

**Celebration of International Day of Yoga
Tuesday, 21st June 2022 | 05:30-08:30 AM
Modhera Sun Temple, Mehsana, Gujarat**

The Government of India celebrated 8th International Day of Yoga (IDY) on 21st June, 2022. As the 8th IDY is falling in Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav year, the Government of India under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister celebrated the event at 75 iconic sites across the country besides 75 locations across the world by different Indian embassies abroad with the “**Guardian Ring**” concept. The main theme of the 8th IDY is “Yoga for Humanity”.

The main event of mass Yoga was organized at Mysuru Palace, Mysuru, Karnataka under the leadership of Hon'ble Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi, from where he addressed the events virtually.

The Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India in collaboration with National Dairy Development Board (NDDB), Gujarat Cooperative Milk Marketing Federation (GCMMF) and Mehsana District Co-operative Milk Producers Union Ltd. celebrated the IDY-2022 at iconic place Modhera Sun Temple, Mehsana, Gujarat on 21st June, 2022.

The Sun Temple of Modhera, which ranks next only to the sun temple of Konark is one of the finest example of temple architecture in Gujarat. Built in 11th Century A.D., this temple is located in Bechraji taluka of Mehsana district, on the left bank of river Pushpavati, a tributary of river Rupen situated at a distance of 30 kms from Patan City.

Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India graced the event with his presence as Chief Guest in august presence of Shri Rushikesh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Gujarat, Shrimati Shardaben Patel, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Mehsana, Shri Raman Bhai, MLA, Bijapur and Shri Rajni Kant Patel, MLA, Bechraji.

At the outset, Shri G. N. Singh, Joint Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying welcomed the Dignitaries and the Dairy Farmers participating from the adjoining areas. The event commenced with lightening of lamp by Dignitaries.

Hon'ble Union Minister participated in the Common Yoga Protocol (CYP) along with more than five thousand as well as local dignitaries, students etc. Member Dairy farmers of the Mehsana District Co-operative Milk Producers Union Ltd. also participated in the event.

Addressing the Yogotsav, Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India stated that

the worldwide acceptance of Yoga is a matter of pride for India, as Yoga is an integral part of our cultural and spiritual heritage. As Yoga is necessary for healthy body and mind, nutritious food is also necessary for the same. He further stated that Milk is a good source of all vital essential nutrients and almost a complete food.

Shri Bhupendra Rajnikant Patel, Hon'ble Chief Minister of Gujarat also addressed the event virtually and highlighted the importance of Yoga in our daily life.

The Government of Gujarat provided all administrative and logistic support enthusiastically to make the event grand success.

Inputs for Press Release

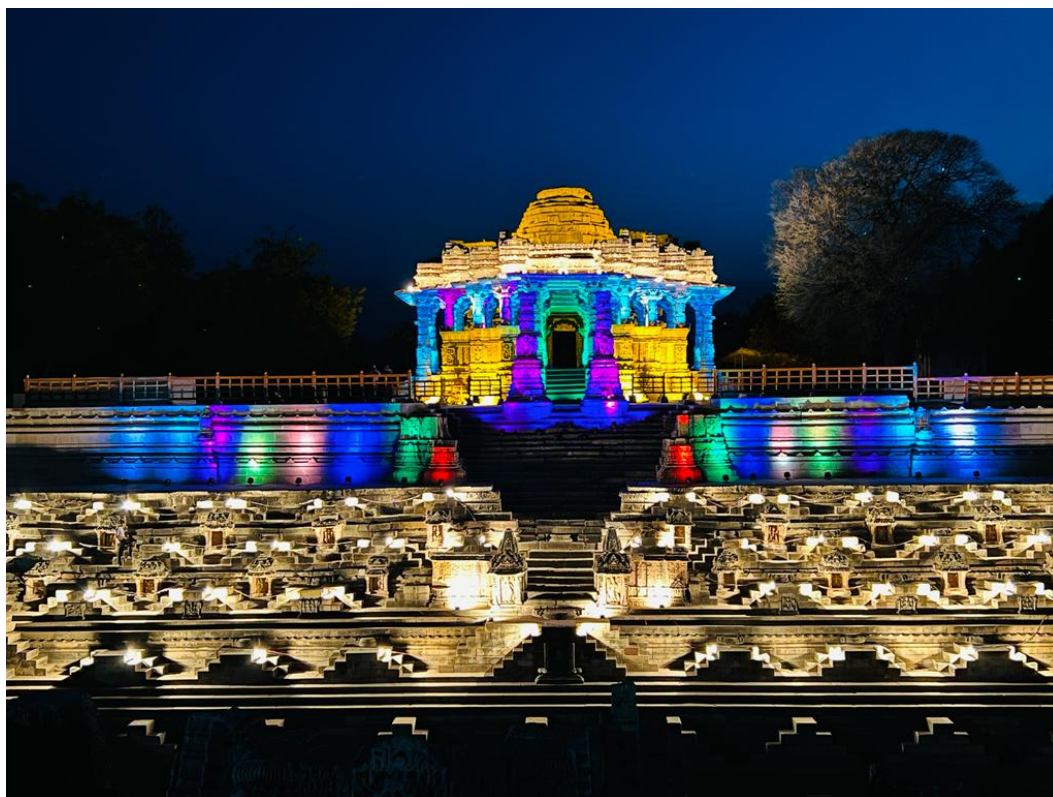
1. NAME OF VENUE: Modhera Sun Temple, Mehsana, Gujarat
2. NAME OF HON'BLE MINISTER LEADING THE PROGRAMME:
Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India
3. NAME OF THE MINISTRY ORGANISING THE PROGRAMME: Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Govt. of India
4. NAME OF THE COORDINATING ORGANIZATION: National Dairy Development Board
5. VIP/DIGNITARIES ATTENDED (NAME, DESIGNATION):
 - i. Shri Rushikesh Patel, Hon'ble Minister of Health and Family Welfare, Government of Gujarat
 - ii. Shrimati Shardaben Patel, Hon'ble Member of Parliament, Mehsana
 - iii. Shri Raman Bhai, MLA, Bijapur
 - iv. Shri Rajni Kant Patel, MLA, Bechraji
6. TOTAL NO. OF PARTICIPANTS (MAY BE CATEGORY WISE):

| S.No. | Category | No. of Participants |
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| 1 | Dudhsagar Dairy Farmers | 2489 |
| 2 | Dudhsagar Employees | 210 |
| 3 | Man sinh Institute of Dairy and Food technology | 120 |
| 4 | Patanjali, Mehsana | 250 |
| 5 | Scout | 50 |
| 6 | NCC | 50 |
| 7 | Kadi School Students | 100 |
| 8 | Modhera School Students | 650 |
| 9 | NDDDB Employees | 70 |
| 10 | BANAS DAIRY | 35 |
| 11 | Local Govt. officers | 186 |
| 12 | BSF | 60 |
| 13 | Lakulish Yoga University | 25 |
| 14 | Local Resident | 100 |
| 15 | ASI Staff | 70 |
| 16 | DAHD and supporting staff | 400 |
| | Total | 4865 |

7. ANY OTHER INFORMATION RELEVANT TO THE PROGRAMME:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O3ICokSJRb0>

| S.No. | Name of the Organizing Body | Locaion | Number of Individuals participated (IDY observance) | Contact Details |
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Modhera Sun Temple, Mehsana, Gujarat

