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# Consciousness: An Alternative Technique for the **Results Obtained Through Yoga Practice**

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#### Abstract

Yoga is a practice that involves integrating the body, mind, and breath. By being fully present in the moment, it yields benefits such as focused mind and growth in various aspects of mental, physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual health, as well as social well-being in human life.

The researcher introduces a technique through which individuals can derive the benefits of yoga practice. This technique involves maintaining consciousness and awareness in every moment of our daily life activities. By doing so, we can experience the advantages of yoga practice. The researchers have thoroughly introduced this technique, emphasizing its proper implementation in our daily lives.

The technique involves being conscious and aware of every moment during our daily life activities. By practicing this mindfulness, we can reap the benefits of yoga. Researchers have thoroughly introduced and detailed how to incorporate this practice into our daily routines.

In yoga, practitioners typically allocate a specific time for practice, often requiring at least an hour each day. However, the technique of consciousness offers an alternative approach. With this technique, there is no need for a fixed time slot; it can be seamlessly integrated into our daily activities. Whether we're working, commuting, or engaged in any task, we can practice consciousness. This adaptable technique aligns well with modern lifestyles and serves as a suitable healthcare practice. The researcher has thoroughly explained what this technique entails and how to incorporate it into our daily routines to reap the benefits of yoga practice.

## **Keywords**

human consciousness, consciousness, self help, self improvement, alternative therapy on yoga.

#### Introduction

Indian Yogis and monks, such as Maharshi Gheranda and Maharshi Patanjali, have dedicated themselves to rigorous yoga Sadhana. Through their disciplined practice, they have achieved remarkable brain power and deep insights into the human body's capabilities. These Yogis emphasize holistic well-being, seeking progress in spiritual, mental, financial, physical, and social aspects of life. Their journey transcends mere material success, focusing on inner fulfillment and harmony through the practice of yoga.

Unfortunately, for various reasons, we are unable to uphold and sustain our once-beautiful traditional lifestyle. In this traditional way of life, we used to engage in numerous activities as part of our daily routine:

Ayurveda emphasizes the importance of maintaining a disciplined daily routine, which contributes to overall well-being, strengthens the immune system, and promotes bodily purity. This routine, known as 'Dincharya,' encompasses various aspects such as waking up early, following a proper diet, and practicing lifestyle habits in harmony with the seasons. By adhering to a balanced daily regimen, individuals can achieve physical, mental, and spiritual health.

In ancient times, we engaged in practices during the morning known as self-cleaning or Trataka. These practices included sun-gazing, asanas, pranayama, meditation, and pratyahara. Pratyahara involves maintaining control over the five senses of our body: the tongue, eyes, nose, and ears.

But in modern lifestyles due to many reasons like,

- A. Busy Schedule and Lack of Time for Self-Health Care:
- a. Modern lifestyles often leave us with little time to prioritize our health.
- b. Busy schedules can hinder self-care practices.
- B. Impurities and Processed Junk Food:
- a. The prevalence of impurities and processed foods affects our overall well-being.
- b. Unhealthy dietary choices contribute to health issues.
- C. Routine and Monotony:
- a. Repetitive routines can lead to a lack of novelty and excitement.
- b. Breaking free from monotony is essential for mental and physical health.
- D. Excessive Use of Technology:
- a. Social media, television, mobile phones, and laptops captivate our attention.
- b. Overuse of technology can reduce focus and efficiency.
- E. Sedentary Lifestyle and Lack of Exercise:
- a. Many jobs involve prolonged sitting, leading to a sedentary lifestyle.
- b. Neglecting physical activity affects bodily functions.
- F. Incorrect Sitting Posture:
- a. Sitting incorrectly in office chairs can cause physical complications.
- b. Proper posture is crucial for overall well-being.
- 1. In the modern lifestyle, numerous challenges lead to unhealthy and stressful lives, affecting various aspects. Unfortunately, drastic changes seem elusive, especially when time constraints hinder improvement. However, we can transform our lives by infusing awareness and consciousness into every action. By being mindful of our body, breath, speech, and emotions, we can achieve holistic health—mentally, physically, socially, and emotionally. This heightened awareness serves as the fundamental intelligence that shapes both body and brain.
- 2. The researcher explains that a person can understand that he or she is alive; the reason behind it is only that they are conscious at some level.

But due to some reasons like

- A. exercise thinking about the past
- B. thinking about the future as more than it requires
- C. and sometimes giving less importance to the present moment.
- D. People use their time as a foregone
- E. being lazy or ignorant about oneself physically (keeping body posters in the wrong way daily as a result complications taking place)

These are the things that people are not staying alert to in their present moment, or what we can call not being conscious enough of themselves. Being conscious of self from bodily and mental levels keeps a person happy and healthy in physical, mental, emotional, social, intellectual, and spiritual health.

Here's a corrected version of your text:

"How can we maintain a high level of consciousness in our daily activities to reap the benefits of yoga without setting aside specific time each day? We should be able to carry out these activities throughout the day without disrupting our modern work culture. With the synchronization of these activities into our modern lifestyle, we can easily lead a healthy, happy, and stress-free life."

## Significance of awareness technique

#### Conscious Self-Care: The Primary Healthcare Alternative-

Human beings often prioritize secondary therapy techniques, such as yoga, hypnotism, psychotherapy, and gym workouts. While these methods have their merits, they can sometimes be exaggerated and overly fantasized. Here's why:

1. Dependency on Others:

Many secondary therapies require reliance on external factors—whether it's visiting a doctor, attending yoga classes, or seeking guidance from an instructor.

2. Time Constraints:

Secondary therapies demand specific time commitments. Scheduling appointments or adhering to class schedules can be challenging.

- 3. Object Dependency:
- 4. financial dependency:

Some therapies involve dependency on objects—be it equipment at the gym or props in yoga.

However, there exists a more fundamental approach: **conscious self-care.** This technique empowers individuals to take charge of their well-being without external dependencies. Here's how it works:

- Intrinsic Control: Conscious self-care is entirely within a person's control. It doesn't rely on others, objects, or specific time slots.
- Present-Moment Awareness: By handling oneself consciously in the present moment, individuals can optimize their health. No need for elaborate therapies—just mindful choices.

handling itself consciously is the most primary and fundamental healthcare alternative technique.

## **Objectives**

- 1. The consciousness technique helps human beings to use their fullest potential
- a) aware of breath:

Improve and balance areas- emotional health, spiritual health and mental health, bring focus and pull in the present moment.

b) keep the spine erect: keep physically Healthy,

Enhances brain capacity, digestive system, self-confidence, and core strength maintains spine healthy developed personality and body posture.

c) Eat food consciously: Chew each bite of food 32 times, Use sensory organs while eating gives

Smoothly digestion reduces the excessive load on the digestive system, absorption of protein and nutrients, reduces the possibility of sickness, all organs work well keeps physically healthy.

- d) To stay conscious during communication and listening:
- Improve relations in social life and keep good at social health,
- Develop personality, and improve communication listening skills and knowledge.
- 2. To present an alternative method for obtaining various benefits: This method entails keeping mindfulness and consciousness throughout all of our regular tasks. The goal is to clarify how this method can assist people in reaping the benefits of practising yoga in all aspects kind of mental, physical, intellectual, emotional, spiritual health and social health in human life.
- 3. To describe how this method is applied in real life: The goal is to offer a comprehensive manual on how to apply this consciousness and awareness practice in our daily lives
- a. To offer a different perspective on the conventional practice of yoga: This method can be easily incorporated into everyday tasks, unlike traditional yoga, which calls for a set time frame. The goal is to clarify how this flexible approach fits in well with contemporary lifestyles and functions as an appropriate therapy.
- b. To elucidate the advantages of this method: The goal is to show how implementing this method into our everyday lives can enable people to experience the well-being that comes with practising yoga, culminating in a life that is stress-free, joyful, and healthy.

## Methodology

#### 1. Research Design

Researcher have chosen a mixed-methods research design for this study. This approach is ideal as it allows me to conduct an exhaustive review of the existing literature on the subject while also incorporating thoughts.

## 2. Data Collection

• Secondary Data:

Research involves an in-depth review of the existing literature on the subject. This includes various research papers, books, and articles related to yoga and the technique of consciousness. Researcher aim is to comprehend the current state of research on the topic and identify gaps that Researcher study can address.

#### 3. Data Analysis:

Researcher analyse the collected data using suitable qualitative analysis methods. This could involve coding the data and identifying themes or patterns. The analysis will aim to answer the research questions and achieve the objectives of the study.

#### 4. Ethical Considerations

Researchers have conducted all research ethically, respecting the rights and privacy of any individuals involved in the study.

#### Literature Review:

#### Yoga and Its Benefits

Yoga, a traditional mind-body discipline, has become increasingly well-known all over the world as a means of enhancing general health and well-being (12). It provides practitioners with a distinctive, comprehensive mind-body experience by fusing physical postures, rhythmic breathing, and meditation exercises (2). Scientific data supports the well-established health advantages of yoga, emphasizing its positive effects on both physical and mental health (13). Numerous conditions have been found to benefit from yoga, including improved mental health, decreased stress and anxiety, increased cortisol levels (linked to tenacity, self-worth, and lower levels of anxiety and depression), improved pulmonary function in children with asthma, increased exercise self-efficacy, decreased and/or controlled blood pressure, slowed weight gain, diabetes mellitus control, and improved mood overall (10).

#### **Mindfulness in Daily Life Activities**

In recent times, neuroscientists studying exercise have been interested in mindfulness-based therapies (5). Through practicing mindfulness and awareness in all aspects of our everyday lives, we may reap the benefits of

regular yoga practice (6). It has been discovered that engaging in this mindfulness exercise may quickly and significantly impact emotion, mood, stress, and anxiety (6). It has been proposed that the ideal course of action for those new to mindfulness and meditation is to link one brief, easily attainable, and simple mindfulness practice to implementation aims and habit-building.

#### Consciousness Technique in Yoga

Patanjali summarizes the theory of yoga, which is founded on the dualistic 'Sankhya' school, in his yoga sutras (1). The five "vritti" (mind modules), "pratyahara," "dharana," and "dhyana," as well as various "samadhi" and "samapatti" states, are covered in this. This mindfulness technique provides an alternative method of doing yoga to the standard one. This method may be easily incorporated into our everyday routines and doesn't require a set time slot (12).

## **Integrating Yoga Practice in Daily Routines**

Studies on yoga have been conducted in a broad range of clinicopathological settings (13). The advantages of yoga can be realized by incorporating it into everyday routines (14). This is a good healthcare approach that fits in nicely with contemporary lifestyles (12).

In the end, research has shown that practicing yoga and mindfulness, especially the habit of staying conscious and aware during all of our daily activities, has several positive effects on social well-being as well as mental, physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual health. This method is a great healthcare approach for modern lifestyles since it may be easily incorporated into our everyday routines. To investigate and confirm these results, more study is required.

## **Result and Discussion**

## Activity 1

When someone experiences emotional imbalance, it can manifest in various ways.

- 1. Emotional imbalances, such as anger, crying, fear, stress, anxiety, panic, sadness, and misery, can often manifest when one is on stage. The first and most fundamental sign of this emotional imbalance is an irregular breathing pattern in the human body.
- A. When someone experiences intense sorrow and cries with deep, sobbing sobs, it is often perceived that their breath becomes short. They attempt to take a breath, but it comes in small amounts, and it feels like a struggle. This is a poignant expression of emotional pain, where the act of crying itself becomes a physical manifestation of inner turmoil. During such moments, insufficient breathing can be easily noticed.
- B. When some people step onto the stage, they often experience an emotional imbalance characterized by intense fear, anxiety, and stress. This emotional state can lead to perceived inadequacies in their breathing - they struggle to take a full breath, their breaths come in small amounts, and they may feel like they are gasping for air.
- C. On stage, individuals sometimes forget what they are supposed to do. Confusion sets in, making clear thinking difficult. Their judgment is impaired, which affects their ability to perform effectively. The lack of sufficient oxygen in the body due to shallow breathing impacts the brain, making it challenging to carry out activities as required.
- D. Additionally, when someone lacks confidence or experiences stage fright, they often feel short of breath. This is a common sensation associated with performance anxiety
- 2. When a person feels joyful, enthusiastic, or refreshed, they tend to breathe more deeply, either naturally or intentionally. For instance, when someone experiences excitement, happiness, or a sense of freshness, their breathing rate increases. During such moments, they don't experience a shortage of breath, and their breaths are more satisfying. Humans instinctively seek long, deep inhalations and exhalations. This deliberate focus on breathing allows for an adequate intake of oxygen. As a result, proper blood circulation occurs throughout the body, benefiting both physical and mental well-being.
- 3. Emotional imbalances can affect the physical experience within the body. As a result, there may be obstructions in the respiratory system, leading to difficulties in breathing and other related physical discomforts, such as

A. Brain Hypoxia: This condition results from an insufficient supply of oxygen to the brain. It can cause symptoms such as headaches, difficulty breathing, a rapid heart rate, bluish skin, coughing, wheezing, and confusion.

- i.Changes in heart rate
- ii.Decreased circulation in the hands or feet
- iii.Parts of the body turning blue
- iv. Fainting, seeing spots, or experiencing a lack of clear thinking
- v.Decreased judgment or awareness
  - B. When negative emotions arise, it's essential to pay attention to our breath. You can observe your breath and even perform deep inhalations or exhalations, but it's not necessary. Simply feel your breath as it naturally is and observe it with steady awareness.
  - C. By noticing your breath in its current state, you automatically begin to regulate it to a neutral pace. This pace of breath is typically maintained when an individual is emotionally neutral or happy. Focusing on your breath helps achieve emotional balance, allowing you to carry out tasks efficiently without physical or mental discomfort.
  - D. Moreover, directing attention to the breath brings you into the present moment and creates distance from emotional drama. Remember that this emotional drama is not reality itself; it's a construct of our thoughts and feelings. When you fully inhabit the present moment, it naturally enhances focus and productivity.
  - E. Handling the present moment effectively not only improves your current situation but also positively impacts your past experience

#### Other benefits:

it could be very beneficial for health if people observe their breath at the maximum time in the day this thing does not need to be done separately it can be performed simultaneously with daily work

## 1. Improves Oxygen Levels in the Brain:

- Deep breathing patterns enhance oxygen levels in your brain.
- Proper inhalation allows oxygen from the air to pass through the thin walls of the alveoli into your bloodstream. Red blood cells pick up this oxygen using haemoglobin.
- Simultaneously, carbon dioxide (a waste gas) is exchanged for oxygen, moving from the blood back into the alveoli.
- Oxygenated blood travels to the left side of the heart and is then pumped to the rest of the body, providing energy for optimal brain function.

#### 2. Enhances Overall Brain Health:

- Deep breathing supports cognitive function, attention span, and mental alertness.
- It helps maintain a healthy balance between the sympathetic and parasympathetic nervous systems, crucial for emotional well-being.

#### 3. Efficient Exercise Performance:

- Proper breathing during exercise improves endurance and performance.
- Oxygen-rich blood fuels your muscles, allowing you to engage in physical activities with greater stamina.

#### 4. Better Sleep Quality:

• Mindful breathing relaxes your body and reduces anxiety, promoting restful sleep.

Remember, each intentional breath contributes to your overall well-being. So, inhale deeply, exhale slowly, and nurture your brain and body!

#### Why should we focus on breathing while emotional imbalance:

While observing both types of emotions, such as anger, fear, stress, under-confidence, and anxiety, we notice that they lead to a reduction in breath. However, when individuals experience positive emotions like happiness, freshness, and enthusiasm, they do not feel a lack of breath.

This observation highlights the strong connection between breath and our emotional well-being. Therefore, we can assert that by focusing on our breath, we have the potential to address emotional imbalances and gain the strength to overcome them.

In **Pranayama**, the various practices depend on the fundamental principle that the body should receive as much **Prana** (vital energy) as possible through inhalation, and simultaneously, carbon dioxide should be expelled from the body through exhalation all the performed consciously. Essentially, this is an endeavour to increase the amount of oxygen within the body. Different pranayama techniques, such as anulom-vilom, deep breathing, Ujjwal Pranayam, shitali Pranayam, Sitkari Pranayam, mahabandha with kumbaka, basrika **Pranayam**, and others, contribute to enhancing lung capacity. This enables us to take in more oxygen and efficiently absorb it, while also aiding in the elimination of carbon dioxide from the body.

For most individuals, practising asanas and pranayama for **one to two hours** each day is common. However, due to busy schedules, many people find it challenging to allocate time for these essential practices.

Some individuals may not be able to engage in pranayama throughout the day due to their livelihoods. The demands of work and family responsibilities often leave little time for personal well-being.

By paying attention to our breath (**breath** - breath Awareness State), we naturally begin to breathe deeply after some time. This conscious focus on our breath leads to experiencing all the benefits of pranayama. Therefore, if someone remains mindful of their breath throughout the day, they will undoubtedly reap the rewards as given

also stabilizes the mind and inner energies, leading to overall well-being.

## **Enhancing Physical Health:**

- Strengthened Respiratory System: These exercises can improve lung capacity and function, promoting efficient oxygen intake and removal of waste products.
- Boosted Immune System: Regular practice may bolster the body's natural defenses against illness.
- Improved Cardiovascular Health: Certain techniques can regulate blood pressure and heart rate, contributing to a healthier circulatory system.
- Enhanced Detoxification: Specific practices can stimulate the elimination of toxins through deeper and more complete breaths.

#### **Cultivating Mental Well-being:**

- Stress Reduction: Pranayama fosters relaxation by calming the nervous system and promoting a sense of inner peace.
- Sharpened Focus: Breath control techniques can enhance concentration and mental clarity.
- Elevated Mood: Regular practice may improve emotional regulation and promote feelings of well-being.
- Increased Self-Awareness: Focusing on the breath fosters mindfulness, leading to a deeper understanding of oneself.

## **Optimizing Cognitive Function:**

- Improved Memory: Certain breathing exercises may enhance memory consolidation and retrieval.
- Heightened Cognitive Flexibility: Pranayama can promote mental agility and the ability to adapt to changing situations.
- Enhanced Decision-Making: Improved focus and emotional regulation can contribute to clearer decision-

#### **Integrating Body and Mind:**

- Stress-Induced Tension Release: Conscious breathing techniques can alleviate physical tension associated with stress.
- Improved Sleep Quality: Pranayama can promote relaxation and prepare the body for restful sleep.
- Elevated Energy Levels: Efficient oxygen intake through controlled breathing can enhance energy levels.
- Greater Sense of Well-being: The combined physical, mental, and emotional benefits contribute to an overall sense of well-being.

By incorporating these techniques into your life, you can unlock a multitude of benefits that encompass your physical, mental, and emotional well-being.

If a person pays mindful attention to their breath (about breath Awareness State) and consciously breathes, they become more present in the moment. This heightened awareness allows them to act with focus. When someone performs their tasks in this manner, they are fully devoted to their work. We can say that they are practising meditation through their work, experiencing the benefits of meditation. If an individual approaches their work with unwavering dedication, complete focus, and deep mindfulness, they can attain a state akin to Samadhi-a state of bliss and realization- through their actions. This concept aligns with the principles of Karma Yoga, where one seeks to experience supreme joy or liberation, samadhi through their actions and attain a meditative state.

## Activity 2

## What mistake happening boy posture:

Throughout the day, from waking up in the morning to going to bed at night, people engage in various activities in different bodily positions. Whether it's a school-going child, a homemaker working in the kitchen, or professionals at their jobs, everyone adapts to different bodily postures.

For instance, someone working on a computer may sit in a chair to complete their office tasks, while others prefer standing while working. We can say that throughout the day, we either remain standing or sit on a chair to carry out our tasks.

However, many individuals underestimate the importance of maintaining proper spinal alignment in both sitting and standing positions. Some people tend to slouch or bend their spine while sitting, and even when walking, they don't keep their spine straight. Alternatively, some individuals maintain a straight spine due to laziness or lack of awareness.

Understanding the significance of spinal alignment can positively impact our overall well-being. It's essential to be mindful of our posture, whether sitting or standing, to support our spine and maintain a healthy body.

PROCESS to follow - When we are sitting or standing, it is essential to consciously keep our spinal cord erect. By maintaining a straight posture, the nerves that connect the body to the brain can function optimally. The spinal cord plays a crucial role in connecting the brain to the body. If it is not kept erect, it can hinder the transmission of signals from the brain to the body. Therefore, ensuring an erect spinal cord positively impacts brain function and has beneficial effects on digestion as well.

#### **Physical Benefits:**

Reduced Back Pain: Slouching puts strain on your back muscles and ligaments, which can lead to pain and discomfort. Maintaining good posture keeps your spine in alignment and alleviates pressure on these structures.

**Improved Breathing:** A hunched posture can compress your lungs, restricting your ability to take deep breaths. Upright posture allows your lungs to expand fully, maximizing oxygen intake.

Enhanced Core Strength: Maintaining good posture engages your core muscles, which are essential for stability and support. A strong core improves balance and reduces the risk of falls.

Better Digestion: Slouching can crowd your internal organs, potentially hindering digestion. Good posture allows for proper organ function and may improve digestive efficiency.

**Reduced Tension Headaches:** Poor posture can contribute to tension headaches by straining the muscles in your neck and shoulders. Maintaining a straight spine can help alleviate these headaches.

#### **Non-Physical Benefits:**

Increased Confidence: Good posture can project an air of confidence and self-assuredness. Standing tall can make you feel more empowered and assertive.

**Improved Mood:** Studies have shown a link between good posture and improved mood. Holding yourself upright may elevate your energy levels and reduce feelings of fatigue.

**Enhanced Focus:** Maintaining good posture can improve your concentration and focus. It may help you stay alert and engaged in your activities.

**Reduced Fatigue:** Poor posture can make you feel tired and sluggish. Standing tall can boost your energy levels and help you feel more revitalized.

By keeping your spinal cord erect, you can experience a multitude of benefits that improve your physical and mental well-being.

similar to In Yoga also some of the parallel kind of benefits through

spinal-cord related yogasana - Bhujangasana (Cobra pose),

Marjaryasana (cat pose), Bitilasana (cow pose),

Ardha Matsyendrasana (half Lord of the fishes pose), Ustrasana (Camel pose), Tadasan, Gomukhasana.

#### **Human Evolution -**

In the evolution of humans, one of the most significant changes observed is the upright alignment of the spinal cord. This transition from a curved spinal cord to an erect one distinguishes humans from other primates. It signifies the journey from our primate ancestors to modern humans.

The spinal cord plays a crucial role in connecting the brain to the rest of the nerves in the body. When the spinal cord is kept erect, brain signals can efficiently reach various parts of the body. This synchronization between the body and the mind is facilitated by the spinal cord. Therefore, maintaining an erect spinal posture not only enhances brain function but also positively impacts digestion.

As we continue to evolve, paying attention to our posture remains essential for overall well-being.

The Game Changer: The Shift from Bent to Erect

One of the most significant changes in human evolution was the transition from a quadrupedal (walking on four limbs) to a bipedal (walking on two legs) gait. This shift heavily influenced the structure and function of the spinal cord.

## Spinal Transformations for Bipedalism: -

- From C-Curve to S-Curve: The original C-shaped spine, similar to chimpanzees, transformed into a distinctive S-shaped curve. This S-curve became crucial for:
- Shock Absorption: During bipedal locomotion, the S-curve acts as a natural shock absorber, distributing the impact of walking and running more effectively.
- Balance Enhancement: The S-curve provides better balance and stability in an upright posture.

Pelvic Repositioning: The pelvis underwent significant changes to accommodate bipedalism. It narrowed and tilted forward, creating a stable base for the spine and supporting internal organs.

Strengthened Support System: Spinal muscles became more robust to maintain the erect position and provide necessary support. Ligaments and tendons are also adapted to offer additional stability.

#### **Consequences of Bipedalism:**

This shift in posture had a ripple effect throughout the body:

- Brain Development: The upright posture may have facilitated increased blood flow to the brain, potentially contributing to its larger size and enhanced cognitive abilities.
- Skeletal Restructuring: The bones, including leg bones and foot structures, are adapted to support bipedal locomotion. Leg bone angles shifted for better leverage, and feet became more arched for efficient pushing off the ground.
- Pelvic Modifications: The narrowed birth canal associated with bipedalism presented challenges for childbirth. This may have fostered the development of social support systems for mothers and newborns.

#### A Gradual Odyssey:

It's crucial to understand that this transformation wasn't a sudden change. The evolution of an erect spine and bipedalism likely occurred over millions of years through natural selection. Fossil evidence suggests the existence of intermediate stages between our knuckle-walking ancestors and fully bipedal humans.

#### **Beyond the Spine:**

While the spinal cord played a central role, it wasn't the only factor in human evolution. But it changes the brain size, hand and foot structure, and even helps in adaptivity.

## **Activity 3**

**process 1:** When sit down to eat, it is essential to be fully present and engage all your senses. Let's break down the conscious eating process:

#### 1) Visual Awareness:

Observe your food mindfully. Pay attention to the colour and texture of what's on your plate. Visual cues prepare your body for digestion.

#### 2) Aromas and Smells:

If your food emits a pleasant aroma, take note. The smell is closely linked to taste. It triggers the production of saliva and digestive enzymes in your mouth.

#### Saliva and Enzymes:

As you look at your food and smell its fragrance, your body responds by secreting saliva. This liquid contains digestive enzymes that kickstart the digestion process.

Digestive Fire (Agni):

Before you even take a bite, your body's digestive fire (Agni) gets activated. through Visual Awareness and Aromas and Smells, This internal heat helps break down food effectively.

#### 3) Hunger Signals:

Listen to your body. True hunger signals are essential. Eating when you're genuinely hungry ensures better

Remember, conscious eating not only aids digestion but also fosters a deeper connection with your body and the nourishment

process 2: When eating, it is essential to consciously chew each bite 32 times, as mentioned in Indian literature and Ayurveda.

In modern times, due to time constraints and impatience, people often eat without properly chewing their food. They take a few bites and quickly swallow without experiencing the taste. However, if food is not chewed thoroughly and broken down into smaller pieces in the mouth, it puts excessive pressure on the digestive system. The body expends extra energy to digest inadequately chewed food, leading to indigestion.

When you swallow food without proper chewing, the body faces additional strain. Most of the energy is diverted toward digestion, leaving other body parts feeling sluggish. This excess pressure on the digestive system can lead to complications and decreased overall energy

The solution is to take a bite of food and avoid swallowing it immediately. Instead, chew each bite thoroughly in your mouth-at least 32 times. By doing so, reduce the excessive workload on the digestive system. Proper chewing allows time for saliva and enzymes to mix effectively with the food. This process begins the primary digestion right in the mouth.

When chewing each bite adequately, teeth and mouth perform their essential roles. The digestive system experiences less strain, and digestion becomes more efficient. If everyone conscientiously chews their food, digestion-related issues may significantly improve. Remember, the incredible process of food digestion starts with breaking down the food into smaller pieces in your mouth.

If food is being properly digested and the digestive system is not under excessive workload, then the nutrients present in the food, such as proteins and other essential elements, will be effectively absorbed by the body. However, some people may not absorb nutrients properly, leading to a thin or undernourished appearance. On the other hand, even if someone consumes the required amount of food, they may still experience weight gain. Both of these scenarios can be addressed by practising mindful eating.

#### To achieve optimal digestion, follow these steps:

- 1) Chew Thoroughly: Take your time to chew each bite properly. Aim for at least 32 chews per mouthful. Chewing breaks down the food into smaller particles, making it easier for the digestive system to process.
- 2) Savour the Flavor: Pay attention to the taste and aroma of your food. Engage your senses. This sensory experience triggers the production of saliva and digestive enzymes in your mouth.
- 3) Avoid Distractions: When eating, minimize distractions such as watching TV or using mobile devices. Focus on the act of eating. This allows your body to prepare for digestion.

Saliva Production: Before you swallow, your mouth produces saliva. This saliva contains enzymes that begin the digestion process. Proper chewing ensures a thorough mixing of food with saliva.

Digestive Fire: The stomach's digestive fire (Agni) is essential for breaking down food. By being mindful during meals, you activate this internal fire, aiding digestion.

Remember, mindful eating not only improves digestion

## **Activity 4**

Consciousness about communication and listening:

When engaging in conversation, it is crucial to be mindful of our words and pay attention to pronunciation.

#### Here are common problems people face during communication:

• Emotional Responses:

People often express themselves in anger or sadness, saying things without considering their impact. Later, they regret their words.

• Difficulty Expressing Exact Thoughts:

Sometimes, individuals struggle to articulate precisely what they want to convey.

#### To stay conscious during communication and listening:

#### **Communication:**

- A) Choose Words Mindfully:
- 1) Word Selection: Think before speaking. Consider which words are appropriate for the situation and sentence.
- 2) Brevity: Express your thoughts using minimal words.
- 3) Understandability: Use words that the listener can understand, considering their intellectual capacity.
- B) Conscious Pronunciation:
- 1) Articulate Clearly: Pay attention to pronouncing words correctly.
- 2) Word Choice: Even if you choose the right words, incorrect pronunciation can alter their meaning.
- 3) Importance of Pronunciation: Proper pronunciation ensures that emotions and messages are accurately conveyed.

#### **Listening:**

- 1) Active Listening: When someone else is speaking, listen attentively. Avoid focusing on rationalizing your response at that moment.
- 2) Patience: Don't rush to speak. First, listen carefully to the other person. Then respond consciously based on what you've heard.

Remember, conscious communication and active listening contribute to maintaining positive relationships.

#### Benefits:

1) effective communication

Effective communication contributes benefits in every field like job business family school college Academy

- 2) due to conscious talk and minimalistic word usage, it saves energy
- 3) it grows personality
- 4) increase confidence
- 5) can maintain good relations in society so it balances mental emotional and social health
- 6) increase listening skill
- 7) increase knowledge through listening.

## **Conclusion:**

In conclusion, yoga is a comprehensive practice that has many advantages for social well-being as well as mental, physical, intellectual, emotional, and spiritual health. We may get the advantages of yoga without needing to dedicate a set time period to it by learning how to maintain attention and awareness throughout our regular activities. This method is suitable for providing healthcare since it is flexible and fits in well with contemporary lives. Well-being may be enhanced by incorporating mindfulness into regular activities, greatly possible self-analysis - could analyze pros and cons and enhance self-one.

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