



HARMONIZING STRENGTH AND FLEXIBILITY: THE COMPLEMENTARY ROLES OF MALLAKHAMB AND YOGA IN BUILDING PHYSICAL RESILIENCE

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Abstract: The pursuit of physical resilience requires a harmonious balance between strength and flexibility, two critical attributes that underpin overall fitness and health. Mallakhamb, an ancient Indian sport, and Yoga, a millennia-old practice, both excel in cultivating these qualities through distinct yet complementary methodologies. Mallakhamb builds strength, agility, and endurance through dynamic, acrobatic manoeuvres performed on poles or ropes, demanding immense focus and discipline. Yoga, on the other hand, enhances flexibility, balance, and mental clarity through mindful asanas (postures) and pranayama (breathing techniques). This paper delves into the synergistic roles of Mallakhamb and Yoga, presenting a comprehensive analysis of their combined impact on physical resilience. By integrating the strength-oriented practices of Mallakhamb with the flexibility-enhancing principles of Yoga, individuals can achieve a well-rounded and sustainable fitness regimen. Drawing on historical insights, contemporary research, and practical applications, this study underscores the transformative potential of blending these time-honoured disciplines to foster holistic physical and mental well-being. This research paper recommends the significance of health related physical fitness components to be developed by the integration of Yoga and Mallakhamb as the training regimen.

Index Terms–Yoga, Mallakhamb, Strength, Flexibility and Physical Resilience.

I. INTRODUCTION

The pursuit of physical resilience, a combination of strength, flexibility, and endurance has been a cornerstone of human fitness traditions across cultures and eras. In a world increasingly focused on fitness and holistic well-being, the integration of ancient practices like Mallakhamb and Yoga offers a profound pathway to achieving a balanced physical state. Both practices, deeply rooted in Indian heritage, exemplify the fusion of physical mastery and mental discipline, addressing the needs of the modern fitness enthusiast.

Mallakhamb, characterized by its dynamic and acrobatic movements, embodies the principles of functional strength and coordination. Its rigorous routines develop not only physical attributes like muscle power and grip strength but also foster traits of focus, determination, and resilience. Meanwhile, Yoga presents a counterbalance by promoting relaxation, flexibility, and inner calm. With its asanas and controlled breathing techniques, Yoga enables practitioners to cultivate mindfulness while enhancing physical agility and joint health. Together, Mallakhamb and Yoga serve as a complementary duo, bridging the gap between dynamic strength and static flexibility, ultimately fostering a more resilient and adaptable body and mind.

Historical Context

The origins of **Mallakhamb** can be traced back to the 12th century, though its foundational principles likely evolved over earlier centuries as part of India's rich tradition of physical culture. Initially used as a training tool for wrestlers in Indian akharas (wrestling gyms), Mallakhamb served to build strength, agility, and stamina. The term "Mallakhamb", derived from the Sanskrit words "Malla" (wrestler) and "Khamb" (pole), highlights its martial roots. Over time, Mallakhamb transcended its wrestling origins to emerge as a standalone discipline celebrated for its unique blend of artistry and athleticism. Mallakhamb's emphasis on mastering the vertical pole or rope showcases the human body's ability to adapt and excel under challenging conditions. Techniques such as climbs, flips, and balances demand exceptional physical control and mental focus, reflecting the sport's emphasis on holistic development. Today, Mallakhamb is practiced globally, recognized not just for its traditional value but also as an innovative and highly effective form of physical training.

Yoga with origins dating back over 5,000 years is one of the oldest documented systems of self-improvement and holistic health. Rooted in the ancient texts of the Vedas and Upanishads, Yoga was initially conceived as a spiritual discipline aimed at achieving unity between the mind, body, and spirit. Over centuries, it evolved into a diverse and comprehensive system encompassing physical postures (asanas), breathing techniques (pranayama), and meditative practices.

The seminal text "Yoga Sutras of Patanjali" codified the philosophy and practice of Yoga, emphasizing the importance of physical and mental balance. While its spiritual aspects remain central, the physical benefits of Yoga gained prominence, particularly with the global fitness movement of the 20th century. Modern Yoga incorporates a variety of styles, from the dynamic sequences of Vinyasa to the precise alignments of Iyengar Yoga, catering to a broad spectrum of practitioners. As a practice, Yoga has transcended cultural and geographical boundaries, becoming a cornerstone of wellness programs worldwide and a vital complement to other physical disciplines such as Mallakhamb.

Physical and Mental Benefits of Mallakhamb

- **Strength and Endurance:** Mallakhamb involves pulling, gripping, and balancing techniques that develop muscular strength, especially in the core, arms, and legs. The high-intensity maneuvers improve cardiovascular and muscular endurance.
- **Agility and Coordination:** The dynamic transitions in Mallakhamb enhance agility, reaction time, and overall body coordination.
- **Flexibility:** Despite its focus on strength, Mallakhamb also improves flexibility through deep stretches required during poses and transitions.
- **Focus and Discipline:** Learning and perfecting Mallakhamb techniques demand sustained concentration and mental discipline.
- **Resilience:** Overcoming the physical and mental challenges associated with Mallakhamb fosters a resilient mindset.
- **Confidence:** The mastery of complex moves and the ability to perform them builds self-confidence.

Physical and Mental Benefits of Yoga

- **Flexibility and Joint Mobility:** Regular practice of asanas stretches muscles and increases joint range of motion.
- **Core Stability and Balance:** Many Yoga poses strengthen the core and enhance balance, reducing the risk of injuries.
- **Detoxification:** Yoga promotes circulation and lymphatic flow, aiding in detoxifying the body.

- **Stress Reduction:** Pranayama and meditation techniques reduce stress and promote relaxation by regulating the autonomic nervous system.
- **Emotional Well-being and Mental Clarity:** Yoga enhances mindfulness, improving focus and decision-making. Regular practice has been shown to decrease symptoms of various psychological disorders.

Synergistic Integration

Physical Synergy Combining Mallakhamb and Yoga allows practitioners to achieve a balanced fitness regimen:

- **Complementary Strength and Flexibility:** Mallakhamb builds raw strength and functional power, while Yoga ensures that the body remains flexible and aligned.
- **Dynamic and Static Balance:** Mallakhamb's dynamic movements enhance kinetic strength, whereas Yoga develops static postural control and equilibrium.

Mental Synergy

- **Focus and Relaxation:** The rigorous demands of Mallakhamb cultivate mental focus, while Yoga aids in calming the mind and promoting recovery.
- **Confidence and Serenity:** Mallakhamb builds confidence through mastery of challenging techniques, while Yoga instills a sense of inner peace and emotional balance.

Physical fitness, in its true essence, encompasses more than just muscular strength or cardiovascular endurance. It involves a harmonious balance between strength, flexibility, coordination, mental focus, and overall body awareness. Traditional forms of exercise, such as Yoga and Mallakhamb, have long served as effective tools for fostering physical and mental well-being. While both are distinct in their origins, methods, and philosophies, the synergistic integration of Yoga and Mallakhamb can offer a comprehensive and holistic approach to physical fitness.

Yoga: A Pathway to Holistic Health

Yoga, with its roots in ancient India, has been practiced for over 5,000 years. It is a discipline that encompasses a range of practices aimed at cultivating physical health, mental clarity, emotional balance, and spiritual growth. The practice of Yoga integrates asanas (physical postures), pranayama (breathing exercises), meditation, and ethical principles. The physical postures, or asanas, are designed to enhance flexibility, strength, and balance, while pranayama aims to regulate the breath, which in turn improves oxygen flow to muscles and enhances overall energy levels. The meditative aspects of Yoga promote mindfulness and stress reduction, which contribute to overall well-being.

Yoga's emphasis on breath control (pranayama) and mindfulness fosters a deep connection between mind and body. Through conscious breathing, practitioners cultivate an awareness of their body's movements and sensations, which is crucial for achieving peak performance in any physical activity. Additionally, Yoga's ability to improve flexibility and joint mobility is foundational to preventing injuries and optimizing the body's range of motion.

Mallakhamb: The Traditional Indian Gymnastics

Mallakhamb is an ancient Indian sport that involves performing acrobatic feats and yoga postures on a vertical wooden pole or a rope. The word "Mallakhamb" itself translates to "gymnastics pole," and the practice involves a combination of strength, agility, flexibility, and balance. This sport is often regarded as a physical manifestation of the principles of Yoga, as many of its postures mirror Yoga asanas, but with the added challenge of gravity and dynamic movement.

There are two main forms of Mallakhamb: pole Mallakhamb and rope Mallakhamb. In pole Mallakhamb, practitioners perform complex poses and transitions using the pole, while in rope Mallakhamb, the individual performs movements on a hanging rope. Mallakhamb demands a high degree of muscular strength, especially in the core, shoulders, and arms, as well as superior balance and coordination.

While Mallakhamb's acrobatic nature and focus on strength make it more physically intense than traditional Yoga, it shares many of the same philosophical foundations. The practice encourages concentration, mindfulness, and breath control, and its reliance on bodyweight exercises promotes flexibility, endurance, and mental fortitude. Mallakhamb is not just about strength or endurance; it requires a deep understanding of body mechanics, alignment, and movement patterns—principles that are also central to Yoga.

The Synergistic Integration of Yoga and Mallakhamb

Integrating Yoga and Mallakhamb can create a powerful synergy that enhances the benefits of both practices, leading to the development of superior physical fitness. By combining the flexibility, mindfulness, and breath control of Yoga with the strength, balance, and agility of Mallakhamb, practitioners can achieve a well-rounded physical and mental fitness regimen. The complementary nature of these two disciplines can help individuals build strength, flexibility, endurance, and mental clarity, all while reducing the risk of injury and promoting long-term health.

- Enhanced Strength and Flexibility:** Yoga's emphasis on static stretches and controlled movements improves flexibility and joint mobility. These qualities are essential for performing Mallakhamb, which requires extreme flexibility in the hips, shoulders, and spine. The static holding of Yoga poses, particularly in styles such as Hatha or Iyengar Yoga, can increase flexibility, which translates directly to the ability to perform complex Mallakhamb postures. On the other hand, Mallakhamb builds functional strength, particularly in the upper body and core, which is vital for executing poses and transitions on the pole or rope. By integrating both practices, individuals develop both the strength to perform dynamic movements and the flexibility to safely achieve deep stretches.
- Mindfulness and Mental Clarity:** Yoga's meditative practices foster a calm, focused state of mind, which is crucial when engaging in any physically demanding activity. The mental discipline cultivated through Yoga can improve concentration and decision-making, which are essential for safely and effectively performing Mallakhamb. Conversely, the focus and control required in Mallakhamb (due to its challenging poses and acrobatic nature) can enhance the practitioner's mindfulness, reinforcing the mental benefits of Yoga.
- Injury Prevention and Recovery:** One of the primary benefits of integrating Yoga into Mallakhamb practice is injury prevention. Mallakhamb, being a high-intensity and physically demanding discipline, places significant strain on muscles and joints. Yoga, with its emphasis on proper alignment, stretching, and Breath control, can help prevent injuries by improving joint mobility, muscle elasticity, and overall body awareness. Furthermore, Yoga poses that focus on recovery and relaxation, such as forward bends and gentle twists, can help alleviate muscle tension after a Mallakhamb session, aiding in faster recovery and reducing the risk of overuse injuries.
- Holistic Physical Fitness:** While Mallakhamb focuses heavily on strength and agility, it often lacks a dedicated emphasis on the mental and emotional aspects of fitness. Yoga, on the other hand, integrates both physical and mental dimensions, promoting a more holistic approach to health. The integration of Yoga's breath work and meditation with Mallakhamb's dynamic physicality can create a more balanced fitness regimen that nurtures both the body and the mind.
- Improved Balance and Coordination:** Both Yoga and Mallakhamb emphasize balance and coordination, albeit in different ways. Yoga poses require practitioners to hold static positions with stability, which builds a strong sense of equilibrium. Mallakhamb, on the other hand, requires dynamic

balance, as the individual moves through various acrobatic poses on the pole or rope. The integration of both practices can lead to superior coordination, as practitioners develop both static and dynamic balance, which is essential for improving athletic performance in any sports.

The synergistic integration of Yoga and Mallakhamb offers a powerful approach to physical fitness that addresses strength, flexibility, balance, and mental clarity. By combining the mindful practices of Yoga with the strength-building acrobatics of Mallakhamb, practitioners can cultivate a well-rounded, injury-resistant body that is both strong and flexible, calm yet focused. This holistic approach to fitness not only enhances physical performance but also fosters mental resilience and emotional well-being. As both practices draw from the same cultural roots, their integration represents a harmonious blend of ancient wisdom with contemporary fitness goals, offering a path to a healthier, more balanced lifestyle.

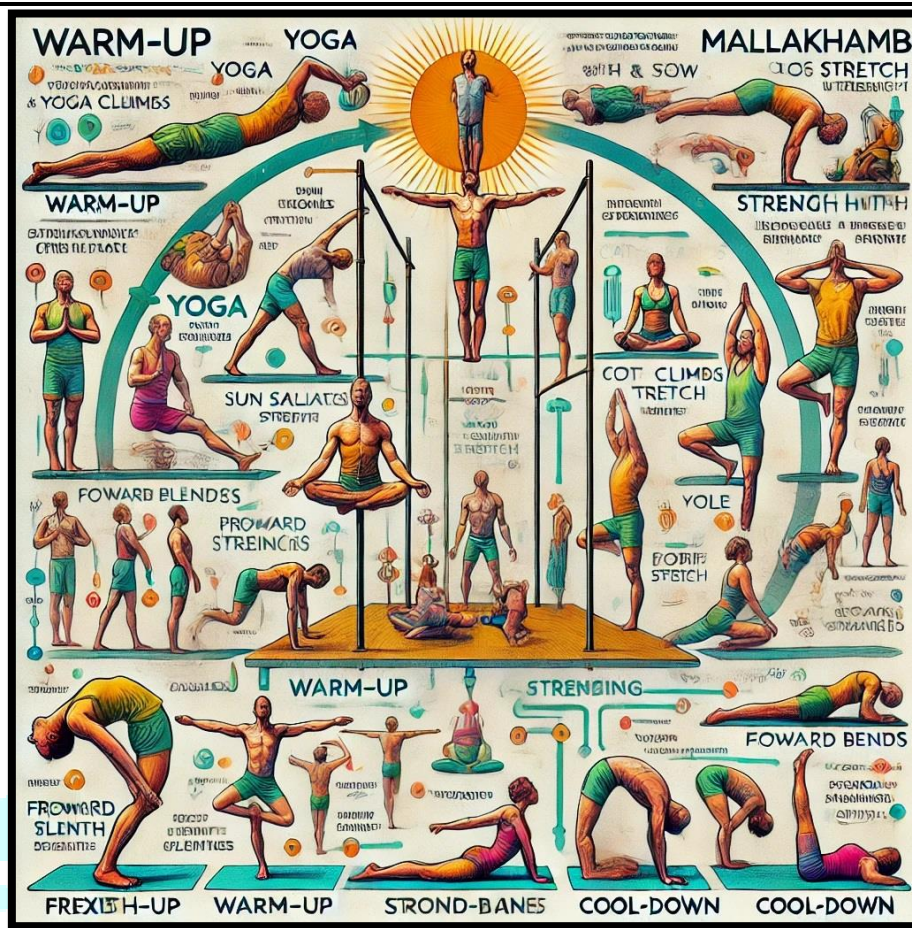
Practical Implementation: Training Regimens: Start with a Yoga warm-up, engage in Mallakhamb's strength and agility drills, and conclude with Yoga for stretching and mindfulness. The following training plan is recommended to the athletes, beginners in sports and other fitness enthusiast to follow for the optimum development.

Day	Activity	Duration	Focus
Day 1	Yoga – Strength, Flexibility, and Breath control	60-75 minutes	Flexibility, Strength, Mindfulness
	Warm-Up: Sun Salutations (5 rounds), Gentle dynamic stretches (10 minutes) Yoga Asanas (40-45 minutes): - Standing Poses (Warrior I, Warrior II, Triangle Pose, Extended Side Angle – 1 min each) - Balancing Poses (Tree Pose, Warrior III, Eagle Pose – 1-2 mins each) - Strengthening Poses (Plank Pose, Side Plank, Boat Pose – 30 secs-1 min each) Backbends (Cobra Pose, Locust Pose, Bridge Pose – 1 min each) Cool Down: Forward Fold, Seated Forward Fold, Child's Pose (5 mins) Breath control (Pranayama): Nadi Shodhana, Ujjayi Breathing (10 minutes) Meditation: Optional, 5-10 minutes		
Day 2	Mallakhamb – Strength, Balance, and Core Conditioning	60-75 minutes	Strength, Core Stability, Coordination
	Warm-Up: Body warm-up (arm circles, wrist stretches), dynamic stretches (10 minutes) Mallakhamb Practice (40-50 minutes): Basic Pole Hold (Chandrasana), Pole Plank (Lachhana), Scorpion Pose, Shoulder Bridge, Side Lean Pose – 30-60 seconds each - Core Conditioning: V-ups, Leg Raises, Russian Twists (3 sets of 12-15 reps) Strength Focus: Pull-ups, Push-ups, Dips (3 sets of 5-8 reps each) Cool Down: Forward bends, spinal twists, wrist stretches (5-10 minutes)		
Day 3	Active Recovery or Rest	30-45 minutes	Recovery, Flexibility, Relaxation
	Gentle Yoga Flow or walking Focus on relaxation and mobility: Child's Pose, Cat-Cow, Forward Fold, Hamstring Stretching		
Day 4	Yoga – Flexibility, Breath, and Mindfulness	60 minutes	Flexibility, Mental Clarity, Relaxation

	Warm-Up: Dynamic stretches (focus on hips, shoulders, spine) (10 minutes) Yoga Asanas (40 minutes): - Long Hold Poses (Downward Dog, Pyramid Pose, Wide-Legged Forward Fold, Seated/Standing Forward Bends – 1-2 mins each) - Hip Openers (Lizard Pose, Pigeon Pose – hold for 1-2 minutes each side) - Backbends (Sphinx Pose, Camel Pose – hold for 30 seconds to 1 minute) Breathing Techniques: Box Breathing, Anulom Vilom (10 minutes) Mindfulness: Meditation or body scan relaxation (5 minutes)		
Day 5	Mallakhamb – Agility, Strength, and Endurance	60 minutes	Agility, Strength, Endurance
	Warm-Up: Dynamic stretches, quick footwork drills (10 minutes) Mallakhamb Practice (40 minutes): - Dynamic Pole Sequences: Handstand prep, Pole Split, Side Crow, Pole Backbend, Pole Pull-ups – 30 seconds to 1 minute each - Core and Strength Training: V-ups, Leg Tucks, Plank on Pole (3 sets of 12-15 reps) Balance and Agility Drills: Walking on Pole, Advanced Balance Poses (Handstand on Pole, Side Crow Pose) Cool Down: Gentle stretching for wrists, shoulders, hamstrings, and back (5-10 minutes)		
Day 6	Active Recovery or Rest	30-45 minutes	Recovery, Mobility, Relaxation
	Optional Gentle Yoga Flow, walking, or stretching		
Day 7	Rest Day	-	Rest, Recovery
	Full rest or optional light stretching, walking, and relaxation		

Week-by-Week Progression

Week	Focus	Details
Week 1-2	Fundamentals & Building Strength	Focus on learning basics of Yoga and Mallakhamb, build foundational strength and flexibility.
Week 3	Challenge Poses and Transitions	Introduce more advanced Mallakhamb poses and dynamic movements, improve endurance in Yoga postures.
Week 4	Refinement & Endurance	Fine-tune technique in both Yoga and Mallakhamb, focus on endurance and mental focus, increase intensity.



Flowchart illustrating the integration of Mallakhamb and Yoga in a training session.

Case Studies: Athletes who integrate both practices report improved physical performance, enhanced mental clarity, and reduced injury rates. The integration of **Yoga** and **Mallakhamb** has shown remarkable benefits for athletes in enhancing physical performance, improving mental clarity, and reducing injury rates. Below are a few case studies that highlight the success stories of athletes who have embraced both practices and experienced significant improvements in their overall fitness and performance.

1. Case Study: Elite Gymnast – Rani Sharma (India)

Rani Sharma, a competitive gymnast, was facing a plateau in her performance due to repetitive injuries and mental fatigue. Her training regimen involved traditional gymnastics practices, which emphasized strength, flexibility, and agility but left her with limited mental clarity and a high risk of injury, particularly in her wrists and shoulders.

Intervention: After consulting with a coach specializing in **Mallakhamb**, Rani incorporated a mix of **Mallakhamb practice** and **Yoga** into her weekly training routine. Mallakhamb helped her develop greater upper body strength, core stability, and balance through dynamic movements on the pole. Yoga, particularly focused on flexibility and breath control, was added to promote recovery, improve mobility, and reduce mental stress.

Results: Rani's performance in gymnastics saw a marked improvement. The **Mallakhamb** training strengthened her wrists, shoulders, and core, which were critical for her gymnastics routines. Her flexibility, a crucial component for gymnasts, improved significantly after incorporating Yoga stretches, particularly in the hips, back, and hamstrings. The inclusion of **Yoga** focused on restorative poses and Breath control played a crucial role in injury prevention. Rani reported a **reduction in the frequency of shoulder and wrist injuries**, which had previously plagued her during high-intensity training sessions. Yoga's mindfulness and breath control exercises helped her manage mental fatigue and sharpen her focus during competitions. By practicing **meditative techniques** like **Pranayama**, she gained better control over pre-competition anxiety and stress, leading to more consistent performances.

2. Case Study: Professional Basketball Player – Chris Anderson (USA)

Chris Anderson, an NBA player known for his powerful jumps and agile movements, faced recurring knee and lower back issues. Despite rigorous strength training, he found that his flexibility and mobility were compromised, leading to inconsistent performance and a higher risk of injury during high-impact plays.

Intervention: Chris's training regimen was enhanced by incorporating **Yoga** to improve his flexibility, balance, and mental clarity. Along with regular **Yoga sessions**, he included **Mallakhamb** to further develop strength and flexibility in a functional manner. Mallakhamb's focus on dynamic movements and the development of full-body strength helped him with power, agility, and control.

Results: After 3 months of integrating Yoga and Mallakhamb, Chris noticed increased **range of motion** in his hips and ankles, leading to improved mobility during lateral movements and vertical jumps. His balance on the court also improved, particularly in high-pressure situations requiring sudden direction changes. The **Yoga sessions** incorporated deep stretching and breath control, focusing on strengthening his core, lower back, and hips. This holistic approach contributed to **fewer joint and back issues**, which were once recurrent. With intense NBA games often filled with distractions, Chris used **Yoga's meditation practices** to improve his mental focus. His ability to remain calm and focused during critical moments in the game increased, and he attributed this mental clarity.

3. Case Study: Professional Tennis Player – Maria Ivanova (Russia)

Maria Ivanova, a professional tennis player, struggled with shoulder pain and a lack of core stability, both of which affected her serve and overall court movement. Despite following a strict tennis-specific strength and conditioning program, her performance was often hindered by the lack of holistic conditioning, particularly in terms of flexibility and recovery.

Intervention: Maria worked with a trainer who recommended the integration of **Yoga** and **Mallakhamb** into her fitness regimen. **Yoga** focused on improving her **shoulder flexibility**, **hip mobility**, and **core strength**, while **Mallakhamb** helped her develop overall upper body strength, particularly in the shoulders, arms, and core.

Results: Maria experienced an increase in **serving speed** and **court movement efficiency**. Mallakhamb helped her develop greater shoulder strength, which contributed to a more stable and powerful serve. Yoga's focus on hamstring and hip flexibility also enhanced her agility and lateral movement. By regularly practicing Yoga's **restorative poses** and using **Mallakhamb** for strengthening, Maria experienced fewer injuries, particularly in her shoulders and lower back. Her improved flexibility and strength minimized the risk of overuse injuries that had previously plagued her. Tennis is a mentally demanding sport, and Maria found that practicing **breathing exercises** and **meditation** helped her manage stress during intense matches. Her ability to focus on each point and maintain composure during long rallies improved after adopting these practices.

4. Case Study: Professional Football Player – David Wright (UK)

David Wright, a professional football (soccer) player, was recovering from a significant knee injury and was struggling to return to peak physical form. His primary concerns were rebuilding strength in his lower body while maintaining flexibility to prevent re-injury. He also needed a way to manage the mental pressure of returning to professional sports after injury.

Intervention: David incorporated **Yoga** into his recovery routine, focusing on lower body mobility, balance, and mental relaxation. **Mallakhamb** was added to improve overall body strength, especially in his core and legs, through functional movements that mirrored the demands of football.

Results: After 6 weeks of Yoga and Mallakhamb integration, David saw significant gains in **lower body strength**, **knee stability**, and **flexibility**. His agility and acceleration on the field improved, and he noticed less tightness in his muscles after matches. The combination of **Yoga's gentle stretching** and **Mallakhamb's dynamic strengthening** reduced the incidence of recurrent knee pain. His body's overall **muscular balance**

and joint mobility were enhanced, leading to a marked reduction in stress on vulnerable areas like the knees and lower back. Mental recovery was just as important for David's comeback. Practicing Yoga allowed him to manage performance anxiety and regain focus after setbacks in his recovery process. This improved his on-field decision-making and overall resilience under pressure.

These case studies show that integrating **Yoga** and **Mallakhamb** into athletic training regimens can yield significant benefits in terms of **physical performance, injury prevention, and mental clarity**. By combining the flexibility, strength, and mindfulness of Yoga with the dynamic, full-body strength development offered by Mallakhamb, athletes can enhance their overall fitness, recover faster, and maintain a sharp mental focus. These holistic practices not only contribute to improving physical abilities but also support long-term mental resilience and injury-free careers.

CONCLUSION

Mallakhamb and Yoga, deeply rooted in Indian culture, serve as powerful tools for building physical resilience. Their integration harmonizes strength and flexibility, offering a balanced approach to fitness. The combination of these practices not only enhances physical attributes but also promotes mental clarity, emotional well-being, and holistic health. In today's fast-paced and stress-laden world, such practices provide an avenue for cultivating a sustainable and harmonious lifestyle. Furthermore, the adaptability of both disciplines makes them accessible to individuals across age groups and fitness levels, ensuring their relevance in diverse settings.

By exploring and embracing the complementary roles of Mallakhamb and Yoga, practitioners can unlock new dimensions of physical and mental potential. The integration of strength and flexibility—dynamic and static—creates a synergy that not only improves overall health but also builds a foundation for resilience in the face of life's challenges. As modern fitness paradigms continue to evolve, the fusion of these ancient practices stands as a testament to the timeless value of holistic approaches to well-being.

Future research and practical application of these integrated methodologies may open new horizons in the domains of fitness training, therapy, and education, paving the way for a healthier and more balanced society.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- Introduce structured modules in schools and universities that combine Mallakhamb and Yoga to promote holistic physical development and mental well-being among students.
- Encourage fitness centers and rehabilitation clinics to adopt the combined methodology of traditional exercises to cater to individuals seeking a balanced and sustainable approach to health.
- Develop certification programs for trainers and instructors specializing in the integration of Mallakhamb and Yoga to ensure standardized teaching practices.
- Promote further interdisciplinary research on the physiological, psychological, and social benefits of combining traditional disciplines to substantiate their effectiveness and expand their global reach.
- Organize workshops, seminars, and demonstrations to raise awareness, particularly in underserved communities where access to holistic fitness options is limited.

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