

## **Indian PM: Yoga Day at UNO & Meetings at NY: June 20-21**

June 21, 2023

**June 21, 2023:** New York: **9<sup>th</sup> International Yoga Day** at UN Office: “Let us make Yoga a part of our lives and further wellness,” said **Narendra Modi**, the Prime Minister of India. The **President of 77<sup>th</sup> General Assembly** and the **Mayor of New York** were present at the Yoga day celebrations. Subhankar Maitra points out in a tweet that Yoga is an ancient Indic art but is now a world heritage and that today people of ALL religions, races & places are Yoga Gurus.

At UN Head Quarters, the PM first paid homage at the bust of **Mahatma Gandhi** situated in the north lawns of UN. He also paid tributes at the **Wall of Peace** in memory of Peace Keepers, who gave their lives for a more peaceful world.





*June 21, 2023: Narendra Modi at UNO with members from 135 countries*

**June 20, 2023:** New York: Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in New York on the first leg of his historic state visit to the United States to a **tumultuous welcome** by the Indian community.



*June 20, 2023: At New York Airport*

When the PM reached the hotel, a **crowd of persons of Indian origin** was waiting for him. Some were carrying the India flag. One child had prepared a painting of Modi and she wanted Modi's signatures on it. Modi gladly did the same. Modi talked with as many of the persons as possible. By the time, he was able to reach his room, it was time for important meetings, about which we have reported below. US India Business Council had put up welcome banners at Times Square:



**June 20, 2023:** New York: **Elon Musk**, CEO of Tesla and SpaceX, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at New York. They discussed the implementation of economic reforms aimed at improving the business climate and promoting investment prospects in India.

After the meeting, Elon Musk described the meeting as fantastic and said that he was a "fan of Modi".



When Elon Musk was asked about the recent statement of Jack Dorsey, the previous CEO of Twitter, that Modi's government had threatened to close down Twitter in India, Musk said, "Every business has to follow the Laws of the country, in which the business operates."

[www.DiGiNews360.com](http://www.DiGiNews360.com) thinks that the implication of the statement of Mr. Elon Musk and the recent statement of Jack Dorsey is that Dorsey had been trying to transgress Indian Laws in pursuit of his leftist ideology through Twitter.

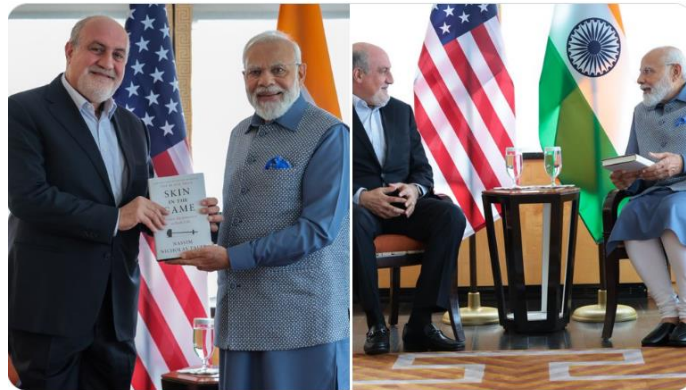
**June 20, 2023: Meeting with Academics:** New York: In the photograph on the right are seen **Ms. Chandrika Tandon**, the Chairperson of the Board of NYU Tandon School of Engineering (*1<sup>st</sup> from left*), **Ms. Neeli Bendapudi**, President of Penn State University, **Dr. Satish Tripathi**, the President of University at Buffalo (*4<sup>th</sup> from right*), **Dr. Anurag Mairal**, the Adjunct Professor of Medicine and the Director of the Global Outreach Programs at Stanford University and **Prof. Pradeep Khosla**, the Chancellor of the University of California. In the photograph on the left, **Mr. Madhav Ranjan**, the Dean of the University of Chicago's Booth School of Business, **Prof. Jagmohan S. Raju**, the Director of the Wharton Indian School of Business Program and **Padma Shri Dr. Rattan Lal**, the well-known soil scientist are seen.

**Narendra Modi** @narendramodi · 11h

In New York City, held an extensive interaction with a group of academics. They shared their views on how to further strengthen the education sector in India with a focus on skills and innovation. I talked about the transformative potential of our National Education Policy.

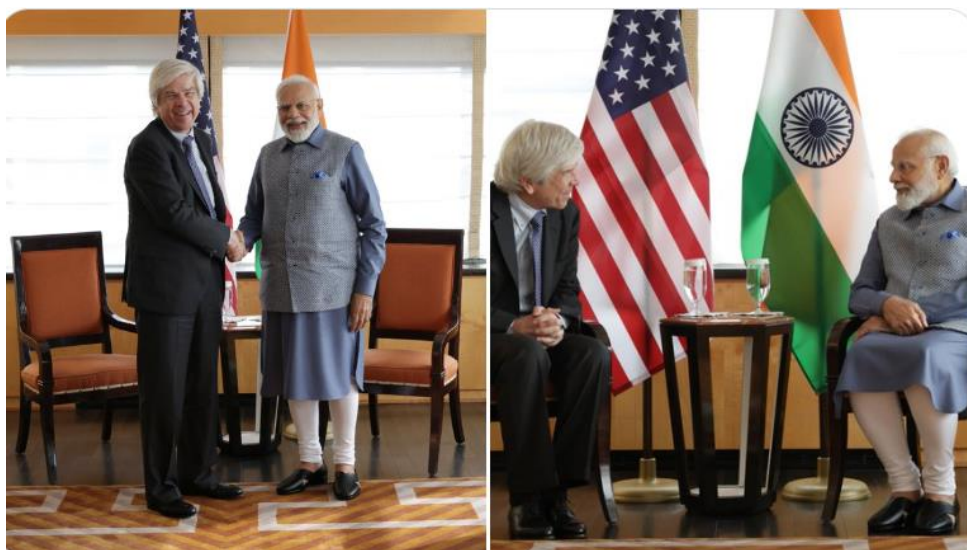


**June 20, 2023:** New York: Prime Minister Narendra Modi had a meeting with **Professor Nassim Nicholas Taleb** in New York City. Professor Taleb is a Lebanese-American mathematical statistician and author. He is an aphorist whose work concerns problems of randomness, probability, and uncertainty. The Sunday Times called his 2007 book **'The Black Swan'** one of the 12 most influential books since World War II.



The PM and Prof Taleb discussed about the **concept of anti-fragility** as well as **India's thriving start-up ecosystem**. Narendra Modi said, " Prof Taleb was greatly interested in India's development strides. I emphasized on how we are nurturing a spirit of enterprise and risk-taking among our youth." Elon Musk had blocked Prof Taleb on his Twitter account after a sharp discussion about Covid-19. But the PM was able to meet Prof Taleb and then Elon Musk, one after the other.

**June 20, 2023:** PM Modi met **Paul M Romer, a Noble Laureate** to discuss India's digital trajectory. Mr. Modi and Dr. Romer also discussed the issue of leveraging



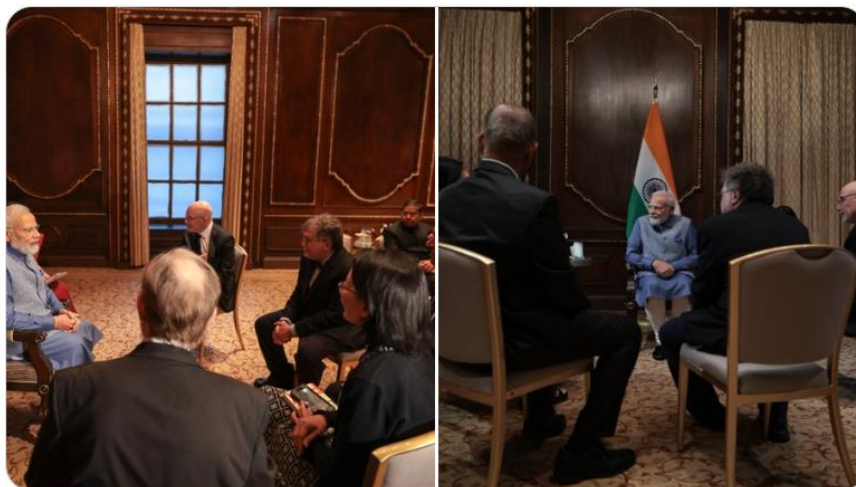
Technology to improve lives. They also had extensive conversations about how to make our cities more sustainable and people friendly.

**June 20, 2023:** PM Narendra Modi met many experts of Healthcare sector including Nobel laureate **Dr. Peter Agre**, Prof. Lawton Robert Burns, **Dr. Sunil A. David** (a researcher, a developer of new vaccines and CEO of ViroVax, Texas), **Dr. Vivian S. Lee** MD 9 Dean/CEO U of Utah Health, Author of 'The Long Fix' and former HealthTech Executive at Alphabet, Dr. **Stephen Klasko** (Former **President Jefferson University**, CEO of **Jefferson Health Hospital, Philadelphia**, Expert in leveraging technology and innovation to improve healthcare delivery.)



**Narendra Modi** @narendramodi · 12h

Had an informative discussion with a group of healthcare experts. They shared their rich perspectives on ways to augment healthcare capacities in India. I told them about the work we have done in integrating latest technology in the sector and our efforts like TB elimination.



**June 20, 2023:** PM **Narendra Modi** also met the following distinguished persons:

- Falguni Shah Grammy Award winning Indian vocalist & composer along with her family; She also educates people about using millets for good health.
- the distinguished author and investor **Ray Dalio** to urge him to deepen investments in India and also talked about the reform trajectory of our Government;
- the renowned American astrophysicist **Dr. Neil Tyson** to exchange views about India's progress in the field of space exploration and the efforts made to foster a scientific mindset among the younger generation.
- Eminent thinkers, authors, scholars & diplomats of key **Think Tanks**



**Narendra Modi**  @narendramodi · 22h



Met a group of people associated with key think tanks. We talked about different aspects of policy making and the emerging global trends. Emphasised on the positive changes in India and how they are being powered by our youth.



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