Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi leads India to Guinness record in Yoga:
Prime Minister led India in breaking the Guinness World Record in Yoga: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi led India in breaking the Guinness World Record for the largest number of people doing yoga at one venue “Rajpath” on 21st June 2015 on the day of first International Day of Yoga. More than 35000 people exercised the yoga together on Rajpath. Prominent people and heads of several diplomatic Missions in Delhi also joined the event.

Celebration of First International Day of Yoga in Abu Dhabi, Dubai and other places: The Embassy of India, Abu Dhabi and its Consulate in Dubai organized events in Abu Dhabi and Dubai respectively on 21st June 2015 to celebrate the First International Day of Yoga. The Embassy’s event was organized in Abu Dhabi Indian School premises. The Chief Guest of the event, H.H. Sheikh Nahyan bin Mubarak Al Nahyan, UAE’s Minister of Culture, Youth and Community Development, graced the occasion and interacted with the students and the participants. Around 2000 people from several nationalities and students from 13 schools enthusiastically participated in the event. Several prominent members of the Indian community and members of several Indian socio-cultural associations took participation. More than 100 volunteers from the Art of Living, Raj Yoga Centre, Sahaj Yoga etc assisted in the organization of the event. The event, interalia, included screening of Hon’ble Prime Minister’s video message released on the occasion of first International Day of Yoga as well as 8 minute documentary on Yoga entitled ‘Yoga: Harmony with Nature’. In addition, a yoga demonstration was given by Mr Saket Kakkar, an instructor from Art of Living, which was practiced by all the attendees.

In Dubai the event was held at a larger scale in which around 17000 people from various nationalities participated.

The day found resonance worldwide with people celebrating yoga with a lot of fervour and zeal. Millions of people across the globe observed the First International Day of Yoga. From India to New York to Australia, yoga enthusiasts created a wave of unity and harmony along with a message of the universal essence of yoga. Paris added a unique twist to the day by practising yoga on boats across the river Seine. Multiple cities in Russia, South America, Europe, Africa and Asia took to celebrating the day with a lot of zeal and passion.
Prime Minister visited Bangladesh: Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi visited Bangladesh in June 2015. He had extensive talks with Bangladesh Prime Minister and both the sides signed 22 agreements, including on cooperation in maritime safety and to curb human trafficking and fake Indian currency. Both the countries settled the 41-year-old boundary dispute and promised to do more in other areas. Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi also announced a fresh line of credit of US$2 billion to Bangladesh during the visit.

Both the countries agreed to enhance cooperation in the fields of energy, trade and connectivity. Both the countries also reaffirmed their commitment to cooperate in tackling extremism and terrorism and not to allow their territory for any activity inimical to the other.

The two leaders stressed the need for effective implementation of the Coordinated Border Management Plan (CBMP) for better border management so as to prevent cross border criminal activities, irregular movement, incidents of violence etc.

Indigenous aircraft carrier Vikrant undocked: India undocked its first indigenously built aircraft carrier INS Vikrant at the Cochin Shipyard on 10\textsuperscript{th} June 2015. It is a major milestone for domestic warship manufacturing.

INS Vikrant is the first aircraft carrier to be designed by the Directorate of Naval Design of the Indian Navy. This is a 40,000 tonne ship with length of over 260 metres and breadth of 60 metres. It has two take-off runways and a landing strip with three arrester wires, capable of operating STOBAR aircraft including the indigenous LCA, as well as a range of helicopters with hangar facilities. The successful completion of the 40,000 tonne aircraft carrier puts India in the elite group of four nations - the US, Russia, the UK and France - in the world capable of designing and constructing aircraft carriers. The ship will undergo a series of static and dynamic trial processes before it is ready for propulsion and inducted into the Navy.

Public Advisory for Handwritten Passports: The International Civil Aviation Organisation (ICAO) has set a deadline of the 24\textsuperscript{th} November 2015 for globally phasing out of all non-Machine Readable Passports (MRPs). From the 25\textsuperscript{th} November 2015 onwards, foreign Governments may deny Visa or entry to any person travelling on a non-Machine Readable Passport. All handwritten passports with pasted photographs are considered non-MRPs. All the Indians residing in United Arab Emirates and holding Handwritten Passports are again advised to apply for re-issue of passports well before the deadline in order to avoid any inconvenience in obtaining valid visa or International travel.

Recruitment of Indian Workers: All the Foreign Employers, who seeks to recruit Indian workers, need to register in the eMigrate system (www.emigrate.gov.in). The duly filled-in registration application will then be vetted by the Indian Mission.
Thereafter, the Foreign Employers (FEs) can raise the demand for Indian workers on the eMigrate system and seek a permit to recruit directly or select Recruiting Agents in online manner. Such FEs shall be required to declare the terms and conditions of employment of each category of the job at the time of applying for the demand registration. The declared terms and conditions of employment will act as a specimen contract and will form the part of employment contract at the time of actual recruitment. The procedure to fill the online form has been explained through videos in the Resources tab of the website (www.emigrate.gov.in).

All Foreign Employers recruiting Indian workers are requested to immediately register themselves on eMigrate system.

**Recruitment of Indian Nurses**: With effect from 1 June 2015, the Foreign Employers (FEs), who seeks to recruit Indian nurses, need to register in the eMigrate system (www.emigrate.gov.in). The duly filled-in registration application will then be vetted by the Indian Mission. Thereafter, the Foreign Employers can raise the demand for Indian nurses on the eMigrate system with terms and conditions of their employment. With this no further attestation of demand would be required from the Indian Missions.

The recruitment of nurses for Overseas Employment will be through three state-run recruiting agencies viz.

a) Non-Resident Keralites’ Affairs Department (NORKA-ROOTS), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala (Phone: +91471-2770500, 2332416, 2332452 Fax: 0471-2326263; e_mail: mail@norkaroots.net; Website: www.norkaroots.net)

b) Overseas Development and Employment Promotion Consultants Ltd. (ODEPC), Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala (Phone. +914712576314/15/19 Fax: +914712576318; Email: info.odepc@kerala.gov.in; website: www.odepc.org) and

c) Overseas Manpower Corporation Limited (OMCL), Chennai, Tamil Nadu (Phone: 0091-044-22505886/22502267/22500417; Fax 091-44-22500416 Email: ovemcl@gmail.com; Website: www.omcmanpower.com).

These recruitment agencies which are authorized to recruit Indian nurses will not charge any fees towards recruitment expenses from Indian nurses. Moreover, foreign employers in UAE will not recover any amount towards the cost of recruitment from Indian nurses, initially or subsequently, during their contract.

Further, with effect from 01 June, 2015, the emigration of nurses for Overseas Employment in UAE will require prior emigration clearance from Protector of Emigrants’ offices in India. However, the age restriction on 30 years imposed on all women emigrants emigrating on Emigration Check Required passports irrespective of nature/category of employment will not be applicable in case of nurses visiting UAE for employment.