



## Media Release

**New York ~ Bengaluru Vision Statement 2019 towards Yoga Higher Education Accreditation released by Hon'ble Minister of HRD and Minister of AYUSH**



**Release of New York-Bengaluru Vision Statement at the hands of Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ji, Hon'ble Minister of HRD and Shri Shripad Yesso Naik ji, Hon'ble Minister of AYUSH (IC) Respectively on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019 organised by NAAC at New Delhi in presence Dr. H. R. Nagendra Guruji, Poojya Maa Smt. Hansaji J Yogendra, Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC & Dr. Jagannath Patil, Adviser, NAAC, Convener of the Programme and other Yoga dignitaries of India and around the world.**

In a historical move, the National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) of India, released the ***New York-Bengaluru Vision Statement 2019 towards a Global Ecosystem in Yoga Higher Education through collaboration, mainstreaming and accreditation worldwide on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019*** at the hands of **Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ji, Hon'ble Minister of HRD** and **Shri Shripad Yesso Naik ji, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC), Ministry of AYUSH** organised by NAAC at New Delhi in presence of **Dr. H. R. Nagendra Guruji, Chairman, IUC-YS, Bengaluru & Hon'ble Chancellor, S-VYASA, Bengaluru, Poojya Maa Smt. Hansaji J Yogendra, Director, The Yoga Institute, Prof. S.C. Sharma, Director, NAAC & Dr. Jagannath Patil, Adviser, NAAC, Convener of the Programme** and other Yoga dignitaries of India and around the world. This will be counted as a major landmark in both the national and international history of Yoga higher education quality assurance.

The worldwide release programme happened at different places of the countries. Yoga organisations around the world particularly United States, China, Canada and Italy joined the simultaneous release of document via video conference mode on 24<sup>th</sup> & 25<sup>th</sup> September 2019.

Prior to this, The “Global Yoga Accreditation Summit (GYAS): *Beginning of a Conversation towards a Global Ecosystem in Yoga Higher Education through Collaboration, Mainstreaming and Accreditation*” held on 26<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA in close collaboration with the Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN) and The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations was firm on the intent of bringing Yoga stakeholders towards beginning of a conversation on collaboration, mainstreaming and accreditation of Yoga programs within the Higher Education ambit worldwide.

The Eminent Yoga Stalwarts & Academicians around the world participated in the release of New York-Bengaluru Vision Statement & wished via video conference included **Prof. Jianxing Zhang**, *President, Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN)*; **Antonietta Rozzi**, *ASSOYOGA Italia Accreditation, Italy; Sarva Yoga International, India/Italy*; **Dr. C. Rajan Narayanan**, *Life in Yoga Institute & Foundation, USA* and **Dr. Arun K Garg**, *Canada India Network Society, Canada*.

Apart from this, Indian Yoga Stalwarts including **Shri Baba Ramdev ji** *Yoga guru, founder of Patanjali Ayurved*, and **Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Guruji**, *Indian spiritual leader, Founder of the Art of Living Foundation, Bengaluru*, welcomed the New York-Bengaluru Vision Statement 2019 and sent their wishes on NAAC initiative towards Yoga Higher Education Mainstreaming and Accreditation.



**Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ji, Hon'ble Minister of HRD** has given special address on Importance of Yoga for human in all aspects and appreciated the NAAC initiative for undertaking Assessment and Accreditation (A&A) Process on Yoga Higher Education. He assured that Yoga Higher Education accreditation framework developed by NAAC will be promoted worldwide.

He highlighted that **Shri Narendra Modi ji**, the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India has made Yoga as an initiative of globally celebrated Indian brand around the world and expressed need to ensure quality of Yoga through accreditation.

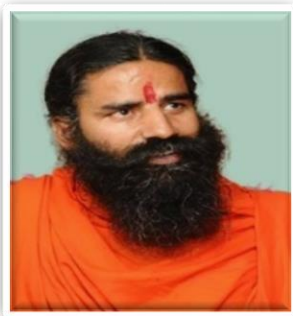
**Shri Shripad Yesso Naik ji, Hon'ble Minister of State (IC), Ministry of AYUSH**, appreciated the visionary efforts made by the team of NAAC and Yoga Experts within India and around the world. He highlighted the New York - Bengaluru Vision Statement 2019 will be counted as a major landmark in both the national and international history of higher education quality assurance. He gave assurance that the Ministry of AYUSH will make all efforts to promote this spirit of this NY-Bengaluru Yoga Vision Statement and taking forward the message around the world.



All participated invitees and Global Yoga Stalwarts, QA Academicians via video conference has appreciated the visionary effort by NAAC Core Working Group (CWG) & **Dr. Jagannath Patil**, Adviser, NAAC for his immense contribution as a convener of CWG under the guidance **Dr. H. R. Nagendra Guruji** and leadership of **Prof. S.C. Sharma**, Director, NAAC.

The Eminent Yoga dignitaries, Academicians & Key persons of Higher Education from India included **Shri. Vaidya Rajesh Kotecha**, Secretary, Ministry of AYUSH, New Delhi; **Dr. Jayant Yashwant Deopujari**, President, Central Council of Indian Medicine (CCIM), New Delhi; **Dr. I.V. Basavaraddi**, Director, Morarji Desai National Institute of Yoga, New Delhi; **Dr. S.B. Arora**, Former VC(I/C), IGNOU, Director, School of Health Sciences (SOHS) Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), New Delhi; **Shri P.C. Kapoor**, Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Dhanwantari Ashram, Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala; **Dr. S.P. Mishra**, Vice- President & CEO, PrCB, Indian Yoga Association, New Delhi; **Shri Ravi Tumuluri**, Joint Secretary, Indian Yoga Association, New Delhi; **Dr. Richa Chopra**, Head – Dept of Contemplative and Behavioural Sciences, Member – Internal Quality Assurance Cell, Sri Sri University & Senior International Yoga Faculty, Art of Living, Bengaluru; **Smt. Kamlesh Barwal**, Secretary General, Indian Yoga Association (IYA), New Delhi; **Dr. Jaideep Arya**, Chief Central Coordinator, Patanjali Yog Samiti, Haridwar, Uttarakhand; **Dr. K. Subrahmanyam**, Adviser, (Former Pro-Chancellor), S-VYASA, Bengaluru; **Dr. B.N. Gangadhar**, Director, National Institute of Mental Health & Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru; **Sri. O.P Tiwari**, President, Council of Yoga Accreditation International) Secretary General, Director & Spiritual Head, Kaivalyadhama Yoga Institute, Pune; **Shri Subodh Tiwari**, Executive Director and Trustee, Kaivalyadhama Ashram, Pune; **Dr. Dinesh Upadhyay**, National Co-ordinator of Indian Medical Cell, Member of Governing Body of CCRYN, Ministry of AYUSH, New Delhi; **Dr. M.K. Taneja**, Indian Institute of Ear Diseases, New Delhi; **Ms. Padmini Rathore**, The Yoga Institute, Mumbai; **Shri Amit Nagpal**, Poorvi Pitampur, Delhi; The officials from NAAC who participated in event included **Dr. Devender S. Kawday**, Deputy Adviser, **Dr. Darikhan Kamble**, Assistant Adviser, **Subedar Major Rajrup Singh**, Consultant and **Mr. Umesh Kumar. R**, JRF, NAAC;

On behalf of Ministry of HRD and Ministry of AYUSH, **Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ji**, and **Shri Shripad Yesso Naik ji** ensured that all efforts will be made to promote the spirit of this NY-Bengaluru Yoga Vision Statement and taking forward the message around the world.



*“Yoga is an Achievement of Divine Knowledge. The presence of Humanity in Human will create the new world through Yoga. The great efforts taken by NAAC for promoting Yoga worldwide is matter of pride”.*

**Shri Baba Ramdev ji**,  
*Yoga guru*, founder of Patanjali Ayurved,  
Patanjali Yogpeeth, Bharat Swabhiman Trust.





*“NAAC has taken this initiative to streamline and standardise all those different schools of Yoga and different thought streams to make it suitable globally for Higher Education, and All Yoga Students & Teachers around the world. It was a need these days that proper standardisation and accreditation is necessary so NAAC has taken up this important step towards Yoga Accreditation”*

**Sri Sri Ravi Shankar Guruji,**

*Indian spiritual leader, Founder of the Art of Living Foundation, Bengaluru*

Following Eminent Yoga Stalwarts & QA Academicians around the world welcomed the Initiative of New York-Bengaluru Statement and send their best wishes via video conference mode:

*This New York-Bengaluru Vision Statement is very useful in promoting Yoga Higher Education in China as well as in Countries of Asia Pacific region. On behalf of over 200 members of APQN in 42 Countries, we welcome this yoga accreditation vision statement”*



**Prof. Dr. Jianxin Zhang,**

*APQN President, Chief Expert of Yunnan Higher Education Evaluation Center,  
Professor of Yunnan University, China,*



*“I am glad to participate in the release of the New York – Bengaluru Vision Statement. The official certification of the Universities and International Network with the support of NAAC and Govt. of India will be easier to promote Yoga as an Important culture heritage of all societies and eventually have official recognitions by Government” -*

**Antonietta Rozzi,**

*President, Sarva Yoga International – Italy  
Prime Minister Awardee for Outstanding and Development of Yoga 2019,*

*“We Support the efforts of the NAAC to bring Yoga in ambit of accreditation in Higher Education”*

**Dr. C. Rajan Narayanan,**

*Executive Director,  
Life in Yoga Institute & Foundation, USA*





*“Delighted to be participating in the release of the New York-Bengaluru vision Statement, The release of this statement will support standards and will also help the promotion of Yoga and quality of Yoga Teaching”.*

**Dr. Arun K Garg**  
Canada India Network Society, Canada

**Release of New York-Bengaluru Vision Statement by Shri Ramesh Pokhriyal ji, Hon’ble Minister of HRD in presence of Members of Indian Yoga Associations and NAAC Experts.**



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