RELEVANCE OF YOGA EDUCATION IN 21ST CENTURY

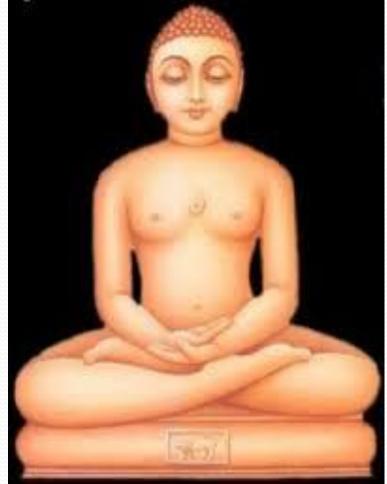


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WHAT IS YOGA?

- Yoga: "Chitta-Vritti-Nirodha"— Moharshi Patanjali
- Patanjali wrote Yoga sutra (196 sutra)
- Yoga is often describe is 'skill in action'.
- Yoga is that extraordinary, exemplary, unique India technique, helping man to develop a deep awareness of him of-every vibration and pulsation within , at the body, mind and intellect levels, by virtue of which he can master the forces internal and external.



PURPOSE OF THE STUDY

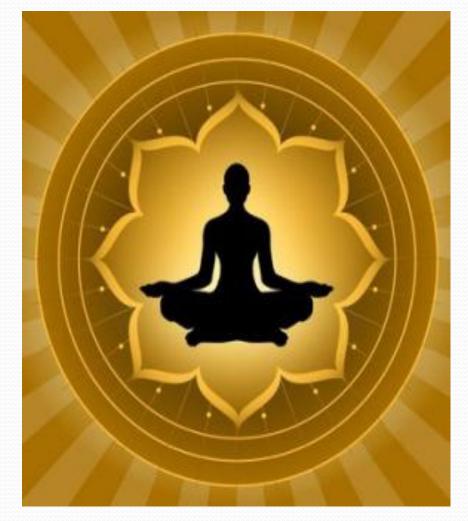
- Importance of Yogic Practice in Modern Era.
- 2. Develop Awareness among peoples
- 3. Improve the Spiritual State.
- 4. Yoga helps to make fit people.



STREAMS OF YOGA

- **1.** JNANA YOGA
- 2. BHAKTI YOGA
- 3. KARMA YOGA
- 4. RAJA YOGA
- 5. HATHA YOGA
- 6. MANTRA YOGA
- 7. LAYA YOGA OR KUNDALINI YOGA
- Bhakti yoga: There are nine mode of devotion of-

I. Shravana II. Kirteena III. Smarana IV. Pada V. Archana VI. Vandana VII. Dasya VIII. Sakhya IX. Atma Nivedana



ASTANGA YOGA

There are eight limbs of yoga. They are-

- YAMA (Self-discipline): There are five Yama- a)Ahimsha b)Satya c)Asteya d)Brahamacharya e)Aparigraha
- NIYAMA(Social Discipline or Code of conduct): There are five Niyama- a)Saucha b)Santosha c) Tapas d)Svadhyaya (Strengthen the Knowledge) e) Ishvara Parinidhana
- ASANA(Posture)
- **PRANAYAMA** (Breath control)
- **PRATYAHARA** (Sense withdrawal)
- DHARANA (Concentration)
- DHYANA (Meditation)
- SAMADHI (Superconscious state)



YOGA ASANAS

- Yogasana: "Sithiram, Sukhanam, Asanam"-Maharshi Pathanjali
- There are three thousand postures (Asanas)
- Classification of Asanas:-
 - 1. Meditative 2.Cultural
 - 3. Balancing
 - 4. Reluxative

Type of Asanas:

Standing
 Sitting
 Lying on the Prone
 Lying on the supine



SURYA NAMASKARA



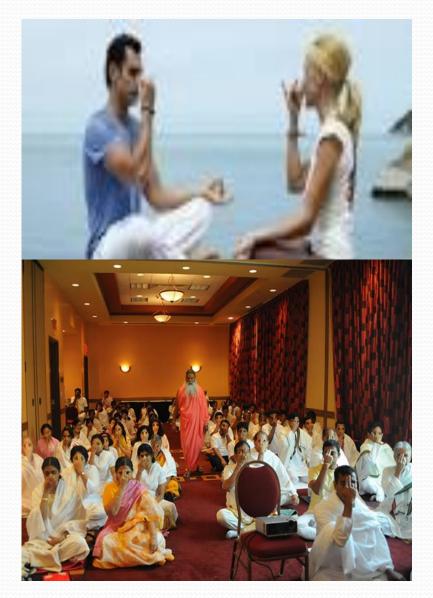
We should practice twelve postures of Surya Namaskara one by one and before practice every posture, we salute different name to God Surya with chants (mantras) following:

- 1. Om Mitraaya namahaa 2. Om Ravaye namahaa
- 3. Om Suryaaya namaha 4. Om Bhaanave namahaa
- 5. Om Khaqaaya 6. Om Pushane namahaa
- 7. Om Hiranyagarbhaaya namahaa 8. Om Marichye namahaa
- 9. Om Aadityaaya namahaa 10. Om Savitre namahaa 11. Om Akaarye namahaa 12. Om Bhaaskaraay anamahaa

- Benefits:
- 1. Physiological Benefits: a)Strengthen and Reluxing the muscle. Increase the flexibility in the joints. Massaging the internal organs. Balancing the secreation of endocrine glands. Tonning up the nervous system. Detoxification of the skin.
- **2. Psychological Benefits:** Enhance the willpower. Increase the memory power and concentration. Reducing the stress, depression and anxiety and balance the emotion.
- **3. Spiritual Benefits:** Increasing the awareness. Awaken the psycho-physiological energy, activating the chakras.

PRANAYAMA

- Four aspect of Pranayama:
- Puraka
 Rechaka
 Antar
 Kumbhaka
 Bahir Kumbhaka
- Breathing practice:
- 1. Abdominal Breathing 2. Thoracic Breathing 3. Clavicular Breathing
- Type of Pranayama:
- I. Surya Bhedana 2. Chandra Bhedana
 3. Anuloma-Violma/Nadi Suddhi 4.
 Ujjayi 5. Bhramari 6. Sadanta
 7. Vastrika
- Pancha Pranas:
- 1. Prana (Between larynx and top of the diaphram)
- 2. Apana (Large intestine, kidney, anus and genitals)
- 3. Samana (Between heart and navel)
- 4. Udana (Above the neck)
- 5. Vyana (Whole body)



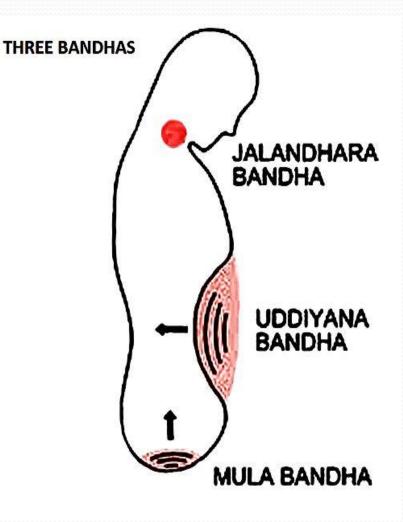
KRIYA

- Kriya are the yogic technique to cleanse the internal organs. According to 'Hatha Yoga Pradipika' of *Swatamram*, there are six cleansing techniques called Shat Kriya. They are:
- 1. Kapalbhati
- 2. Trataka
- **3. Neti** (Jala, Sutra, Dugdha, Ghrita)
- **4. Dhouti** (Vamana, Vastra, Danda)
- **5. Nauli** (Uddiyana, Madhyama, Dakshina and Vama Nauli)
- 6. Basti



BANDHAS

- Bandhas are neuromuscular lock. Bandhas are safety locks used during the process of Breath-holding.
 Kumbhaka. There are three type of bandha-
- 1. Uddiyana bandha (Abdominal lock)
- 2. Jalandhara bandha (Glottis lock)
- 3. Mula bandha (Anus lock)



MUDRA

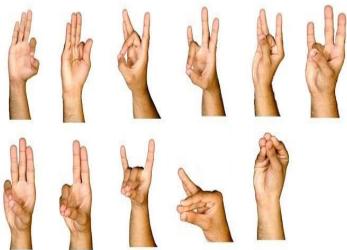
 Mudra: The sanaskrit word 'Mudra' means as 'Gesture' or 'Attitude'. Mudras are described as psychic, emotional, devotional and asthetic gesture or attitude.

• Type of Mudra:

- 1. Chin Mudra 2. Chinmaya Mudra
- 3. Adi Mudra 4. Brahma Mudra
- 5. Maha Mudra 6. Asvini Mudra
- 7. Yoga Mudra 8. Viparit-karani Mudra
- 9. Kechari Mudra 10. Jnana Mudra
- 11. Shanmukhi Mudra 12. Yoni Mudra

Benefits:

Mudras are important psycho-neural fingers lock, which makes meditation asanas more powerful. The palm and fingers of the hands have many nerves root endings, which constantly emit energy. Specially maha mudra cures constipation, piles, enlargement of spleen, indigestion, chronic gastritis etc. Yoga mudra helps to cure the diseases of abdominal and pelvis, tones up the nervous system specially the lumbro-sacral nerve.



YOGIC CONCEPT OF HUMAN BODY

• PANCHA KOSA:

- 1. Annamaya Kosha: Asanas, Kriyas, Diet and Reluxation
- 2. Pranamaya Kosha : *Pranayama Practice*
- 3. Monamaya Kosha : *Meditation*
- 4. Vijnanamaya Kosha: Notional Correction through counseling
- 5. Anandamaya Kosha: Practice of joy in all circumtences



KUNDALINI YOGA (SHERPENT POWER)

- The unitive descipline of the serpent power (kundalini shakti), which is the fundamental to the Tantric tradition, including Hatha Yoga.
- There are seven chakras
 - 1. Muladhara Chakra(4 petals) 2. Swadhistana Chakra(6 petals) 3. Manipura Chakra(10 petals) 4. Anahata Chakra(12 petals)
 - 5. Visudha Chakra (16 petals) 6. Agna Chakra (2 petals) 7. Sahashra Chakra (1000 petals)

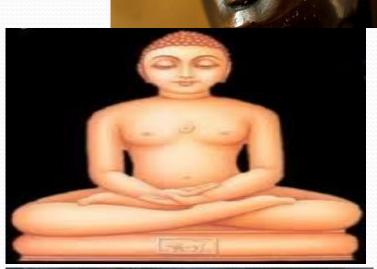
There are fourteen nadis:

Sushuma 2. Ida 3. Pingala 4. Gandhari
 Hastajiva 6. Kuhu 7. Saraswati 8. Pusha
 Sankhini 10. Payasvini 11. Varuni
 Alambusha 13. Vishvodhara 14. Yasasvini



DHYANA OR MEDITATION

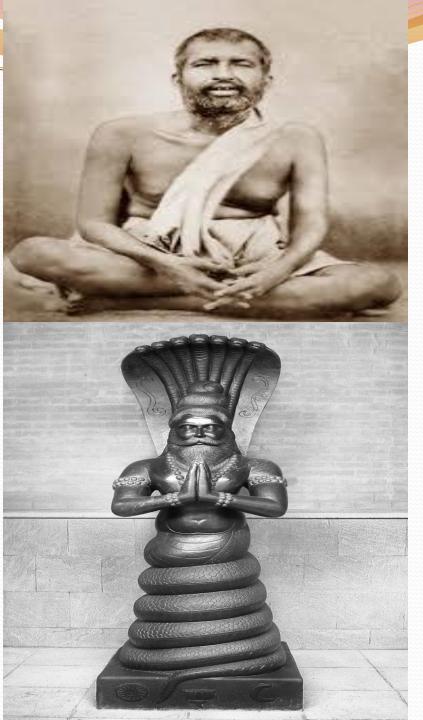
- The English word 'meditation' is derived from the Latin word 'meditatio' which means "to think, contemplate devise, ponder, and meditate. The greatest help to spiritual life is meditation. In meditation we divest ourselves of all material conditions and feel our divine nature.
- In modern life style has high exposure to anger, hate, fear and other negative emotion. Meditation helps an individual overcome these emotions to facilitate a calm peaceful mind and healthy and stress free body. Meditation promotes relaxation, develops self-concept, self-confidence, positive attitude and socialability and reduces stress as well as anxiety.
- Type of Meditation: 1. Mindfulness meditation 2. Focus meditation 3. Movement meditation 4.Mantra meditation 5. Spiritual meditation





SAMADHI

Patanjali defines two broad categories of samadhi: samprajñata samadhi, or samadhi with higher knowledge, which occurs through the absorption of the mind into an object; and asamprajñata samadhi, "beyond higher knowledge," a very high stage in which there is no object of concentration; rather, the yogi's consciousness is merged into absolute consciousness, Purusha. Because only asamprajñata samadhi destroys the seeds of all samskaras remaining in the chitta (the mind-field) and thus gives ultimate freedom, or kaivalya, it is the only state that brings about an alteration of consciousness which is completely permanent. Asamprajñatasamadhi is extremely completely difficult to attain because of the high degree of mental purity, desirelessness, and non-attachment which is required to achieve it.



BENEFITS OF YOGA

- 1. Improves your flexibility
- 2. Builds muscle strength
- 3. Perfects your posture
- 4.Prevents cartilage and joint breakdown
- 5.Protects your spine
- 6. Betters your bone health
- 7. Increases your blood flow
- 8. Boosts your immunity
- 10. Drops your blood pressure
- 11. Regulates your adrenal glands
- 12. Makes you happier
- 13. Founds a healthy lifestyle
- 14. Lowers blood sugar
- 15. Helps you focus
- 16. Relaxes your system
- 17. Improves your balance

- 18. Maintains your nervous system
- 19. Releases tension in your limbs
- 21. Boosts your immune system functionality
- 22. Gives your lungs room to breathe
- 23. Prevents IBS and other digestive problems
- 24. Gives you peace of mind
- 25. Increases your self-esteem
- 26. Eases your pain
- 27. Gives you inner strength
- 28. Connects you with guidance
- 29. Helps keep you drug free
- 30. Builds awareness for transformation
- 31. Benefits your relationships
- 33. Guides your body's healing in your mind's eye
- 34. Encourages self care

