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# **LEADING EDGE**



#### National Ministry Report

Dear friends and 'Torchbearers for the Kingdom', Greetings once again from all of us at Haggai Institute India in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!

We have just crossed over into another new year 2025. What an eventful, exhilarating and action-packed year, 2024 turned out to be! While the journey did have unexpected bumps and rough edges to deal with, we can't but begin the year 2025 with a heart full of thanks and praise to our sovereign Lord. Looking back, greater things have been accomplished through the ministry than we would have dared to dream at the beginning of the year, because of our Lord's faithfulness.

It is indeed a testament to the fact that when we seek and act in according to the will of God, we are able to fulfil the ministry purpose. The key to this outcome though, is our readiness to align our plans to His guidance and directions. While things are easy when His will and our plans align perfectly, it is a lot harder when our best laid out plans appear to be incongruent to His will. As we have come to find out from a practical sense, it is under trying circumstances that obedience to God's will, one of the most substantive and significant Christian leader's traits, can be developed! The same holds true for all other Christian virtues too. The term 'refiner's fire' as mentioned in Mal 3:2 and imputed in Rom 8:28 come to life when faced with headwinds of various dimensions and proportions.



## Coming Up

NATIONAL LEADERSHIP SEMINARS
FACULTY INITIATION SEMINARS
ANCHOR PERSON TRAINING
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## Our Latest Project

## ENHANCING QUALITY OF FACILITATION

We recognize that facilitation is the mainstay of our equipping ministry and therefore, 'Enhancing Quality of Facilitation' is a key component of the five major objectives that we have identified as critical for our mission. We are immensely thankful to our Lord for enabling us carry out the Subject Consultations followed by the Faculty Consultations during early Oct 2024.

A planned enrichment and enhancement of the Haggai subject content and curriculum was found necessary, considering that the earlier effort was almost a decade back. The world has since moved on, shaped by socio economic imperatives, digital advancements and post covid compulsions.

The output of this effort, accomplished with our valued facilitators, was the designing of the 'Learning Plans' for the 12 topics and are intended to be well-defined, session-wise roadmaps that provide the outlines and structure for facilitation.

To roll out the 'Learning Plans' and also to encourage a collective consolidated strategic approach towards contemporary facilitation, a Mega Faculty Consultations and Retreat was held on the 5th and the 6th of Oct 2024 in Hyderabad. Around 165 facilitators from all over the country attended. It was a collective time of meaningful and purposeful engagement.

Going forward, it was resolved that all the facilitators would adopt the new learning plans and revise their lesson plans before facilitation.



#### Partnerships with Churches and Organizations

Pursuant to our strategic intent of equipping as many leaders as we can, we are continuing our path of forging partnerships with institutions and organizations across the country. Significant among them during the last quarter are the building of relationships with the AG Church in Telangana, CSI in the South and a few other non-denominational churches and organizations.

## Asia Pacific Haggai Leaders' Summit 2024 (APHLS 2024)

The Summit was held in Medan, Indonesia between the 7th and the 10th of Nov 2024. It was a great time of celebration of what God is doing in our regions and countries, sharing best practices, drawing inspiration from experiences of our alumni in other parts of the world despite challenging circumstances, many of which are far worse than that which exists in our own contexts. Clearly, the interactions were a wakeup call for the significant number of delegates from our country. We are all accountable to make use of the time we have at hand for building and expansion of our Lord's Kingdom within our communities.



TOGETHER WE CAN END GOSPEL POVERTY!





## **Equipping through National Seminars**

IMPACT WITH VISION 2030

We are pleased to report that, over the past nine months from Apr 2024, 52 national seminars were held across the country, equipping 1516 leaders to date. This is close to our target run rate for equipping Christian leaders during the decade and we thank God for enabling us reach out to a huge cross section of people from all walks of life. Alongside, we have been conducting promotional seminars of varying durations based on specific requests from organizations and churches.

We have tracked about 15 of these promotional seminars with about 546 participants attending. These are important engagements as we also focus on outreach opportunities to the communities around us.

Our heartfelt thanks to our dedicated and committed regional and office staff, alumni associations, facilitators and organizers for making these outreaches possible.

### A THOUGHT!

Here is a thought that I would like to leave us with as we enter another new year – are we prioritizing reaching out to our communities with the message of the gospel of Jesus Christ with a sense of urgency over building our own personal little kingdoms while the world around us is reeling under an existential crisis?

With prayers and wishes to each of you and your families for a bright, purposeful and blessed year ahead!

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