



The Most Revd. Bijaya Kumar Nayak

**Moderator CNI Synod
&
Bishop, Diocese of Agra, CNI**

The Most Rev. Bijay Kumar Nayak is the sixteenth Moderator of the Church of North India (CNI), the dominant united Protestant church in northern India. Established on November 29, 1970, the CNI brought together most Protestant churches operating in northern India, currently comprising 28 Dioceses spread over 22 States of India and 8 Union Territories, with its headquarters in New Delhi.

B.K. Nayak was born on February 4th, 1963, in Terabadi, Kandhamal District of Odisha. His father, Late Badela Nayak, was one of the pioneers of church planting in the Daringbadi and Baliguda regions. He worked voluntarily and tirelessly with the Missionaries of the Baptist Missionary Society (BMS) and preached the Gospel in this area. After graduating with a BA in 1985, he pursued his MA in History and Political Science from Berhampur University. He then undertook his theological studies (BD) from the Senate of Serampore College from 1988 to 1992. He was ordained to the priesthood on February 5th, 1993, by the Most Rev. D.K. Mohanty. He subsequently served as Presbyter and Area Superintendent in the Daringbadi Pastorate Union for over 13 years. On May 8th, 2005, he was consecrated to the episcopal ministry of the Phulbani Diocese by the Most Rev. James Terom.

His wife, Mrs. Mrunalini Nayak BA, B.Ed, was a Government School Teacher who has been supporting him in his ecclesiastical ministry since their marriage in 1994. They were blessed with two children - a daughter, Shiny, and a son, Bhibas. His daughter, the Rev. Shiny Paul, also joined the priestly ministry after completing her theological education (BD) from Madras Theological Seminary, Chennai, and was ordained in the Phulbani Diocese. Her husband, Rev. Akash Paul, also serves as an ordained Presbyter in the Phulbani Diocese and has studied at the Madras Theological Seminary. They have a son named Aaron Paul.

Mr. Bibhas Nayak, after completing his graduation in Business Management (BBA) from Madras Christian College, Chennai, pursued his Masters (MBA) in Finance and Administration at the Bombay Stock Exchange Institute (BSE), Mumbai. He currently works in the Administrative Department at St. Stephen's Hospital, Delhi.

The Most Rev. B.K. Nayak has travelled to several countries in connection with his ministry, including the USA, UK, Canada, Germany, Sweden, France, Rome, Israel, and Australia. Notably, he had the opportunity to dine with Queen Elizabeth II during one of the Lambeth conferences he attended.

He played a significant role in constructing over 300 new church buildings in the Phulbani Diocese during his tenure. He initiated the Fasting Prayer movement in the Phulbani Diocese, which has since become a significant spiritual movement within the Church of

North India. In 2018, his leadership was recognized globally when a CNI Gospel Convention organized in the Diocese of Phulbani attracted more than three hundred thousand attendees. Furthermore, he was installed as the Deputy Moderator on 23rd August 2019, and in 2022, he assumed the role of Moderator of the CNI Synod. He is widely known in India as the "Bishop of Fasting and Prayer." Currently, he also serves as the Bishop of the CNI Agra Diocese.



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