

Overwhelming response to International Day of Yoga

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With Prime Minister Narendra Modi coming to Uttarakhand for the International Day of Yoga on coming 21 June, there is big interest among public to participate in the event. Over fifty thousand enthusiasts have so far registered themselves for the main event to be hosted at the Forest Research Institute in the state capital. Owing to overwhelming response the online registration for the International Day of Yoga has been closed.

The participants will have to reach the venue early as no entry will be allowed after 5 pm on 21 June. Though the Indian Meteorological Department has predicted clear weather on 21 June, but in case rainfall takes place the 'Varsha Yoga' (Rain Yoga) will be conducted. The participants will be provided waterproof pouch for keeping mobile phone and bags for shoes.

Secretary Ayush R.K. Sudhanshu said that the compactor machine will be installed for immediate disposal of the garbage wastes. There will be enough personnel to collect the garbage and for maintaining cleanli-



Uttarakhand Police officers and staff participating in the 'walk for Yoga' in Dehradun on Sunday.

ness. Fool-proof arrangements have been made for electricity, water, health services, security etc. Rehearsal will be done at the programme venue on June 18 and 19. It is mandatory for all the group leaders to attend it. One thousand buses will be stationed at the Rangers Ground which will act as a temporary bus station for participants coming from Haridwar, Rishikesh and other places.

In a move to create awareness about the International Day of Yoga, Uttarakhand Chief Minister Trivendra Singh Rawat participated in "Walk for Yoga" from Gand-

hi Park to Deendayal Upadhyay Park in Dehradun on Saturday. The CM said, "Only through the yoga, whole world can be free from sickness. By making yoga part of our daily routine, we can imagine a healthy India. There is a need to bring yoga to every village and every house for a healthy India. Due to yoga, India has got a distinct identity at the world level."

Police officers and staff participated in a similar walk in Dehradun on Sunday. The officers and staff of the secretariat will participate in Yoga on Monday.