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RIMS observes Yoga Day



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Regional Institute of Medical Sciences, (RIMS) Imphal observed International Day of Yoga today i.e. 21st June, 2018 at Jubilee Hall, RIMS, Imphal. The event was attended by Prof. Ch. Arunkumar Singh, Medical Superintendent, RIMS Hospital, Imphal, faculty members, officials and staff of

the institute that included an overview of the benefits of yoga and demonstration of its importance. The programme was properly arranged to spread awareness of yoga in all aspects, both for the uninitiated as well as the practitioners. Overall, the event was well received and served to highlight the importance of yoga, as a part of a healthy all round regimen.

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Yoga powerful unifying force in strife-torn world: -PM Modi

Agency, New Delhi, June 21,

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today performed **Yoga** with over 50,000 enthusiasts at the Forest Research Institute campus here, saying the ancient Indian discipline has emerged as the most powerful unifying force in a strife-torn world.

Addressing the large gathering in the backdrop of the iconic British-era building of FRI, Modi said yoga has shown the world the way from "illness to wellness" and enriching lives across the globe.

He said in fact yoga has become the biggest mass movement across the globe in the quest for good health and wellbeing, which is crucial to the creation of a peaceful world.

"Dehradun to Dublin, Shanghai to Chicago, Jakarta to Johannesburg, Himalayan highlands or suburnt deserts. Yoga is enriching millions of lives all over the world.

"Yoga fosters amity in societies which can form the basis of national unity," the prime minister said.

He said the proposal for the Yoga Day at the UN was accepted in record time with a majority of nations supporting it.

Today people all over the world have come to look upon yoga as something which belongs to them, Modi said.

He also asked people to learn to honour their own legacy and heritage if they wanted the rest of the world to respect them.

"If we don't take pride in our own legacy and heritage no one else will. We should not hesitate in honouring the gems of our own heritage.

He said the way to lead a calm, creative and content life was Yoga.

"In Yoga, we have the perfect solution to the problems we face, either as individuals or in our society," the prime minister said.

"Instead of dividing, yoga unites. Instead of further animosity, yoga assimilates. Instead of increasing suffering, yoga heals," he said.

Modi said yoga presents a ray of hope for future of the world. "Yoga is beautiful because it is ancient yet modern, it is constant yet evolving," he said.

"India's legacy of which yoga is a significant part is unique and rich. We must take pride in it," the prime minister said, adding that it has the power to promote universal

brotherhood as it unites and assimilates instead of dividing. "From Tokyo to Toronto from Stockholm to Sao Paulo yoga has become a positive influence in the lives of millions," Modi said.

He asked people to embrace yoga not just for a healthy but happy and peaceful life.

The growing popularity of yoga across the globe has brought India closer to the world and this position is going to get strengthened in times to come, he said.

The prime minister had arrived here last night to participate in



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the main event on the International Yoga Day.

Elaborate security arrangements were made and nearly 3,000 security personnel deployed in and around the venue.

Modi arrived at the FRI at around 6.30 am and addressed the people before performing asanas with them.

The prime minister had earlier participated in yoga celebrations at Rajpath in New Delhi in 2015, the Capitol Complex in Chandigarh in 2016, and the Ramabai Ambedkar Sabha Sthal in Lucknow in 2017.

Yesterday, while greeting yoga enthusiasts across the world, the prime minister had said that this exercise is one of the most precious gifts given by the ancient Indian sages to humankind.

"Yoga is not just a set of exercises that keeps the body fit. It is a passport to health assurance, a key to fitness and wellness. Nor is Yoga only what you practice in the morning. Doing your day-to-day activities with diligence and complete awareness is a form of Yoga as well," a statement quoting Modi had said.



History will never forgive BJP for its greed in Kashmir: Sena

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In a vitriolic attack on the BJP, the Shiv Sena today charged that the saffron party opted out of power in Jammu and Kashmir after spreading anarchy, and said history will never forgive the party for its "greed".

When the BJP failed to check terrorism and violence in the northern state it pinned blame on the People's Democratic Party (PDP), the Sena said comparing the move to the way Britishers "decamped" from India.

It also lashed out at Prime Minister Narendra Modi, saying "running a nation is not a child's play."

Jammu and Kashmir was yesterday placed under Governor's rule for the fourth time in the last one decade after the BJP withdrew support to its alliance partner PDP,

prompting Mehbooba Mufti to resign as the chief minister.

"The BJP opted out of power in Kashmir after spreading anarchy in the valley," the Sena alleged in an editorial in party mouthpiece 'Saamana'.

"The situation had never deteriorated to this extent there, rivers of blood had never flown so extensively and never had so many jawans lost their lives before," said the BJP's ally at the Centre and in Maharashtra. All this happened during the BJP's rule in the valley. However, PDP leader Mehbooba Mufti was blamed and the saffron party opted out of power like a gentleman, it quipped.

"The government in Kashmir was formed due to greed (of the BJP). The country, jawans and people of Kashmir had to pay a heavy price for this greediness. Thus, history will never forgive the BJP for this," the Marathi

publication said. It said Prime Minister Modi and his party were voted to power at the Centre after he promised a solution to end terrorism in Kashmir.

"But people today feel the (previous) Congress-National Conference (coalition) government in Kashmir was better. Today Kashmiris are attacking the Army, terrorists are attacking Army posts. Jawans are being martyred everyday and innocent people are losing their lives," the Sena rued.

The defence minister offers condolences to families of martyrs on tweets, it said in remarks laced with sarcasm. Ruling a nation is not a child's play, it added.

Taking a dig at the prime minister's frequent foreign tours, it said while Modi travels around the world, the United Nations in its report

on Kashmir blamed the government for violation of human rights on people.

The Uddhav Thackeray-led party also sought to know what happened to assurances of 'ghar wapsi' (homecoming) of Kashmiri Pandits and striking down Article 370 of the Constitution.

"Terrorism has increased by a thousand times after demonetisation. Intrusions by Pakistanis have increased. Deaths of soldiers have increased despite there being no war. When you failed to stop all this, you pinned the blame on the PDP. Britishers too decamped in the same manner," it charged.

The PDP-BJP government in the northern state collapsed on Tuesday ending the saffron outfit's three-year-old alliance with the regional party.

Lucknow passport officer who insulted interfaith couple transferred

Agency New Delhi, June 21,

A passport office official in Lucknow who insulted an interfaith couple + was today transferred to another location, reported Times Now.

The ministry of external affairs has also sought a report from the Lucknow office about the unsavoury episode from yesterday that involved the official, Vikas Mishra, asking a Muslim to convert to Hinduism if he wanted his passport renewed. A show cause notice has also been issued to Mishra. In addition, the couple's passport renewals - that were being stalled - have been approved as of today, reported

ANI news agency.

"We regret the incident and will ensure it is not repeated," said Lucknow's regional passport officer, said ANI. The incident came to light when Lucknow woman Tanvi Seth tweeted to external affairs minister Sushma Swaraj about the mistreatment she and her husband Anas Siddiqui faced from the official, Mishra, at the Passport Sewa Kendra at Lucknow's Ratan Square.

"When I reached counter C5, the official, Vikas Mishra, told me there was an issue with my file since I had married a Muslim, and yet retained my maiden name. He shouted at me and insulted me in front of everyone and sent me to the

office of an additional passport officer, who was sympathetic to me and asked me to reach the main branch in Gomti Nagar on Thursday," said Tanvi, who has a six-year-old daughter with Anas, to TOI.

Tanvi said all her documents were in order but her file was still stalled. The official also called out Anas's name in front of everyone and insulted him, too.

"He told Anas to convert to Hinduism for his passport to be renewed. This is a case of moral policing and religious prejudice. I was made to feel insulted; I broke down," said Tanvi in a tweet addressed to Swaraj. In a five-part tweet to the

minister, and also in an email to her, Tanvi also said that she was also asked to "change her name as is the duty of all girls after marriage". In addition, her husband Anas was asked to "convert to Hinduism and take pheras" if he wanted his passport renewed, she alleged.

"I tweet this with immense faith in justice and in you and ironically with a lot of anger/hurt and agony in my heart because of the way I was treated at the Lucknow passport office at Ratan Square by Mr Vikas Mishra the reason because I married a Muslim and not changed my name ever," said Tanvi in her tweet.