

# **The Global Yoga Accreditation Summit**

*Beginning of a Conversation Towards a Global Ecosystem  
in Yoga Higher Education through Accreditation*



**26-27 April 2019**

**at Head Quarters of United Nations, New York, USA**

## **Organisers**



**Permanent Mission of India to the UN**

**New York**



## ● **Summit Overview**

The resolution on the 'International Day of Yoga (*IDY*)' introduced by the India's ambassador to the United Nations (UN) and having 175 nations joining as co-sponsors - the highest number ever for any general assembly resolution, has now become a global phenomenon. Even though Yoga is fast gaining a rapid popularity world -wide, it has, in its truest essence yet to make its presence felt.

It is becoming increasingly important to create the pertinent space for authentic yoga into the mainstream education. And one step ahead is the need for the regulation of its education and practice.

Yoga is reliable with India's ethnicity and harmonizing to science so, it becomes the countries primary response stability endorse it further aligned to the following. Enable the creation of eco-systems across Higher Education Institutions that scientifically would open every possibility of exploration (tapped-untapped) across various dimensions of Traditional Authentic Yogic Principles (physical, psycho-social, emotional, employability generation etc);

The Global Yoga Accreditation Summit (GYAS), a joint undertaking of NAAC in conjunction with The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations (UN), USA and The Asia Pacific Quality Network (APQN), is a historic initiative intended to bring various stakeholders from all over the world in the field of Yoga at the United Nations Headquarters, New York, USA.

## ● **Vision**

To initiate through mutual dialogue and processes towards creating a global ecosystem in mainstreaming Yoga Programs and its accreditation within the higher education ambit amalgamating a harmonization between the traditional philosophy and modern practices.

## ● **Mission**

- ❖ To claim and preserve the Authentic Yoga Tradition in its truest essence and avoid deviation
- ❖ Enable the creation of eco-systems across Higher Education establishments that scientifically would open every possibility of exploration (tapped-untapped) across various dimensions of Traditional Authentic Yogic Principles (physical, psycho-social, emotional, employability generation etc)
- ❖ Nurture and groom both artistic and scientific temperaments towards this Vast reservoir of Yogic knowledge

- ❖ Promote and Present globally the vast scope of Vedic Psychology (the realm of mind, behaviour etc) subtly embraced within the principles/tenets of Traditional Yogic Philosophy as antidotes/solution to stress and growing lifestyle diseases, building positive human inter and intra dynamics etc in contemporary times – Yoga beyond Asanas.
- ❖ Raise the benchmark on scientifically approaching the study of Yoga and provide further impetus to the growth and promotion of Yoga in a standardized manner globally and unearth the techniques and innovatively adopt them for the benefits of the modern society.

### ● Objectives

- ❖ Deliberation on the State-of-The –Art of Yoga Higher Education Accreditation Worldwide and strategies for mainstreaming
- ❖ Consultation on draft framework for Yoga Higher Education Programmes /Institutions accreditation being developed by NAAC, India at international level.
- ❖ Exploring the co-ordination and co-operation among various recognition/accreditation bodies and networks of Yoga higher education around the world.

### ● Delegates





- ❖ Key international and national inter and intra governmental policy makers and representatives of bodies such as UNO, UNESCO, WHO etc.
- ❖ Global leaders of Accreditation Networks, Quality Assurance Agencies as NAAC, APQN etc.
- ❖ Representatives of Prominent Yoga Higher Education providers from India, USA and beyond.
- ❖ Yoga Experts and accreditation bodies (International Association of Yoga Therapists – IAYT; Council of Yoga Accreditation International – CYA International; Sarva Yoga International , Italy etc)

### ● Expected Outcomes

- ❖ Exploring the formalization of an International Common Minimum Approach/Standards Protocol Charter on Yoga Accreditation for Yoga Programs across the Higher Education Institutions.
- ❖ Exploring formalization of an International Steering Committee to advocate on Mainstreaming Yoga Programs across Higher Education ambit and its accreditation.

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**Key Speakers**

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## ● **About Organisers**

### **The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC), India:**

The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) established in 1994 is an autonomous institution of the University Grants Commission (UGC) with its Head Quarter in Bengaluru.

NAAC, the largest higher education accreditation system in world with mandate of assuring quality of third largest higher education.

As one of the founder agencies of Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN) and The International Network for Quality Assurance Agencies in Higher Education (INQAAHE), the NAAC also has played pro-active role in international quality assurance scenario.

### **The Permanent Mission of India to the UN (PMI-UN), USA:**

The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations is the formal title of the Indian delegation to the United Nations (UN). India was among the founding members of the United Nations and signed the Declaration by United Nations on 1 January 1942.

### **Asia-Pacific Quality Network (APQN): Global Partner:**

APQN, which is proudly associated with this global summit as co-organiser, is the largest regional network of quality assurance agencies in Asia Pacific with 166 members from about 50 countries. APQN aims to enhance the quality of higher education in Asia and the Pacific region through building the capacity of quality assurance agencies and extending the cooperation between them.

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