

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
MINISTRY OF AYUSH**

**LOK SABHA
UNSTARRED QUESTION NO - 941
TO BE ANSWERED ON 22.07.2022**

PROMOTION OF YOGA ON INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY

**941. SHRI PARBATBHAI SAVABHAI PATEL:
SHRIMATI RATHVA GITABEN VAJESINGBHAI:
SHRI PRADEEP KUMAR SINGH:
SHRI NARANBHAI KACHHADIYA:**

Will the Minister of **AYUSH** be pleased to state:

- a. the efforts made/steps taken by India to become the world leader in Yoga and traditional medicine/treatment;
- b. the number of countries where a programme was organised recently for the promotion of Yoga by the Ministry on International Yoga Day;
- c. whether any approval has been given by the World Health Organisation to establish a Global Centre for Traditional Medicine in India recently; and
- d. if so, the details thereof?

**ANSWER
THE MINISTER OF AYUSH
(SHRI SARBANANDA SONOWAL)**

(a): Ministry of Ayush promotes Yoga through its three autonomous bodies namely Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), New Delhi, Central Council for Research in Yoga & Naturopathy (CCRYN), New Delhi and National Institute of Naturopathy (NIN), Pune. MDNIY provides various courses for Yoga education. CCRYN is the apex body for research and development in the Yoga and Naturopathy systems. NIN, a premier institute for Naturopathy organizes various activities related to Naturopathy and Yoga.

The activities and programs of MDNIY, CCRYN and NIN are available on the websites i.e. yogamdniy.nic.in, www.ccryn.gov.in and ninpune.ayush.gov.in respectively.

At the initiative of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, the United Nations General Assembly took a historic decision in 2014 to declare 21st June as the International Day of Yoga. The Ministry of Ayush is the nodal Ministry for observation of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) every year. IDY observation is focused on a Mass Yoga demonstration based on Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) which is publicly available on the Yoga Portal (yoga.ayush.gov.in).

Further, Ministry of Ayush has developed a Central Sector Scheme for Promotion of International Co-operation in AYUSH (IC Scheme) under which the Ministry provides support to Indian Ayush Manufacturers/ Ayush Service providers to give boost to the export of AYUSH products & services, facilitate the International promotion, development and recognition of AYUSH system of medicine, foster interaction of stakeholders and market development of AYUSH at International level, promote academics and research through the establishment of AYUSH Academic Chairs in foreign countries and holding training workshop/symposiums for promoting and strengthening awareness and interest about AYUSH Systems of Medicine at International level.

(b): Ministry of Ayush provides technical support to Indian Missions abroad for various Yoga activities. As per information received from Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), Indian Embassies, High Commissions and Consulates organized the 8th International Day of Yoga (IDY) in 177 countries across the world.

(c) to (d): Ministry of Ayush and WHO have signed an agreement to establish WHO-GCTM in Jamnagar, Gujarat, the ground-breaking Ceremony of which was attended by the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Director General of WHO and other esteemed dignitaries on 19.04.2022 in Jamnagar, Gujarat. This Centre aims to provide support to implement WHO's traditional medicine strategy (2014-23) and to support nations in developing policies & action plans to strengthen the role of traditional medicine as part of their journey to universal health coverage.
