

Preparations in full swing to celebrate International Yoga Day tomorrow

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Preparations are in full swing to celebrate International Yoga Day tomorrow. Ranchi has been chosen to organise the main event which will be led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Over 30 thousand people are expected to participate in the main event which will be attended by several state dignitaries, besides the Yoga Organisations and Yoga Gurus. On 11 December 2014, the United Nations had proclaimed 21 June as the International Day of Yoga after recognising its universal appeal.

National capital is also gearing up to celebrate International Day of Yoga tomorrow. Talking to AIR News, Chairman of New Delhi Municipal Council Naresh Kumar said, the main event in the city will be organised at Rajpath.

Registrar of Delhi Medical Council and president of Delhi Medical Association Dr Girish Tyagi said, Yoga has an important role in disease control.

Prem Bhatia of Vishwa Bharti Yoga Sansthan, an NGO said, apart from conducting yoga programmes on International Day of Yoga they will felicitate Yoga teachers and Yoga Students.

In Jharkhand, preparations are almost over at the Prabhat Tara ground of Ranchi where Prime Minister Narendra Modi will perform Yoga along with 28 thousand people at the main event of International Yoga day. AIR correspondent reports that the main venue has an area of about seven lakh square feet, which has been divided into 47 blocks. Special attention has been given to the convenience of the participants and overall security. Khadi yoga mats will

be used in place of the usual rubber yoga mats this year over environmental concerns. The theme of this year's event is "Yoga for Heart." In Andaman Nicobar Islands, the administration in collaboration with other stake holders is organizing a series of programmes to celebrate International Yoga day. Vice Admiral Bimal Verma, AVSM, ADC, Commander-in-Chief, Andaman and Nicobar Command along with senior officers, personnel and families of the Indian Army, Navy, Air Force and Coast Guard will participate in the Yoga day event.

In Madhya Pradesh, the AYUSH Department is organizing 'yoga near to your home' program on the occasion of International Yoga Day. Similarly, yoga programs have also been organized in various places of the state including the Raj Bhavan. The yoga in the Raj Bhavan will begin at 6 a.m. It will include more than a thousand people including students and staff of Barkatullah University, Women and Child Development Department, dignitaries and residents of Raj Bhavan campus. Meanwhile, the AYUSH department has invited Yoga-trained civilians to join Yoga as volunteers in the program means 'Yoga near to your Home.' The citizens of the state can also participate in yoga program organized by the AYUSH department at nearest hospital, college and other places.

In Himachal Pradesh preparations for International Yoga day are on in full swing. The state level function will be held at the Historic ridge maidan in Shimla tomorrow. AIR correspondent reports that yoga rehearsals are being

conducted in various institutions including schools and colleges across the state to make the International Yoga day a successful event. Governor Acharya Devvrat and Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur along with other dignitaries will also participate at state level function scheduled to be held at ridge maidan in Shimla at 6: am. On this occasion yoga demonstration by divyanga children will be the main attraction. A large number of local people, students including tourists are likely to perform yoga asans on this occasion.

In Uttar Pradesh, the state government is making all efforts to promote Yoga. The people are also showing great interest in preparations for the 5th International Yoga day. State Ayush Minister Dharm Singh Saini told AIR that to connect yoga with employment state government has established 100 wellness centers and has given jobs to the yoga teachers and their assistants. He also told that 50 bed hospitals have been opened in many districts of state and many more are in process of opening. AYUSH University is also going to start very soon in state.

Meanwhile Youngsters especially students promoted YOGA in a unique manner in Prayagraj yesterday by performing flash dance in shopping malls. Thousands of ITBP personnel are also gearing up to perform Yoga tomorrow on the banks of Ramganga River in Bareilly district. At many places prisoners in district jails and Divyanga are very enthusiastic to learn yoga and they are participating in practice sessions in large numbers. Under the Yoga

fortnight marathon race was organised in Deen Dayal Upadhyay Nagar.

In Ladakh division of Jammu and Kashmir, all arrangements have been put in place at both defence establishments and civilian areas to celebrate the 5th International Yoga day. AIR correspondent reports that elaborate arrangements have been made by the defence establishment to celebrate the International Yoga Day at the Siachen Base camp. Yoga instructor Phunchok Ladakhi will train over 200 soldiers about Yoga during the session.

Indo Tibetan Border Police is organising yoga session for its jawans on the banks of the Indus River at Shey village in Leh town. Mahabodhi International Meditation Centre at Leh in its campus has planned a session for Yoga enthusiasts coming from different parts of the country.

In Tamil Nadu, several special yoga sessions are being held at many places in Chennai in view of the fifth International Day of Yoga tomorrow. Private bodies complement the efforts of public sector units in conducting mass yoga sessions. AIR correspondent reports that mass sessions are being organized in public places like parks and educational institutions to popularize yoga. The Chennai Metro Rail Corporation is conducting yoga sessions in the mornings and evenings in its different station premises since yesterday that would be continued till Sunday, with special sessions on Friday. The National Institute of Siddha, a central AYUSH institute in Chennai, has organized a marathon yoga practice on Friday. The yoga enthusiasm is catching up with the public on a massive scale.

Sport News

ICC Cricket World Cup: Australia to take on Bangladesh today

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In the ICC Cricket World Cup, defending champions Australia will take on Bangladesh at Nottingham today. The match will start at 3 PM (Indian Standard Time). Scattered thunderstorms have been forecast throughout the day. There is 62 per cent chance of rain, with the major part

expected to see overcast conditions. All India Radio will broadcast live commentary on the game. It can be heard on DTH (Hindi) and additional frequencies from 2:30 PM. Australia are currently third in the 10-team points table with eight points, while Bangladesh are fifth with five points. The table is led by New Zealand who have nine points in their kitty. Hosts England also have

eight points as Australia but they are second due to a superior net run rate. Team India is fourth, a place below the Aussies, but they have played a game less than the top-three. India have played four matches, so far, of which they have won three while one game was washed out. India will play Afghanistan in their next game on Saturday at Southampton.

Yuvraj Singh predicted Rishabh Pant's future a week before his World Cup selection, will it come true?

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A few hours after announcing his retirement and a day before Rishabh Pant was sent to England as Shikhar Dhawan's cover, Yuvraj Singh had named Pant as his successor in the Indian limited overs side. As fate would have it, Pant finally became a part of India's World Cup squad after being named as an official replacement of Dhawan on Wednesday.

Dhawan, who was in a race against time to regain fitness for the latter half of the World Cup, was ruled out of the tournament after medical reports confirmed a fracture on his left thumb. Despite keeping their hopes pinned on Dhawan, India were somewhat prepared for the inevitable and hence Pant was asked to fly to England as a cover hours after the seriousness of Dhawan's injury came to fore on June 11. It would be an over exaggeration to say that Yuvraj had predicted Pant's inclusion in India's World Cup squad but the recently retired left-hander did give a clear insight about Pant's future in India colours.

"Rishabh Pant has the potential to be better than me. And he has proven himself in a short span of time," Yuvraj had said moments after announcing his retirement on June 10. "He scored two test hundreds away - in Australia and England. He has a lot of potential. He has it in him to be a very attacking and match winning left hander. I am really looking forward to seeing him in the next few years," said Yuvraj. The next day, Yuvraj went a step ahead by stating that he will make sure that Pant achieves more than him by keeping an eye on the youngster. "I will make sure that you achieve more than me, and I'll be keeping a check on you," Yuvraj tweeted. Hours later, Pant was given an SOS call to fly to England and on Wednesday he was officially drafted into the Indian side. Notably, Yuvraj was the Man of the tournament in India's World Cup triumph in 2011, playing a crucial role with both bat and ball. Pant too has been named in the squad for that No. 4 spot, which Yuvraj had made his own for a long period of time, particularly in 2011 World Cup.



Pant's inclusion in the Indian side does not, however, guarantee him a place in the XI. India's batting line-up by the look of things looks settled with both KL Rahul and Vijay Shankar performing well in the last game against Pakistan. But going by the urgency with which Pant was drafted into the side, it goes without saying that he is certain to get a chance in India's next two matches, which are against relatively easier opponents - Afghanistan and West Indies. There is also no certainty of Pant's batting order in the Indian side. While it is likely that he will bat at No. 4 if he gets an opportunity, some reports are also doing the rounds of him being considered an opening option with Rohit Sharma. Only time will provide answers to all this but one thing is certain that when Pant takes the field, among many, Yuvraj Singh will perhaps be the one who will watch the 21-year-old with the keenest interest.

Piyush Goyal urges small traders & retailers to join e-commerce platform to grow their business

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Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal has urged small traders and retailers to join e-commerce platform to grow their business. Addressing a meeting of

kirana stores, traders and retailers associations in New Delhi, Mr. Goyal called upon small traders to come on GeM platform which has achieved 25 thousand crore rupees turnover. The meeting was aimed at exploring the strengths

and weaknesses of small traders and engaging them for discussions on issues of e-Commerce. Mr Goyal reiterated that India will not allow multi-brand retail by foreign companies and on the pretext of B2B no entry will be allowed for multi-brand

retail. He also asserted that predatory pricing will not be allowed and necessary action will be taken against defaulters. He said, government will give all support and assistance to small traders and retailers to grow their business.

Govt moving towards building strong, secure, prosperous & inclusive India: Prez

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President Ram Nath Kovind today said, the government is moving towards building a strong, secure, prosperous and inclusive India in line with their aspirations. This journey is inspired by the spirit of Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas and Sabka Vishwas. Addressing the joint sitting of both the Houses of Parliament, Mr Kovind said, from day one, the Central government is committed to improving the lives of people by removing their sufferings from misgovernance and providing all the necessary facilities. He said, people after evaluating the government's first term, have given even stronger support for the second term in the Lok Sabha elections. The President said, nearly

half of the MPs have been elected for the first time and the largest number of women MPs elected in the history. He said, new India will carry forward the ideals of Gurudev Rabindranath Tagore's ideals where people's minds are fear-free, and their head is held high with self-respect. Mr Kovind added that the vision of the new India is also inspired by the ideas of Shri Narayan Guru.

Listing the government's initiatives, the President said it has been decided to provide the 'Prime Minister Kisan Samman Nidhi', to every farmer in the country. He lauded the government's 'pension scheme' for small shopkeepers and retail traders, which has been approved in the first Cabinet meeting. The scheme will benefit around three crore small shopkeepers in the

country. To give emphasis on water conservation, the government has formed a separate Jalshakti Ministry which is a decisive step and will have far-reaching benefits. Through this new Ministry, water conservation and management will be made more effective.

Mr Kovind said, the government's focus is to strengthen rural India and 25 lakh crore rupees will be invested in the coming years to increase the productivity of the agriculture sector. Several steps have been taken in the last five years to double the farmers' income by 2022. The President said, women empowerment is one of the highest priorities of the government saying their effective participation in society and economy is the test of a developed society.

He added that the government's motto is not only women should grow, but also there should be women-led development. The government has made the punishments for crimes against women more stringent. The President stressed the need to eradicate the practices of Tripe Talaa and nikah-halala to ensure equal rights for every sister and daughter in the country. He urged the MPs to extend their support to these efforts to make the lives of sisters and daughters more dignified. Mr Kovind said, around 19 crore loans have been given for self-employment under the Prime Minister's Mudra Yojana and this scheme will now be expanded to 30 crore people. Now, India is one of the fastest growing economies in the world.

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