



National Indian Students and Alumni Union (UK)

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The National Indian Students & Alumni Union UK Bestows Honorary Fellowship on Swami Ramdev

The National Indian Students & Alumni Union (NISAU UK) has awarded its Honorary Fellowship to Swami Ramdev.

Honorary Fellowship of the National Indian Students and Alumni Union UK is the highest honour that can be bestowed onto a non-member by the Union. The individual will have made significant and long-lasting contributions to India, Indian Culture and/or the welfare of Indian students in the UK, or elsewhere. It is awarded in recognition of, but is not limited to:

- a. Distinction in the arts, literature, science, business or public life; or
- b. Exceptional service to NISAU

With NISAU striving for the betterment of the society and working towards the celebration of Indian culture in the UK and beyond, we are proud to award Swami Ramdev with our Honorary Fellowship for his immense contribution to the world through Yoga and Indian Traditional Sciences.

With this award, Swami Ramdev joins the NISAU as a Honorary Fellow, alongside humanitarian Sri Sri Ravi Shankar; Indian cinema personality and social activist, Mrs Shabana Azmi; Rajya Sabha MP and Indian cinema personality, Mr Javed Akhtar and Former Chief Election Commissioner of India, Dr SY Quraishi.

The award was presented at an exclusive Youth Leadership Conclave, centred around exploring leadership in the context of the mind, body and soul with Swami Ramdev on 22nd June 2018 at the Montcalm Hotel London Marble Arch. Attendees at this unique event included youth identified by the NISAU as being leaders across different fields, including student leaders and young professionals and entrepreneurs. Participants included youth from universities covering the length and breadth of UK including Oxford, Cambridge, LSE, UCL, Nottingham Trent, Southampton and Cardiff.

Upon receiving the Honorary Fellowship, Swami Ramdev commented *"The truth is that to be a good leader, you have to have passion. For a good organisation to work, you have to have a leader who has the quality to be in charge. I can see NISAU is working so well because of its leadership. Today there so many young leaders in this room taking charge and wanting to do something more. I thank NISAU for presenting the Honorary Fellowship award to me. This is the first time I've had such intellectual questions and I am delighted to be in this room with today's bright Indian Youth Leaders."*

The NISAU Team added *"Swami Ramdev is a great role model for youngsters – his story and achievements are extremely inspiring. To go from having paralysis to understanding and using the ancient Indian culture of Yoga to cure himself, and have such a positive effect on the lives of millions worldwide is admirable. We are delighted to be able to honour Swami ji for his contributions in bringing back Yoga on the world scene and in promoting both Yoga and Ayurveda not only within India but also worldwide"*.

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