

We pray for the affiliated MU members in **Nandyal, South India**.

India has a population of 1.4 billion and there are 1.9 million affiliated MU members.

Nandyal is about 900 miles from Delhi. It is surrounded by hills with the Kundu River on its west, the dense forests of Nallamala Hills to the east, and granite mines to the south. It is a large town with a population in the region of 270,000.

Nandyal is a thriving centre for trade and commerce due to significant water resources and it is a major hub of industry and agriculture. It is also rich in natural resources like marble. There are many rice mills and oil mills and industries which produce milk, soft drinks, sugar and PVC pipes.

Members in Nandyal are affiliated members through the South India Women's Fellowship.

Many significant challenges exist in this zone and it has been agreed that efforts should be concentrated on 4 main areas –

Education for children – many children drop out of school due to lack of finances. With a good education children have better access to jobs.

Women's livelihoods - men are very often the sole breadwinners in rural villages and the sad consequences can be that they dominate the women and the father neglects the needs of his children. If women are trained in an income giving skill they will give the necessary priority to their family.

Gender based violence - many survivors suffer in silence because of the social stigma and lack of shelters.

Climate change - Mothers' Union wants to educate its members in how to be a good example to the younger generation in caring for creation.

Loving Lord, we thank you for all the good work being carried out by these women and pray for the success of the four initiatives.

Amen