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# MODERATOR'S MESSAGE

Dear Members of the CNI Family,

As we stand on the threshold of June, the heat of the summer and the ensuing monsoon remind us of our profound dependence on the natural world. On the 5th of June, as we observe World Environment Day, we are called not merely to a secular observation but to a deep, spiritual reflection on our role as inhabitants of this planet.

## The Mandate of the Garden

Our foundation for this reflection is found in the very beginning of Holy Bible:

***"The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it." — Genesis 2:15***

This verse defines our original vocation. Before we were builders of cities or masters of industry, we were gardeners. The Hebrew words used here—'abad (to work/serve) and shamar (to keep/protect)—suggesting a relationship of service. We are not owners of the Earth; we are its trustees. Our stewardship is a sacred trust, an expression of our love for the Creator through the care of the created.

## The Crisis of Our Common Home

Today, the 'Garden' is in distress. We see the scars of neglect in our receding water levels, the rising toxicity of our air, and the erratic weather patterns that displace the most vulnerable among us. To ignore the environment is to ignore the suffering of our neighbour. When we pollute the land, we diminish the heritage of our children. When we waste water, we deprive the thirsty.

True stewardship involves three pillars:

- **Protecting:** Defending the biodiversity that God declared 'good.'
- **Conserving:** Living with moderation, recognizing that the Earth's resources are finite.
- **Restoring:** Actively healing the landscapes we have broken through reforestation and sustainable living

## A Call to Action

As the Church of North India, we must lead by example. Stewardship is not a theoretical concept; it is a lifestyle. I urge every Diocese, Pastorate, Local Congregation and Institution to take tangible steps this month:



- **Green Your Parish:** Plant indigenous trees and create "sacred groves" within Church campus.
- **Reduce and Recycle:** Eliminate single-use plastics from our fellowship gatherings and administrative offices.
- **Advocate:** Speak for the voiceless environment in your local communities, promoting cleanliness and water conservation.

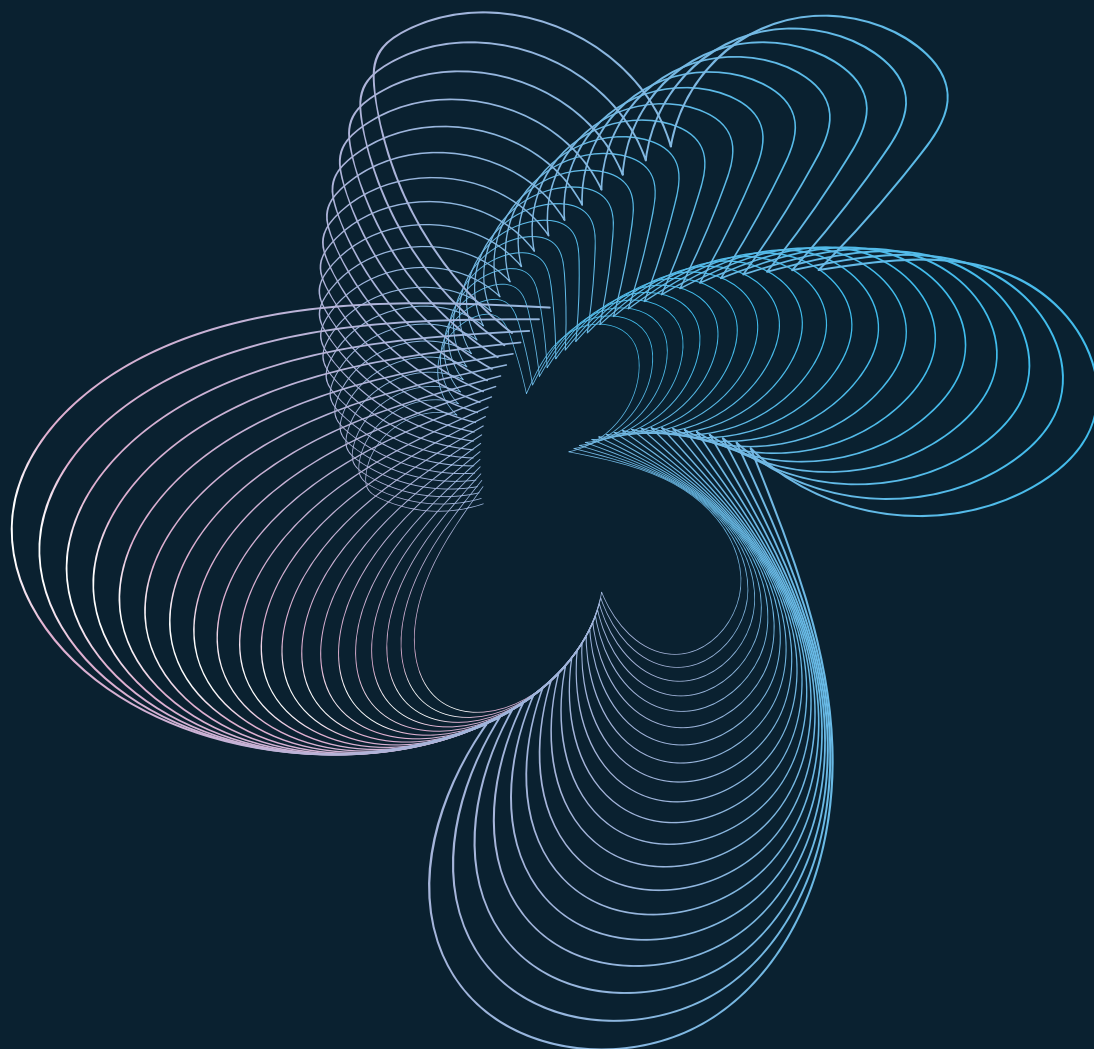
Caring for the environment is an act of worship. When we tend to the Earth, we honour God the artist who painted the landscapes and who balanced the ecosystems. Let us commit ourselves to being faithful stewards so that the generations to come may see God's glory reflected in a flourishing and vibrant world.

May the Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Love of God, and the Fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us as we tend to His Garden!

With Blessings and Prayers,

Yours in His service

✝ **The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning**  
Moderator, Church of North India  
& Bishop, Diocese of Calcutta





## ***Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, Greetings to you in the precious name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ***

Every year on 5th June, the world observes World Environment Day, reminding humanity of our sacred responsibility to care for the earth and preserve the beauty of creation. As Christians, this concern for the environment is not merely a social or political issue; it is deeply spiritual and theological. The Bible clearly teaches that the earth belongs to God, and human beings are entrusted as caretakers of His creation (Gen.2.15). Human beings were not created to exploit creation irresponsibly, but to nurture, protect, and sustain it. Stewardship is therefore a divine calling. God has entrusted the earth into our hands, expecting us to use its resources wisely and lovingly for the welfare of all.

Today, we live in a time when creation itself is groaning under the weight of human greed, pollution, deforestation, climate change, and environmental destruction. Rivers are polluted, forests are disappearing, animals are becoming extinct, and the balance of nature is being disturbed. The consequences are visible everywhere through droughts, floods, extreme heat, natural disasters, and increasing suffering among the poor and vulnerable. The environmental crisis is not only an ecological issue but also a moral and spiritual crisis. When we destroy creation carelessly, we dishonour the Creator Himself. Caring for the environment, therefore, becomes an act of worship and obedience to God. Christian stewardship includes caring for the land, water, air, forests, and all living creatures. It is also an expression of love for our neighbour, because environmental destruction affects human life, especially the poor. The people who suffer most from polluted water, climate disasters, and lack of resources are often those who are already struggling economically and socially. Therefore, environmental justice is closely connected with social justice.

As followers of Christ, we are called to become responsible stewards of creation. Small actions can make meaningful differences. Planting trees, reducing waste, avoiding unnecessary plastic usage, conserving water and electricity, protecting biodiversity, and keeping our surroundings clean are all practical expressions of Christian discipleship. Churches, institutions, schools, and families can work together to create awareness and inspire future generations to value and

protect God's creation. The Church also has a prophetic role in speaking against the misuse and exploitation of nature. Development should never come at the cost of destroying the environment and human dignity. True development must be sustainable, life-giving, and beneficial for future generations. We are not owners of the earth; we are trustees of God's gifts.

Our Indian context teaches us the importance of living in harmony with nature. The beauty of our rivers, mountains, forests, and villages reminds us of the richness of God's blessings. We must preserve this heritage for our children and generations to come. The mission of the Church includes not only caring for souls but also caring for God's creation as part of God's holistic mission. World Environment Day gives us an opportunity to renew our commitment towards ecological responsibility. Let us encourage our congregations, youth, women's fellowships, schools, and institutions to actively participate in environmental protection activities. Let our churches become centres of awareness, prayer, and action for creation care. May we remember that stewardship is not optional; it is part of our Christian vocation. The earth is God's gift to humanity, and we are accountable to Him for how we use and preserve it. Let us become faithful stewards who protect creation for the glory of God and the well-being of humanity.

May God help us to love, protect, and sustain His wonderful creation.

With prayers and blessings,  
Yours in His Mission

**The Revd. Dr. D. J. Ajith Kumar**  
General Secretary,  
CNI Synod

**STRENGTHENING FAMILIES, STRENGTHENING FAITH**

The Apostle Paul writes that Jesus is the one through whom "all things were created," through whom "all things hold together," and through whose cross God reconciled "all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven" (Col. 1:16–20). The cross reaches further than we have thought. And from the very beginning, God placed humanity in the garden "to tend it and keep it" (Gen. 2:15), not to become its owners to exploit it, but to serve as stewards. This was the first mission mandate.

Are we reading our Bibles wrong? Perhaps yes. For too long we have treated Genesis 1–2 as a prelude and Revelation 21–22 as an epilogue, with personal salvation as the only major theme between. But when we read the whole Bible, it tells a different story. The Psalms declare that creation praises its Creator. Isaiah imagines a renewed earth. Revelation ends not with souls escaping to heaven but with God coming down, making all things new, right here, on this earth. Creation care is not a marginal theme. It is the spine of the entire biblical story.

The ugly truth of the climate crisis is that those who have contribute least to the destruction of the earth suffer its consequences most. In India for example, this injustice has a face the Adivasi who watch the forest shrinking, the farmers who watch their well run dry, women, who have to walk miles just to fetch two pots of water.

Climate change and extractive development are displacing people from both their land and their identity. Women bear the heaviest daily burden: walking farther for water, foraging longer for fuel, eating last when food runs short. When disaster strikes, it is women who face heightened vulnerability, girls pulled from school, families held together on nothing

This is not only a social crisis. It is a theological one. The prophets understood that broken covenant, social injustice, and ecological grief travel together: "The land mourns, and all who live in it waste away" (Hos. 4:1–3). The God who heard the groaning of slaves in Egypt hears these cries too. The question is whether we as Church, would ever will.

We must also figure honestly with what war does to the earth. If climate displacement is slow violence, war is its sudden, total form that strikes the same communities, destroying the same land, with incomparably greater speed. Armed conflict is among the most catastrophic and least-discussed drivers of environmental destruction. Wars level forests, poison aquifers, contaminate soil with unexploded ordnance, and release vast carbon emissions through bombardment, burning infrastructure, and the displacement of millions of people. The wars in Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, and most recently in the Middle East are not only human tragedies, but they are also ecological ones.

The biblical vision of shalom, the wholeness and flourishing of all creation, is the direct opposite of war's logic of destruction. Isaiah's vision of a renewed earth where "nation shall not lift up sword against nation" is inseparable from his vision of restored forests and thriving land (Is. 2:4, 55:12–13). We cannot pursue peace with God while making war on God's earth

Justice, then, is not what creation care leads to eventually. It is what creation care is, the insistence that God's earth belongs to God, that the vulnerable are its rightful inheritors. Justice in this context means naming who benefits and who bleeds. It means standing in solidarity with communities affected by climate crisis. These are not the margins of the story. In God's economy, they are its center. The biblical vision was never about saving souls only out of a dying world. It was about reign of God coming into this world, renewing, restoring, making right what is broken. Shalom is not tranquility, but a wholeness. The Church's calling, then, becomes not benevolence but solidarity. Not programmes, but presence. Caring for creation is obedience. Caring for creation is obedience and to tend and keep this earth is to do justice on it. That was the first mandate. In a world burning and bleeding, it remains the most urgent one.

**The Revd. Ashish John Archer**  
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**SPIRITUALITY OF ENVIRONMENTAL CARE**

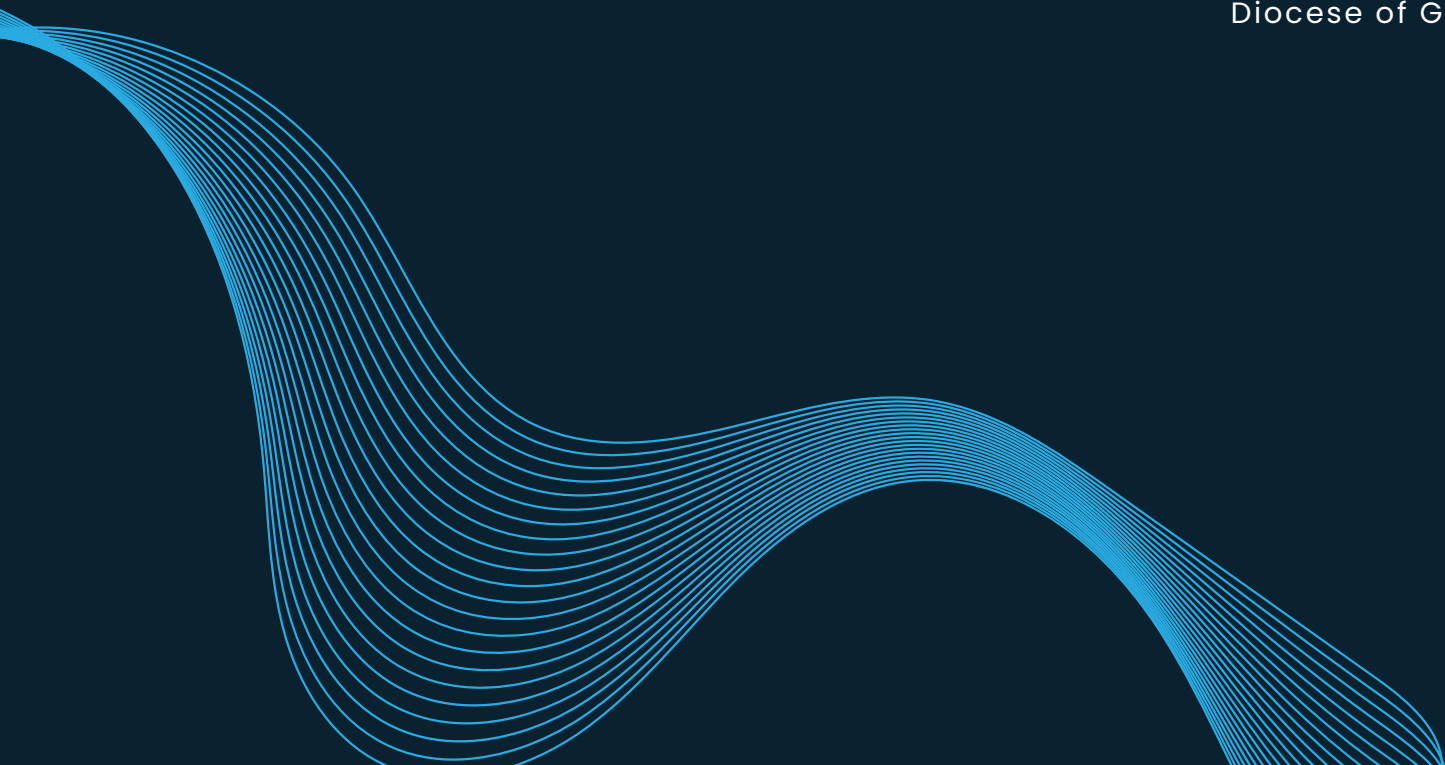
First, God's very first blessing of the creation was to a family. Genesis 1:28 reveals that God blessed Adam and Eve as a family. God has created us in a way that we love and require fellowship. One of the greatest issues faced by many in present times is the issue of loneliness. Few years back the British government appointed a minister of Loneliness!! The government's step reflects the gravity of issue. These are human efforts to solve one of the core issues of humanity. Taking clue from the Bible, let us make efforts to strengthen our families, because God has created us in a way that we need fellowship. The life is too fast, hectic and exhaustive for us all. Make extra efforts to find even a smallest excuse to have fellowship with the family.



Second, in Deuteronomy chapter 6 Moses commanded Israelites to teach their children God's decrees while they are at sitting in home, walking on road or lying down. This means to teach children values of life during daily human activities. In present day's context formal or structured education system has to larger extent become centres of merely imparting some information, which does not actually help to built value based life. Families, particularly Christian families, are to follow God's command to imbibe life values in our Children. And, let us remember, that this is not to be done just by only giving out some instructions, but by setting example through our daily life activities.

Thirdly, Joshua states in Joshua 24:15, "... But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua makes this statement in reference to his teaching to the people of Israel. He reminds them to continue to follow God remembering the great blessings he has poured on them. Joshua then states that even if they don't follow God he and his family will not deter in their relationship with God. Hard reality, but truth, that many of our families have lost the blessings of God because they have deterred from a meaningful relationship with God. International family day reminds us to have fruitful and meaningful relationship with God as it will surely bring blessings beyond our imagination.

**The Revd. Sanjay Malaviya**  
Diocese of Gujarat



## ACCESSING RIGHTS, BUILDING LIVELIHOODS

Ruday Jojo, a resident of Village Ela in Bano Block of Simdega district, Chotanagpur project area, works hard to support his family. Living in a household



To strengthen his livelihood, Uday joined a government-supported irrigation well construction scheme. The well built on his land was expected to improve farming opportunities and bring stability to his income. However, the journey was far from easy. During the construction period, he faced severe delays in receiving his wages. With no steady income and increasing financial pressure, Uday was forced to mortgage one of his fields just to manage daily expenses.

During this difficult period, Uday heard about the CNI SBSS through village level meetings and awareness campaigns being conducted in the area. He reached out to the team and shared his situation. He further participated in an MGNREGA awareness campaign organized by CNI SBSS. Through this platform, he learned about common issues related to wage delays, job cards, and payment issues. More importantly, he found a space where his concerns were heard. With the support of SBSS staff, a formal application was prepared and submitted to the Block Office, requesting the release of pending payments.

Though the wages are still awaited, continuous follow-ups are being made, ensuring that his voice is not lost in the system. Despite these ongoing struggles, Uday did not lose hope. With guidance and support from SBSS, he began rebuilding his livelihood through innovative and sustainable farming initiatives. On the same land where the well was constructed, he started horticulture activities, growing seasonal vegetables and other crops suited to the region. Alongside this, SBSS supported him in establishing a poly house by providing the necessary materials for plant nursery development. Through the poly house, he began preparing vegetable saplings and nursery plants using low-cost and sustainable practices, which supported both his own farming and nearby farmers through sale of quality saplings locally. The diversification of these livelihood activities reduced his dependence on uncertain daily wage work and strengthened his ability to manage household and medical expenses more steadily. Adopting new practices required patience, especially while dealing with financial stress and family health concerns. Yet, step by step, Uday continues to move forward. Today, Uday Jojo stands as an example of determination in the face of hardship. While challenges remain, his efforts toward building sustainable livelihood options have started to show the way forward. His journey reflects not just struggle, but the strength to adapt,



persist, and grow. "I had to go through many difficulties, but with the support and guidance I received, I have started finding new ways to move ahead," Uday shares.

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## 12TH WORKSHOP ON DISCIPLESHIP AND WITNESSING

The 12th Workshop on Discipleship and Witnessing was successfully conducted by Satyaniketan School of Theology from 26th to 30th April

respective dioceses. The workshop was designed to strengthen the biblical and theological understanding of discipleship and to



2026 at the CNI Programme Office, Nagpur. This five-day workshop brought together delegates from six Dioceses of the Church of North India. A total of 32 delegates participated in the workshop, representing the Dioceses from Chotanagpur, Cuttack, Gujarat, Patna, Rajasthan and Rayagada. The presence of participants from diverse regions enriched the learning experience and fostered meaningful fellowship and exchange of perspectives. This workshop aims to strengthen the vision and practice of discipleship and Christian witnessing within the Church. It provides an opportunity for participants to reflect on the mission of the Church, deepen their theological understanding, and share experiences from their

equip participants with practical approaches to witnessing and evangelism in today's context. Through lectures, group discussions, interactive sessions, and reflections, the delegates were encouraged to deepen their commitment to Christ and actively engage in the mission of the Church of North India. Each day of the workshop began with morning devotion at 8:00am for half an hour creating a spiritually enriching environment throughout the workshop. On the first day, the Revd. Dr. Binod Peter Senapati shared the word of God, encouraging everyone on the plan and purpose of God's calling. And then, the responsibility to conduct the morning devotion each day was given to the delegates of different dioceses.

The sessions were led by experienced resource persons who provided valuable insights and guidance. The active participation and enthusiasm of the delegates contributed greatly to the success of the program. The delegates were so blessed through learning in the major topics such as Foundation on Discipleship, Understanding Witnessing, Principles and Methods of Evangelism and Practicing and Living the Mission. The subjects were taught by The Revd. Ganesh Barve, The Revd. Dr. Binod Peter Senapati, The Revd. Dr. D. J. Ajith Kumar and Mrs. Christy Nadar.

On the last day of the workshop, Valedictory service was conducted along with Holy Communion service, conducted by Bishop Sharad Gaikward, the Director of CNI Programme office alongside the Revd. Dr. Binod Peter Senapati, Principal, Satyaniketan School of Theology. Dr. Pramod, W, Ramteke, a distinguished Scientist and Former Research Director, Dean, PG Studies of, SHUATS had given the Valedictory message.



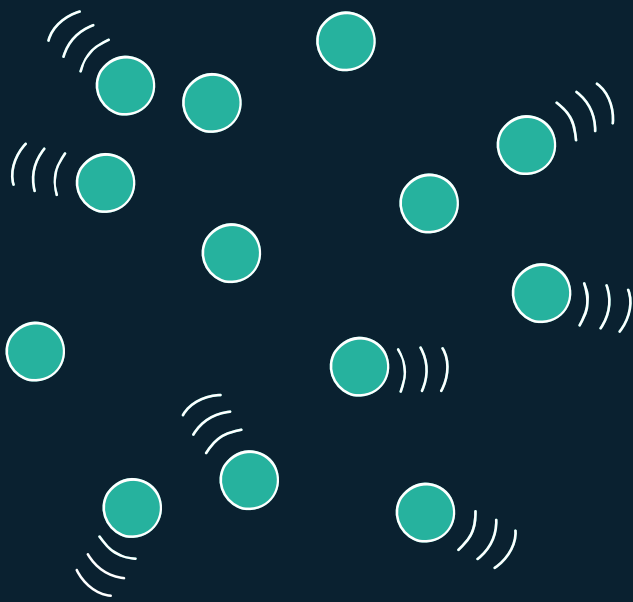
## 12TH WORKSHOP ON DISCIPLESHIP AND WITNESSING

The workshop concluded on 30th April 2026 with a closing session marked by thanksgiving, reflections, and a renewed commitment to ministry. Participants expressed their appreciation for the opportunity to

learn, share, and grow together. We humbly thank God Almighty for His guidance, grace, and blessings upon this workshop. We also extend our sincere gratitude to all the organizers, resource persons, and participants whose collective efforts made this event a meaningful and successful endeavor.



**The Revd. Dr. Binod Peter Senapati**  
Principal,  
Satyaniketan School of Theology, Nagpur



# REPORT ON THE 13TH WORKSHOP ON DISCIPLESHIP AND WITNESSING

The Satyaniketan School of Theology successfully conducted the 13th Workshop on Discipleship and Witnessing from 25th to 29th May 2026 at the CNI Programme Office, Nagpur. The workshop brought together around 20 delegates from the Dioceses of Chhattisgarh, Jabalpur, and Sambalpur for a meaningful time of learning, reflection, fellowship, and spiritual enrichment.



The workshop focused on strengthening the understanding and practice of Christian witnessing and discipleship in the contemporary Indian context. The resource persons for the workshop were The Revd. Paranjyothy Sandela,

The Revd. Anthony Amair, and The Revd. Dr. Binod Peter Senapati. They shared insightful lectures and interactive sessions on various important themes related to evangelism and Christian witness. The sessions covered topics such as the foundation, need, and understanding of witnessing; the meaning and necessity of witnessing in the Indian context; and different types and approaches of evangelism. The teachers encouraged the participants to understand witnessing not merely as a programme of the Church, but as an essential calling of every Christian believer. Special emphasis was given to contextual and relationship-based evangelism relevant to the social and cultural realities of India.



The participants actively engaged in discussions, group activities, and practical reflections during the workshop. The gathering also provided an opportunity for mutual sharing of experiences from different dioceses and strengthened the commitment of the delegates toward the mission and ministry of the Church. The participants also engaged for sightseeing to All Saints Cathedral, Deekshabhomi and Maharaja Park Zoo as part of their exposure. The workshop was concluded with Valedictory service and Mr. Angelious Michael, Director, India Peace Centre, Nagpur was invited and shared God's Word. Also Dr. Pramod W. Ramteke, former Research Director and Dean PG Studies, SHUATS, Allahabad was invited and gave a word of greeting to the delegates. As a result, completion of the workshop the delegates were given certificates. Sincere gratitude to the Office Bearers of the CNI Synod for their constant support, encouragement, and vision in making such programmes possible at the Synod level. Their guidance and commitment continue to inspire theological education and mission-oriented training within the Church of North India. The workshop concluded with a renewed commitment among the participants to become faithful disciples and effective witnesses of Christ in their respective dioceses and communities



**The Revd. Dr. Binod Peter Senapati**

Principal,  
Satyaniketan School of Theology, Nagpur

## GROWING TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST: SPIRITUAL CONVENTIONS AT BATALA AND AMRITSAR



The last week of March 2026 was a blessed time for the churches in the Majha area. On March 26, the convention was held at Epiphany Church, Batala, and on March 27, the gathering continued at Christ Church Cathedral, Amritsar. Though held in two different churches, both conventions were united by one meaningful theme: "Growing in Christ."

The Rt. Revd. Manoj Charan, Bishop of the Diocese of Amritsar, Church of North India, was the Speaker at both conventions. Through the Word of God, he reminded the congregations that true Christian growth comes from remaining rooted in Jesus Christ. Growth in faith is not only seen in big events, but also in daily prayer, obedience, love, and faithful living.

At Epiphany Church, Batala, the choir led the congregation in worship through beautiful hymns and songs of praise. Rev. Sohan Lal, Presbyter-in Charge, along with the Pastorate Committee and youth fellowship, warmly welcomed everyone and helped make the convention spiritually enriching and meaningful. The next day, Christ Church Cathedral, Amritsar, was filled with believers gathered together in worship and fellowship. The Cathedral choir led the congregation in worship, and a special choir from Bhindi Saidan Church, led by Rev. Nathaniel Masih, also participated in the convention.

Their presence reflected the unity and fellowship of the Body of Christ. In his sermon, Bishop. Manoj Charan spoke on the image of the Vine and the branches from the Gospel of John. He reminded the people that just as branches cannot bear fruit apart from the vine, Christians cannot grow spiritually without remaining connected to Christ. He encouraged the congregation to stay strong in faith, continue in prayer, and trust God in every season of life. Both conventions became a time of spiritual renewal, encouragement, and unity. Young and old worshipped together, choirs sang joyfully, and believers from different places gathered as one family in Christ. Though the conventions have ended, the message continues in the hearts of God's people. Growing in Christ is not only for special gatherings; it is a daily journey of faith, love, prayer, and service. For two blessed days in March, the churches of Batala and Amritsar came together to worship, grow, and rejoice in the goodness of God. May the Lord continue to strengthen His Church and help His people grow faithfully in Him.

## CHRISTIAN BOOKSHOP DEDICATED FOR MINISTRY AND SPIRITUAL GROWTH



**"Faith opens doors to great blessings and new beginnings."**

The Diocese of Amritsar, Church of North India, in collaboration with the Indian Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge (ISPCK), inaugurated a new Christian bookshop on Sunday, May 3, 2026, at Court Road, outside the historic Mission Compound, Amritsar. The bookshop was dedicated by The Rt. Rev. Manoj Charan, Bishop of the Diocese of Amritsar, CNI, with prayer and the reading of Holy Scripture. In his address, the Bishop highlighted the importance of Christian literature in strengthening faith, promoting biblical understanding, and supporting the spiritual growth of the Church. This initiative is a joint effort of the Diocese of Amritsar and ISPCK to make Christian books and resources easily available to clergy, theological students, Sunday school teachers, youth, and Christian families across Punjab. The bookshop aims to serve as a center for Christian learning, faith formation, and spiritual encouragement.

The shop includes a wide range of Christian literature such as Bibles, devotionals, theological books, commentaries, hymnals, Sunday school materials, children's books, and resources for ministry and worship. ISPCK, one of the oldest Christian publishing organizations in India, has been serving the Church for over two centuries by publishing and distributing Christian literature in different languages and contexts. Through this partnership, the Diocese of Amritsar seeks to strengthen Christian education and encourage the reading of Scripture and faith-based literature among people of all age groups.



The inauguration was attended by clergy, diocesan leaders, ISPCK representatives, and members from different churches of the Diocese. Among those present were Rev. Markus Masih, Bishop's Chaplain; Rev. Vinay Sunny, Presbyter-in Charge of St. Paul's Church; Mr. Samuel Bhatti, Diocesan Treasurer; Mr. Rahul Rex Kaul, Diocesan Secretary; and Mr. Om Prakash, Finance Officer. Representing ISPCK were Mr. Sandeep Chaudhary, General Secretary, and Mr. Alwan Masih, former General Secretary of the CNI Synod and Member of the ISPCK Board. The Diocese and ISPCK hope that this new initiative will become a blessing for churches and communities in the region. Plans are also being made to organize Bible study gatherings, book exhibitions, youth reading programs, and other activities that will encourage Christian learning and fellowship. The Christian bookshop is now open to all and welcomes pastors, students, families, and readers who wish to grow deeper in faith and knowledge through Christian literature.

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## ORDINATION IN THE DIOCESE OF CALCUTTA (CNI)



On 24th May, 2026, Dr. James Wesley S, Member of St. Saviour's Church (Tamil Congregation) and Associate Professor of Bishop's College, Kolkata was ordained as a Deacon in the Supplementary of the Diocese of Calcutta (CNI) by the Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Moderator, Church of North India and Bishop of Calcutta in the Ordination ceremony held at St. Paul's Cathedral. Clergy of the Diocese, Members of St. Saviour's Church (Tamil Congregation), members from Bishop's College community were present. The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning conducted the Ordination and ministered to the Ordinand, saying "God has chosen, ordained and anointed you as a Deacon. You now have the authority from God to do His will. He will guide you and not leave you. You are going to be a blessing to the Church". After the Ordination, all present met in a time for refreshment and fellowship at the Parish Hall.

**Charles William Ringrow**  
Programme Coordinator  
Diocese of Calcutta



## ST. THOMAS' GIRLS SCHOOL, KIDDERPORE - PREFECTS' INVESTITURE



On 7th May 2026, the Prefects' Investiture Ceremony of St. Thomas' Girls' School was held at St. Stephen's Church. The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning, Moderator of the Church of North India, Bishop of Calcutta, and Chairman of the St. Thomas' Schools, presided over the programme. The ceremony marked the formal induction of the newly elected Prefects of the Junior and Senior Departments. Mrs. R.S. Elias, Principal, welcomed the gathering and reflected upon the profound significance of the occasion in the life of the school. In the opening section of the programme Mrs. Elias felicitated The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning; Mr. Biswas, Acting Secretary and Principal of St. Thomas' Boys' School, along with Clergy and Members of the Board of Governors. The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning solemnly blessed the Prefects' badges, invoking God's guidance upon the newly elected prefects as they prepared to undertake their responsibilities. The ceremony of the Lighting of the Lamp followed. Thereafter, the Prefects of the four Houses of both the Junior and Senior Departments took their oath of office and were formally invested with their badges. The Most Revd. Dr. Paritosh Canning shared an inspiring message. He reminded the newly invested prefects that positions of responsibility are not merely conferred by teachers or the administration, but are responsibilities entrusted by God Himself. Encouraging them to keep God as the centre and compass of their journey, he exhorted them to discharge their duties with humility, integrity, and grace, carrying forward the values and legacy of the institution with honour and steadfastness. The school choir presented hymns that were appreciated by all. Mrs. M. D'Rosario, Vice Principal, proposed the vote of thanks. The ceremony concluded with the School Song, followed by the National Anthem.

### **Mrs. R. S. Elias Lady Principal**

St. Thomas' Girls School,  
Kidderpore

## DIOCESE OF DELHI'S WORKSHOP ON SERVANT LEADERSHIP

“The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve” (Mark 10:45).

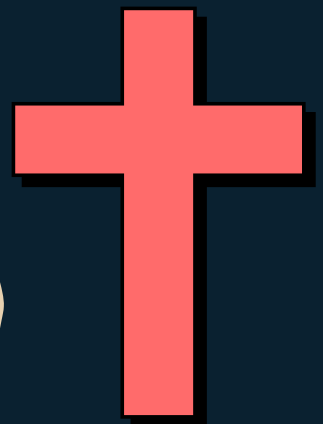
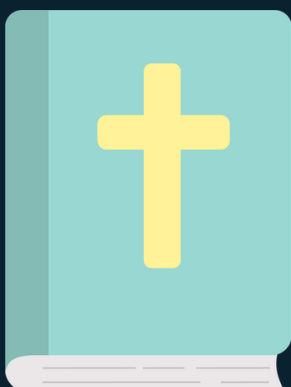
The Workshop on Servant Leadership was organized by the Diocese of Delhi. The Church of Ascension, Karnal hosted the workshop on Servant Leadership. Around 65 participants participated in the workshop. The Word of God defines the purpose of the coming of Son of Man. The works of Jesus were highlighted as it also served as a reminder about what the Bible teaches us about true leadership being rooted in humility, service, and sacrifice—leaders are called to serve rather than dominate, following the example of Jesus Christ. The topic is very relevant in our present day also; worldly leadership follows a completely different model by comparison.



Servant leadership challenges the worldly notions of power as it emphasizes leading with humility, empathy and sacrificial love following the example set by Jesus Christ. His style is rooted in prioritizing the needs of others, fostering growth and glorifying God rather than seeking personal power. Besides, the examples in the New Testament there are also Moses, David and others from whom we can learn a lot about servant leadership. The participants thoroughly enjoyed the workshop and went away with excellent take aways that can be exercised in their day to day life to glorify the kingdom of God.



**Sunil Sannoo**  
Diocese of Delhi



## DWFCS ZONAL PROGRAM 2026 SUCCESSFULLY ORGANISED ACROSS THE DIOCESE OF DURGAPUR

The Diocese of Durgapur Women's Fellowship for Christian Service (DWFCS) prayerfully organised its Zonal Programs across the Diocese during month of May 2026. The programs were organized by the DWFCS leadership in collaboration with the respective churches and pastorates, making the gatherings



spiritually enriching and meaningful. The zonal programs were hosted at St. Michael's Church, Durgapur; St. Paul's Church, Asansol; All Saints' Church, Kharagpur; Ascension Church, Purulia; Resurrection Church, Koreng; Balurghat Pastorate; Kochpara Pastorate; and Barikul Pastorate. Women from various pastorate actively participated in worship, fellowship, discussions, and teaching sessions. Representatives

from other Christian denominations were also invited and present in some pastorates. The gatherings were led and enriched by various speakers and resource persons. Sessions focused on spiritual growth, Christian family life, health awareness, stewardship, practical



skills, worship, and fellowship. These zonal gatherings strengthened unity, fellowship, and spiritual growth among women across the Diocese. The Diocese expressed heartfelt gratitude to all speakers, organizers, host churches, participants, and representatives from various denominations whose support contributed to the success of the programs.



## 35TH CAPPING AND OATH TAKING CEREMONY OF 1ST YEAR GNM STUDENTS

The Nursing Training School of Kristiya Seva Niketan, Sarenga, under the Diocese of Durgapur, celebrated its 35th Capping and Oath Taking Ceremony with joy. The occasion was graced by the Chief Guest, His Grace the Rt. Revd. Sameer Issac Khimla, Bishop of the Diocese of Durgapur, along with the office bearers of the Diocese of Durgapur and the Presbyters of the Sarenga Pastorate. On this auspicious occasion, 15 firstyear nursing students were ceremonially capped and solemnly took the professional Florence Nightingale Oath, marking their formal entry into the noble of nursing profession. The Annual Report of the Nursing Training School was presented by the Principal, Mrs. Baisakhi Mukherjee, highlighting the achievements and activities of the institution during the year. Awards, honours, and prizes were distributed to deserving students in recognition of their academic excellence, discipline, and professional skills. A special award titled "The Essence of Nursing – Sister Aloka Bhakat Award," instituted by the Nursing Training School was presented to the student for demonstrating outstanding nursing skills, compassionate care and all-round active participation in learning. The Cock House Trophy was proudly bagged by the Red



House. The ceremony was conducted with solemnity and grace. In his address, the Chief Guest emphasized the deep significance of the lamp, light, and cap as enduring symbols of dedication, service, compassion, and commitment in the nursing profession. The programme concluded with a vibrant cultural evening followed by a fellowship dinner.

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## BREAKING BARRIERS, BUILDING FUTURES: THE INCLUSIVE VISION OF CHRIST CHURCH COLLEGE

Reflecting upon the journey of Christ Church College, the establishment of our Special Section for the Visually Impaired in 2014, followed by a dedicated section for Slow Learners in 2017, stands as a defining milestone for our institution's soul. This landmark initiative was born out of a profound necessity to bring hope to families in deep despair and to fulfill a vital mission: providing true inclusive education. Our core philosophy is that no child is inherently "able" or "disabled"—it is the environment that creates barriers and labels them. To break these barriers, the administration provided complete guidance and full support to this department, actively integrating the latest assistive technology to create an



environment accessible to all. Our vision was complete mainstreaming; from Class 3 onwards, our visually impaired students were transitioned into regular classrooms. The results have been awe-inspiring, with our special children consistently excelling in academics, cultural activities, and co-curricular fields, and several mainstreamed students becoming top rank-holders. A monumental testament to this collective effort is Sarah Moin, a deaf-blind student who faced unimaginable challenges. Through individualized classes, dedicated training in assistive technology, and an unyielding belief in her potential, Sarah stunned the nation. She secured an incredible 95% in her Class X board exams and a phenomenal 98.75% in her Class XII boards. Today, while Sarah's triumph has received nationwide recognition and brought immense appreciation to our school, it remains the beautiful result of our staff's collective dedication to empowering ability through accessibility. Christ Church College remains deeply committed to fostering a positive, supportive environment where every single child feels valued, respected, and profoundly included.

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