INTERNATIONAL DAY OF YOGA

The celebration of the 2017 International Day of Yoga will be held in the evening of Tuesday **20 June 2017 at 1800 hrs** at the North Lawns, United Nations (UN Secretariat Building, entrance from 46th Street, 1st Avenue), New York. The event is being organized by the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in association with the Department of Public Information, United Nations.

This will be the third celebration of the International Day of Yoga at the UN. The UN General Assembly Resolution A/Res/69/131, which was adopted by acclamation in December 2014 with a record number of 177 co-sponsoring member states, established the International Day of Yoga for observance by the United Nations on 21 June each year.

The idea for declaring an International Day of Yoga at the United Nations was formally proposed by the Hon’ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, in his maiden address to the 69th UNGA on 27 September 2014. The Hon’ble Prime Minister had indicated that 21 June, one of the two solstices, which marks the longest day in the northern hemisphere, has special significance in many parts of the world, and could be considered for adoption as the International Day of Yoga by the United Nations each year. Prime Minister Modi had said **“Yoga embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfillment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and well being.”**

For more information on the programme, please contact the Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations at E-mail: idypminy@gmail.com or visit https://www.pminewyork.org/idy/

For visitors who do not hold UN Ground Pass, UN Security will issue name-specific entry passes for which registration is a must (link given in the invitation). Entry to the venue is from the **46th Street, 1st Avenue entrance**. In addition to the UN Security access pass, a government-issued photo identification (which matches with the name given for UN Security pass) is required to enter the premises.