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01 | **YOGA FOR ONE EARTH, ONE HEALTH: INDIA'S MESSAGE OF GLOBAL HARMONY ON INTERNATIONAL YOGA DAY 2025**

India celebrated the 11th International Day of Yoga on 21 June 2025 with renewed energy and commitment under the theme “Yoga for One Earth, One Health.” Rooted in India's ancient wisdom, the day underscored the country's civilizational ethos of harmony between individual health and planetary well-being. The nationwide observance reaffirmed yoga not just as a personal practice, but as a call to sustainable and balanced living.



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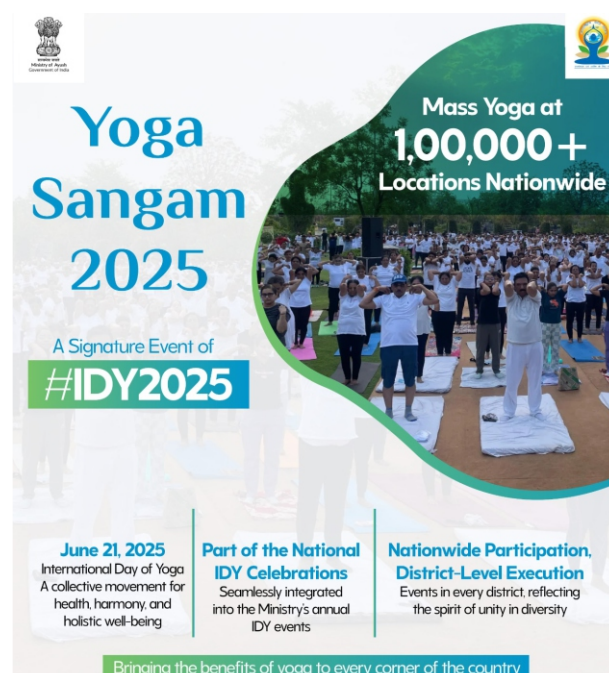
This year, the main celebration, titled **Yoga Sangam**, was held in Visakhapatnam, where thousands gathered to participate in a synchronized yoga session following the **Common Yoga Protocol**. Over one lakh locations across India—from schools and colleges to historical sites and remote villages—hosted similar events. Initiatives such as *Yoga Bandhan* (focussing on social unity), *Harita Yoga* (linking yoga with environmental stewardship), *Yoga Samavesh* (for inclusivity), and *Yoga Unplugged* (for digital engagement) created a festive and participatory atmosphere, especially among youth and rural communities.

TEN SIGNATURE EVENTS

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| YOGA SANGAM | YOGA BANDHAN | YOGA PARK | YOGA SAMAVESH | YOGA PRABHAVA |
| YOGA CONNECT | HARIT YOGA | YOGA UNPLUGGED | YOGA MAHAKUMBH | SAMYOGA |

India's outreach efforts were bolstered through the Yoga Sangam portal, where more than 30,000 institutions registered their events. The scale and inclusivity of participation reflected not just a cultural celebration, but a mass movement of public health consciousness rooted in Indian tradition.

While deeply Indian in its philosophy and execution, the message resonated globally. **The United Nations and the World Health Organization lent support to the theme, acknowledging yoga's growing role in preventive healthcare and mental well-being.** Global events highlighted how yoga is helping people build resilience, manage stress, and foster sustainable living habits—goals that align with both individual health and the planet.

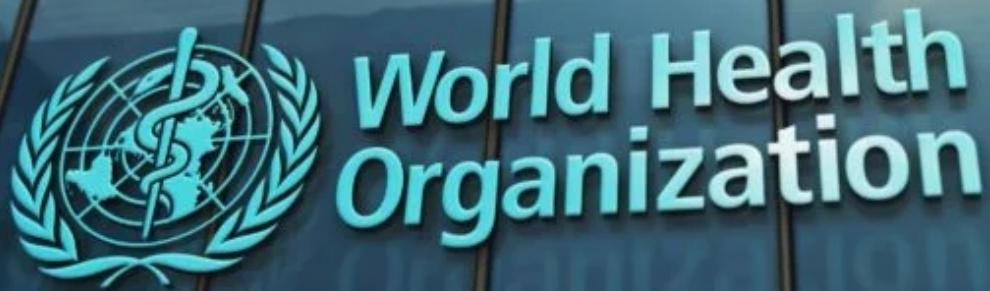


Source: <https://www.newsonair.gov.in/more-than-30-thousand-organisations-register-to-participate-in-yoga-sangam-2025/>



Source: <https://news.un.org/en/story/2025/06/1164736>

India's leadership in championing yoga on the world stage continues to inspire international cooperation. "One Earth, One Health" reflects the interconnectedness of human and ecological health—a message that originated in Indian thought and now finds universal acceptance. **Through this year's celebration, India once again offered yoga as a timeless gift to the world: a pathway to unity, wellness, and harmony with nature.**



02 INDIA ADVOCATES FOR GLOBAL INTEGRATION OF TRADITIONAL MEDICINE INTEGRATION AT WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY

The 78th World Health Assembly (WHA) in Geneva was convened under the theme “One World for Health,” in which India reiterated its robust support for global cooperation in traditional medicine, forming the foundation of a global shift driven by the new strategy of the World Health Organization (WHO) for 2025-2034. India welcomed the adoption of the **WHO's updated Global Traditional Medicine Strategy and reaffirmed its leadership role in advancing integrated healthcare that bridges modern medical science with traditional practices like Ayurveda, Siddha, Unani, and Yoga.**



Source: <https://organiser.org/2025/05/27/294176/bharat/ayush-goes-global-indias-historic-who-pact-to-standardise-traditional-medicine/>

India's intervention underscored its prior achievements under the WHO strategy of 2014–2023, asserting that it emerged as a global exemplar by embedding traditional systems within national health policies, regulations, and structured research frameworks. **Central to this effort is the WHO Global Centre for Traditional Medicine (GTMC) in Jamnagar, Gujarat—established in 2022 with Indian and WHO leadership.** The Centre acts as a global hub for data analytics, policy development, standards, and evidence generation in traditional medicine.

BENEFITS OF ESTABLISHMENT OF GTMC

To position AYUSH systems across the globe

To provide leadership on global health matters pertaining to traditional medicine

To ensure quality, safety and efficacy, accessibility, and rational use of traditional medicine

To develop norms in relevant technical areas

To develop specific capacity building and training programs

A significant development at the WHA was the **announcement of a donor agreement, signed on 24 May 2025 between the Ministry of Ayush and WHO, aimed at developing a dedicated Traditional Medicine module aligned with the International Classification of Health Interventions (ICHI).** This historic move will allow Ayush systems to gain greater global recognition and transparency in clinical documentation and insurance integration.



Source: <https://government.economictimes.indiatimes.com/news/healthcare/india-leads-global-initiative-for-traditional-medicine-at-who-assembly/121452692>

Through these initiatives—scientific integration, institutional capacity building, and formal classification—India is championing greater access and legitimacy for traditional systems worldwide. **As India pledges sustained support for the WHO Strategy 2025–2034, it aims to reinforce inclusive, sustainable, and culturally sensitive healthcare models on a global stage.**

KEY DEVELOPMENTS OF INDIA'S COMMITMENT

- ✓ GTMC in Jamnagar
- ✓ Ayush Grid Digital Platform
- ✓ Ayush Clinical Case Repository (ACCR)
- ✓ Traditional Knowledge Digital Library (TKDL)
- ✓ Global Outreach Initiative

India's active engagement at the World Health Assembly marks a pivotal step toward mainstreaming traditional medicine in global health discourse. **By aligning its efforts with WHO's strategic vision, India is fostering a more inclusive and integrative healthcare future** that respects cultural heritage while emphasizing scientific validation.



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National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions

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NCAHP PARTNERSHIP DRIVING COMPETENCY- BASED CURRICULAR REFORM ACROSS TEN ALLIED AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONS

The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare, in collaboration with the National Commission for Allied and Healthcare Professions (NCAHP), has launched an ambitious reform initiative introducing competency-based curricula for ten allied and healthcare professions. This marks a major shift in India's health education landscape, aimed at building a skilled, standardized, and globally competitive health workforce.

TEN NEW DISCIPLINES

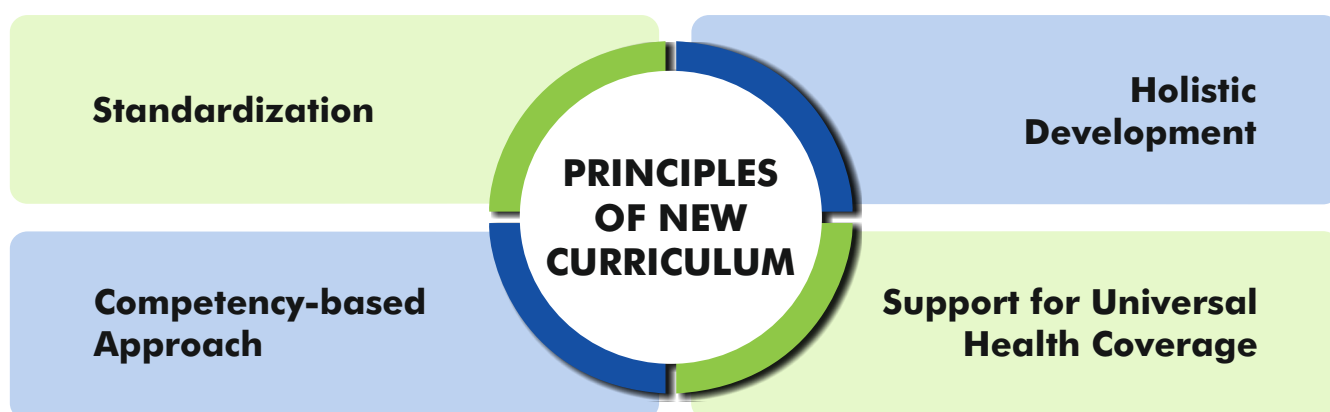
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| Physiotherapy | Applied Psychology and Behavioral Health | Dialysis Therapy Technology and Dialysis Therapy | Nutrition and Dietetics | Optometry |
| Radiotherapy Technology | Medical Radiology and Imaging Technology | Anaesthesia and Operation Theatre Technology | Health Information Management | Physician Associates |

This initiative is aligned with the broader national vision of “One Nation, One Curriculum,” which seeks to harmonize training across institutions, eliminate regional disparities, and ensure consistency in educational quality. The competency-based approach focuses on clearly defined outcomes, skill development, and practical application, replacing traditional syllabus-driven instruction with a more structured, learner-centric framework.



Source: <https://www.mohfw.gov.in/?q=en/pressrelease-256>

By centering on competencies rather than rote learning, the new curricula are designed to enhance professional readiness and improve healthcare delivery across preventive, promotive, curative, and rehabilitative domains. These reforms are also intended to **support India's growing role as a global healthcare talent hub, ensuring that professionals trained under this system meet international benchmarks in both knowledge and practice.**



Senior officials from the ministry highlighted that the reforms will play a crucial role in strengthening public health systems by bridging the gap between academic training and field-level healthcare needs. **The NCAHP has further announced that the new curricula will become mandatory from the academic year 2026**, signaling a clear timeline for nationwide adoption and institutional preparedness.



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The curriculum handbooks include comprehensive details on learning outcomes, eligibility criteria, instructional strategies, skill-based assessments, and institutional infrastructure requirements. Emphasis has also been placed on non-clinical competencies such as ethics, communication, critical thinking, collaboration, digital literacy, and lifelong learning, ensuring holistic development of healthcare professionals.

This collaborative effort draws on expertise from multiple stakeholders, including state councils, academic institutions, sector experts, and professional bodies. **It demonstrates a unified commitment to quality reform in allied and healthcare education** and affirms India's intention to build a future-ready workforce capable of contributing to universal health coverage and global health priorities.



04 | INDIA HOSTS SECOND NATIONAL WORKSHOP FOR STRENGTHENING HEALTHCARE DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The Ministry of Health and Family Welfare organized the **2nd National Workshop on 'Health Sector Disaster Preparedness and Response' & 'Fire Safety in Healthcare Facilities'** in New Delhi, reaffirming the government's commitment to strengthening safety and emergency resilience in the healthcare sector. It helped in sharing experiences and exploring innovative approaches to disaster risk reduction.



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The workshop brought together key stakeholders from across the country to discuss strategies for building disaster-resilient health infrastructure, enhancing fire safety standards, and integrating risk mitigation into the healthcare delivery system. **A central focus was placed on the capacity building and sensitization of healthcare personnel**, across both public and private sectors, and at every level of care—from primary to tertiary institutions.



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The workshop emphasized the urgent need for regular fire safety audits to identify and address institutional vulnerabilities before disasters occur. This aligns with national priorities to shift from a reactive to a preventive approach in disaster risk management, ensuring healthcare facilities remain operational and safe during emergencies. Discussions also stressed incorporating safety protocols in new infrastructure planning and renovating existing facilities to meet evolving safety standards.

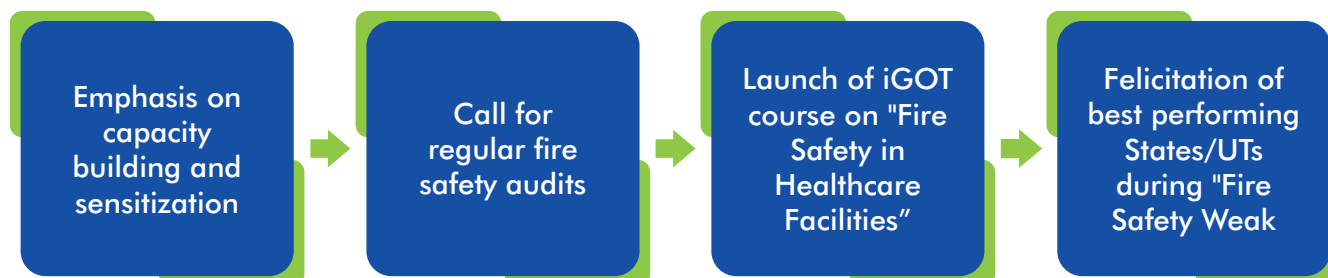
A major highlight of the event was the **launch of the Integrated Government Online Training (iGOT) course on 'Fire Safety in Healthcare Facilities'**, a digital training module aimed at training healthcare professionals with the necessary competencies and awareness to manage fire risks and respond effectively. The course is expected to significantly strengthen institutional preparedness and promote a culture of safety through scalable online learning.



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Further, **States and Union Territories that demonstrated exemplary performance during 'Fire Safety Week' were felicitated for their proactive initiatives.** This recognition aims to foster inter-state learning and encourage widespread adoption of best practices in healthcare safety management.

KEY TAKEAWAYS



The workshop concluded with a call for coordinated and sustained efforts among government agencies, technical institutions, private stakeholders, and healthcare administrators to build a safer and more resilient health system. The event marked a pivotal step in embedding disaster preparedness and fire safety into the core framework of India's healthcare infrastructure.



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INDIA PRIORITIZES UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE AT THIRD INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON HEALTH TECHNOLOGY ASSESSMENT

The third International Symposium on Health Technology Assessment (ISHTA 2025), a significant global health policy event, was held at Bharat Mandapam in New Delhi. It focussed on the theme **"Bridging Evidence to Policy: Health Technology Assessment for Affordable Healthcare."**

Organized by the Department of Health Research (DHR), Ministry of Health and Family Welfare, in collaboration with WHO India and the Centre for Global Development (CGD), the two-day event brought together policymakers, researchers, clinicians, economists, and public health experts to underline the **growing relevance of HTA in India's journey toward Universal Health Coverage (UHC).**



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healthcare—including preventive, curative, palliative, and rehabilitative services—was showcased. **Notable milestones included the creation of 22 AIIMS institutes, a significant increase in MBBS and MD seat capacity, and the addition of more than 75,000 new medical seats nationwide.**

The symposium emphasized Health Technology Assessment (HTA) as a cornerstone of evidence-informed policymaking, necessary for building an equitable, efficient, and high-quality health system. Participants highlighted the role of HTA in optimizing health expenditures, prioritizing interventions, and strengthening public health outcomes, especially in resource-constrained settings. The government's comprehensive approach to

HTA India's growing network of technical partners across 19 states featured prominently, reflecting its integral role in institutionalizing cost-effective, evidence-based decision-making at the national and state levels. These regional resource hubs support strategic health interventions, including tuberculosis screening, and enhance the overall planning capacity of public health institutions. WHO India reaffirmed its ongoing collaboration with national agencies to build HTA capacity, promote value-based healthcare, and scale up indigenous innovations with global relevance.



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NEW INITIATIVES LAUNCHED

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Diagnosis of Pulmonary Tuberculosis

HTA Technologies Compendium

HTA Costing Database

Patent Mitra

As India progresses toward the vision of Viksit Bharat 2047, the continued integration of HTA into health governance frameworks is expected to significantly contribute to sustainable, affordable, and inclusive healthcare for all citizens. By embedding HTA into policy processes, India is building a resilient health system that balances quality with cost-efficiency. The symposium reaffirmed that scientific evidence must remain at the heart of healthcare decisions to ensure equity and access for every individual.



06 | EXPERT INSIGHT



"Yoga is an invaluable gift of our ancient tradition. Yoga 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 nature. Changing our lifestyle and creating consciousness can help us deal with climate change."

Shri Narendra Modi
Prime Minister
India

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