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YOGA CLUB



Introduction to Yoga:

Yoga is a physical, mental, and spiritual practice originating from ancient India, dating back over 5,000 years. The word 'yoga' comes from the Sanskrit root 'yuj' meaning 'to unite' or 'to join'.

Objective:

- 1. To achieve unity of body, mind, and spirit through yoga
- 2. To maintain balance and harmony

- 3. To become aware through self-realization
- 4. To practise non-violence (ahimsa) and compassion
- 5. To learn breathing techniques through pranayama)
- 6. To perform physical postures (asanas) for fitness
- 7. To know meditation and relaxation
- 8. To get the following benefits of yoga:
 - Physical: flexibility, strength, balance
 - Mental: calmness, focus, clarity
 - Emotional: self-awareness, self-acceptance
 - Spiritual: connection to inner self and universe
- 9. To listen to the body and modify the physiological process

Activity Plan:

- 1. Regular Activity-
- Warm-Up (5-10 minutes)
- 1. Mountain Pose (Tadasana): Standing upright, feet hip-width apart (30 seconds)
- 2. Neck Stretch: Slowly tilt head to the side, bringing ear towards shoulder (30 seconds each side)
- 3. Shoulder Rolls: Roll shoulders forward and backward in a circular motion (30 seconds)
- 4. Wrist Circles: Hold arms straight out to the sides, make small circles with wrists (30 seconds)
- 5. Ankle Rotations: Lift one foot off the ground, rotate ankle in a circular motion (30 seconds each

foot)

- Asana Practice (30-40 minutes)
- 1. Downward-Facing Dog (Adho Mukha Svanasana): On all fours, lift hips up and back, straightening arms and legs (30 seconds)
- 2. Cobra Pose (Bhujangasana): Lie on stomach, press palms into ground, lift chest and head off mat (30 seconds)
- 3. Warrior Pose (Virabhadrasana): Stand with feet wide apart, bend front knee, stretch arms out to the sides (30 seconds each side)
- 4. Triangle Pose (Trikonasana): Stand with feet wide apart, reach one arm up towards ceiling, slide other hand down leg towards ground (30 seconds each side)
- 5. Seated Forward Fold (Paschimottanasana): Sit on ground, extend legs straight out in front, reach for toes or shins (30 seconds)
 - Pranayama and Relaxation (10-15 minutes)
- 1. Alternate Nostril Breathing (Nadi Shodhana): Sit comfortably, close one nostril with finger, inhale through other, switch and exhale (5 minutes)
- 2. Legs Up The Wall Pose (Viparita Karani): Lie on back, legs straight up against wall, relax and breathe deeply (5 minutes)
- 3. Savasana (Corpse Pose): Lie on back, arms and legs relaxed, focus on breath and release tension (5 minutes)
 - Final Relaxation and Namaste (5 minutes)
- 1. Deep Breathing: Focus on slow, deep breaths, feeling calm and relaxed
- 2. Gratitude and Awareness: Reflect on practice, acknowledge body and mind
- 3. Namaste: End practice with a bow, hands together in prayer position

2. Occasional Activity-

Inter-school and inter-college yoga competition to encourage young students embrace traditional yoga.

Expected Outcome:

The outcomes of yoga are numerous and multifaceted. Here are some of the benefits of regular yoga practice:

Physical Outcomes:

- 1. Flexibility and mobility: Increased range of motion and reduced stiffness.
- 2. Strength and toning: Improved muscle strength and tone.
- 3. Balance and coordination: Enhanced balance and coordination.
- 4. Improved posture: Better alignment and reduced back pain.
- 5. Weight management: Weight loss or maintenance through increased metabolism.
- 6. Fitness and good health: Overall fit and healthy body.

Mental and Emotional Outcomes:

- 1. Reduced stress and anxiety: Decreased cortisol levels and improved mood.
- 2. Improved mood and emotional regulation: Enhanced emotional intelligence and resilience.
- 3. Increased focus and concentration: Improved attention and mental clarity.
- 4. Better sleep: Improved sleep quality and duration.

5. Increased self-awareness and self-acceptance: Greater understanding and acceptance of oneself.

Spiritual and Energetic Outcomes:

- 1. Increased sense of calm and inner peace: Greater feeling of connection to oneself and the universe.
- 2. Improved connection to body and breath: Greater awareness and appreciation for the physical body.
- 3. Enhanced creativity and inspiration: Increased imagination and innovation.
- 4. Greater sense of compassion and empathy: Improved relationships and social connections.
- 5. Increased sense of purpose and meaning: Greater clarity and direction in life.

Therapeutic Outcomes:

- 1. Improved management of chronic diseases: Reduced symptoms and improved quality of life for conditions like diabetes, hypertension, and arthritis.
- 2. Reduced chronic pain: Decreased pain levels and improved mobility.
- 3. Improved mental health: Reduced symptoms of anxiety, depression, and PTSD.
- 4. Improved immune function: Enhanced immune system function and reduced inflammation.
- 5. Increased overall well-being: Improved quality of life and sense of well-being.

It is to remember that yoga is a journey, and the outcomes may vary depending on the individual, their practice and their intentions.