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DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES**

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The Department of Fisheries, Ministry of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying is organizing Yoga Countdown Program on 09<sup>th</sup> May 2022 as precursor to the International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2022, on June 21<sup>st</sup> 2022. To commemorate the 75 glorious years of India's Independence, this is an effort to celebrate 'Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav' in a unique manner by the Department of Fisheries.

The first from a series of inaugural events to be inaugurated by Shri Parshottam Rupala, Hon'ble Minister for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying on 9<sup>th</sup> May at Porbandar, Gujarat. A team of officers and from the Department and field offices led by Union Fisheries Secretary Shri J.N.Swain shall accompany the Hon'ble Minister at the event. Parallel to this Dr. Sanjeev Kumar Balyan, Hon'ble Minister of State, Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry & Dairying and Dr. L. Murugan, Hon'ble Minister of State (Fisheries) will inaugurate the countdown events at Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh and Mahabalipuram, Tamil Nadu, respectively.

More than 1000 people including Fish Farmers, Fishers, fisheries allied industries, and civil society organizations and other stakeholders in the Fisheries ecosystem, Govt. officials and local people including youth & women will physically participate the countdown YOGA events at all the locations while many other people will join virtually. Ahead of the International Day of Yoga (IDY) scheduled on 21<sup>st</sup> June 2022, this countdown program aims to create wider outreach and awareness across the country on the importance of Yoga in everyday life and motivate everyone to practice it for holistic development and wellness and UNESCO has also listed Yoga as intangible world heritage.

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