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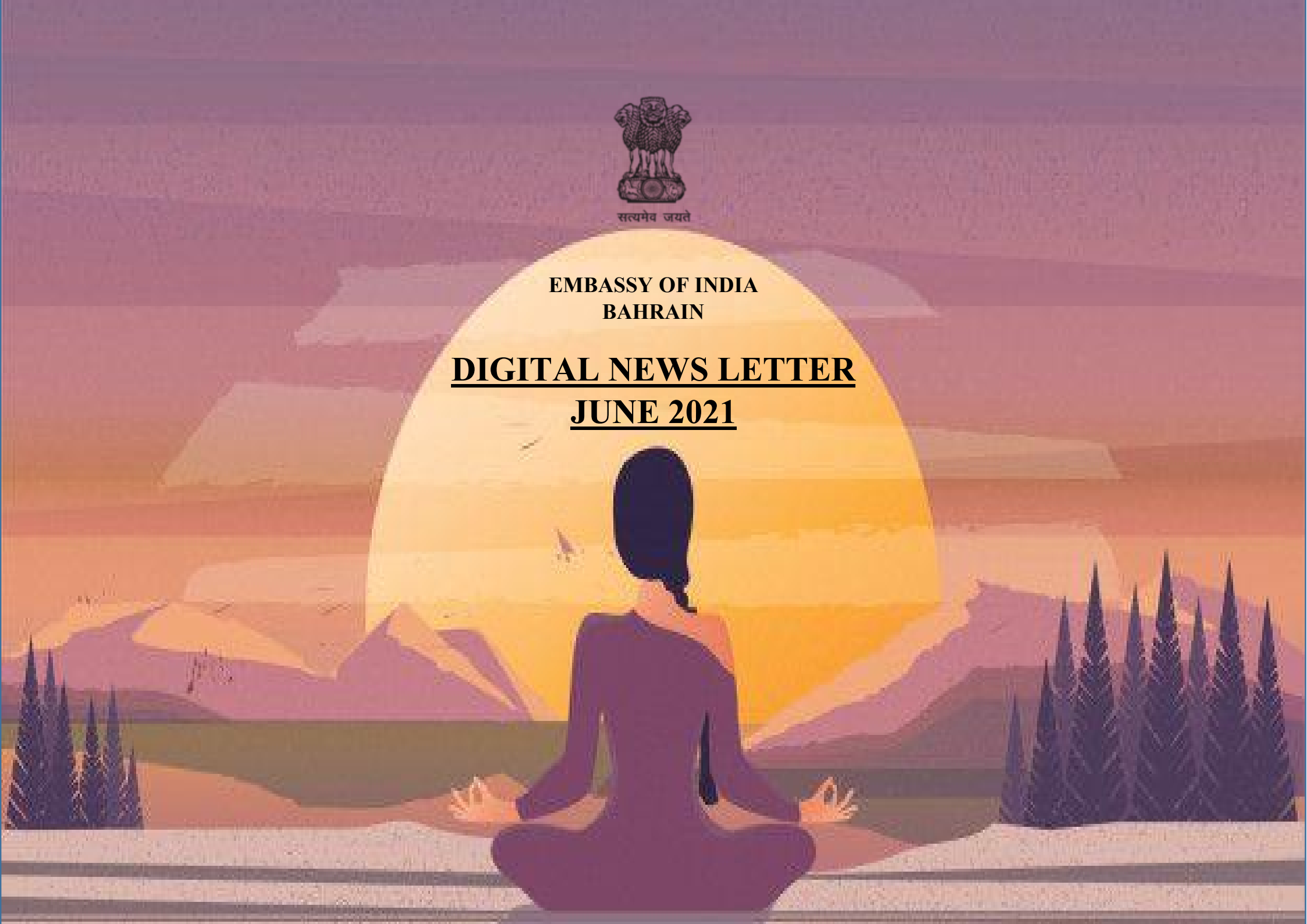


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BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

EAM chaired meeting with Head of Missions in GCC



Date- 11/06/2021

External Affairs Minister, Dr. S. Jaishankar chaired a fruitful meeting of Indian Ambassadors in Saudi Arabia, UAE, Iran, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Bahrain. The discussions focused on the utmost welfare of Indian community, facilitation of families reuniting separated due to Covid-19, interceding for early return of Indian talent and skills who left the Gulf during the pandemic, encouraging speedy resumption of flights to Gulf destinations to help NRIs and strongly push the trade interests that contribute to economic recovery at home.

BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

H.E. Mr. Pratap Chandra Sarangi participated in UN MSME



Date- 27/06/2021

H.E. Mr. Pratap Chandra Sarangi participated in the Ministerial session of the 9th International UN MSME Day Summit organized by Bahrain based UNISMO and Bahrain Medium and Small Enterprises. Hon'ble MoS highlighted the steps taken by GOI to support MSMEs during the Covid-19 pandemic and areas for strengthening bilateral economic cooperation. He stressed on 'digitisation' as the key for further development of MSMEs in the post Covid world.

Capital Governor receives Ambassador of India



Date- 27/06/2021

Ambassador Piyush Srivastava was received by Capital Governor H.E. Shaikh Hisham bin Abdulrahman Al Khalifa and discussed concerned matters of bilateral cooperation and welfare of Indian community residing in Capital region. Ambassador praised deep-rooted relations between both countries, lauding the efforts of the Kingdom of Bahrain to handle the coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic and weather its impact on all.

HEC Secretary General receives Indian Ambassador



Date- 06/06/2021

Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met HEC Secretary General, H.E. Dr. Shaikha Rana bint Isa Al Khalifa and discussed matters of mutual interest in the area of higher education. Ambassador congratulated Dr. Shaikha Rana on her new responsibilities.

BILATERAL DEVELOPMENTS

Ambassador met President of Gulf Petrochemical Industries



Date- 23/06/2021

Ambassador Piyush Srivastava met Mr. Abdulrahman Jawahery, President, Gulf Petrochemical Industries Company, Bahrain who is a major trading partner of India in the field of fertilizers and chemicals



Ambassador also visited the Bahrain-India Friendship Garden with Neem Trees in the premises of GPIC which was inaugurated in June 2019.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021

Curtain Raiser Event of IDY-2021



Date- 04/06/2021

International Day of Yoga 2021 celebration kick started in Bahrain with a curtain raiser event on the theme “Holistic Approach to Yoga for Immunity” organised by BICAS Bahrain under the patronage of Embassy of India, Bahrain.

The event was graced by Honourable Dr. Vinay Sahasrabuddhe, the President of ICCR who was the chief guest, H. E. Dr. Mustafa Al Sayed, Secretary General of Royal Humanitarian Foundation, Bahrain as Guest of Honour and Ambassador Piyush Srivastava.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021



Dr. Vinay Sahasrabudhe congratulated Embassy of India, Bahrain & BICAS Bahrain saying that this inaugural event in Bahrain is also the global launch of IDY-2021. He said that Yoga is completely non-denominational & holistic. It is traditional & equally modern, an ever evolving science of human well-being.

Dr. Mustafa Sayed highlighted the importance of yoga for the global community and its benefits particularly in these challenging times of COVID 19 pandemic.

Ambassador, Piyush Srivastava congratulated BICAS for organising this inaugural event in a befitting manner and thanked all Indian associations & yoga enthusiasts, in association with whom Embassy of India, Bahrain will be holding series of events for IDY-2021 celebrations throughout the month of June.

He particularly thanked Bahraini friends for their enthusiastic participation, which shows the depth and breadth of close and historical bilateral relations & people to connect between the two countries.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021

Yoga event- “Yoga for Harmony & Healing”



Date- 11/06/2021

BICAS, Bahrain conducted a virtual event on the theme ‘Yoga for Harmony & Healing’ under the patronage of Embassy of India, Bahrain which was led by Bahraini yoga trainers. The event was graced by chief guest H.E. Ahmed Jaffar Al-Haiki, Assistant Undersecretary of Ministry of Labour & Social Development-Bahrain.

Yoga event for Children- “Yoga for Concentration”

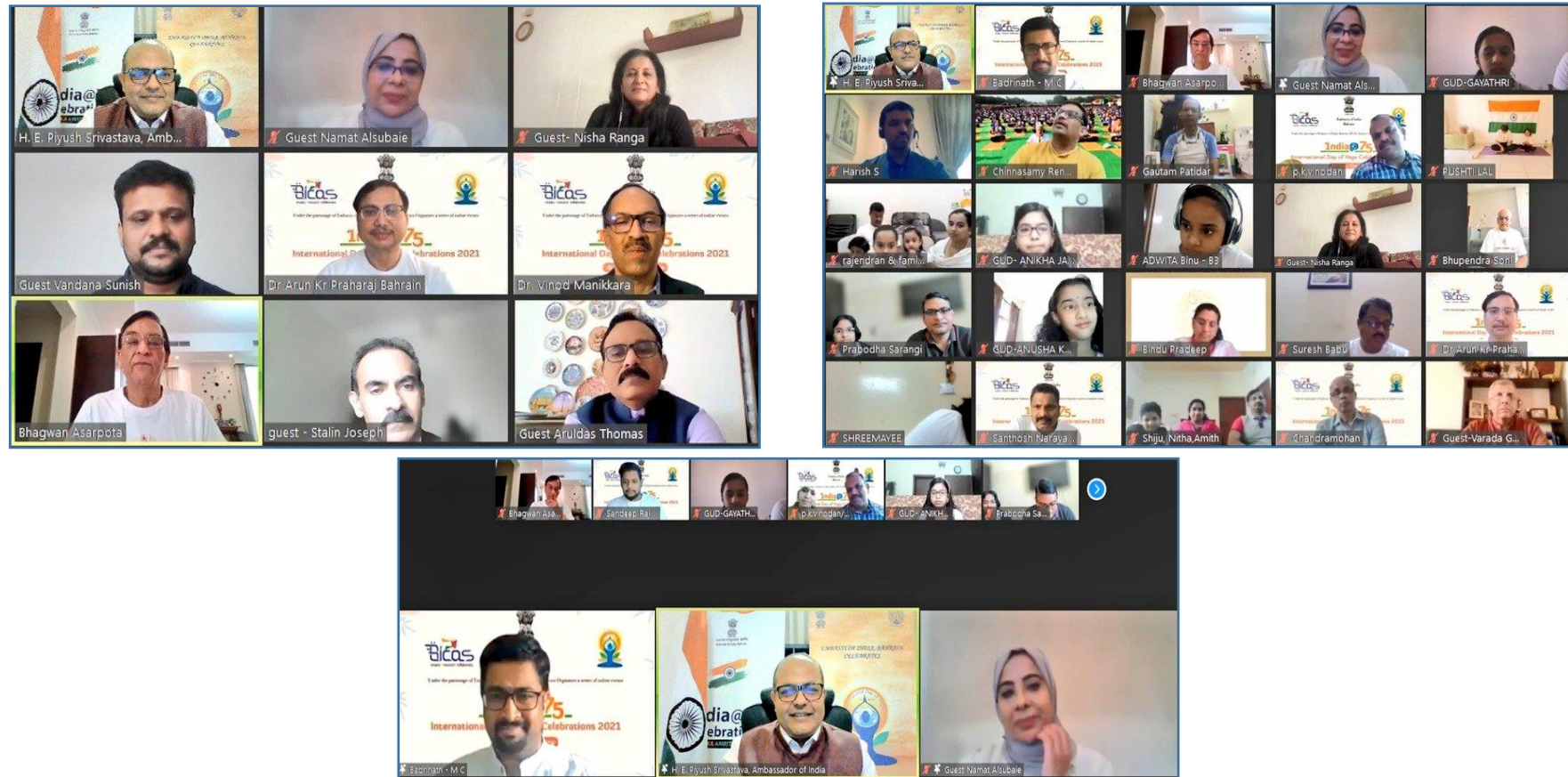


Date- 18/06/2021

A yoga fest was conducted by BCICAI for children under the patronage of Embassy of India, Bahrain. The fest included a session “Yoga for Concentration” & a quiz competition in which more than 400 children participated. The chief guest Sh. Vikram Singh, Director of Ministry of AYUSH shared his valuable thoughts on importance of yoga for children.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021

Yoga event- Common Yoga Protocol



Date- 18/06/2021

In continuation of International Day of Yoga 2021 celebrations, BICAS Bahrain in partnership with 21 Indian associations & 800 participants practiced the Common Yoga Protocol virtually. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava was the Chief Guest & Ms. Namat Al Subaie, consultant/advisor of NHRA Bahrain was the guest of honour.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021

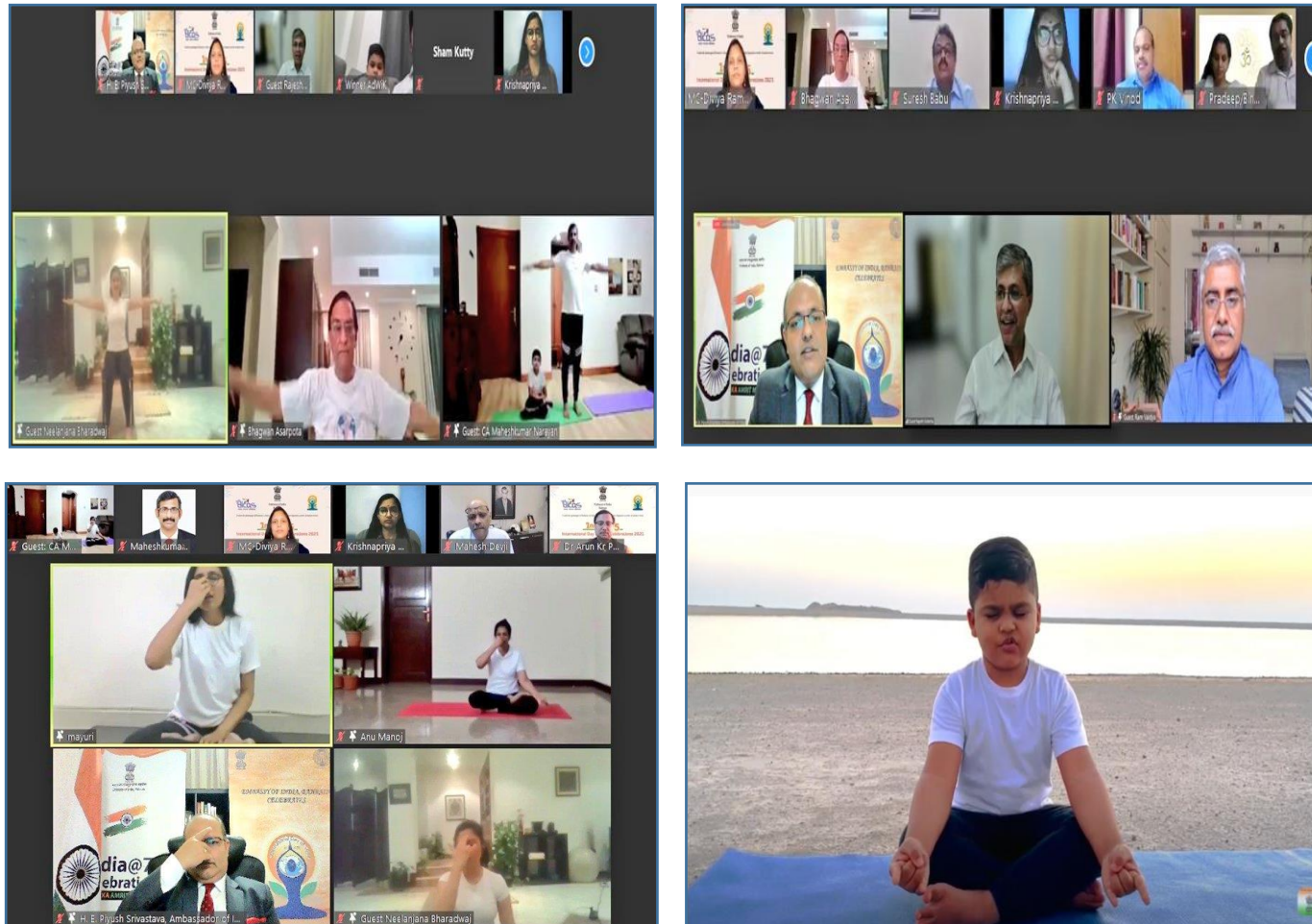
Yoga event- “My Family Yoga Family”



Date- 19/06/2021

The finale event of BICAS Bahrain on IDY-2021 was conducted under the patronage of Embassy of India, Bahrain. The theme “My Family Yoga Family” featured Rajesh Kotecha, Secretary of Ministry of AYUSH as Chief Guest & keynote speaker. Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated the event and Dr. H R Nagendra & Dr. Ram Vaidya were other speakers.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021



The event included yoga demonstrations of Sukshma Vyayam by Neelanjana Bharadwaj, Surya Namaskar by Mahesh Narayana, other yoga asanas by Anu Manoj and breathing exercises by Dr. Mayuri.

The event also saw the announcement of winner of the short video competition on “Yoga & its benefits”. Mst. Adwik Panda, a prodigy, was declared as the winner of the competition.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021

Yoga event- IDY 2021



Date- 21/06/2021

The main event of yoga protocols and exercises in the Embassy of India, saw a virtual participation of more than 100 Indian and Bahraini residents.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021

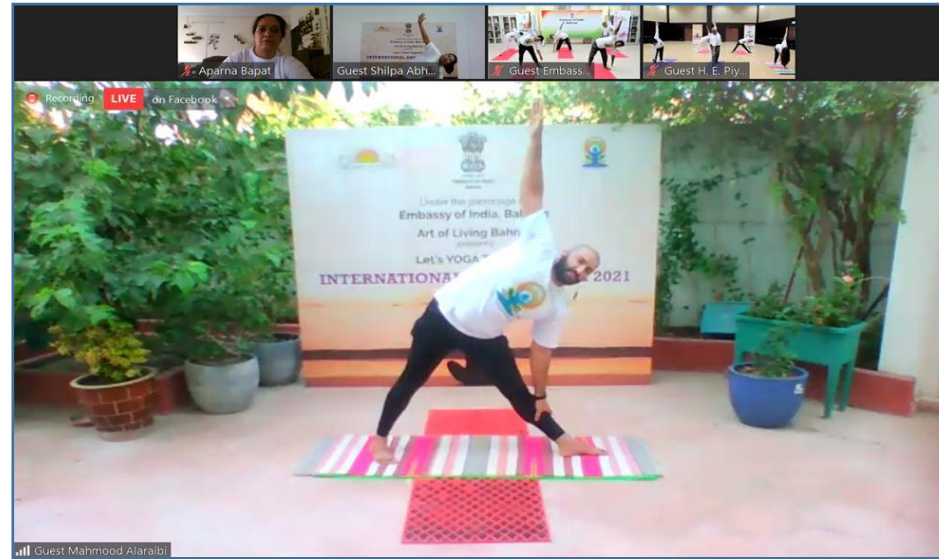


Ambassador conveyed his best wishes & greetings on the occasion of IDY2021 & highlighted the benefits of yoga for physical, mental & spiritual wellbeing which is even more important in these challenging times.

The event was also graced by Ms. Namat Al Subaie, Advisor, NHRABahrain who conveyed her wishes for #IDY2021 and participated in the yoga protocol and exercises.



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021



Mr. Mahmoud Al Oraibi led the virtual yoga protocol.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021

Online yoga workshop- International Day of Yoga-2021

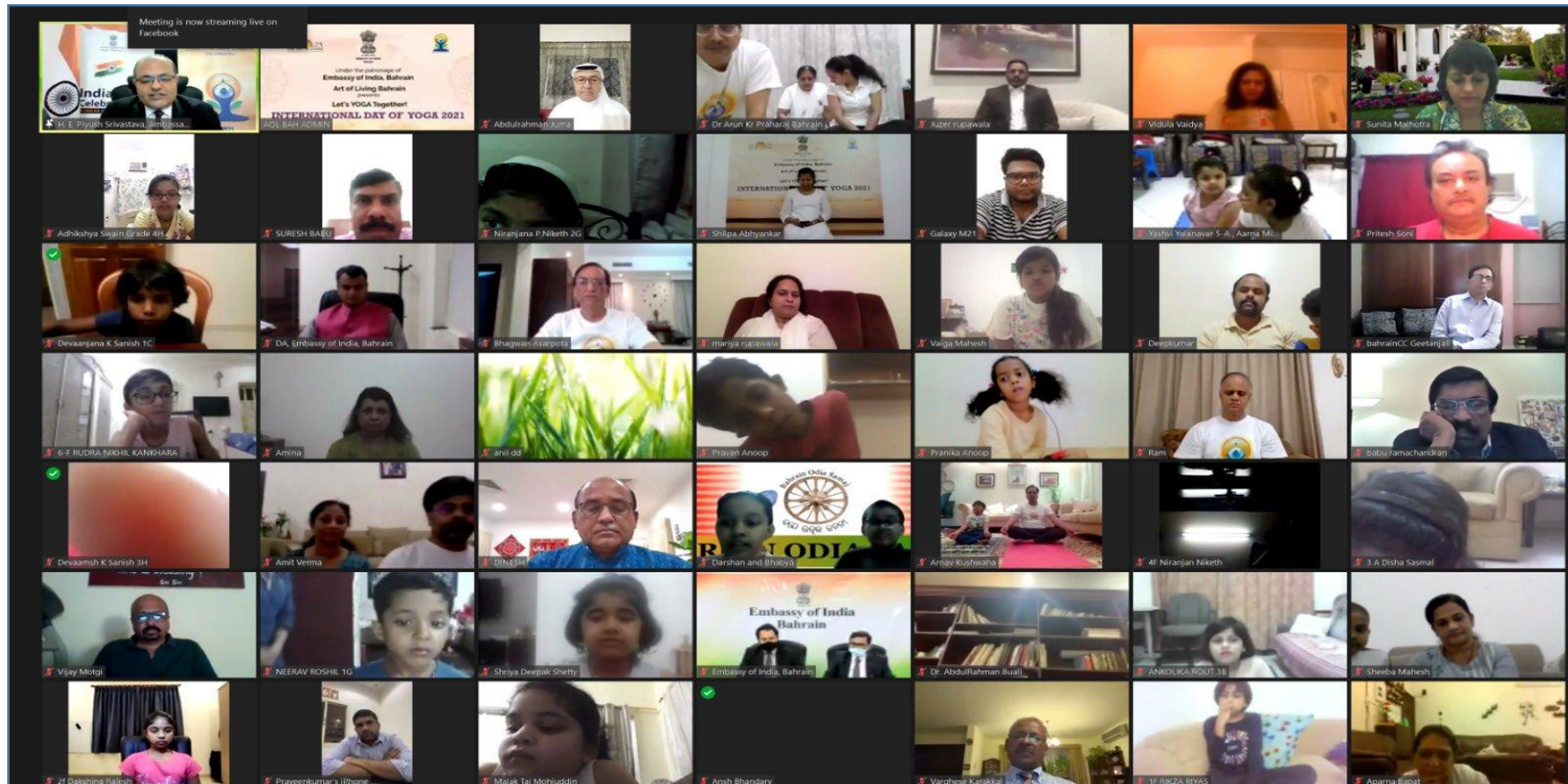


Date- 21/06/2021

As a part of celebration an online yoga workshop was conducted by Bahrain Media City, Aatma Yoga academy and Cochin Kalabhavan under the patronage of Embassy of India in Bahrain.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021

Yoga event- Lets Yoga Together



Date- 21/06/2021

Embassy of India, Bahrain in association with Art of Living Bahrain organised a yoga workshop titled "Let's do yoga together" on International Day of Yoga.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021



Mr Abdulrahman Juma, Chairman of Bahrain India Society and Dr. Wafaa Ebrahim Alsharbaty, Director, Ministry of Health, Bahrain were Guests of Honour. The event was also attended by the Ambassadors, Bahraini dignitaries, Indian associations and Indian and Bahraini yoga lovers.

Ambassador, Piyush Srivastava referred to letters from Honourable Prime Minister Narendra Modi to His Majesty the King and His Royal Highness the Crown Prince and Prime Minister of Bahrain, conveying gratitude for the cooperation extended by Government of Bahrain in making IDY2021 Celebrations a resounding success.

Shri. Girin Govind, International Director of Sri Sri Yoga led the session on Yoga and Meditation, which was attended by around 500 Indian and Bahraini nationals.

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021

Final event of IDY-2021



INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA-2021



Date- 21/06/2021

IDY-2021 celebration concludes with a finale yoga protocol & workshop organized by Embassy of India, Bahrain with BCICAI. The event was graced by Ambassador Piyush Srivastava as Chief Guest and Mr. Abdulrahman Juma, Chairman BIS as Guest of Honour. A special yoga was led by Mr. Mayur karthik of The Art of Living.

EVENTS

Indian Ladies Association (ILA) organised a virtual interactive event "Iconic Faces of India"



Date: 02/06/2021

As a part of India@75 celebrations, Indian Ladies Association (ILA) organised a virtual interactive event "Iconic Faces of India" portraying various Indian personalities as inspiring and powerful women of India. ILA Patron Mrs Monika Srivastava briefed India's vision on celebrating Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav. She also spoke about the rich cultural heritage & praised the instrumental role played by Indian diaspora in spreading Indian culture and values abroad.

Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated 'Mango Mania' at Lulu Hypermarket

Date- 06/06/2021



The Mango Festival included an impressive display of range of mango & mango products in Bahrain organised by Lulu Hypermarket. India has exported 16 varieties of mangoes including 3 GI certified mangoes. This included Khirsapati & Lakshmanbho from West Bengal and Zardalu from Bihar.

Indian Mango Fest organized by Aljazira Supermarket & Embassy of India, Bahrain has been inaugurated

Date- 11/06/2021



Indian Mango Fest organized by Aljazira Supermarket, APEDA & Embassy of India, Bahrain has been inaugurated on 11th of June, 2021. The fest continued in different stores of Aljazira Supermarket for one week. The Mango Fest was celebrated as part of Azad Ka Amrit Mahotsav(India @75).

EVENTS

Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated virtual event to celebrate World Environment Day 2021



EVENTS



Date- 05/06/2021

As a part of India@75, Ambassador Piyush Srivastava inaugurated virtual event to celebrate World Environment Day 2021 organized by Science India Forum under the patronage of Embassy of India, Bahrain.

India to the UN Economic & Social Council

Date- 08/06/2021



India has been elected to the UN Economic & Social Council (#ECOSOC) for the term 2022-24. The ECOSOC is at the centre of the UN development system and brings together people and issues to promote collective action for a sustainable world.

India's vaccination drive crosses a significant milestone

Date- 12/06/2021



India achieves a significant milestone in its ongoing COVID-19 vaccination drive. On 148th day of the drive, the cumulative COVID Vaccination Coverage crossed the 25 crore (25,28,78,702) mark, as per the 7 pm provisional report on 12th June. This has reached 33 crore (33,57,16,019) on 30th June.

Aspirational Districts Programme

Date- 12/06/2021

Highlights of UNDP India's Report on Aspirational Districts Programme

- ADP should serve as a **best practice** for several other countries where regional disparities in development status persist for many reasons.
- Due to concerted efforts made under the ADP, previously neglected districts have experienced more **growth and development** in the last three years than ever before.
- Programme has acted as a **catalyst** for expediting development in these districts.
- It has **strengthened** the technical and administrative capacities of the districts.
- Aligned to the principle of "**leave no one behind**"—the vital core of the SDGs.
- Unique **collaborative nature** of the programme brings all stakeholders, including state and local governments, development partners, and citizens, together to achieve goals and targets.

UNDP India lauds Aspirational Districts Programme (ADP) as ‘a very successful model of local area development’ launched by PM Narendra Modi in January 2018 as part of GoI’s effort to raise living standards & ensure inclusive growth for all, ‘Sabka Saath Sabka Vikas’.

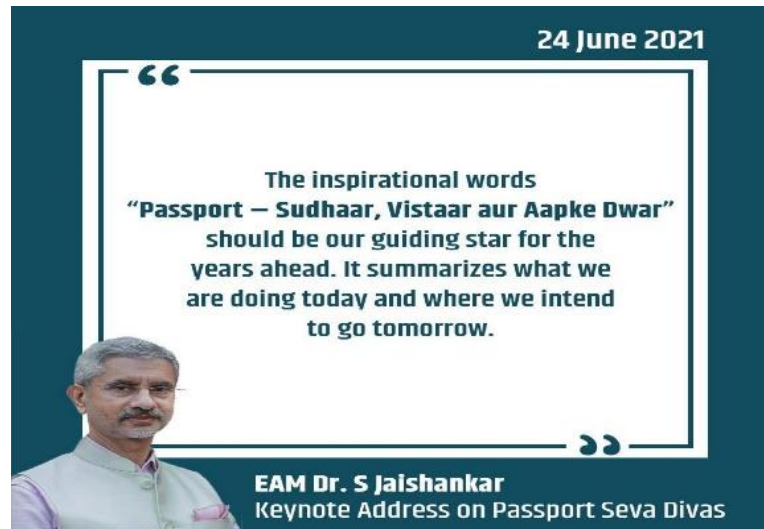
Prime Minister launched Yoga App



Date- 23/06/2021

PM Narendra Modi launched the mYoga Application which was developed by WHO and Government of India.

EAM Minister addressed the public on “Passport Divas”



Date- 24/06/2021

Dr. S. Jaishankar, External Affairs Minister quoted “The inspirational words "Passport – Sudhaar, Vistaar aur Aapke Dwar” should be our guiding star for the years ahead. It summarizes what we are doing today and where we intend to go tomorrow. He also wished all Passport issuing authorities on Passport Seva Divas.

OPEN HOUSE

EOI organised the Virtual Open House on 25th June 2021



Date- 25/06/2021

Ambassador Piyush Srivastava interacted with the local Indian community members as well as the associations directly regarding consular and labour issues.

Ambassador thanked the Government of Kingdom of Bahrain for their support in resolving various Consular and other matters related to Indian Community as well as for providing free vaccination to residents at par with citizens. Ambassador appealed to all Indian nationals, who have not yet taken vaccine to get vaccinated at the earliest.