

**High Commission of India
Kuala Lumpur**

PRESS RELEASE

**9th International Day of Yoga Celebrations with theme
‘Yoga For Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’**

High Commission of India, Kuala Lumpur organised the 9th International Yoga Day celebrations at the iconic Batu Caves Complex on Wednesday, 21st June 2023.

2. Over 1,000 yoga enthusiasts participated in the mega event, which included people from all walks and ages including members of the diplomatic community, senior officials of the Government of Malaysia, NGOs, members of various community, cultural and yoga associations, Malaysian nationals, members of Indian diaspora, school children, etc. in Malaysia.

3. H.E. Ms. Karima El Korri , UN Resident Coordinator in Malaysia joined as the chief guest, and read out the Message of UN Secretary General H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres on the occasion of the 9th International Day of Yoga. The UN Resident Coordinator Ms El Korri also informed that Hon’ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi will be leading for the first time the International Day of Yoga celebrations at the United Nations Headquarters in New York later today (June 21, 2023), and welcomed everyone to follow the live proceedings at the UN Headquarters.

4. High Commissioner of India Mr B.N. Reddy, thanked the Govt of Malaysia and various Malaysian partner organisations for their continued support to Yoga. He added that the High Commission would continue to work with the Partner Organisations for wider dissemination of practice of Yoga and its inherent power to connect, and also promote physical, mental, and spiritual well-being of yoga.

5. A 40-minute yoga session was conducted as per the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) by Yoga Instructors. The yoga asanas demonstrated were well received.

6. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has also earlier on June 20, 2023 sent a personal letter to H.E. Dato’ Seri Anwar Ibrahim, Hon’ble Prime Minister of Malaysia, thanking him, the Government and the people of Malaysia for their support and contribution in popularizing Yoga over the past few years.

7. ‘Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’, that is, ‘The world is one family’ has been the guiding light of Indian civilization since ancient times. Reflecting this civilizational ethos, the theme for this year’s International Day of Yoga is ‘Yoga for Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam’, in keeping with the theme of India’s ongoing G-20 Presidency, “One Earth, One Family, One Future”.

**21 June 2023
Kuala Lumpur**