

**Embassy of India
Djibouti**

Press Release

11th International Day of Yoga 2025 (IDY- 2025)

The Mission organized a series of events to celebrate 11th International Day of Yoga in Djibouti. Djibouti is extremely hot and humid in summers, which does not allow outdoor activities and hence indoor sessions were organized at different locations with the participation of the Diaspora, Djiboutians at large and officers of the Indian Embassy including their family members etc. As a prelude to the celebration of the IDY-2025, Mission organized its first “Yoga Session” from 0700-0800 hours on 24th May 2025 at the Multi-Purpose Hall of the Embassy. Indian Ambassador to Djibouti spearheaded the program involving participation of the Embassy staff members, their families and the Diaspora (around 25 personnel), the session was conducted by Ms Tanvi Joshi, a Yoga practitioner from Indian Diaspora.



2. The second Curtain Raiser event for celebration of IDY-2025 was organized at the Coast Guard, Naval Camp Doraleh Instruction Center at 0700 hours on 09 June 2025. The event witnessed the participation of Colonel Wais Omar Bogoreh, the Chief of Djibouti Coast Guard, Shri RP Meena, Head of Chancery and Prakash Singh, SS (Culture) apart from Coast Guard Personnel and other members of Indian Embassy. Around 80 people participated in the event, which was covered by the RTD Web TV of Djibouti and broadcast by them on 11 June 2025.



3. The third event of IDY-2025 was organized by the Mission at Arta prefecture of Djibouti (approx 43 Kms from the Djibouti city) on 14 June, 2025 in active collaboration with the local administration which saw participation of local students, soldiers of the Djiboutian armed forces, local administrative officers and the officers of the Indian embassy along with their family members. The event witnessed the participation of Dy Regional Director of Ministry of Youth and Culture, Mr. Said Madeyeh (Also chief of the community center in Arta); Mr. Prakash Singh, SS(Culture); Mr. Ram Prasad Meena, Head of Chancery. This yoga session was also conducted by the aforesaid Yoga teacher from the local diaspora. This was the first ever such program organized by the Embassy at Arta and it was a grand success considering large participation of locals and the soldiers of the armed forces. The event was very vividly covered by the local administration and was spread on Facebook page of local channels and other social media platforms.



4. The fourth and the main event of the IDY-2025 was organised by the Mission at the Kempinski Hotel in Djibouti at 0700 hours on 21 June 2025. The final Yoga session was conducted jointly by our newly arrived certified Yoga teacher/TIC Mr. Devesh and Ms Tanvi Joshi, Yoga practitioner from Indian Diaspora. The event started with the welcome address by Honorable Ambassador of India to Djibouti. Honorable Minister for Culture, Govt of Djibouti H.E. Ms. Hibo Moumin Assoweh graced the occasion as the Chief Guest, the Honorable Minister during her brief speech emphasized the close cultural relation between the two countries and also spoke about exchange of cultural delegation between Djibouti and India. The event witnessed the participation of around 200 people including members of diplomatic community, local yoga clubs/enthusiasts, participants from Directorate of Youth & Culture, Govt. of Djibouti and Djibouti Ministry of Foreign Affairs, members of Indian Embassy and their families, Djiboutian friends and members of Indian Diaspora. The Honorable Minister was very happy to have a Yoga session at such a large scale and diversified participation and expressed her deep appreciation for the efforts being made by the Mission to promote the Yoga among Djiboutians for their well being. Ambassador also highlighted the origin and commencement of International Yoga Day, its global significance and importance of the Yoga in the day to day life of an individual.

5. An advisors who also participated from Djiboutian Ministry of Culture were very happy to have a Yoga session and expressed his deep appreciation for the efforts being made by the Mission to promote the Yoga among Djiboutians for their well being. Apart from these dignitaries, Ambassador of Japan to Djibouti, and Defence Attaches from various diplomatic mission also participated in the event. The event was broadcast in national TV channel 'Radio

Television of Djibouti' (RTD) on June 21, 2025 and also published in prominent French media newspaper 'La Nation' on June 22, 2025.



6. The 5th event of IDY-2025 was organized by the Mission on board the visiting ship INS Tarkash at 1800 hours on 21st June 2025. The Yoga session was participated by 40 personnel including officers from the ship, Ambassador of India in Djibouti, staff of Indian Embassy and their family members.



7. The IDY-2025 celebration by the Embassy of India, Djibouti, was thus a resounding success, bringing together distinguished guests including Djibouti Minister of Youth and Culture, foreign diplomats from USA, Japan, Belgium, Russia etc and Djiboutian friends in order to promote the Yoga and strengthen ties between India and Djibouti.
