The National Academy of Sciences, India

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Summary of the Activities, held in the month of June 2024

- 1. A one day programme to Commemorate the "World Environment Day" was organized by the Academy on 5th June,2024 at NASI (HQ), Prayagraj. The programme was organized to create awareness among people about protecting the environment. This year the Ministry has designated the theme "Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience" and the slogan of this event was "Our Land, Our Future". Keeping with the theme in the mind painting and essay competitions was organized among the school students. The top performers were appreciated by giving the prizes in both the contests. The programme was organized with the gracious presence and deliverance of the talk by eminent speakers who were the prominent personalities in the areas of their research and academic work as- Prof. R S Verma, Director, MNNIT, Prayagraj; Prof. R K Mall, Former Dean & Head, Institute of Environment & Sustainable Development, BHU, Varanasi; Dr. Sanjay Singh, Scientist G & Head, ICFRE-Eco Rehabilitation Centre, Prayagraj; Dr. P C Abhilash, Institute of Environment & Sustainable Development, BHU, Varanasi and Dr. Pankaj Srivastava, Centre of Environmental Studies, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj were the convener of the programme. The flyer and relevant photographs are enclosed herewith as Annexure-1(Invitation Cared) and 1-a, 1-b,1-<u>c,1-d.</u>
- 2. A two-day programme on 'S&T Intervention for the Development of North-East Region involving Women' as part of its Science & Society mission was held on June 14 & 15, 2024 at NEHU, Shillong. Around 200 participants including PG students, researchers, faculty members from NEHU and other colleges of Shillong including some Senior Scientists, Fellows, Members including those from NER and officials of NASI participated in this event. Several lectures focusing on the subjects related to the diverse areas of S&T intervention were addressed by the eminent scientists from all across the country. The programme is enclosed herewith as <u>Annexure-2.</u>
- 3. Observation of International Day of Yoga (IDY) 2024:

The 10th IDY has been observed with enthusiasm in NASI for the general well-being and gain of physical/mental health. It is worth mentioning that this year the theme of the day was **"Yoga for Self and Society"** NASI also tried to spread the message of IDY by adopting Yoga methods under the supervision of a Yoga- guru, for the well-being of the staff as well as others. The notice/information to the office staff and relevant photographs are enclosed herewith as **Annexure-3 and 3-a, 3-b & 3-c.**

- 4. The Local Chapters of the NASI also observed the **World Environment Day** and **International Day of Yoga** and several programmes were organized in the different parts of the Country. The detailed report is to be received and would be incorporated in the Annual Report.
- 5. The publication of the NASI-Journals also achieved their time-lines.

The National Academy of Sciences, India (NASI)



cordially invites you to kindly attend the

programme to

Commemorate the World Environment Day (Theme: Land Restoration, Desertification and Drought Resilience) Our Land, Our Future

on

June 05, 2024 in the Auditorium of NASI at Prayagraj

Painting and Essay Competitions Date: June 5th, 2024 Reporting Time: 9.00 am

Instructions for the participates:

- **Themes**: The competitions will focus on the theme of land, its multiple ecosystem functions, various factors of degradation, and sustainable restoration strategies.
- The exact topics for both the essay and painting will be provided on the spot, based on the above themes.
- The participants have to show their school identity card for registration in the competitions.
- **Essay Competition:**
- Interested participants are invited to join the on-the-spot essay competition.
- Participants will be required to write an essay on the given topic within the allotted time.
- The essay must be no longer than four pages. Blank A4 sheet will be provided by NASI.
- The duration for the essay competition is 1.5 hours, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.
- **Painting Competition:**
- The participants will be provided only white chart paper by NASI. For other stationary items (like pencil, brushes, colour etc.) participants have to bring their own.

• The duration for the painting competition is 1.5 hours, from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM.

Certificate with Prizes for Top Performers in Both the Contests:

- First Prize- Rs.3000
- Second Prize-Rs.2000
- Third Prize-Rs.1000

High tea: 11.00 - 11.30 am

Celebration of World Environment Day (Time: 11.30 am to 2.00 pm) followed by lunch

To be Presided by Prof. R S Verma, Treasurer, NASI; Director, MNNIT Allahabad, Prayagraj

The distinguished Speakers/Experts are:

- **4** Prof. R K Mall, Former Dean & Head, Institute of Environment & Sustainable Development, BHU, Varanasi
- **4 Dr. Sanjay Singh**, Scientist G & Head, ICFRE-Eco Rehabilitation Centre, Prayagraj
- **4 Dr. P C Abhilash**, Institute of Environment & Sustainable Development, BHU, Varanasi
- **4** Dr. Pankaj Srivastava, Centre of Environmental Studies, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj

With thanks & best regards: A K Srivastava Accounts Officer & Acting Executive Secretary, NASI

Annexure-1 A



Annexure-1 B



Annexure-1 C



Annexure-1 D







S&T Intervention for the Development of North-East Region especially involving Women

To be jointly organized by

The National Academy of Sciences India (NASI) North-Eastern Region (NER) Local Chapter &

North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, Meghalaya (in hybrid mode)

Dates: 14th & 15th June, 2024

Venue: NEHU, Shillong

Programme

DAY-1:

Inaugural Session (10:00 – 11:30 am)

Welcome	:	Prof. S R Joshi Department of Biotechnology & Bioinformatics North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong; Secretary, N-E Local Chapter
Genesis of the Programme	:	Dr. Manju Sharma Chairman, NASI New Initiatives; Former Secretary, DBT, Govt. of India; Former President, NASI
Keynote Address	:	Prof. P S Shukla Vice-Chancellor, NEHU, Shillong
Special Address	:	Prof. Nalin Mehta Director, North-Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences, Shillong
Inaugural Address	:	Prof. Balram Bhargava President, NASI
Vote of Thanks	:	<mark>Ms. Archna Pant</mark> YWS, NASI

TEA BREAK (11:30 am – 12:00 noon)

Session-2: Status of Biodiversity & Agriculture in NE Region: Problems & Prospects (12:00 – 2:00 pm)

Chairman	:	Prof. Paramjit Khurana Department of Plant Molecular Biology Delhi University, South Campus New Delhi
Co-Chair	:	Dr. Subhra Chakraborty Director, NIPGR, New Delhi
Invited Speakers	:	Prof. Pramod Tandon Former VC, NEHU, Shillong & CEO, Biotech Park Lucknow Honorary Scientist, The National Academy of Sciences, India;
	:	Prof. S R Joshi North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, Meghalaya
	:	Prof. Madhumita Barooah Assam Agricultural University Jorhat

LUNCH BREAK (2:00 – 3:00 pm)

Session-3: Health issues of women: focus on malnutrition in NE India (3:00 – 4:30 pm)

Chairman	:	Dr. Renu Swarup Former Secretary, DBT, Govt. of India New Delhi
Co-Chair	:	Prof. U C Srivastava Formerly Professor, University of Allahabad, Prayagraj
Invited Speakers	:	 Dr. Bharti Kulkarni Scientist 'G' & Head, Division of Reproductive and Child Health and Nutrition Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), New Delhi Prof. M V Padma Srivastava Head, Department of Neurology; Chief, Neurosciences Centre, AIIMS, New Delhi Dr. A Laxmaiah Scientist 'G' (Director Grade Scientist) & Head, Division of Public Health Nutrition, ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition, Hyderabad
	:	Dr. Smita Mahale Former Director, ICMR-NIRRCH, Mumbai General discussion (4:30-5:00 pm) TEA BREAK: 5:00 pm



Session-4: Gender issues in NE India (9:30 – 11:00 am)

Chairman	: Prof. Veena Tandon Former Professor, North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), NASI Senior Scientist Platinum Jubilee Fellow at Biotech Park, Lucknow
Co-Chair	: Prof. Anupam Chatterjee Dean, School of Biosciences The Assam Royal Global University, Guwahati Chairman, N-E Local Chapter
Invited Speakers	: Prof. Dinbandhu Sahoo Department of Botany, University of Delhi New Delhi
	: Prof. Latha Rangan Head, Department of Biosciences and Bioengineering Indian Institute of Technology, Guwahati, Assam
	: Prof. Pratibha Jolly Former Principal, Miranda House, University of Delhi, New Delhi
	TEA BREAK (11.00 -11.30 am)
	Concluding Session (11.30 am – 12:30 pm)
*Chairman	: Dr. Manju Sharma Former President, NASI
*Co-Chair	: Prof. N Saha

North-Eastern Hill University (NEHU), Shillong, Meghalaya

Brief remarks by the Chairmen & Co-Chairmen of each session (5 Min. each)
Concluding remarks by the *Chairman & *Co-Chair (of the Concluding Session)

Vote of Thanks : Dr. Santosh Shukla AES, NASI

Annexure-3



20 जून 2024

कार्यालय आदेश/सूचना

विषयः अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग दिवस 2024

आयुष मंत्रालय एवम् डी०एस०टी०, भारत सरकार, नई दिल्ली के परिपत्र / निर्देशानुसार "अंतर्राष्ट्रीय योग दिवस" के उपलक्ष्य में कार्यक्रम हेतु दिनांक 21 जून, 2024 को प्रातः 8:00 बजे सभी अधिकारियों / कर्मचारियों को कार्यालय में उपस्थित होना अनिवार्य है।

उपरोक्त कार्यक्रम को सफल बनाने हेतु सभी कार्यालय सहयोगियों की सहभागिता अपेक्षित है:--

समयः प्रातः 8.00 बजे **स्थानः** अकादमी भूतल लॉबी

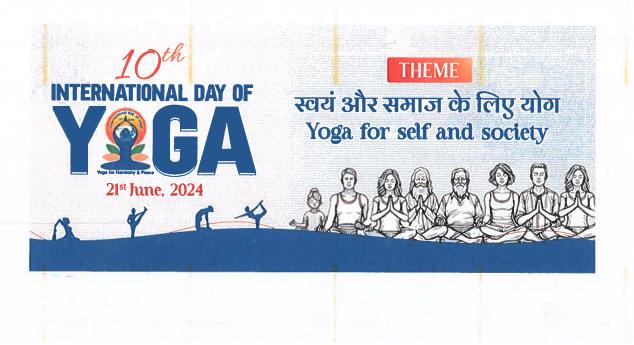
प्रस्तावित कार्यक्रमः--

- योग अभ्यास (कृपया सुनिश्चित करलें कि आप योग करने हेतु शारीरिक रूप से स्वस्थ्य हो एवम् उचित पोशाक धारण किये हो)।
- > योगाभ्यास के उपरान्त "योग-स्वयं और समाज' के लिए" विषय पर परिचर्चा होगी।

आइये, हम सब मिलकर योग के महत्व व लाभ को प्रोत्साहित करें तथा समाज को स्वस्थ्य एवम् खुशहाल बनाने में सहयोग करें।

धन्यवाद।

(सन्तोष शुक्लो) सहा० अधिशासी सचिव नासी, प्रयागराज



Annexure-3 A



Annexure- 3 B



Annexure- 3 C

