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#### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

# International Day of Yoga - June 21

It is said in the Bible: "Be still and know that I am God." In these few words lies the key to the science of Yoga. This ancient spiritual science offers a direct means of stilling the natural turbulence of thoughts and restlessness of body that prevent us from knowing what we really are.

In view of Gurudeva Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda's pivotal role in the spread of yoga worldwide, Yogoda Satsanga Society of India (YSS) has scheduled <u>various programmes</u> to commemorate this 4th International Day of Yoga.

The <u>International Day of Yoga</u> will be celebrated at YSS Noida Ashram, Delhi Kendra and Gurugram Kendra according to the following programme:



Functions	Date	Activity	Sakha Ashram, Noida	Dhyana Kendra, Delhi	Dhyana Kendra, Gurugram
International Day of Yoga	June 17, Sun	Discourse, Guided Meditation, Open House	-	-	10:00 am to 12 noon ***
	June 24, Sun	Discourse, Guided Meditation, Open House	6:00 pm to 8:00 pm *	10:00 am to 12 noon ***	-

<sup>\*</sup> Followed by Guru Langar

#### Mahavatar Babaji Smriti Divas - July 25



It is <u>Mahavatar Babaji</u> who revived in this age the lost scientific meditation technique of <u>Kriya Yoga</u>. In bestowing Kriya initiation on his disciple Lahiri Mahasaya, Babaji said, "The Kriya Yoga that I am giving to the world through you in this nineteenth century is a revival of the same science that Krishna gave millenniums ago to Arjuna; and that was later known to Patanjali and Christ, and to St. John, St. Paul, and other disciples." (as quoted in the <u>Autobiography of a Yogi</u>)

Mahavatar Babaji Smriti Divas will be celebrated on July 25 across YSS NCR.

Read about the commemorations here.

<sup>\*\*\*</sup> Followed by Refreshments

Functions	Date	Activity	Sakha Ashram, Noida	Dhyana Kendra, Delhi	Dhyana Kendra, Gurugram
Mahavatar Babaji	July 25,	Satsanga and	5:00 pm to	5:00 pm to	5:00 pm to 7:00
Smriti Divas	Wed	Pushpanjali	7:30 pm*	7:00 pm	pm

<sup>\*</sup> Followed by Guru Langar

#### Guru Purnima



"The spiritual soul contact between guru and disciple is one of eternal, unconditional divine love and friendship, bearing no taint of any selfish consideration."

- Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda

The programme for *Guru Purnima* celebrations across YSS NCR is given below:

Functions	Date	Activity	Sakha Ashram, Noida	Dhyana Kendra, Delhi	Dhyana Kendra, Gurugram
<u>Guru</u> <u>Purnima</u>	July 8, Sun	Long Meditation	_	_	10 am to 4 pm
	July 22, Sun	Long Meditation	10 am to 4 pm	10 am to 4 pm	_
	July 27, Fri	Parabhat Feri and Meditation	6:15 am to 8 am***	5 am to 8 am***	5:45 am to 7:30 am***
		Narayan Seva	12:30 pmto 2:30 pm	_	_
		Guru Purnima Programme	5:30 pm to 8 pm*	_	_
		Meditation and Pushpanjali	_	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm	5:00 pm to 7:00 pm
	July 29, Sun	Satsanga and Pushpanjali	_	10:00 am to 12:00 noon*	10:00 am to 12:00 noon**
	Aug 4, Sat	Narayan Seva	_	12:30 noon onwards	_

- \* Followed by Guru Langar
- \*\* Followed by Guru Langar and Narayan Seva
- \*\*\* Followed by Refreshments

# Guru Purnima Message from Swami Chidanandaji



"As you lay at the feet of our own beloved Gurudeva Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda the offering of your love and gratitude, may you open your heart fully to his spiritual bounty. There is no greater gift we can receive on the spiritual path than to be drawn to such a God-united soul, who can lead us from our maya-bound human nature to the limitless freedom of God's bliss-consciousness."

Read more here.

#### Avirbhav Divas of Swami Sri Yukteswarji

"Forget the past, the vanished lives of all men are dark with many shames. Human conduct is ever unreliable until anchored in the Divine. Everything in future will improve if you are making a spiritual effort now."

- Swami Sri Yukteswar Giri

The Avirbhav Divas of Swami Sri Yukteswarji was celebrated across YSS NCR on May 10, 2018. A special satsanga was conducted by Swami Vishwanandaji at YSS Noida Ashram on the occasion. Commemorative programmes were also held at YSS Delhi Kendra and Gurugram Kendra.



Read about the commemorations here. View pictures by clicking here.







# Children's Camps at YSS Noida Ashram

YSS Noida Ashram held 'How-to-Live' camps - a Boys' Camp and a Girls' Camp - for children of devotees in May-June 2018.

These camps provide them an opportunity to live in the ashram environment, participate in various group activities and learn about Gurudeva's *How-to-Live* principles.

Their daily schedule is designed to inculcate in them spiritual and moral values. The activities include morning and evening group practice of the *Energization Exercises* and meditation, *Yogasanas*, interactive classes with *sannyasis* (and lady devotees in the girls' camp), stories from Gurudeva's life and the *Ramayana*, workshops, art and craft projects as well as sports. At the end of camps, the children perform in a cultural programme.

To read the report of the Boys' Camp, click here.

Read about the Girls' Camp by clicking here.

PHOTOS: Boys' Camp

PHOTOS: Girls' Camp

**BOYS' CAMP** 

**GIRLS' CAMP** 









# Spiritual Retreats and Long Meditation

"The greatest influence in your life, stronger even than your will power, is your environment."

- Sri Sri Paramahansa Yogananda

Retreats at Noida Ashram

June 23 - 24

Fri (7 pm) to Sun (4 pm) Retreat (Hindi)

<u>July 7 – 8</u>

Fri (7 pm) to Sun (4 pm) Retreat (English) Long Meditation at Noida Ashram June 17

Sun (10 am to 4 pm) Long Meditation

**July 22** 

Sun (10 am - 4 pm)

**Long Meditation** 

For the complete retreat schedule of 2018, click here.

#### **NEW: Conducted Extended Retreat**

YSS will conduct an extended retreat in the second half of this year - on an experimental basis. Conducted over a period of four days - from September 27 to 30, 2018 - this extended retreat would be open to devotees from all parts of India and abroad.





# Get Updates about YSS NCR through the NCR Website

#### **Book Accommodation Online**



We would encourage you to make your bookings for accommodation at YSS Noida Ashram through our website at <u>noida.yssashram.org/reservation</u>. Visit the website for YSS NCR Programmes.

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