NSS Event 30: International Yoga Day observation by Raidighi College NSS Unit 1 in collaboration with Raidighi College- NCC and Department of Physical Education.

Date: 21st June 2025 Time: 9 to 10.30 am

Venue: Raidighi College playground

Introduction:

International Yoga Day, celebrated every year on **21st June**, highlights the global importance of yoga as a holistic practice for physical, mental, and spiritual well-being. Proposed by India and adopted by the United Nations in 2014, the day aims to spread awareness about the benefits of yoga in promoting a balanced lifestyle. Yoga is not just a form of exercise but a complete system that connects the body, mind, and breath, helping individuals lead healthier and more mindful lives.

The volunteers of Raidighi College NSS Unit 1 actively participated in the International Yoga Day 2025 jointly organised by Raidighi College NSS Unit 1, NCC and Department of Physical Education on 21st June 2025. The theme for this year's celebration was- "Yoga for One Earth and One Health". The importance of yoga for holistic wellness is catching up greatly all across the Globe so, the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports through My Bharat portal encouraged all NSS units to organise events and upload images and videos in action in their portal.

Role of Youth:

The **role of youth** in promoting and sustaining the spirit of International Yoga Day is extremely significant. Young people are the most energetic and adaptable segment of society. Their participation can transform yoga from a traditional practice into a modern lifestyle movement. By embracing yoga, youth can manage stress, anxiety, and lifestyle disorders that are increasingly affecting their generation. *Regular practice improves focus, discipline, resilience, and emotional stability* — *qualities essential for academic success and personal growth*.

Youth also act as powerful **agents of change**. Through social media, community activities, and school or college initiatives, they can inspire others to take up yoga. Their involvement helps bridge the gap between generations and makes yoga more relatable for peers. By leading awareness campaigns, attending mass yoga sessions, and incorporating yogic principles in daily life, young people strengthen the global message of wellness and harmony.

In essence, International Yoga Day becomes more impactful when the youth actively participate. Their enthusiasm not only preserves India's ancient heritage but also promotes a healthier and more conscious future for the world.

Activities of the day:

To observe the day, both NSS PO-1 Dr Arvinda Shaw as well as Ms Bularani Mandal of Dept. of Physical Education delivered lucid lectures on the significance of the day's observation. Later, Yoga Instructor, Mr Kamal Krishna Khanra from Dept. of Physical Education, demonstrated yoga postures for all the participants. Students and volunteers actively participated in display of difficult yoga postures. The day celebration came to an end with distribution of refreshments to all the participants.

Importance of Practising Yoga:

Practising yoga holds immense importance in today's fast-paced and stressful lifestyle. Yoga is a holistic discipline that combines physical postures, breathing techniques, and meditation to promote overall well-being. One of the major benefits of yoga is its ability to reduce stress and anxiety. By calming the mind and regulating the breath, yoga helps individuals develop emotional balance and mental clarity.

Physically, yoga improves **flexibility, posture, strength, and balance**. Regular practice helps prevent lifestyle-related health issues such as back pain, obesity, hypertension, and poor circulation. It also enhances lung capacity and supports better functioning of the cardiovascular, digestive, and immune systems. Unlike intense workouts, yoga is gentle on the body, making it suitable for people of all ages.

Yoga also plays a significant role in improving **focus**, **concentration**, **and productivity**. This is especially valuable for students and working individuals who deal with high mental workloads. Through mindfulness and meditation, yoga helps develop patience, self-awareness, and a positive mindset.

Another important aspect is that yoga promotes a **healthier lifestyle**. It encourages discipline, regularity, and conscious living. People who practise yoga often become more mindful of their habits, diet, sleep, and overall routine. It also fosters inner peace and emotional resilience, helping individuals cope better with daily challenges.

Conclusion:

Overall, practising yoga is important because it nurtures the body, mind, and soul together. It supports physical fitness, mental stability, spiritual growth, and long-term health, making it one of the most effective practices for holistic well-being. Raidighi College-NCC, NSS and Dept. of Physical Education jointly came forward to create awareness about the significance of the day among the students and local community people.

Few glimpses of the event:











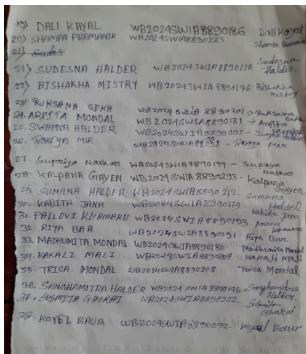




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