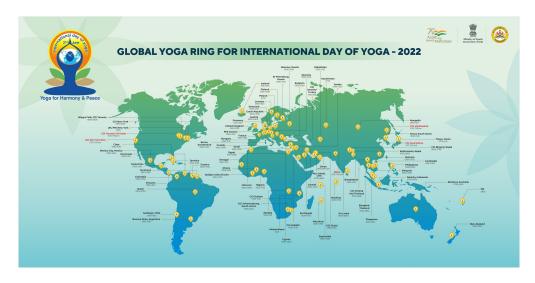


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Guardian Ring Program

Yoga Mahotsav 2023 is an event to commemorate 100 days countdown to the 9^{th} edition of International Day of Yoga 2023.

- The International Yoga Day is being observed today on **21 June** across the world.
- 'The Guardian Ring' is a unique and innovative programme envisaged for *International Yoga Day, 2022*.
- Theme for 2022 Yoga for humanity
- Implementation The programme involved collaboration with Ministry of Ayush and Ministry of External Affairs.
- **Participants** The programme is a collaborative exercise between 79 countries and United Nations organisations along with Indian Missions abroad.
- The programme celebrates the movement of the Sun, underlining the concept of 'One Sun, One Earth'.
- **Program** From East to West, people from all countries welcomed the Sun with Yoga with *Surya Namaskar* or sun-salutation.
- Starting from Fiji in the east it moves westward and end in San Francisco.
- People performing yoga in 16 different time zones along with the rise of the sun was exclusively live-streamed on DD-India.



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Pradhan Mantri Kisan Samridhi Kendra

The Prime Minister inaugurated 600 Pradan Mantri Kisan Samruddhi Kendras (PMKSK).

- The Pradhan Mantri Sammridhi Kendra (PMKSK) will serve as a <u>one-stop shop</u> for Indian farmers buying quality agri-inputs such as fertilisers, seeds, or pesticides.
- PMKSK is also known as the Model Fertilizer Retail Shop.
- Under the scheme, the retail fertiliser shops in the country will also be converted into PMKSK in a phased manner.
- Ministry Ministry of Chemicals & Fertilisers.
- **Objective** PMKSKs are designed to create awareness among farmers about the <u>balanced use of fertilisers</u> (including organic fertilisers and micronutrients).
- **Services** The Pradhan Mantri Sammridhi Kendra will cater to the needs of the farmers in the country.
- It will provide agri-inputs including testing facilities for soil, seeds and fertilisers.
- Apart from this, they will also create awareness among the farmers and provide information regarding various government schemes.
- The extended services like crop advisories or good farming practices, will be provided by *Krishi Vigyan Kendras* (KVKs) or agriculture universities.

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Support for Irrigation Modernization Program (SIMP)

- 'Support for Irrigation Modernization Program' (SIMP) is a new initiative to modernize Major / Medium Irrigation (MMI) projects in the country.
- The **Asian Development Bank** (ADB) is providing technical assistance for SIMP
- **Objective** To improve Water Use Efficiency, increase crop water productivity and ultimately increase farmer's income
- Implementation Department of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Ministry of Jal Shakti in the command area of the project.
- **Managing Agency** Central Irrigation Modernization office (CIMO) under Central Water Commission (CWC) has been setup for overall implementation and management of the programme.
- SIMP is proposed to be taken up in 4 phases.
- SIMP Phase-1 concluded on 31.12.2021 and SIMP Phase-2 has been initiated.

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National Hydrology Project (NHP)

• The National Hydrology Project (NHP) is a <u>pan-India scheme</u> to bring transformation in the water resources sector improve water management through informed decision making.

- **Fund** Central Sector scheme sponsored by Ministry of Jal Shakti with 50% of budget as financial aid from the World Bank.
- **Timeline** 8 years from 2016-17 to 2023-24.
- Lead Agency Ministry of Jal Shakti
- Implementing Agencies 49 agencies including 10 from Central Government and 39 from States.
- **Objective** To improve the extent, quality and accessibility of water resources information and to strengthen the capacity of targeted water resources management institutions in India.
- **Beneficiaries** The project has 2 groups of direct beneficiaries:
 - 1. Central and state implementing agencies (IAs) responsible for surface and/or groundwater planning and management
 - 2. Other stakeholders including general public and farmers.
- Under the NHP, *National Water informatics Centre* (NWIC), a <u>nationwide</u> repository of water resources data has been established.

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National Water Mission

- National Water Mission is one of the 8 missions under <u>National Action Plan on Climate</u> <u>Change</u> (NAPCC)
- The Mission was launched in 2008 along with other 8 missions.
- **Aim** Conserving water, minimizing wastage and ensuring more equitable distribution through integrated water resource management.
- The National Water Mission will develop a framework to increase the water use efficiency by 20%.
- It calls for strategies to tackle variability in rainfall and river flows such as rainwater harvesting and more efficient irrigation systems like sprinklers or drip irrigation.

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