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India has given the gift of Yoga to the world, by practicing Yoga a spirit of mankind is created, today within world wants peace, not only from wars and conflicts but peace from stress, and for that we have Yoga Narendra Modi, Prime Minister

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Sadhguru at the Isha Foundation in Coimbatore on Friday, where he consecrated a 112 foot tall statue of the AdiYogi (in the Deepasap), to mark Maha Shivratri

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The issue is no longer women development, but it is a woman-led development, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi, on Friday at Coimbatore. Addressing the gathering at Isha Yoga Centre after unveiling the 112 foot tall bust of AdiYogi — a form of Shiva, the Prime Minister said that progress of humanity is incomplete without the empowerment of the women.

Modi said that he was proud of Indian culture where the role of women is pivotal. Women are manifestation of the divine whereas men have to do good things to attain divinity, he said.

Modi said that diversity can be achieved through yoga, which is ancient yet modern, constant yet evolving. “Yoga is the catalyst that sources transformation from Jeeva to Shiva. It is the journey from me to us,” he said. He added that by practicing yoga, one can attain peace of mind and it helps to live in sync with ecology.

With yoga, a person can overcome stress and chronic condition, he said, citing an increase in alcohol and substance abuse. “Yoga is the passport to health assurance,” he said.

An idea should not be rejected, just because it is ancient, the Prime Minister said. “Our mind should always be open to new thoughts, but there are a select few who, because of their own ignorance, ignore these ideas.”

Modi said that diversity was the reason behind our together-ness, not the cause of conflicts.

Appreciating Sadhguru for creating yogis out of ordinary people, he said that the AdiYogi statue is going to be the source of inspiration for many to discover the truth.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who reached the venue by 6.25 pm, was given a guided tour of the Isha Yoga Centre by Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev. The Prime Minister worshipped at the Yoga Dhyanalinga and Linga Bhairavi shrines at the centre before arriving at the Adiyogi statue.

The Prime Minister offered Ke-darnath thrity at the Adiyogi sanctum. He then unveiled the idol for worship. He also released a book on Adiyogi and listened to singer Kailash Kher singing the AdiYogi song.

The event, at Poondi, was witnessed by more than two lakh people from India and abroad.

The Prime Minister was received at the airport by Chief Minister Edappadi Palaniswami and Governor-in-charge Th Valiyasgar Rao. They proceeded to the venue in three helicopters.

Also present at the event were Maharashtr Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, Rajasthan Chief Minister Vasundhara Raje and Madiya Pradesh Chief Minister Shyam Singh Chauhan and Pulcherrh L-Gov Kiran Bedi, besides several central and state ministers and BJP leaders.

Earlier, Tamil Nadu Chief Minister Edappadi K Palaniswami said that he will be meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on February 27 to get exemption for Tamil Nadu students from appearing for the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) for admission to medical and dental courses.

Speaking to the reporters here, he said, “We have passed a resolution in the State Assembly seeking exemption from the NEET exam. We have also sent the documents to the Central Government, requesting their approval. We hope that the Centre would approve it. I will also be meeting Prime Minister Narendra Modi on February 27 to seek exemption for TN from NEET exam.”

Expressing his intention to implement Hydrocarbon Extraction project in the state, he said that he would discuss this subject with the PM and would “initiate action in such a way that it will not affect farmers”. “We have sanctioned Rs 2.204 crores as drought relief fund for farmers in the State and it would be dispersed in five days,” he added.

Assurance was given for the implementation of Avinashilahitakavan project. “As assured by Late CM J Jayalalithaa, Avinashilahitakavan project was designed at a cost of Rs 3.523 crores. In the first phase, its three crore has been sanctioned for preliminary works. The project design has been sent to the Centre for its approval. Once the Centre gives its consent, the project will be implemented to fulfill the water needs of Coimbatore, Tirupur and Erode,” he said.

When asked to respond to Kerala Government’s move to construct check dams across river Bhavani, he said that a legal route would be taken to handle the issue and that there would be no compromise on the State’s water rights. As directed by the Supreme Court, the Government would take it up along with the Cauvery Water Management Board case.

Delayed at airport, Prime Minister holds discussions with Chief Minister Palaniswami

Coimbatore: According to sources, Prime Minister Modi who departed from Isha Yoga Centre reached Coimbatore airport at 8.35 pm. Prime Minister Modi was scheduled to depart from the airport to Delhi on February 27. But, as Prime Minister Modi and Chief Minister K Palaniswami held discussions, the flight was delayed and the Prime Minister departed to Delhi by 9.25 pm. When asked about this, Union Minister Pn Radhakrishnan said. “Both of them discussed in the Coimbatore airport, but we do not know what they were discussing. But, Chief Minister Palaniswami is likely to go to Delhi on February 27 to meet Prime Minister to discuss various issues in the State. At that time, I would accompany him and would address the grievances of the people of the State.”

Maha Yoga Yagna commenced

During the Yagna ceremony, Maha Yoga Yagna — where a million people will take an oath to teach a simple form of yoga to at least 100 others before the next Maha Shivratri, thereby reaching at least 100 million — was commenced. “We humans have been looking out for everything including pain and pleasure. Instead, we should look up,” said Sadhguru, while adding that people should understand that everything can happen only from within. “People should convert themselves from believers to seekers of truth,” he said, adding that this can be achieved through yoga, which was expanded by Adiyogi about 1500 years ago. Phenomenal movements can occur only by building great humans and yoga is the science of building great humans, he said.

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