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## भारत की राजदूत बेलग्रेड AMBASSADOR OF INDIA BELGRADE

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Sub.: Celebration of International Day of Yoga on June 21 at 7.00 a.m.

Dear Friend,

As you would be aware, June 21, has been declared as the International Day of Yoga (IDY) by the United Nations. Government of India has decided to celebrate the First International Day of Yoga (IDY) on June 21 all over the world in a wholesome manner. The esteemed Government of Serbia had co-sponsored India's Resolution in the United Nations to declare June 21 as the International Day of Yoga and Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Mr. Narendra Modi addressed warm letter of thanks to the Hon'ble Prime Minister of Serbia H.E. Mr. Aleksandar Vucic.

- 2. Prime Minister of India launched a dedicated IDY website <a href="http://idayofyoga.org">http://idayofyoga.org</a> at UNESCO on 10<sup>th</sup> April. The Government of India has also designed a logo for the IDY, which is attached. The logo reflects harmony and peace for humanity, which is the essence of yoga.
- 3. In pursuance of the above, Embassy of India Belgrade is organizing joint celebration of the IDY all over Serbia in a befitting manner. For this, we are coordinating with yoga schools, yoga practitioners/teachers, experts and other relevant stakeholders in Serbia to undertake training sessions/yoga camps immediately, leading to final celebrations all over Serbia on 21<sup>st</sup> June, 2015 at 7 a.m. as per the attached common yoga protocol prepared by yoga experts. The Government of Serbia through its Ministry of Youth and Sports has extended support for the IDY celebrations by issuing a press release and by providing a letter of support and commitment to participate in the celebrations and its preparations. Similar support has been received from United Nations office in Serbia and several municipalities of Serbia. All the relevant details of the IDY celebrations are updated on Embassy's website <a href="https://www.eoibelgrade.gov.in">www.eoibelgrade.gov.in</a> (under What's New Column).
- 4. In order to make the first IDY a success, I seek your partnership and support in publicizing the event and also to draw your faculty and students to attend the training sessions, and final celebrations on June 21 in collaboration with local yoga organizations. It is also requested to host the IDY logo on your website and facebook page to give it a wide publicity.

With best wishes,

(Narinder Chauhan)