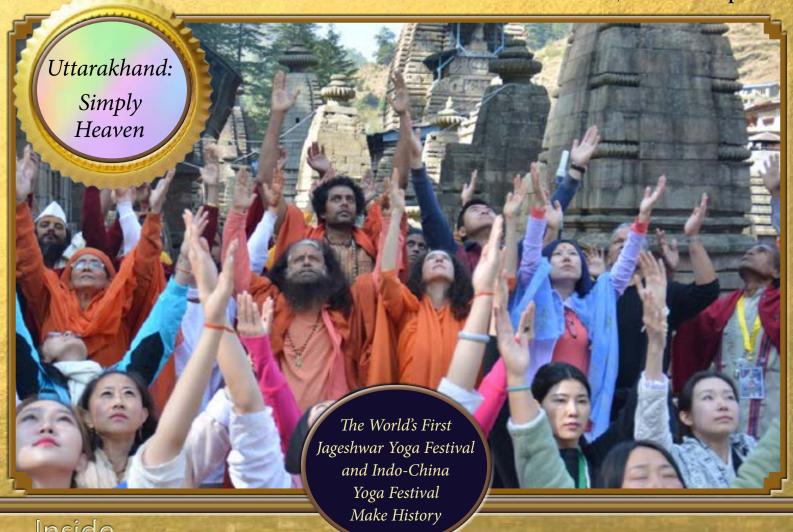
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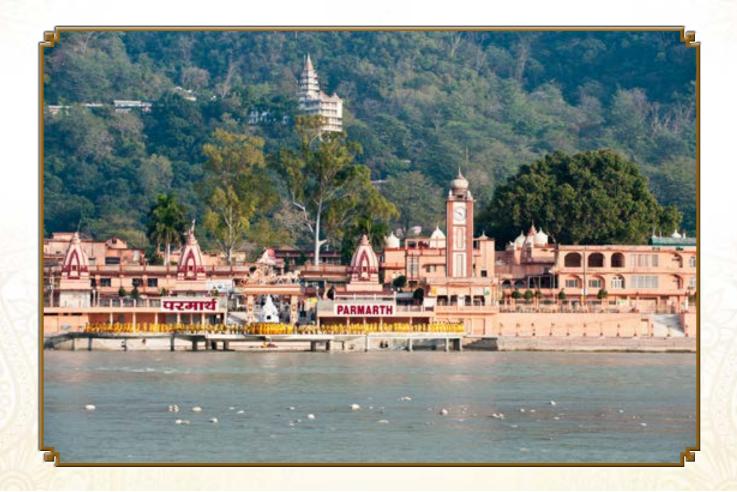
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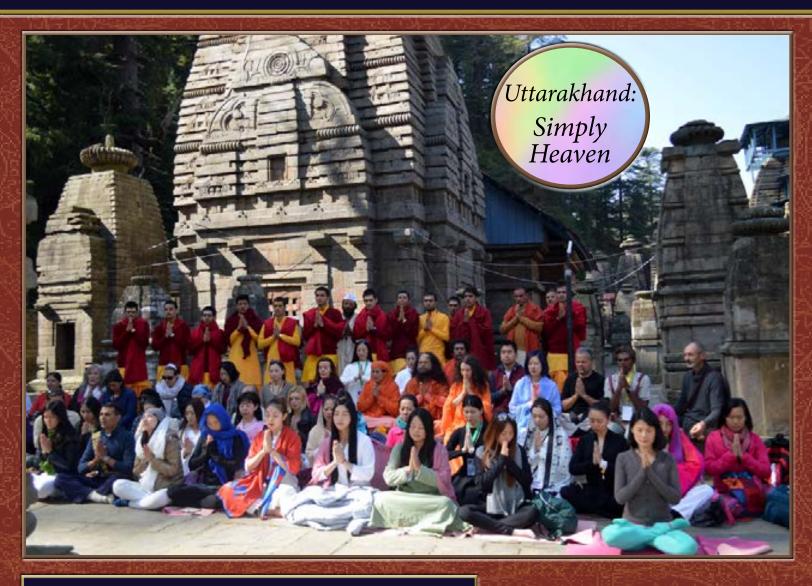


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JAGESHWAR YOGA FESTIVAL

Yoga Amidst Holy Temples, Relics and Mountainsides



The first ever, two day Jageshwar International Yoga Festival, held on November 5 and 6, was jointly organized by the Government of Uttarakhand, KMVN and Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh). Parmarth Niketan Ashram is well known for organizing and hosting the world famous annual International Yoga Festival, from March 1-7 each year, attracting hundreds of Yogis from across India and across the world, which is now in its 17th year. Together with the department of Tourism, Government of Uttarakhand, it was decided that the inspiration and transformation of Parmarth's International Yoga Festival should also be extended to the Kumaon region during the beautiful Autumn season.



The Jageshwar festival was inaugurated by HH Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswatiji, President of Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh), Hon'ble Speaker of Government of Uttarakhand, Shri Govind Singh Kunjwal, Bharat Mitraji, Founder-President of Organic India, Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswatiji, Director of the International Yoga Festival at Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh), and senior members of the Ministry of Tourism and KMVN.

The two-day Yoga celebration brought together yoga practitioners and enthusiasts from over 15 different countries, including America, Australia, Belgium, China, Czechoslovakia, Colombia, Lithuania, Kenya, Kazakhstan, Malaysia, Mexico, Israel, South Korea, United Kingdom, Vietnam and many others. The two day festival was filled with Yoga asana, pranayama, meditation classes by expert Yogacharyas, divine discourses by Yoga Masters, international and interfaith musical programmes by world-renowned Musicians,, special aarti and puja, nature walks and much more.

Pujya Swamiji shared, "Uttarakhand is the birthplace of Yoga and Lord Jageshwar, or Lord Shiva, is the ultimate Yogi, so it is very fitting to host the first ever Jageshwar Yoga Festival in this sacred land, one of the twelve holy jyotirlings. With the promotion of such festivals not only will the locals get employment, a great sense of pride in their heritage, as it attracts so many participants from abroad, but also the participants will be deeply touched and uplifted by the warmth and hospitality of its people and by the awakening that comes from practicing Yoga and meditating in this holy land. In this way it's a mutually beneficial relationship for all."

He also added, "While the promotion of such sacred heritage sites is essential we must ensure that we develop them as eco-tourist spots in which solid waste and waste-water are effectively managed and energy is conserved as much as possible so that all our festivals and celebrations are green, leaving the least amount of carbon and water footprint. In this way, the rivers can



continue to flow unpolluted, the forests can still be lush with indigenous trees and the biodiversity can be maintained and sustained."

Sadhvi Bhagawatiji welcomed participants by adding, "You have all been called here to India, to Uttarakhand, to this sacred Jageshwar Dham for a special reason. This is not like a yoga conference in London or Paris or New York or Sydney. In this sacred land of Jageshwar, you not only receive teachings but you also receive the divine touch and divine transformation."

The festival was also geared at highlighting the historic and sacred Jageshwar Dham, as part of the rich and abundant natural and spiritual heritage of the Himalayan state of Uttarakhand. As an integral part of the Festival, the participants visited and meditated at the Jageshwar Temple, dedicated to Lord Shiva, also known as the Lord of Yoga, one of the most ancient and sacred 12 Jyotirlings. All participants were deeply inspired and touched by the holy sanctuary in the lush Deodar forests.

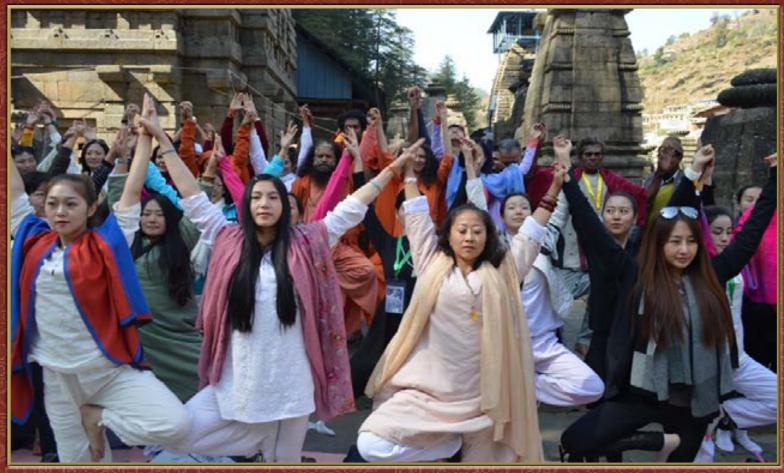
A special song for world peace was sung by internationally renowned musicians, in the spirit of Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam, bringing together a global family with the sacred chanting of Om Shalom Salam Amen, signifying a yogic union of countries, cultures, colors and creeds.



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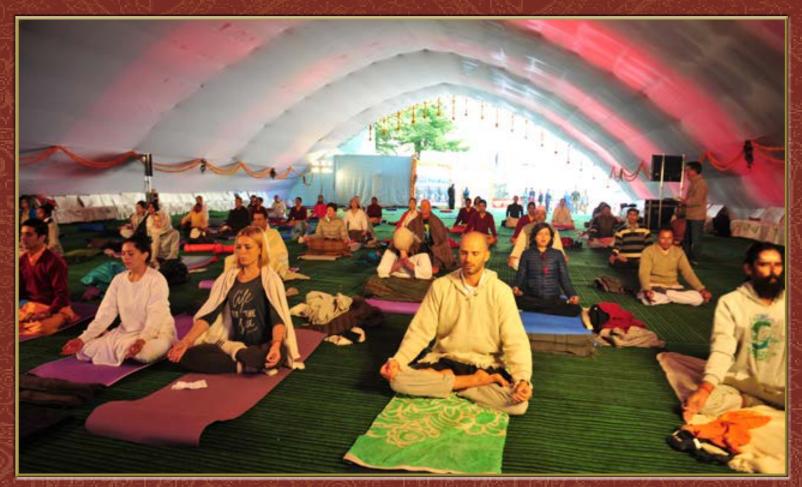




















Pujya Swamiji and Sadhvi Bhagawati led a special Aarti, evening lighting and thanksgiving ceremony, at the sacred Jageshwar Temple, joined by all Yoga Participants







A sacred Rudraksh sapling is given by Jageshwar Yoga Festival participants from many nations to the Hon'ble Speaker of Government of Uttarakhand, Shri Govind Singh Kunjwal, the District Magistrate of Almora and Commissioner of Almora



Hon'ble Speaker of Government of Uttarakhand, Shri Govind Singh Kunjwal, Deputy Director of Uttarakhand Tourism Shri V.S.Chauhan and the District Magistrate of Almora Shri Savin Bansal join Pujya Swamiji and Sadhvi Bhagawatiji to light the inaugural lamp for the first ever Jageshwar Yoga Festival













Respected dignitaries and officials of the Government of Uttarakhand join Pujya Swamiji, Sadhvi Bhagawatiji and
Bharat Mitra to open the Jageshwar Yoga Festival



beautiful water blessing ceremony and pledge for improved WASH with participants from around the world and respected dignitaries



Pujya Swamiji blesses local youth performers for sharing their beautiful culture and an inspiring tale of Lord Shiva with festival participants.







Participants from many countries enjoy the rich cultural programme of the Kumaon region.



During the festival, Pujya Swamiji met with local priests and community members of Jageshwar to discuss how to develop Jageshwar as a Green Pilgrimage and world-renowned center of spirituality and awakening





Pujya Swamiji was cordially invited and requested to perform sacred Rudra Abhishek and Aarti in the divine and ancient Lord Jageshwar sanctum sanctorum

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Yoga festival begins at Jageshwar, may be held every year



Almora: The two-day International Yoga Festival kicked off at Jageshwar on Thursday with much fanfare. About 100 foreigners from 16 countries, including China, Mongolia, Hong Kong, Belgium, Israel, UK, America, Columbia, Kenya and Mexico, have come all the way to participate in the two-day event.

The festival has been organised by Rishikesh-based Parmarth Niketan, which hosts yoga festivals every year, and Kumaon Mandal Vikas Nigam. It is backed by Uttarakhand Tourism Development Council.

Uttarakhand assembly speaker Govind Singh Kunjwal and Chidanand Swami, spiritual head of Parmarth Niketan, inaugurated the festival in the presence of international delegates.

Kunjwal told TOI, "From now on, Jageshwar has come on the global map of yoga festival. Every year, the government will conduct a yoga festival at Jageshwar. This is an attempt to develop Jageshwar as the fifth religious and spiritual spot after Char Dham. This is also an attempt to encourage spiritual tourism in Kumaon region."

Chidanand Saraswati said, "Parmarth Niketan and the government of Uttarakhand are mulling together to create a brand of Uttarakhand as an 'organic' state. This is a land of organic horticulture. We will to like to organize international yoga festivals of 300 members at Jageshwar where participants can be put at homestays of local people, so that local people can also get business. Parmarth Niketan has connections throughout the world while the government has the infrastructure. Together, we can develop Jageshwar as a spiritual spot in the state."

Yoga festivals will also be organized at the Ardh-Kumbh 2016, Saraswati said.

the foreigners hoped to hear divine discourses, learn about "pranayama", attend meditation classes, practise yoga "asana and participate in aarti and puja besides going for nature walks.

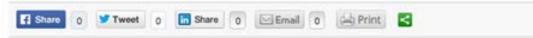
The evening saw a performance of a special song bringing together the world faiths with the sacred chanting of "Om Shalom, Salam, Amen", signifying a yogic union of countries, cultures, colours and creeds in the heart of the sacred Himalayas.

The second day will start early morning with meditation and "pranayama" and "asanas". There will be a tree-planting session, heritage visits and a question-answer session at the end.

For the first time, a yoga festival is being held in the hills of Kamaon region. Its also the first time that a yoga festival of an international stature is being held away from Rishikesh. Posted at: Nov 6 2015 12:03AM

International yoga fest begins in Jageshwar

Sonia Gandhi to attend state day here tomorrow



BD Kasniyal

Pithoragarh, November 5

The first-ever International Yoga Festival began at Jageshwar today.

Chief Minister Harish Rawat took stock of the preparations today. While talking to mediapersons afterwards he said "We are aiming to develop Jageshwar as a Yoga Sadhana Kendra on the lines of Char Dham pilgrimage centres of the state. People from across the world could come to have yoga sadhana in this place, which is enlisted in ancient puranas as an eminent religious centre."

Congress president Sonia Gandhi will visit the venue on November 7 to take part in yoga and state raising day ceremony, which will also be held by the state government here. Gandhi will also lay the foundation stone of Rs 100-crore Hariram Tamta Shilp Unnayan Sansthan and inaugurate the Uday Shankar Natya Academi built near Almora town.

"Swami Chidanand Muni of Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh, will come with 15 of his yoga experts to guide over 125 foreign participants in practicing various asanas for two days," a source from the Almora district administration said.





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विश्व का सर्वाधिक पढ़ा जाने वाला अखबार दैनिक जागरण

कल्पनाओं से भी सुंदर जागेश्वर धाम

🕨 प्राकृतिक सौंदर्य से अभिभूत दिखे सैलानी 🍩 पारंपरिक संस्कृति से किया विदेशियों का स्वागत

बंबद सहबोरी, दन्ता : देवका के पने पेड़ और तुकून देने कता कोबर धम का प्रकृतिक बीदर्व अधिर किसी गैलानियें को था ही गया। किरेली फैलानियों ने कहा है कि जनेकर पाम उनकी करणवाओं से वर्ड पुत्र अधिक सुंदर स्वान है। अधिका में भी वर जनेश्वर धान के दर्शन के लिए वहां असे संदे।

पुरुवार को जानेक्स में हुक चीन महोत्ताव में प्रतिभाग करने के लिए सी से अधिक विदेशी सैन्द्रमें ज्ञां पहुंचे। ज्योबर धाम पहुंचकर उन्होंने अपने आप को बहां के खेत राज्यत्य के बीच काची अधिपूत पाया। पूर्वार से पहुँचे तीचे त्वतान ने कहा कि यह साली चार जारोबार आए हैं। उन्होंने कहा वि बलेकर धान उनकी करणना से काली अधिक सुंदर काह है। प्रशादेश विगरम से पुलिस में जलेका धार के प्राकृत र्य से खाली गाएवं चकित थे। अन्य देशों के फैसानी भी जानेका धाम के प्राकृतिक सीदर्व से सकते अधिपूत दिसाई दिए।







जानेश्वर योग महोत्सव में शितकत करने पहुचे विदेशी सैतकती।

साव बजे से शुरू हुआ शिविर

जारेश्वर : जारेश्वर खन में तिय अध्यक्ष थेमिट जिल्लुनकाल और लागी विकन्द द्वार जेन विकेट के विकित सुपारेष के बाद रांच कर बते में उत्तरेवर वन में बंध विविद्य सुरू हो गया। स्वापी विद्यानंद ने बहा स्टे हैं। इसलिए प्रापेक व्यक्ति कि लिए खेन के ज़रिए प्यान काफी जरूरी है। उन्होंने वहा कि चला की अनेकता में एकता की विकास को दल विश्व जनता है।

वाइना से आए अधिक सैलानी

जरोबर : जरोबर में कुल्वार से शुरू हुए दोग महोत्स्व में सबसे अधिक विदेशी संस्कृत सहस्व में व्हां पहुंचे। बहन से चन तेने राते रोलानियाँ की संख्या चलील है। अबकि इसके अलाक आहोतिक, अमेरिक, वर्कास्त्रक्रिय, दोलंक्सि, इतराइत समेत तमाम देखें के सेतानी यांग महोत्तव में भाग तेने पहुंचे हैं। जानेकर क्षम क्टूंबने पर रक्षनीय महिलाओं ने उनका फरम्परिक होन से नर्माक्षेत्री से भाग

विदेशी सेलानियों के स्वापत के लिए परंपरिक केल्पूब में रीयर महिलाएं। जानरण

विदेशी सैलानियों ने कुमाऊंनी खंजनों का उठाया सुरक

जारोचर : खेन महोत्त्वर में शिश्वत करने पटुरे विदेशी केलानियों के लिए केएमक्किन हारा कुमारांनी व्यंतनों की स्थासक की गई है। गुरुवार को उन्होंचर पहुंचने के बाद उन्हें कुमार्डानी त्यंत्रन परोबे गरे। तो उनका सक्द तेकर कर वहां के स्वारिट चीतम की बरीह विश् बिना नहीं यह नके। उन्होंने इनकी काफी प्रशंसा की।

प्रशासन का मुस्तेद

जरोबर : जरोबर में मुक्त हुए कीन दिश्वीय योग महोत्त्वा के आयोजन की तेवर प्रसादन मुस्तेद दिखायी दिया। आकृत कुमाओं अपनेद नवात के आराब जिएन सरित संसाद, एसबी केंद्रस कान्यात महोत्तव की व्यवस्थाओं पर करीकी से उत्तर रखे दूर हैं। उसकि अन्य रिचानों के अधिकारियों भी उपनेका यान में ही तेनत किया नव है। यहां कारी कान-बदन है।

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THE TIMES OF INDIA

Almora gears up for int'l yoga, Kumaon food fest

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ALMORA. Almore is genering up for two major betteals back to back, the flateractional Tings Feetival, and the Komaon Food and Cultural Feet which will be held at Japanheur and Germedian) respectively from November 3 to 7.

The Vetarabhand Tourism Development Council (VTDC) is organizing the yage festival which will see participation from more than 100 foreigness from Maleysia, Belgium, the US China, Columbia, Kamp, Jamed, Sorth Kerns etc.

Eshikash-based Parmarth Nilotan has been ruped in to collaborate with the government for the swent. The Eumann Handal Vilou Nigam (DAVN) is the modal agency which will provide inclini-such as benefing and lodging to the visitors.

To ensure that all preparations are in place, chief minister Harish Rawat visited Jageshwar on

He also discred the district administration officials to finish all arrangements to cross incommissions to visitors. Stating that he votated to density Japanisous as a tourist spot for yogs and quirtual artistics. Execut added. "Excuse that all security assumes are in place for the even We used to provide proper services and facilities to tourists."

Gring information, on official of Parmoth Niketon, sold, "Representations from account to completes including Malaysia, Belgium, the US, China, Columbia, Keeya, Invol. and Sorth Kossa will take part in the event. Participants from Insel and Arab countries are also likely to be in

Almora district anapistrate facts Remail told TOL, "Preparations for the yega festival have been completed. Police officials have been deputed at various places."

KMVN general numager Tribit Singh Martellen said "The event will comprise rugs comage 1881, two plantation sensions, wells classified, question amover sension and ordrars ings. The EMFN and all private bonds have been busined for the event. More than 200 guers are kindy to around the event. Samila food will be offered to visitors."

rebile, the CM also inspected the site at Gazurahani, at him away from Jageshwar, where the

The European Pood and Cultural Fest will be inaugurated by Congress party president Sonia

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उत्तर उजाला

योग महोत्सव में 16 देशों के साधक

जागेश्वर में अन्तर्राष्ट्रीय योग महोत्सव शुरू, 100 विदेशी प्रतिभागियों में 40 चीन के

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- निलेगा बहावा पुरातन संस्कृति को बतावा देने का प्रयोग

अन्तेष्ठ। पुस्ता से पार्श निकेतर एवं कुपात्रं पण्डल विकास निरम के राज्याचार में कांत्रच्य में शंबद्धिय योग गरीतात हुए हो प्रथम दिन महोत्यक में १५ देशों के <mark>चीन महोत्तम का दीन जानकार है</mark> सरावता १०० पर्यक्रों ने प्रतिकार को बहुत्वा देने के तिहर पर्यहर ती किया। इस अगस्य पर अवसंतित कार्यक्रम में विकासकार अध्यक्ष गोणित सिंह कुंपकार ने कहा कि उन्त में व्यक्ति पर्वत्य के साथ अध्यानिक पर्यत्त को बहुत्वा दिख आगेगा।

क्रमेंनि प्रसिद्ध जर्मक्का स्टिए चीन के 40 प्रतिकारी हैं। परिवर में जंतर्राकृत चीन महोतान का परवार्ज निकेतन अधिकेत के शुभ्यतम् कतो हुए कहा कि प्रदेश सहस्रह पर्दरर को ब्यूच्य देरे के लिए स्वतिस्थ पान की पांची बान के रूप कारकर पान को पान के करने जाना भा गान वात है, को जात हुए । कारकर मान कर सरहावकर समार्थ से गाना के जाना के कार प पी किस्तीया करने के लिए प्रसासता पर्योग के के रूप में भी जायका के प्रसास के दूर करोड़ के कारण करने पाना परेंग प्रसास के। हैं। वर्गमा समार्थ में पूरावर संस्कृति सितोगी। जायुकर सुमार्थ जानोद सिंह अनुसूचित व्यविकारकारी आधीर के सीचारत केमर सिंह से किसा।



्याप कावकार मुन्दारम्भ काते स्थानी विद्यानी व अन्य भी बहुव्य देने के लिए एपीटन ही, जान ने महारी देशों में ताने में मीन्द्रीत विच्या अधिना प्रदेश कर प्रतिकार्यांचेरी का स्थाना करते हुए हत है, जाँच बहुद में आने माले कहा कि लाग करना में तो मों पर्यटर्कों क बहुदानुओं को थीन कर मुन्दिवर्ग मुन्दि हो सकते थे, स्थान तन विना करें। स्थानिकार्य के प्रति प्रमान विद्या तन्त्र में के 300 जीन्यार्थ पण से रहे हैं। इससे चीन के 40 प्रतिकार्य मुलियां मुंच हो तकते थे, जब्ध प्रतान क्रिय तक है। क्रमेंने सकी रोजों से इसमें सम्बोग थी अर्थात भी। सामी अरामी ने मत्त्रा कि

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गर्शनाय आधीयत कार्त की प्रेरण की। सम्बद्ध अवस्थ स्थापित प्रोत्सी में से विचार रखे। सभी रे आरेश्वर की अकृतिक श्रेराता आरेश्वर चन गीरटे के स्थानन करत की काणी मतावाः कुमार्थः गंडल विकास विगय के अधिकारियों ने सभी अधिकारी का अपना जकते हुए उनके पुरु

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INDO-CHINA YOGA FESTIVAL: A HISTORIC FIRST



The first ever Indo-China International Yoga Festival in India took place on the holy banks of Mother Ganga in Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh), with participants from 31 nations. The festival ran from the 5th through the 9th November with the first 2 days in Jageshwar Dham organized and run jointly by the Government of Uttarakhand and Parmarth Niketan (see pgs 15-25), and the second 3 days at Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh.

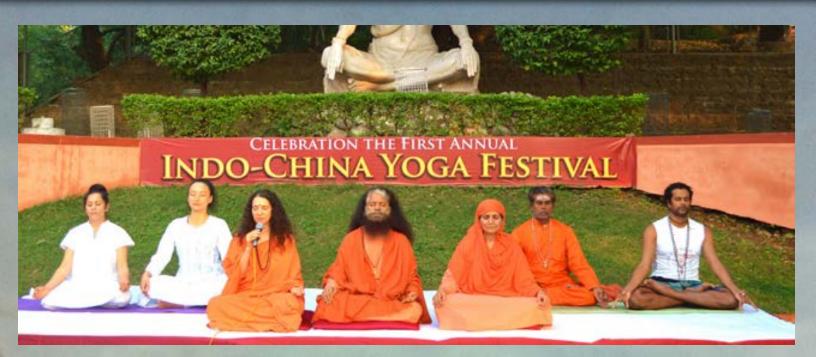
It was inaugurated by Pujya Swamiji, Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture Shri Harak Singh Rawatji, Shri Rajeev Swaroop, SP Rishikesh, Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswatiji, Mr. Zhu Thai, CEO, Keep Yoga, Beijing, China, Dr Yuva Dayalan, Founder-President of Yuvaa School of Yoga, Hong Kong and many others.

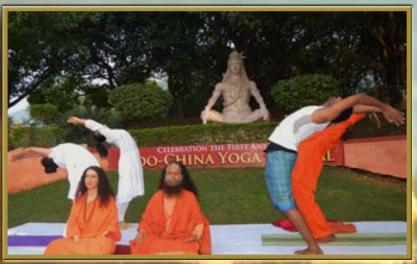
Every day participants took part in a plethora of Yoga classes from 6am-5pm, joining each evening in the yagna/havan and Ganga Aarti, in which they sang and chanted joyfully.

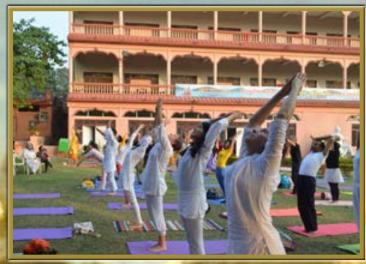
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Some of the main leaders, organizers and yogacharyas at the Indo-China International Festival were:

Mr. Zhu Thai, CEO, Keep Yoga, Beijing, China

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- Ms. Sharmila Mahesh Kumar, Grand-daughter of Prattabi Jois, Mysore, India
- Sadhvi Abha Saraswati, Senior Yogacharya, Head of Parmarth Yoga Department
- Sadhvi Bhagawati Saraswati, Director of the International Yoga Festival- Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh)
- Mr. Zhao Te La, Famous Yoga Teacher in China with hundreds of Yoga studios in China
- Ms. Liu Je, Famous Yoga Teacher in China, First Yoga Beauty of Asia

- Dr. AM Moorthy, Vice Chancellor, Tamil Nadu Physical Education Sports University
- Dr. R Elangovan, Professor and Head, Department of Yoga at Tamil Nadu Physical Education Sports University
- Mr. Brian Siddhartha Ingle, Eminent Yogacharya from America
- Mr. David Jumbo Troung, Yoga Teacher from America
- Shri HS Arun, Senior Iyenger Teacher, Bangalore, India
- Dr Yuva Dayalan, Founder-President of Yuvaa School of Yoga, Hong Kong
- Dr. Indu Sharma, Yogacharya, Parmarth Niketan (Rishikesh)



During the festival, Dr. AM Moorthy and Dr. R Elangovan from Tamil Nadu Physical Education Sports University proudly presented Pujya Swamiji with a lifetime achievement award for His contributions in the field of Yoga and selfless service. There was also a launch of Radhika Khanna's book on Yoga, entitled "Yoga: The Ganges to Wall Street." During the writing of the book earlier in the year, Radhikaji had come to Parmarth Niketan for support in gathering material, pictures and inspiration for her book which seeks to find the spirituality in everyday life and also includes a special chapter on Yogic food by Master Chef, Vikas Khanna. Radhika and Vikas Khanna joined for the launch.

All of the Yoga Festival participants were so deeply touched and transformed as they learned yoga, pranayama and meditation in Rishikesh in the birthplace of yoga, on the banks of the sacred Ganga river.

On the final evening, they expressed their wishes to also have a Lord Shiva statue in Beijing, similar to those at Parmarth Niketan. In response, Pujya Swamiji gifted them with a beautiful Shiva murti, which was taken back to China for installation in in their yoga centre. A larger one will also be prepared and sent to their beautiful nation.

Said Pujya Swamiji, "This Shiva statue symbolizes a bridge between India and China. It is a bridge between countries, cultures and creeds. The Shiva murti is a symbol of the joining of our hearts together in true yoga. It is a symbol of the Power of Peace. That is the power we need today – not power for power but power for peace! India and China, together, joining hands and hearts in a true yoga, or union, of "Power of Peace" can change the whole world!"



A Divine Meeting: Indo-China Yoga Festival participants with Pujya Swamiji and Pujya Swami Ramdevji in Haridwar













Yogacharyas of the Indo China Yoga Festival participate in GIWA's water blessing ceremony, pledging to work for improved WASH



International artist, Ragunath Manet from Paris, inspires Yogis from 31 nations to bring the music of peace and harmony through their practice of Yoga



Yoga Festival participant offers a beautiful flower to Lord Shiva, the Lord of Yoga



Naad Yogacharya, Anandra George, and Sadhvi Abha Saraswati, Head of Parmarth Niketan's Yoga Department, lead a beautiful chanting session with festival participants



A senior official from India's External Affairs

Ministry is honoured by participants on her visit to

the festival





Renowned Yogacharyas from China are blessed by Pujya Swamiji with a beautiful certificate and sacred Rudraksh sapling



Volunteers of the Tamil Nadu Physical Education Sports University's Yoga Department are blessed with a sacred Rudraksh sapling by Pujya Swamiji, joined by Mr. Zhu Tai and Dr. Yuva Dayalan.















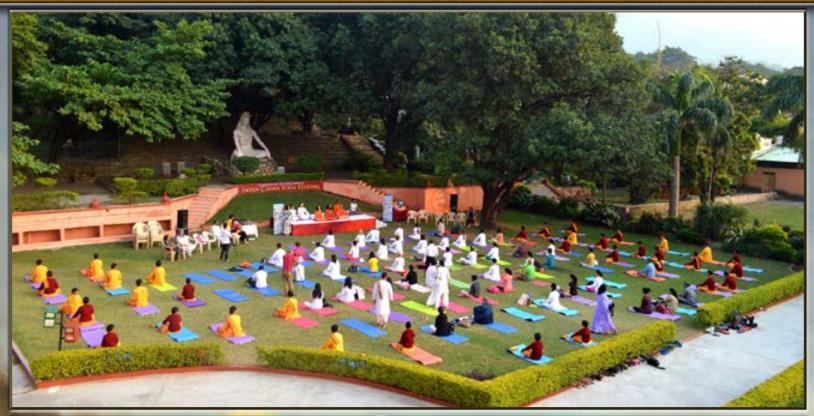
































Uttarakhand's Hon'ble Agriculture Minister Shri Harak Singh Rawat lights the inaugural lamp













Uttarakhand's Hon'ble Minister of Agriculture, Shri Harak Singh Rawat, inaugurates the Indo-China Yoga Festival at Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh







(Photos: top to bottom)

During the festival, an MOU was signed between Tamil Nadu 's Physical Education Sports University, renowned Yoga Department, and Parmarth Niketan Yoga Department

Radhika Khanna's bautiful book, "Yoga: The Ganges to Wall Street," was also launched.

Later, Dr. AM Moorthy and Dr. R Elangovan from Tamil Nadu's Physical Education Sports University proudly presented Pujya Swamiji with a lifetime achievement award for His contributions in the field of Yoga and selfless service.





The Danube River and Ganga River Meet For A Divine Concert with Two Ambassadors







The Danube River met Mother Ganga on the evening of 30 October 2015 at Parmarth NIketan for a forever-memorable concert on the Ganga's divine banks.

All were honored with traditional European classical musical selections in addition to inspiring Indian bhajans, performed by the Spring String Quartet and Ensemble Pasticcio from Austria, along with Parmarth's Rishikumars. The conductor was the esteemed Gerald Wirth, President & Artistic Director of the Twice Grammy Award Winning Vienna Boys Choir. H.E. Bernard Wrabetz, Ambassador of Austria and H.E. Deep Kumar Upadhyay, Ambassador of Nepal were in attendance along with Joana Daniel Wrabetz, wife of the Ambassador of Austria, and Michael Heinz, Director of the Cultural Forum of the Austrian Embassy. Along with the beautiful music, a highlight of the evening was the ceremonial merging of the Danube into Ganga performed by Ambassador Wrabetz and Pujya Swamiji.













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DIVINE SCHOOL INAUGURATED at the Sacred Confluence of Rudra Prayag

Pujya Swamiji visited Rudraprayag recently to inaugurate a beautiful Chatra Vas (Hostel) and Meditation Centre at the Sanskrit Mahavidyala Rudraprayag at Sangam Ghat. These buildings were devastated in the floods of 2013 and new construction by the Swaminarayan Gurukul Parivar, with the blessings of HH Pujya Swami Madhavpriyadasji, in collaboration with the Divine Shakti Foundation-Parmarth Niketan, Rishikesh, took place to restore the building.

The opening programme was joined by the Hon'ble Education Minister of Uttarakhand, Shri Mantri Prasad Naithaniji, head Acharyas of the school as well as all the students and their families.

The school seeks to bridge the gap between culture and computer, in essence preserving the Indian culture while also maintaining our strength technology. Pujya Swamiji also shared His vision of a sacred Ved Dham in this location, creation a Centre of Excellence and a world-class Priest Training Centre in this historic heritage site, which would attract people from across India and the world to stay rooted in their sanskriti while also be given the tools and flexibility through innovative spirituality to navigate through changing times.

After the inaugural programme there was a divine Ganga Aarti ceremony on the Sangam, joined by Pujya Swami Durganandaji and members of more than 15 countries. Pujya Swamiji emphasized that time has come to develop Uttarakhand as an eco-tourism destination for the world by inviting and sustaining spiritual, cultural and wellness tourism.

























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THE MUSIC OF ISRAEL AND INDIA CONVERGES on the Banks of Mother Ganga



Artists from Israel, Turkey and Australia and many other countries, led by Bharat Mitra, Founder- President of Organic India and eminent Israeli artist Gill Ron Shama and his interfaith band from Israel, shared their music with their global family.

They joined Pujya Swamiji on the yatra to Devprayag and Rudraprayag as well as for the first ever International Yoga Festival in Jageshwar.

They shared their music of love and harmony along with a special song for world peace, called One Source Waking Up in the spirit of Vasudhaiv Kutumbakam,

bringing together the world's faiths with the sacred chanting of Om Shalom Salam Amen, signifying a yogic union of countries, cultures, colors and creeds. This special song was recorded in each location and will be part of a unique music video. The song will ultimately be chanted by one billion people from all over the world, singing together.....

The artists were so deeply touched by the beauty, spiritual-cultural heritage of the Himalayan state that they have planned to return back for the 17th Annual International Yoga Festival and Kumbha Mela in Spring 2016.

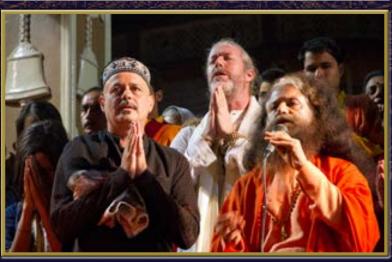








Om Shalom Salam Amen: the Music of Harmony on the banks of Mother Ganga



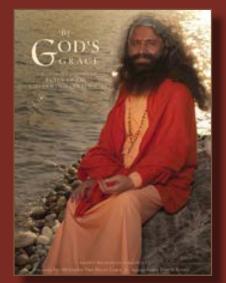


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BY GOD'S GRACE

The Life & Teachings of Pujya Swami Chidanand Saraswati



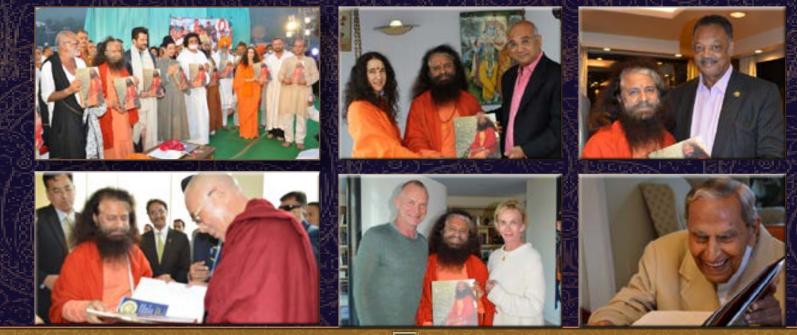
In this compelling biography, **Pujya Swamiji's** divine life is beautifully detailed chronologically. Upon its release, this book held the NUMBER ONE position as the best-seller in Amazon.com's Hindusim section, out of a total of over 17,000 books!

Illustrated with exquisite photos of Ganga, the Himalayas, and all of the saints and world leaders with who Pujya Swamiji has spent the first 60 years of His life, it tells the inspiring, uplifting and transformative stories of Pujya Swamiji's whole life – from meeting His Guru at the tender age of eight, to His youth filled with intense sadhana in the Himalayan forests and jungles, including standing on one leg for 11 hours a day. By God's Grace then goes on to beautifully describe Pujya Swamiji's arrival into Rishikesh and choice of stay there, followed by the history of His life at Parmarth Niketan, first as a young student and then as head of one of India's largest spiritual institutions. You will read about His travels around the world, touching and teaching people of all religions, all cultures and all walks of life.

Pujya Swamiji's very life is His message; the book also includes special "teaching" sections. Each special teaching spread takes one of Pujya Swamiji's most fundamental teachings and shares it, in His own words, through His own voice, on gorgeously illustrated pages.

Published by Mandala Earth Publications of California, USA, this book is perfect for personal reading and for gracing the top of your coffee table, and it is also the perfect gift for any friend or loved one who, whether they know Pujya Swamiji personally or not, is looking for a glimpse into the life of one of history's truest, wisest, deepest, funniest and most down-to-earth spiritual leaders. Laugh, cry, look at yourself and your life in a brand new way.

For more information including ordering information for this beautiful book, please click: www.bygodsgracebook.org.



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