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Approaches towards Surya Namaskara -Ancient and Scientific Path Way in Human Life

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Abstract

What is Surya Namaskar? Surya Namaskara is a classical series of 12 physical postures. These alternating backward and forward bending postures flex and stretch the spinal column through their minimum range giving a profound stretch to the whole body. It is considered as the best exercise for human body. Suryanamaskara consists of important Yoga asanas and Pranayam. Surya Namaskar helps to support sleep and coolness, improves muscles elasticity and flexibility, strengthens abdominal muscle and improves the human body resisitivity etc. The mantras, Beja Mantras, which are chanted before practicing are also very useful. The all twelve stages of Surya Namaskara and its every hymn has specific benefits and scientific value.

Keywords: Surya Namaskara, , Chakra, Inhale, Charmy, nearly a Exhale, Asana

Objectives

- To study the time taken and intensity of exercise in different postures of Surya Namaskar by the Yoga practitioners.
- To observe the energy cost and different cardio respiratory changes during the actual performance of Surya Namaskar by the different groups.
- To observe the effect of training on various physiologxal responses during the performance of Suryci Namaskar by the trainees at different phases of the training throughout the year.
- To compare the blood pressure value as obtained in trainees (during Surya Namaskar) with that of Yoga Proficient and Semi-Proficient.

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Introduction

Surya Namaskara or Sun Salutation (Salute to the Sun) is a common sequence of Hatha Yaoga Asanas. Its origins lie in a worship of Surya, the Hindu solar diety. This sequence of movements and poses can be practised on varying levels of awareness, in corporates, and pranayama, mantra chakra asana, meditation. The physical base of the practice links together twelve asanas in a dynamically performed series. These asanas are ordered so that they alternately stretch the spine backwards and forwards. When performed in the usual way, each asana is moved into with alternate, inhalation and exhalation. A full round of Surya Namaskara is considered to be two sets of the twelve poses with a change in the second set to moving the opposite leg first through the series.

Ancient Aspect

Surya Namaskara is a golden treasury of the ancient indian culture. It has sprung from the man's deep faith in sun, the god of energy. From the vedic period, the devotion to the sun as the master of this world is customary in many world cultures. Surya Namaskaras are originally the depiction of the dame faith towards the sun. In Rigveda and Yajurveda, special rhymes are devoted to the praise of sun as following:

Sun, who gives pleasent light like a friend, Arise to-day and arise in this highest world, the everlife sky

and cure my heart disease and jaundice. Aditya hridayam is another ancient practice which involves Surya Namaskar. It is a procedure of

Ravana. It is described in the "Yuddha Khanda can to -107" of Ramayana.

Traditional Information

catalogue raisonnce of oriental manuscripts Early english publications record some (year 1860 page 246) Rev.William cooke Taylor, noted that a short book with 71 leaves with "Tricha Calpa Vidhi" from "Aditya Puranam" was preserved. He describe the Vidhi as "Modes of rendering homage to sun, with praise and spells. The object being health or delivery from disease. In page 148 of the same book he describes a shorter version called of the ancient ways of sun salutation, In "A "LaghuTricha KalpaVidhi.

Methods and Technique of Surya Namaskar Using Mantras

must be performed only on an empty stomach. It Surya Namaskara, like most yogasan as is generally practiced in the morning before breakfast or in evening. It is generally started with fewer (3 to 6) Namaskar per day and then practised by men or women between the age of gradully increased to 12. This can be well 12 to 80 on any clean place of 1 meter x 3 meter only. There are twelve postures.

shankha ("Dheyah sada savitru mandala madhyawarti Starting the (Bija Mantra) Prayer chanting Keyurawan makara kundalawan kiriti Narayanah sarasijasana sannivistaha hiranya-maya-vapur-dhruta chakrah") Hari



1. Pranamasana: Stand erect with feet together, join the palms together in front of the clean. Concentrate on standing

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straight, steady and in prayerful attitude

Anahana Namah)Mitraya Chakara (Aum

Significance: This posture helps to induce a state of introversion, relaxation and calmness.

Hastauttanasana: Inhaling stretch both head, palms facing upward. Arch the back and stretch the above the whole body. arms ri

Vishuddhi Namah) Ravaye Chakara (Aum

Significance: This stage stretches the arms, chest and abdomen so that the and dn breathing in greatly helped. musches are toned

body forward and down, keeping the chest or over rounding the upper back keep the legs straight and perpendicular pend ground. The knees may spine straight. Avoid collapsing allowed to bend a little if needed. exhaling, Padahastasana: to the

(Aum Suryaya Namah) Swadhisthana Chakara

Significance: This posture massages the abdominal organs, especially the liver, kidney, pancreas, adrenals, uterus and The power of increases and female

disorders such as prolapse and menstrual blood is sent to the spinal nerves as they are stretched and toned. The hamstring muscle at the back of thigh and calf muscles are stretched and toned, Inversion increase blood irregularities are relieved. A healthy flow of

to the brain.

Ashwa Sanchal anasana;

On your next inhalation, extend the left leg back and drop the knee to the ground. The

right knee is bent and kept between the hands and the right foot placed flat on the

List the spine and open the chest ground. concentric at the eyebrow centre.

Alim Bhanave Namah) AjnaAekpadaad

Chakara Significance: This stage tone up the muscles of the legs and arms. The liver and spleen alie

also stimulated by pressure of the respective thighs during these stages.

5. Parvatasana:

On the exhalation bring the right leg back to join with the left leg. Simultaneously raise the buttocks and lower the head between the arms, so that the body forms a triangle with the floor. Try to place the heels flat on the ground. Focus awareness at the neck area.

(Aum Khagaya Namah) Vishuddhi **Chakara**

Significance: This posture strengthens the nerves and muscles in the arms and legs, stretches the calf muscles and make spine straight. It relieves varicose vein and tones spinal nerves.

6. Sashtanga Namaskara:

Exhaling gently drop both knee to the ground and slowly slide the body down at an angle as you bring the chest and chin to the ground.

(Aum Pushne Namah) Manipura Chakara

Significance: This stage stimulates the thyroid gland by pressure and tones up the Abdominal muscles.

7. Bhujangasana: On the inhalation, lower the hips while pushing the chest forward and upward with the hands, until the spine is fully arched and the head in facing up. The knee and lower abdomen remain above the floor, Focus the awareness at the base of spine and fees the tension from the forward pull.

Namah) Hiranyagarbhaya (Aum Swadhisthana Chakara

Significance: This stage gives dynamic expansion to the organs of the chest and abdomen relieving many ailments such as asthma, constipation, indigestion, kidney and liver problems. It is very helpful in relieving tension in the back muscle and spinal nerves.

8. Parvatasana: Exhale and get back to posture 5.

Namah) Marichaye (Aum Vishudhi Adho Chakara

Significance: Same as posture 5.

9. Ashwa Sanchalanasana: Inhale and swing the right leg forward between the hands. The left leg remains back as posture 4.

(Aum Adityaya Namah) Ajna Chakara Significance: Same as posture 4.

10. Padahastasana: Exhaling brings the left foot forwards. Join both legs and resume posture 3.

(Aum Savitre Namah) Swadhisthana Chakara

Significance: Same as posture 3.

11. Hastavttanasanas : Inhale, raise the trunk up and bend backward, resuming posture - 2.

Vishuddhi (Aum Arkaya Namah) Chakara

Significance: Same as posture - 2

12. Pranamasana: Straights the body and bring the hands in front of chest. Resume posture 1.(Aum Bhaskaraya Namah) Anahata Chakara

Significance: Same as posture - 1

Scientific Aspect

Surya The scientific aspects Namaskar are BMI significantly reduced to shows that a decrease in body fat and significant increases in muscle strength and improving

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fitness. Regular practice of Surya Namaskar not only helped also improved cardio-respiratory fitness and upper limb muscle endurance and flexibility. It also maintain the stress levels and significantly lower anxiety. Practicing Surya Namaskar proved to improve quality of work as well. The site Value agreed promotive

Conclusion

Surya Namaskara is a common sequence of asanas. Its roots are hidden within the ancient tradition of Surya worshiping Hindu population of the Indian subcontinent. Surva Namaskara comprehensively includes asana, pranayama, mantra and meditative awareness. Different evidence-based study suggested that Surya namaskar improves metabolic function, strengthen and flexible musculoskeletal system, balances endocrinal system, tunes central nervous system, supports urogenital system and boosts gastrointestinal system. Surya Namaskar practice revitalizes body and keeps mind calm, attentive and stress-free. Most of the physiological and psychological effect of Surya Namaskar still unexplored on the scientific ground but thousand years old tradition of these yogic practices explains its immense therapeutic potential. Thus, It should be a need to incorporate Surya Namaskar practices in modern lifestyle for healthy mind and body I am sure more studies will be designed in near future to uncover the various other benefits of this multifaceted "Sarvang Sunder Vyayam".

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