minds Club of Pathanapuram, (India Area, Region 1, Dist VI)



Lake City Sasthamcotta Family Meet



Mr. Binoy Karimthottuva, Sasthamcotta Lake City Club elected to Sasthamcotta Grama Panchayat



One-Week Camp at Ayyan Kali Memorial Arts & Science College by Young Minds Club of Punalur & National Service Scheme.

OBITUARY



K. T. THOMAS
KEERIKATTU
96 years



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Young Minds International Mulavana Royal Club

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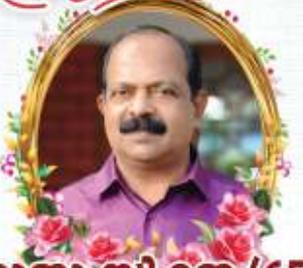
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അയന്തിക്കുട്ടിപ്പൻ, കരുനാഗപ്പള്ളി

സംസ്കാര ശുശ്രൂഷ നാളെ (21.01.2026) ബുധനാഴ്ച രാവിലെ 10.30 ന് ഭവനത്തിലെ ശുശ്രൂഷകൾക്ക് ശേഷം 12 മണിക്ക് കൊല്ലം സെന്റ് തോമസ് ഹാർത്തോളാ പള്ളിയിൽ.

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രാജു സി.ജെ (65)
(retd. sub inspector)
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സംസ്കാരം - 25/01/2026 ഞായർ 2 PM ഭവനത്തിൽ ആരംഭിച്ച് തുടർന്ന് അടിമാലി സെന്റ് ജൂഡ് ഫൊറോന പള്ളിയിൽ

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Best wishes,
Daniel Thomas

