

09 June 2020: PIB Summary & Analysis

1. International Day of Yoga 2020

About International Day of Yoga (IDY):

- The International Day of Yoga has been observed annually on 21st June since 2015.
- The proposal to celebrate 21st June as IDY was approved unanimously by the United Nations General Assembly in December 2014. The resolution was proposed by India.
- 21st June was chosen because this is the day of the summer solstice and is of particular importance to many cultures including India's.
- The aim of the IDY is to raise awareness of the many benefits of practicing yoga worldwide.
- Yoga is an ancient physical, mental and spiritual practice that originated in India. The word 'yoga' derives from Sanskrit and means to join or to unite, symbolizing the union of body and consciousness.
- **IDY 2020 theme: Yoga at Home and Yoga with Family.**

Context:

Curtain Raiser of IDY 2020 to be telecasted on DD News.

2. Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

Context:

Private sector will be allowed to use ISRO facilities.

Details:

- The Union Minister for Atomic Energy and Space announced that the private sector will be allowed to use Indian Space Research Organisation ([ISRO](#)) facilities and other relevant assets to improve their capacities.
- Private companies will be provided a level playing field in satellites, launches and space-based services.
- Future projects for planetary exploration and outer space travel will be open for the private sector.

3. VidyaDaan 2.0

Context:

NCERT and Rotary India digitally sign MoU for e-learning content telecast for classes 1-12 over all NCERT TV channels.

About VidyaDaan 2.0:

- VidyaDaan is a common national programme to develop and contribute e-learning content and a chance to be recognized nationally.

- Learn more about Vidya Daan on [PIB dated 22 April, 2020](#).

