



## Press Release

### **Special sessions of Yoga to be conducted for the employees of Central Election Commission of Bosnia & Herzegovina for stress management**

Embassy of India Budapest celebrated 4<sup>th</sup> International Day of Yoga (IDY) in 7 cities of Bosnia & Herzegovina, i.e. Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Foca, Mostar, Tuzla, Zavidovici and Zenica. Celebrations were spread over two days from 16-17<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. The celebration showcased Yoga, Indian cultural performances, henna painting and Indian cuisines.

In Sarajevo, IDY was jointly inaugurated by Dr. Irena Hadziabdic, Chief Election Commissioner of Bosnia & Herzegovina and Ambassador Rahul Chhabra on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018. After cultural performances, audience participated in the Common Yoga Protocol session. Ambassador and Chief Election Commissioner also participated in yoga session. *Ms Razija Mujanovic*, renowned basket ball player of Bosnia & Herzegovina and *Ms Selma Muhedinovic*, renowned singer (**wife of former member of Presidency**), who were nominated as Yoga Ambassadors by the Embassy, also participated at the event and practiced yoga. On the request of Chief Election Commissioner of Bosnia & Herzegovina, Embassy will be conducting **special classes for the staff of Chief Election Commission** for stress management.

**Mayors in several other cities inaugurated IDY** and performed yoga sessions with the participants. In all cities IDY was organized with the collaboration of local Mayor's offices.

IDY was celebrated in Banja Luka (2<sup>nd</sup> largest city of BiH) on June 17. Yoga has a tremendous following in the city. Earlier on 16<sup>th</sup> June, 2018, Mayor of Banjaluka, Mr. Igor Radojicic inaugurated the cultural performance in cultural centre.

In Foca, IDY celebrations were organized on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2016 on Trg Petra Krajlja Square, an open square in the heart of the city. Audience took great interest in yoga and cultural performances.

IDY was celebrated in *Tuzla*, (3rd largest city of BiH). The event was jointly inaugurated on 17<sup>th</sup> June, 2018 by Mr. Jasmin Imamović, Mayor of Tuzla and Ambassador Rahul Chhabra.

In *Zenica*, IDY was jointly inaugurated by Mr. Fuad Kasumovic, Mayor of Zenica and Ambassador Rahul Chhabra. Ambassador and Mayor also participated in yoga session. **Mayor of Zenica** was **so impressed** by cultural performances and yoga session that he announced that he is going to invite Embassy again to perform in their National Theatre.

Some photographs with captions are attached.

For more information and video footage of celebration of IDY please visit our website at [www.indianembassy.hu](http://www.indianembassy.hu) and facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/ICCBudapestHungary/>

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H. E. Ambassador Rahul Chhabra, Dr. Irena Hadziabdic, Chief Election Commissioner and Madame Kavita Chhabra practicing Common Yoga Protocol on the celebration of International Day of Yoga on 16 June 2018 at Sarajevo.



Audience practicing Yoga on the celebration of International Day of Yoga in Banja Luka on 16 June 2018.





H. E. Ambassadr Rahul Chhabra, Mr Fuad Kasumovic, Mayor of Zenica, Mr Biju Nair, CEO of ArcelorMittal, practicing Yoga with the audience in Zenica on the IDY celebration on 16 June 2018.



Yoga practice at IDY celebration on 17 June 2018 in Foca.



Aud

ience practicing Common Yoga Protocol at the International Day of Yoga celebration on 17



June 2018 in Zavidovici



H. E. Ambassador Rahul Chhabra and Madame Kavita Chhabra performing Yoga on the 4th International Day of Yoga celebration in Tuzla.



Mr N. Venkataraman, Second Secretary and Head of Chancery of Embassy of India, Budapest handing over the certificate appointing her as Yoga Ambassador to Ms. Amela Kreso, Bosnian actress.