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Yoga for well-being

# International Yoga Day



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Challenge**

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**11<sup>th</sup> June to 21 June 2021**

**Time: 06:30 AM to 07:15 AM**



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**Registration link:** <https://survey.inseart.com/Form/50c8b0a6508785160a6126ef>

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On 21st June 2021 “International Yoga day” was celebrated in our college at 6 O’clock. All the students of UG and PG had participated in the ‘International Yoga day’. There are 73 boys and 69 girls total 142 Participated in ‘Yoga day’. Mr. Valmik Khairnar told the information of about ‘Yoga day’ and Importance of Yoga in our day-today life. The trainer Mr. Valmik Khairnar had given us his valuable guidance to the students, teacher and non-teaching staff also. The exercises are good and useful to the students. All the participants were excited and energetic. Some of our teachers and students had shown us Yoga by following the instruction given by the trainer. We all celebrate the day with a lot of eagerness and joy. It’s a very interesting Day for all of us. The experience we got was really amazing and important.



**Introduction:** Yoga is a mind and body practice with historical origins in ancient Indian philosophy. The word Yoga is derived from the Sanskrit word 'Yuj' which means to join or unite. The union referred to is that of the individual self-uniting with Cosmic Consciousness or the Universal Spirit. Yoga is believed to have evolved during the period of the 'Sat Yuga', also called the Golden age. It was not until the discovery of the Indus- valley civilization, the largest civilization: that the knowledge about the origin of Yoga surfaced.

**Yoga:** Its Origin, History and Development The practice of Yoga is believed to have started with the very dawn of civilization. The science of yoga has its origin thousands of years ago, long before the first religions or belief systems were born. In the yogic lore, Shiva is seen as the first yogi or Adiyogi, and the first Guru or Adi Guru. Several Thousand years ago, on the banks of the lake Kantisarovar in the Himalayas, Adiyogi poured his profound knowledge into the

legendary Saptarishis or "seven sages". The sages carried this powerful yogic science to different parts of the world, including Asia, the Middle East, Northern Africa and South America. Interestingly, modern scholars have noted and marvelled at the close parallels found between ancient cultures across the globe. However, it was in India that the yogic system found its fullest expression. Agastya, the Saptarishi who travelled across the Indian subcontinent, crafted this culture around a core yogic way of life. Yoga is widely considered as an "immortal cultural outcome" of the Indus Saraswati Valley Civilisation – dating back to 2700 BC – and has proven itself to cater to both material and spiritual uplift of humanity.

**The Origin of International Day of Yoga:** Yoga is a 5,000 year-old tradition from India that combines physical, mental and spiritual pursuits to achieve harmony of the body and mind. On December, 11 in 2014, the United Nations General Assembly declared 21st June as the International Day of Yoga. The

declaration came at the behest of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India Shri Narendra Modi during his address to UN General Assembly on September 27, 2014 wherein he stated: "Yoga is an invaluable gift of India's ancient tradition. It embodies unity of mind and body; thought and action; restraint and fulfilment; harmony between man and nature; a holistic approach to health and well-being. It is not about exercise but to discover the sense of oneness with yourself, the world and the nature". In Suggesting June 21, which is the Summer Solstice, as the International Day of Yoga, Narendra Modi had said: "the date is the longest day of the year in the Northern Hemisphere and has special significance in many parts of the world

Our college celebrated yoga day with great reverence every year. We learn different standing and sitting asanas. This year, our Yoga day celebration started with meditation. After meditation, we shifted to sun salutation. We completed 108 sun salutations. There were several exits to avoid the rush at

the end of the sessions. We pledged to make yoga a daily part of their lives so as to increase our physical, emotional, mental and spiritual well being.

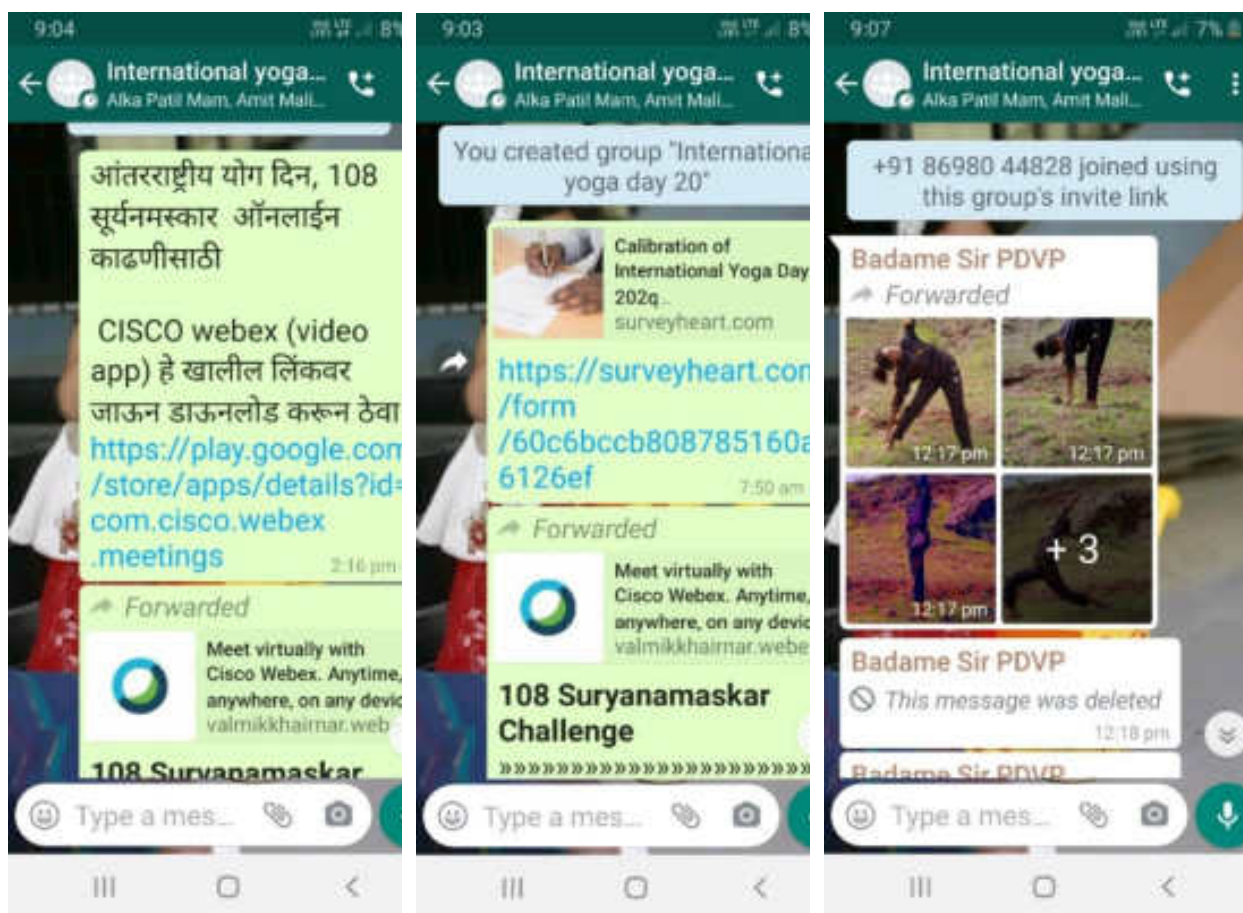
This year's yoga day celebration was held with great enthusiasm at our college. A large number of students, teaching and non-teaching staff attended the event this year.

The theme for this year's yoga day was " **Yoga** for well-being". Various asanas were followed by omkar chanting. Warm-up exercises, sitting and standing asanas were performed. The trainers Mr. Valmik Khairnar gave us a short class about the benefits of yoga. They help in improving concentration and in attaining inner peace. It helps a person improve life physically, mentally and spiritually as well.

This year due to the widespread pandemic, large gatherings were not possible and also not allowed. Covid - 19 was already taking a huge toll on us but we decided to celebrate yoga day

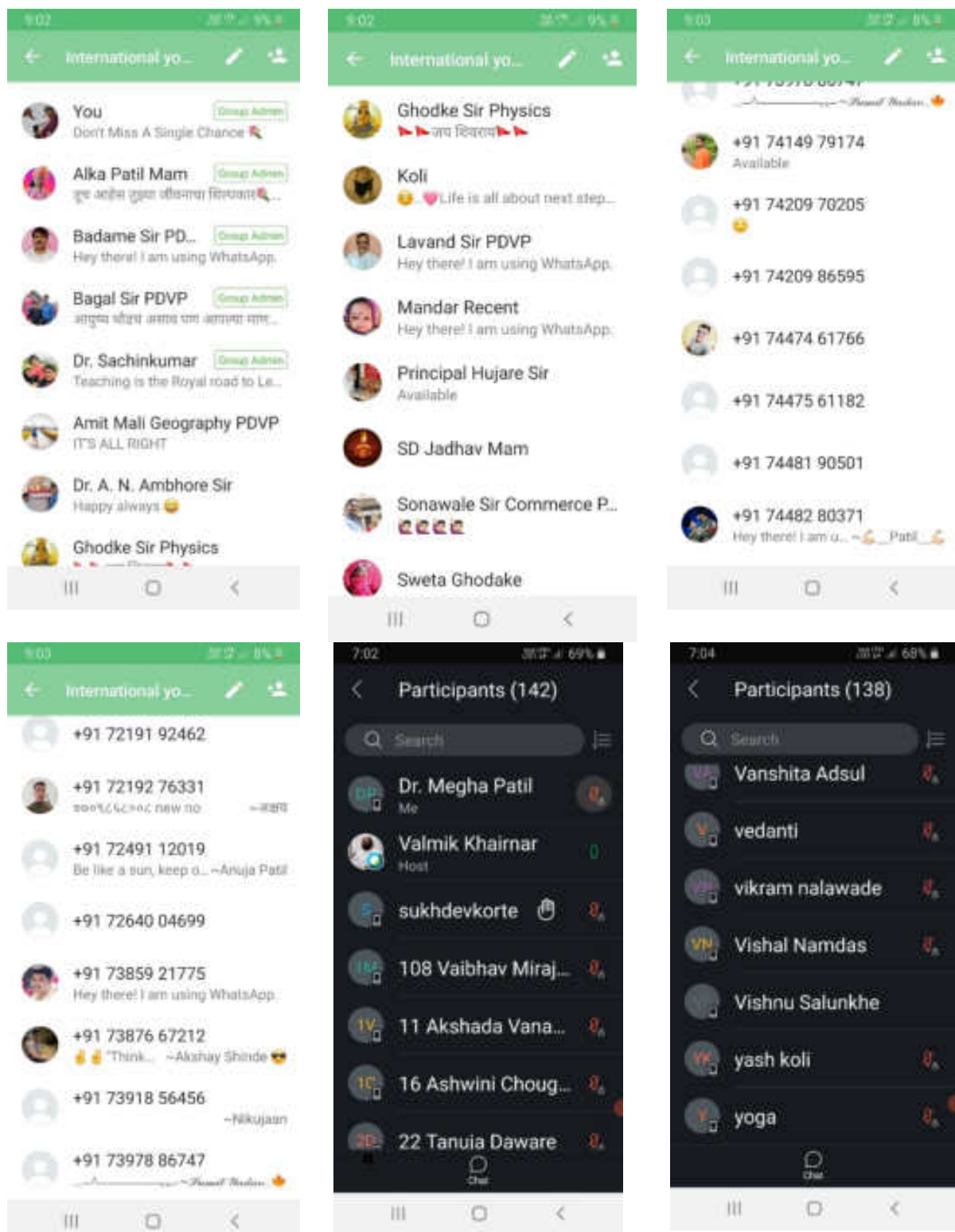


virtually. Our college held a virtual yoga session for us. This year's theme for world yoga day was "Yoga for well-being". This was an excellent theme since due to the covid situation, gatherings and celebrations were not possible.



**The above snapshots, showing active participants on WhatsApp group**

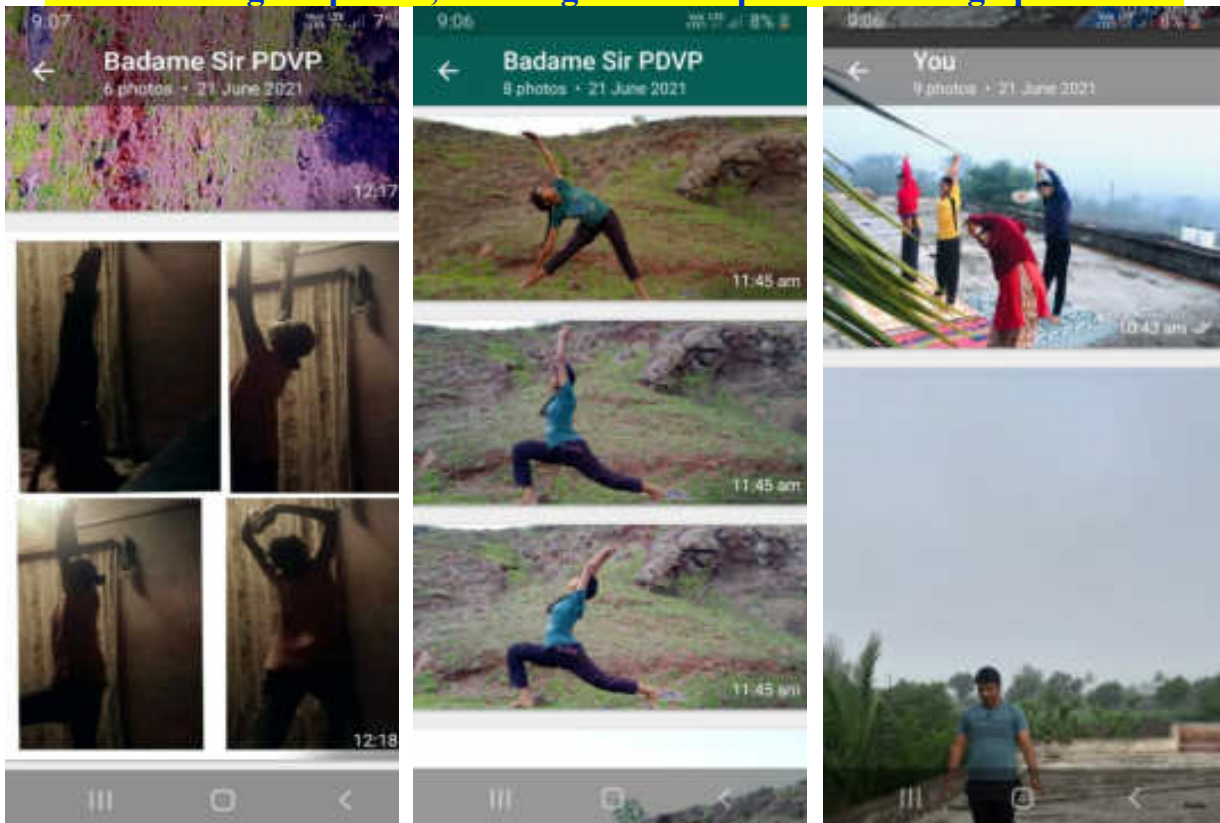




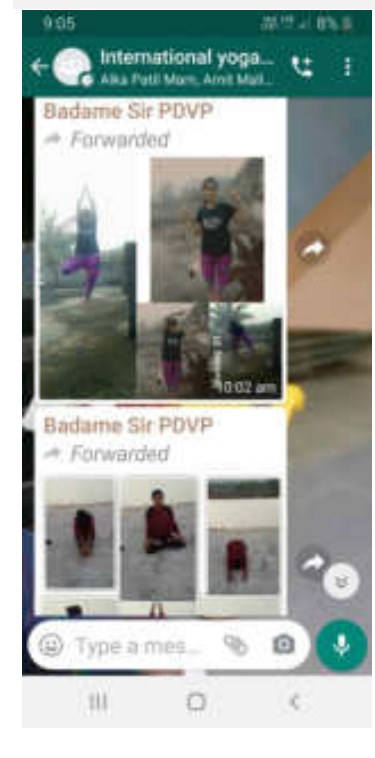
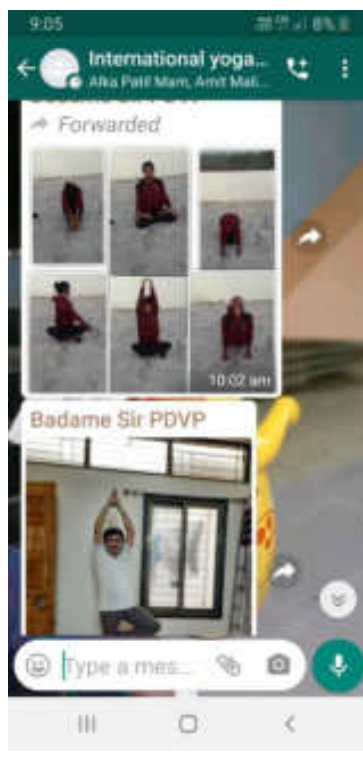
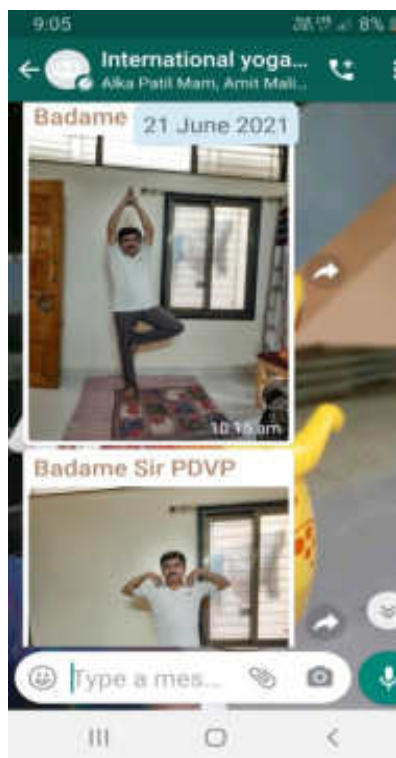
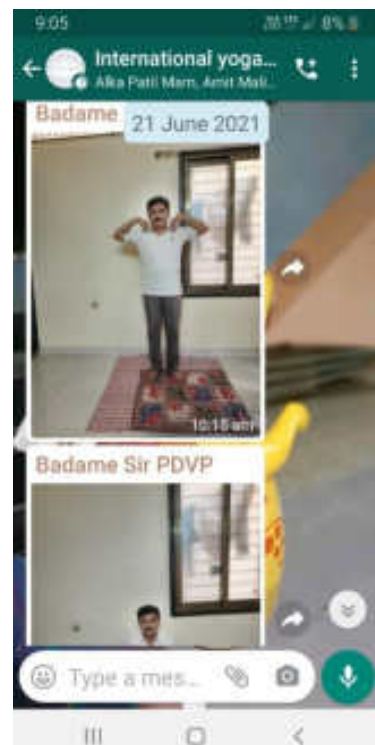
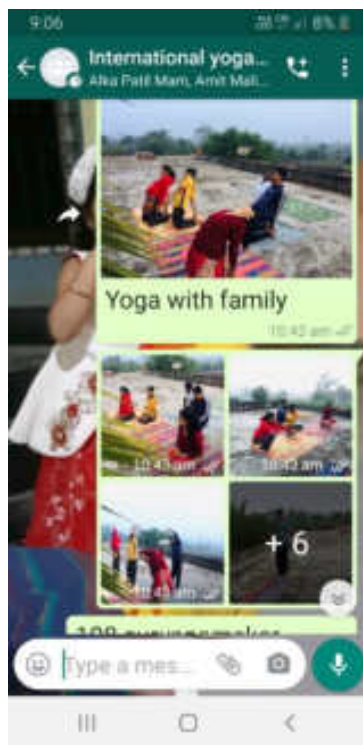
**The above snapshots, showing participants on WebEx platform during Yoga Performance**

This day is the longest day of the year also known as the summer solstice. They gave a brief history of the origin of yoga. It is a gift of India's ancient tradition. Yoga is said to be practised from the 5th century.

**The following snapshots, showing different postures of Yoga performed**



Even though the yoga day celebration was at home we were still happy. Our school physical education teacher showed us the sun salutation and carefully explained the meaning of each asana in the sun salutation.







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