

Centre shortlists names of cities for Yoga Day event

NEW DELHI, March 7: The Centre has shortlisted the names of a few cities, including Bengaluru, Ahmedabad and Ranchi, for selecting the venue of the main function of International Yoga Day (IYD) this year. “The main function of the IYD will be held outside Delhi. A few names have been shortlisted for the venue. Bhopal, Jaipur, Ahmedabad, Ranchi and Bengaluru are the probable names. “The final decision will be taken in a couple of weeks,” Director of Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY) IV Basavaraddi said here today.

The institute functions under the Union Ministry of AYUSH. Basavaraddi said the International Yoga Fest, a curtain-raiser to IYD, that would be held to sensitise the masses about the grand function on June 21. “The festival is being held on March 8-9 at the Talkatora Stadium followed by a workshop on March 10,” he said. –PTI

BHOPAL, JAIPUR VIE TO HOST INT'L YODA DAY

New Delhi: Two cities — Bhopal and Jaipur — both in BJP-ruled States are likely contenders to play host to yoga's biggest event to be held on International Yoga Day (IYD) on June 21. Last year, the venue was Chandigarh where Prime Minister Narendra Modi had performed yoga with over 30,000 participants on the D-Day. "The main function of IYD will be held outside Delhi.

Bhopal and Jaipur are likely to be considered. But the final decision is yet to be taken," said Ishwar V Basvaraddi, Director of Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga (MDNIY), on Tuesday. The IYD is being celebrated across the world over since 2015. **PNS**