



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA  
PRIME MINISTER

Ljubljana, 1 June 2016

Dear Prime Minister,

I would like to thank you for your letter concerning the celebration of the second International Day of Yoga.

A growing number of people begin to understand that yoga is so much more than physical activity. It is the most ancient system of physical, mental and spiritual well-being. Yoga helps us to see more clearly and to further our understanding of ourselves and the world.

Slovenia was one of the first states to sponsor the initiative of the Indian Government to declare 21 June the International Day of Yoga, which came true with the adoption of a resolution by the UN General Assembly in December 2014.

I am pleased to note that the practice of yoga has become very popular in Slovenia and that Slovenian yoga enthusiasts, who have organised themselves into numerous yoga associations, celebrated also the first International Day of Yoga.

Dear Prime Minister, I am convinced that the celebration of International Yoga Day strengthens the relations and friendship between Slovenia and India, while also raising our awareness of the interconnectedness of all humanity.

Please accept, Dear Prime Minister, the assurances of my highest consideration.

Miroslav Cerar

**The Hon Mr Narendra Modi**  
**Prime Minister of the Republic of India**

**New Delhi**