# **BHARTIYA JEEVEN SHALEY**

- Sushruta advocates for "swasthya vritta" (positive health), recommending "dincharya" (daily routine), "ritucharya" (seasonal routine), diet, exercise & virtuous conduct for positive heath
- Yog guru Patanjali advocated to follow <u>eight-fold path of yoga</u> to get insight and sublime purity of the soul
  - "Yama" (self control) with five rules, i.e., non-violence, truthfulness, not stealing, chastity & avoidance of greed
  - "Niyam" (observance) through purity, contentment, austerity, study of Vedas and devotion of God
  - "Asana" (posture)
  - "Pranayama" (control of the breath)
  - "Pratyahara" (restraint)
  - "Dharana" (steadying of the mind)
  - "Dhyana" (Meditation)
  - "Samadhi" (deep meditation)

# **DINACHARYA**

# (DAILY ROUTINE AS PER ANCIENT INDIAN WISDOM)

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There are no better and more powerful medicines, tools, techniques, methods etc than to tune in with the rhythm & laws of Divine, Almighty NATURE

## **MORNING**

- Get up two hours before sunrise
- Elimination Drinking a glass or two of warm water helps in elimination. As soon as possible empty your colon and bladder
- Cleaning of Senses Wash eyes with water, preferably use rose water and Triphala to purify the sight
- Brush teeth and scrape the tongue to purify your mouth and sense of taste.
  Ayurveda considers the coating of the tongue as an indicator of 'Ama' or toxins in the colon.
- Gargle with warm water or herbal tea to purify your voice and strengthen your teeth.
- Finally do Jal neti and put a little oil in your nose
- Traditional Dinacharya also recommends that you inhale the smoke of medicinal herbs every morning to purify the mind, head, face, neck and lungs
- Abhyanga for 5 minutes oil massage with sesame oil typically a self massage
- Vyayama Usually some Yoga postures and breathing exercises (Pranayam)
- Bath Usually warm water baths are suggested

#### **MORNING**

- Meditation
  - For a few minutes to an hour sit down and see who you really are
  - Put your attention towards Awareness
  - This is the <u>most important aspect of Dinacharya</u>. Simply be quiet, sit in Peace
- Breakfast This should be warm, nourishing and wholesome
- Study / Work Do what you do from now until noon

# **NOON**

- Lunch It should be taken early between 12 and 1 PM
- This coincides with the peak Pitta period Pitta is responsible for the digestion
- Ayurveda recommends that lunch should be the largest meal of the day
- After meal it is good to take a little walk
- Siesta Anything more than a short nap should be avoided
- Study / Work Do what you do from now until supper

#### **SUNDOWN**

- Special time of balance between day and night
- This is the time for evening prayers and meditations in many cultures around the World
- From dinner to bedtime just take it easy. Spend time with family, read and relax

#### **DINNER**

- It should be taken around 7 PM lighter than the lunch
- At least three hours before bedtime gives body ample time to digest food
- Sleeping just after the dinner with a heavy stomach not conducive for a sound sleep
- Walk for 10-15 mins to aid digestion

## **BEDTIME**

- Go to <u>sleep around 10 PM</u> so that you can get 6 to 7 hours of sleep before 4:30 am
- Massage the soles of your feet with calming oil before going to bed
- Take Triphala before sleep