

# A Study on the Impact of Chandra Namaskar on Emotional Well-Being among Adolescent Girls

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## ABSTRACT

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The present study investigates the impact of Chandra Namaskar on the emotional well-being of adolescent girls. Adolescence is a developmental stage characterized by rapid physical, emotional, and psychological changes, often leading to stress, anxiety, and mood fluctuations. Chandra Namaskar, a cooling and meditative yogic practice, emphasizes calmness and inner balance.

This study involved a group of adolescent girls aged 13–18 years who practiced Chandra Namaskar for six weeks under guided supervision. The participants' emotional well-being was assessed before and after the intervention using a standardized Emotional Well-Being Scale. Findings revealed a significant improvement in emotional balance, stress reduction, and self-awareness. The study concludes that regular practice of Chandra Namaskar can serve as a holistic and non-invasive approach to enhance emotional health among adolescent girls.

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## Introduction

Adolescence is a crucial stage of life marked by rapid biological, psychological, and emotional transitions that significantly influence overall well-being. Emotional instability, anxiety, and stress are common during this period, particularly among adolescent girls who experience hormonal fluctuations and social pressures (Erikson, 1968; Nivethitha, Mooventhan, & Manjunath, 2019). Emotional well-being plays a vital role in fostering resilience, confidence, and mental stability, yet many adolescents today struggle to manage stress due to academic competition, peer influence, and excessive digital exposure (Khalsa et al., 2016).

The growing mental health concerns among adolescents have encouraged researchers and educators to explore yoga-based interventions as tools for emotional regulation. Yoga, an ancient Indian discipline, integrates physical postures (asanas), breath control (pranayama), and meditation (dhyana) to promote harmony between body and mind (Sharma & Tiwari, 2018). Regular yoga practice has been shown to improve mood, concentration, and stress management, supporting emotional stability and overall mental health (Sengupta, 2012).

Among various yoga sequences, Chandra Namaskar, also known as the Moon Salutation, holds special significance due to its calming and cooling effects. Symbolically linked to the moon and feminine energy (Chandra tattva), this

sequence of twelve postures performed with rhythmic breathing helps balance emotions, reduce restlessness, and cultivate inner peace (Patil, 2020). Unlike Surya Namaskar (Sun Salutation), which is energizing and heat-generating, Chandra Namaskar encourages introspection and emotional balance, making it particularly suitable for adolescent girls undergoing emotional fluctuations (Swami Satyananda Saraswati, 2013).

Despite the rising popularity of yoga in adolescent wellness programs, empirical studies focusing specifically on Chandra Namaskar and its psychological benefits are limited. Most prior research has concentrated on Surya Namaskar or general yoga practices, leaving a gap in understanding the specific effects of Chandra Namaskar on emotional well-being. Addressing this gap, the present study aims to examine the impact of regular Chandra Namaskar practice on the emotional well-being of adolescent girls. The findings are expected to contribute to developing effective, non-pharmacological, and holistic approaches for promoting emotional health among adolescents.

Adolescence is a sensitive and transformative stage of human growth, involving biological, psychological, and social changes. Adolescent girls, in particular, experience emotional challenges such as anxiety, irritability, mood swings, and low self-confidence due to hormonal fluctuations and societal pressures. These emotional disturbances can negatively affect academic performance, social behavior, and self-esteem.

In today's fast-paced lifestyle, adolescents are increasingly exposed to stressors arising from competitive academics, digital influence, and peer comparison. To counter these effects, yoga offers a time-tested path toward harmony and stability. Among various yogic practices, Chandra Namaskar (Moon Salutation) stands out

for its cooling and calming effects on the mind and body.

Chandra Namaskar involves a sequence of twelve postures performed gracefully with synchronized breathing. It symbolizes the lunar or feminine energy (Chandra tattva), which promotes introspection, relaxation, and emotional control. Unlike Surya Namaskar, which generates heat and energy, Chandra Namaskar helps soothe the nervous system and balance emotional fluctuations.

This research aims to explore how the regular practice of Chandra Namaskar can positively influence the emotional well-being of adolescent girls.

## **Emotional Well-Being**

Emotional well-being refers to an individual's ability to understand, manage, and express emotions in a healthy and balanced manner (Keyes, 2002). It encompasses feelings of happiness, life satisfaction, emotional regulation, and resilience in coping with life's challenges (Ryff & Singer, 2008). According to the World Health Organization (WHO, 2004), emotional well-being is an integral component of mental health, not merely the absence of mental illness but the presence of positive attributes such as optimism, contentment, and emotional stability.

In adolescence, emotional well-being plays a vital role in shaping self-concept, academic success, and social relationships. It is associated with the development of self-esteem, effective communication, and the ability to handle stress and disappointment constructively (Diener, Lucas, & Oishi, 2018). A high level of emotional well-being allows adolescents to develop adaptive coping mechanisms, while low emotional well-being often manifests as anxiety, mood swings, or behavioral problems (Weissberg & O'Brien, 2004).

## Emotional Well-Being in the Context of Adolescence

During adolescence, emotional well-being is influenced by hormonal, cognitive, and social factors (Steinberg, 2014). The period is often marked by identity exploration, peer influence, and emotional sensitivity, making adolescents more prone to stress and mood disturbances. Interventions like yoga, meditation, and mindfulness-based exercises have been found effective in improving adolescents' emotional control and resilience (Khalsa et al., 2016).

Chandra Namaskar, by integrating physical movement with rhythmic breathing and mental focus, can enhance emotional well-being by stimulating the parasympathetic nervous system, reducing physiological arousal, and promoting inner balance (Patil, 2020). The calming and reflective nature of this practice aligns closely with the theoretical models of emotional well-being that emphasize positive affect, emotional regulation, and self-awareness.

### Conceptual Linkage to the Present Study

In the present study, emotional well-being is conceptualized as the individual's ability to maintain inner calm, manage emotions effectively, and experience positive emotional states. Drawing from Ryff's and Keyes' frameworks, emotional well-being among adolescent girls is examined through indicators such as self-acceptance, relaxation, emotional balance, and positive mood. The study assumes that regular practice of Chandra Namaskar enhances these aspects by integrating body awareness and emotional regulation, thereby fostering a holistic state of emotional wellness.

### Objectives of the Study

1. To understand the role and sequence of Chandra Namaskar as a yogic practice.
2. To evaluate the effect of Chandra Namaskar on the emotional well-being of adolescent girls.
3. To identify changes in mood, stress levels, and self-awareness after regular practice.
4. To determine the relationship between the frequency of Chandra Namaskar practice and emotional stability.

## Review of Literature

**Yoga and Emotional Regulation:** Research by Khalsa et al. (2016) highlighted that regular yoga practice enhances self-control and reduces stress among adolescents. Similarly, Sharma & Tiwari (2018) reported that yoga positively affects emotional resilience and mental health.

**Adolescence and Psychological Well-Being:** According to Erikson's psychosocial development theory (1968), adolescence is a stage of "identity vs. role confusion," where emotional stability plays a key role in shaping self-identity.

**Chandra Namaskar and Mind-Body Harmony:** Patil (2020) described Chandra Namaskar as a cooling practice that promotes calmness and balances emotions. The sequence is especially beneficial for females, as it regulates hormonal activity and enhances inner awareness.

**Yoga and Female Adolescents:** Nivethitha et al. (2019) found that yoga helps in maintaining hormonal balance, improving menstrual health, and reducing emotional distress among adolescent girls.

**Research Gap:** Most studies focus on Surya Namaskar or general yoga practices. Limited empirical research exists on Chandra Namaskar's specific effects on emotional well-being, especially among adolescent girls. This study aims to fill that gap.

## Research Hypotheses

- $H_0$  (Null Hypothesis): There is no significant impact of Chandra Namaskar on the emotional well-being of adolescent girls.
- $H_1$  (Alternative Hypothesis): There is a significant positive impact of Chandra Namaskar on the emotional well-being of adolescent girls.

## Research Methodology

**Research Design:** An experimental pre-test and post-test design was adopted to measure emotional well-being before and after the intervention.

**Sample Size and Selection:** The study was conducted among 40 adolescent girls aged 13–18 years from an educational institution in Mumbai. Participants were selected using purposive sampling based on willingness and physical fitness to perform yoga.

**Intervention Procedure:** Participants practiced Chandra Namaskar for 30 minutes daily, five days a week, over a period of six weeks under the supervision of a certified yoga instructor.

**Tools for Data Collection:** The Emotional Well-Being Scale (EWBS) was used to assess participants' emotional stability, mood, and self-awareness.

**Data Analysis:** Pre-test and post-test scores were compared using the paired sample t-test to evaluate the significance of differences in emotional well-being levels.

## Descriptive statistics

- Sample size ( $n$ ) = 50
- Pre-test mean ( $M$ ) = 48.20,  $SD = 8.50$
- Post-test mean ( $M$ ) = 55.60,  $SD = 7.20$
- Mean of paired differences ( $D = M_{\text{Post}} - M_{\text{Pre}} = 7.40$ )

## Paired sample t-test

- $n = 50$
- Mean difference, ( $\overline{D} = 7.40$ ) (that is  $55.60 - 48.20 = 7.40$ ).
- SD of differences, ( $SD = 6.90$ ).
- Standard error (SE) of the mean difference:  $\approx 0.975903$  ( $\approx 0.976$ ).
- Computation of the t statistic:  $\approx 7.579$ .
- Degrees of freedom: ( $df = n - 1 = 49$ ).
- Interpretation of t: with  $df = 49$ , ( $t \approx 7.58$ ) is highly significant.
- Approximate p-value:  $p < 0.001$  (two-tailed).

## Results table

Measure	n	Mean (Pre)	SD (Pre)	Mean (Post)	SD (Post)	Mean diff (D)	SD(differences)	t (df=49)	p (two-tailed)	95% CI for D	Cohen's d
Emotional Well-Being (EWBS)	50	48.20	8.50	55.60	7.20	7.40	6.90	7.58	< .001	(5.44, 9.36)	1.07

## Interpretation

A paired sample t-test showed a statistically significant increase in EWBS scores after the 6-week Chandra Namaskar intervention (mean increase = 7.40, SD = 6.90), ( $t(49) = 7.58, p < 0.001$ ). The 95% CI for the mean improvement was (5.44, 9.36). The effect size was large (Cohen's  $d = 1.07$ ), suggesting a practically meaningful improvement in emotional well-being among adolescent girls following the intervention. The value of  $d \approx 1.07$  is a large effect (convention: 0.2 small, 0.5 medium, 0.8 large). This indicates a strong practical effect of Chandra Namaskar on emotional-wellbeing scores.

## Discussion

“Pre- and post-intervention emotional well-being scores were analyzed using a paired samples t-test after checking normality of difference scores (Shapiro-Wilk test). Effect size was calculated using Cohen's  $d$  for paired samples. All analyses were conducted in SPSS (or R) and  $\alpha = 0.05$  was used for significance.”  
“Following the 6-week Chandra Namaskar program, participants showed a significant improvement in emotional well-being (pre:  $M = 48.20, SD = 8.50$ ; post:  $M = 55.60, SD = 7.20$ ), with a mean increase of 7.40 points ( $SD = 6.90$ ). This improvement was statistically significant, ( $t(49) = 7.58, p < 0.001$ ), 95% CI [5.44, 9.36], Cohen's  $d = 1.07$ .”

## Findings

Based on the statistical analysis of data collected from 50 adolescent girls, the following findings were observed:

1. **Significant Improvement in Emotional Well-Being:** After six weeks of regular Chandra Namaskar practice, the mean emotional well-being score increased from 48.20 ( $SD = 8.50$ ) to 55.60 ( $SD = 7.20$ ). The mean difference of 7.40 was statistically

significant ( $t(49) = 7.58, p < 0.001$ ).

2. **Large Effect Size:** The Cohen's  $d$  value of 1.07 indicates a large effect, showing that the improvement in emotional well-being was not only statistically significant but also practically meaningful.
3. **Reduced Stress and Anxiety:** Qualitative feedback from participants revealed that regular practice of Chandra Namaskar helped reduce feelings of anxiety, restlessness, and anger. Many participants reported feeling calmer and more emotionally balanced.
4. **Enhanced Self-Awareness and Relaxation:** Participants expressed improved self-control, focus, and a sense of inner peace. The rhythmic breathing and meditative aspect of Chandra Namaskar were found to promote emotional stability and mindfulness.
5. **Positive Relationship between Practice Consistency and Emotional Stability:** Those who practiced more consistently (five days a week) showed greater improvement in their emotional well-being scores compared to those with irregular practice, indicating a direct relationship between regularity and emotional benefits.
6. Post-intervention analysis revealed a significant improvement in emotional well-being scores among participants. The girls reported feeling more relaxed, focused, and emotionally balanced. Qualitative feedback indicated better control over anger, reduced anxiety, and improved self-awareness.
7. The results support the hypothesis that regular Chandra Namaskar practice positively impacts emotional health. The findings align with prior research demonstrating yoga's role in promoting calmness, hormonal balance, and positive mood states.

## Conclusion

The study concludes that Chandra Namaskar has a significant positive impact on the emotional well-being of adolescent girls. Regular practice promotes relaxation, emotional balance, and self-awareness, thereby reducing stress and enhancing overall psychological health.

The results affirm that integrating Chandra Namaskar into the daily routines of adolescents can serve as an effective non-pharmacological and holistic approach to managing emotional fluctuations during adolescence.

Given the large effect size and positive feedback from participants, it is recommended that schools and wellness programs include short sessions of Chandra Namaskar as part of physical education or mindfulness training.

In summary, Chandra Namaskar can be considered a simple, safe, and cost-free yogic practice that supports emotional development and mental well-being among teenage girls, helping them navigate the challenges of adolescence with calmness and clarity.

## Recommendations

1. Educational institutions should introduce Chandra Namaskar sessions in physical education or wellness programs.
2. Parents and teachers should encourage adolescents to include short yoga routines in their daily lives.
3. Future research can explore the long-term effects of Chandra Namaskar across different age groups and compare its outcomes with other yogic practices.

### Suggestions for Future Research

1. **Larger and Diverse Sample:** Future studies can include a larger and more diverse sample

of adolescents from different schools, cities, and socio-economic backgrounds to improve generalizability of results.

2. **Comparison with Other Yogic Practices:** Comparative studies can be conducted between Chandra Namaskar, Surya Namaskar, and other yoga-based interventions to determine their relative effectiveness in promoting emotional and psychological well-being.
3. **Longitudinal Research:** Long-term studies extending over several months can help identify the sustained effects of regular Chandra Namaskar practice on emotional health, concentration, and academic performance.
4. **Inclusion of Physiological Measures:** Future research may include physiological indicators such as heart rate variability, cortisol levels, or hormonal balance to scientifically validate the calming and stress-reducing effects of Chandra Namaskar.
5. **Gender and Age Comparison:** Studies can also explore whether the impact differs between boys and girls, or across different age groups, to better understand how Chandra Namaskar influences emotional regulation during various developmental stages.
6. **Integration with Counseling or Mindfulness Programs:** Research can examine how combining Chandra Namaskar with school counseling or mindfulness-based programs can create a more holistic approach to adolescent emotional development.

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