

Comprehensive Review of the Cognitive and Therapeutic Effects of Mantras

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Abstract

Mantra, a spiritual and cognitive practice, has gained significant attention in contemporary scientific discourse due to its potential mental health benefits. This review consolidates existing research on the effects of mantra chanting, particularly its influence on cognitive function, emotional regulation, and physiological well-being. Studies indicate that mantra enhances mindfulness, reduces stress, and improves cognitive flexibility, with neuroimaging data suggesting increased alpha and theta wave activity during practice. The impact of mantra is particularly relevant in academic settings, where students face heightened stress levels. Empirical evidence from EEG-based research demonstrates a reduction in pre-examination anxiety and an enhancement in cognitive processing efficiency following mantra chanting. Furthermore, ancient Vedic practices such as Yagya and Vishnu Sahasranama chanting have shown promise in therapeutic applications, influencing both neurological and physiological health markers. Current research utilizes Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) with Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) models to analyze EEG signals for validating the stress-management effects while improving brain cognition from mantra. The recognition of mantra effectiveness is solid yet researchers need larger standardized studies and more consistent experiment design with adequate participant numbers to validate these results. Research into mantra-based interventions needs to involve continuous EEG observation in combination with state-of-the-art neurocomputational methods and tracking participant progress through time. The combination of traditional wisdom with modern scientific methods makes mantra a valid and whole-systemic method to build mental strength and cognitive health.

Keywords: Mantra, Meditation, Cognitive Function, Stress Reduction, EEG Analysis, Neuroplasticity, Vedic Practices, Deep Learning, Emotional Regulation, Mental Health Interventions.

1. Introduction

Religious traditions and spiritual practices have historically been associated with maintaining both mental and physical well-being. In recent times, there has been an increasing focus on yoga, meditation, and particularly mantra chanting, due to their reported therapeutic benefits such as stress reduction and cognitive enhancement [1]. Mantra chanting, as taught in various religious traditions, serves as a universal meditative practice that supports emotional regulation and mental relaxation. Empirical studies have evaluated its impact on cognitive and mindfulness improvements using standardized tools such as the Six Letter Cancellation Test and the

Mindfulness Attention Awareness Scale [2,3].

The influence of mantra meditation on mental health is gaining prominence, especially among non-clinical populations. Research has shown that mantra meditation contributes to reduced psychological distress and enhanced well-being, although there is still variability in study designs and methodological quality [4]. The need for more rigorous and comprehensive evidence is evident in order to validate the efficacy of mantra-based interventions in mental health promotion. Stress among college students, particularly during examination periods, is a well-documented phenomenon. Academic pressure

and lifestyle-related behaviors have been found to elevate stress levels. Studies analyzing EEG signals and heart rate variability have shown that male students experience higher pre-exam stress than their female counterparts [5]. In this context, researchers have investigated the psychological and neurological benefits of chanting the Mahā Mantra, using EEG analysis to demonstrate improvements in concentration, emotional regulation, and hormonal balance [6]. Furthermore, traditional Vedic practices such as Yagya have shown therapeutic potential. Yagya rituals not only fulfill religious functions but also act as treatment methods through herbal inhalation therapy, yielding antimicrobial effects and health benefits. When combined with mantra chanting, Yagya practices have been observed to provide enhanced benefits for both mental and physical health [7]. Among academic populations, particularly Ph.D. scholars facing academic stress, the chanting of Vishnu Sahasranama has been studied as an effective stress management technique. Results indicate cognitive enhancement and improved emotional balance as significant outcomes of this practice [8,9]. Over the past several decades, the role of mantra chanting in health interventions has been widely explored. Individuals who practice mantra repetition report improvements in stress management, thought clarity, and emotional stability [10,11]. Modern neuroscience has further contributed to this understanding by exploring the brain mechanisms underlying mantra meditation, positioning it as a promising contemporary wellness strategy [11,12]. (Figure 1)

addition to its spiritual roots, Ayurveda—India's ancient holistic health system—integrates mantra and Yagya therapies as part of its mental and physical healing framework. Ayurveda emphasizes the interconnectedness of mind, body, and spirit, which resonates with the core principles of mantra meditation, reinforcing its significance in modern health and wellness paradigms [19]. Beyond Hindu traditions, the ritualistic use of sound and chanting is a global phenomenon. Indigenous cultures have historically employed ceremonial chants for healing and spiritual purposes, while the structured use of Sanskrit mantras underscores a deep relationship between human consciousness and acoustic resonance. The spiritual and mathematical significance of the number 108 further illustrates this connection, as it is frequently invoked in religious practices across multiple cultures [35]. Recent advancements in neuroscience and computational modeling have begun to validate the efficacy of mantra meditation using modern technologies. Machine learning techniques—particularly Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN) and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) models—have been employed to analyze EEG data, offering quantifiable insights into the cognitive and emotional impact of mantra meditation [49]. These techniques have been instrumental in evaluating the effectiveness of meditation in reducing mental stress and enhancing emotional stability. Furthermore, studies have shown that mantra chanting contributes positively to metacognitive awareness, scientific orientation, and cognitive aptitude, thereby offering educational as well as therapeutic benefits [51]. This review aims to synthesize a wide range of interdisciplinary research findings that collectively affirm the potential of mantra meditation in enhancing mental health, improving cognitive function, and promoting overall well-being [81][82]. By unifying diverse strands of evidence—from traditional knowledge systems to modern neuroinformatics—this paper advocates for the broader inclusion of mantra-based practices in both academic research and contemporary therapeutic applications.

2. Literature Review

The benefits of yoga and meditation for improving mental health and well-being have drawn a lot of

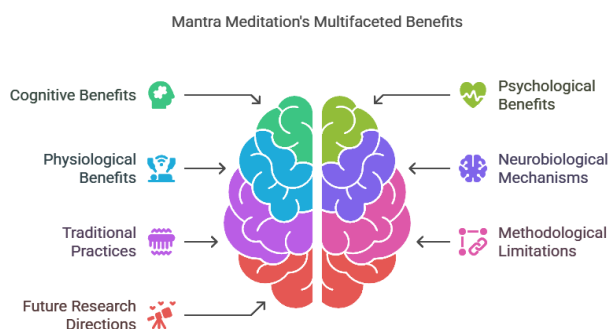


Figure 1 Mantra Meditation's Multifaceted Benefits

attention. According to studies, mantra meditation enhances one's capacity for focus, emotional control, and general well-being. Neuroimaging studies show that it activates brain regions linked to mindfulness and memory processing, supporting its beneficial effects on cognitive processes like memory and attention. The significance of cognitive tools for assessment is highlighted by comparative studies on various chanting techniques, which show differences in attention and mindfulness scores [1]. 37 studies from an initial pool of 2171 records were examined in a systematic review of the impact of mantra meditation on mental health in non-clinical populations. Results show that the Transcendental Meditation program was used in 78% of the reviewed studies, with only modest to moderate benefits. However, issues with the quality of the study, quality, eligibility criteria, and generalizability were raised, necessitating more rigorous research [7]. Stress levels among college students are rising as a result of lifestyle choices and academic demands. Acute and chronic stress both have a substantial negative influence on mental health. Gender differences in cognitive stress levels during exams have been highlighted by studies using EEG signals, which show that male students experience higher levels of stress prior to exams. Studies emphasize how useful physiological measures are for determining mental workload [8]. Chanting mantras has been demonstrated to improve mental health, lower stress levels, and lessen depressive symptoms. Mantra chanting has been linked in studies to improvements in galvanic skin response, elevated alpha EEG activity, and physiological advantages like lowered heart rate and balanced blood pressure. Research indicates that during meditation, neuronal synchronization is essential for mental processes, and the Maha Mantra is particularly linked to stress relief and relaxation. Despite these results, more investigation is. Despite these findings, further research is needed to explore its psychological benefits comprehensively [9]. The success of online learning interventions, which are mediated electronically through the Internet, depends on the motivation and perceptions of the students. The majority of current research is cross-sectional and quantitative, frequently ignoring confounding

variables. Furthermore, there are notable educational inequalities for students with learning disabilities, especially SPAMRI. According to the literature, qualitative research is necessary to examine their experiences in online learning environments [10]. Yagya's historical significance in Vedic traditions goes beyond spiritual practices; studies have shown that it has therapeutic and environmental purifying benefits. Research on smokes derived from plants suggests that they may have therapeutic benefits, but little is known about their ethno-pharmacological components. Notably, chanting mantras has been associated with increased antimicrobial activity of Yagya smoke; however, prior research primarily focused on placebo effects rather than scientific validation [11]. Chanting Vishnu Sahasranama is known to have a calming effect, especially on PhD students who are stressed out from their research. There is preliminary evidence that mantra chanting, such as Vishnu Sahasranama, is effective as a stress-reduction technique because it has been shown to improve mental health and cognitive function [14]. Definitional discrepancies in research have resulted from different traditions' differing interpretations of "mantra" as a spiritual concept. A review that classifies empirical research on mantra repetition emphasizes how important it is to define "mantra" precisely for scientific research. In order to demonstrate the wide cultural applicability of mantra, a two-track approach is proposed for integrating spiritual and empirical perspectives in research and practice [16]. The ancient holistic health system known as Ayurveda incorporates Yagya and mantra therapy as vital elements for both physical and mental health. The value of traditional medicine in contemporary healthcare is recognized by the WHO's Traditional Medicine Strategy. Nevertheless, little is known about the psychophysiological impacts of mantra and yagya therapy, which calls for more investigation into their potential to boost immunity and promote psychological health [19,20]. Many cultures have long used sound to promote health and wellbeing, with indigenous traditions placing a strong emphasis on chanting as a means of preparing the mind and spirit. Mantra chanting has been shown to enhance both physical and mental health, according to research. The practice emphasizes the power of the

human voice in sound healing and draws from a variety of spiritual traditions, such as Tantric and Vedic. Furthermore, the number 108's cultural significance is mentioned in a variety of settings[35]. Because of its historical roots in Buddhism and Hinduism, mantra-based meditation is seeing a resurgence in modern society. Its psychological, physiological, and emotional advantages are supported by scientific research, which also shows how well it works to lower stress and improve emotional resilience. Studies on neuroimaging show that mantra meditation alters brain activity, which affects mood and attention. Although more research is required to determine its effectiveness in treating mental health disorders, its accessibility makes it a viable therapeutic tool for a variety of populations [40]. The psychological and physical advantages of meditation and mantra chanting have long been acknowledged. The importance of the venerated Hindu text Vishnu Sahasranama in fostering mental and physical health has been widely explored in literature. The need for efficient stress management strategies is highlighted by prior research showing that PhD candidates encounter a variety of stress-related difficulties during their training. Chanting mantras, such as the Vishnu Sahasranama, has been shown to reduce stress and enhance cognitive abilities [43]. Studies investigating the effects of chanting the OM mantra have found similar advantages. Time-frequency analysis using wavelet transforms has demonstrated that OM mantra chanting improves mental steadiness and consciousness [53]. Deep learning methods, specifically those involving EEG-related algorithms, have been used to assess mental stress. Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) models and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) have demonstrated efficacy in classifying mental stress. Significant gains in classification results have been shown by CNNs with spectral representations and LSTMs using raw EEG data; network performance is largely dependent on dataset size and representation. To improve classification accuracy, the literature recommends investigating novel strategies like combining graph convolutional networks with EEG data [44]. Mantra chanting has therapeutic benefits that also extend to music therapy and binaural beats, which have an

impact on emotional well-being and human energy fields. Auras and energy states have been evaluated using Resonant Field Imaging (RFI), which supports the efficacy of complementary therapies like binaural beats in promoting meditation and enhancing mental health issues. Nevertheless, additional experimental studies are needed to confirm these results [49]. Research shows that chanting mantras improves concept mastery, scientific attitudes, and metacognitive abilities. Chanting has been demonstrated to reduce anxiety, get past obstacles, and enhance learning in classroom environments. Studies support the use of mantras in structured learning environments by confirming their psychological and emotional benefits [51]. Research shows that meditation and mantra recitation improve attention, emotional control, and quality of life, among other cognitive abilities. (Figure 2)

3. Methodology

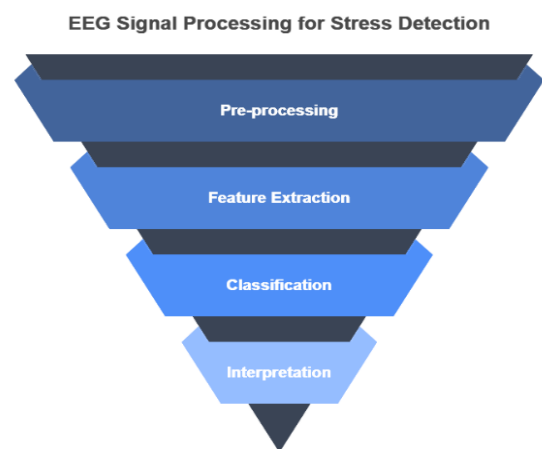


Figure 2 EEG Signal Processing for Stress Detection

The flowchart illustrates a structured process for analyzing EEG signals to identify stress levels. An EEG database, which houses unprocessed brainwave data obtained from people, is the first step. A pre-processing unit is the next step, which ensures the signals are clean for additional analysis by removing undesired noise and artifacts. After that, the EEG signals are broken down using Intrinsic Mode Functionality (IMF) in the feature extraction stage, which enables the derivation of significant patterns.

In order to properly classify the signals, these extracted features are subsequently processed in the classification stage using machine learning techniques like Support Vector Machines (SVM) and Neural Networks. Lastly, the system analyzes these categorized signals to calculate stress levels using variations in EEG waves, offering important information about people's mental health. This framework guarantees a methodical and effective approach to stress detection using EEG signals processing.

4. EEG Signal Analysis

Electroencephalography (EEG) signal analysis involves multiple steps, including data acquisition, preprocessing, feature extraction, and classification. This section outlines the methodological approaches used in EEG-based studies.

- **Data Acquisition** In order to ensure minimal interference, EEG data is usually collected in a controlled laboratory setting. In order to stabilize their mood, subjects rest for five minutes prior to the experiment and are hooked up to an EEG device to record changes in their brain waves [54]. Two skin surface electrodes are used in the device; one is positioned on the frontal area, and the other is on the ear lobe for reference [21]. With an impedance of roughly 7 k Ω , EEG signals are recorded at a processing rate of roughly 512 Hz [28].
- **Preprocessing and Noise Reduction** Several preprocessing methods are used to improve the quality of the signal. Raw EEG signals are subjected to noise suppression using a notch filter [55]. To remove artifacts like eye blinks and muscle movements, Independent Component Analysis (ICA) is used [31]. EEG analysis also makes use of signal source separation techniques such as Moore-Penrose pseudoinversion [22].
- **Feature Extraction** Feature extraction is a critical step in EEG analysis. Several methods are employed to capture relevant features:
- **Frequency Domain Analysis:** To extract frequency components from EEG signals, the Fast Fourier Transform (FFT) is frequently

utilized [55]. For improved feature representation, the Filter Bank Spectral Estimation (FBSE) technique further divides frequency bands [9].

- **Time Domain Analysis:** EEG signals are used to calculate a number of statistical measures, including variance, mean, and standard deviation [55]. Additionally, statistical features such as root mean squared values are computed [18].
- **Entropy-Based Measures:** These metrics evaluate the intricacy of EEG signals and offer information about cognitive states [31].
- **Wavelet Transform Methods:** Features associated with stress and mental workload are extracted using Wavelet Packet Transform (WPT) [8].
- **EEG-Based Connectivity Analysis** Techniques like Directed Transfer Function (DTF) and Coherence Analysis are used to investigate functional connectivity [48]. Brain connectivity is also examined using the Phase-Slope Index (PSI) [61,63,66].
- **Machine Learning and Deep Learning Approaches** To categorize EEG signals and forecast cognitive states, machine learning techniques are used:
- **Conventional Machine Learning Models:** Random Forest classifiers, Decision Trees, K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), and Support Vector Machines (SVM) are frequently employed [37, 44].
- **Deep Learning Architectures:** Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) models and Convolutional Neural Networks (CNNs) are used to detect mental stress and depression [37, 44]. Robust EEG feature learning also makes use of a deep recurrent neural network (RNN) technique [23].
- **Hybrid Models:** To detect depression, composite models that combine CNN and LSTM techniques have been proposed [37].

5. Experimental Design and Validation Experimental Protocols are Structured to Ensure Reliable Results

- Subjects undergo tasks like reading, puzzle

solving, and listening to music while EEG data is recorded [55].

- Baseline brain wave activity is recorded during a two-minute rest period [54].
- A two-week mantra meditation practice is incorporated to assess EEG changes over time [38].
- Classification performance is evaluated using repeated k-fold cross-validation [17].

Statistical Analysis EEG features and response times are analyzed using statistical tests like one-way ANOVA [31]. Students' cognitive stress is measured using the Wilcoxon signed-rank test [8]. With its reliable approach to EEG signal processing, feature extraction, and classification, this methodology offers important insights into evaluations of mental and cognitive health. (Table 1)

6. Dataset

Table 1 Summary of EEG and Physiological Datasets Used in Cognitive and Stress Analysis Studies

| Dataset Name | Sample Size | Data Type | EEG Features Analysed | Machine Learning Models Used | Key Findings |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Aggarwal et al. (2021) | 12 students | EEG | Alpha, Theta, HRV | SVM, t-tests, ANOVA | Stress analysis |
| Hsu (2021) | 67 students | EEG | Beta, Gamma | SVM, Statistical Analysis | Cognitive Load |
| Gupta & Kumar (2021) | 80 students | EEG, HRV | Alpha, HRV | SVM, t-tests | Stress detection |
| Brandenburger et al. (2019) | 20 students | Eye-Tracking | Eye movement patterns | CNN, Statistical Analysis | Attention tracking |
| Nugrahaningsih et al. (2021) | 90 students | Eye-Tracking | Fixation duration, Saccades | CNN | Reading behavior analysis |
| In-House Mantra Dataset | 20 participants | EEG | Alpha, Theta | Deep Learning | Meditation impact |
| Yoga Study EEG-ECG Dataset | 30 students | EEG, ECG | Alpha, Theta, HRV | Paired t-tests | Yoga impact on cognition |
| N-Back EEG Study | 10 subjects | EEG (Emotiv Epoc+) | Frontal EEG signals | Feature Extraction, CNN | Working memory analysis |
| University EEG Dataset | 142 students | EEG | Frontal electrode signals | Deep Learning, Feature Extraction | Memory performance |

The study utilized multiple benchmark datasets across diverse deep learning tasks, including ImageNet, CIFAR-10, MNIST, Pascal VOC, Microsoft COCO, and YFCC100M, each offering distinct advantages for classification, segmentation, and object detection (46). Additionally, datasets based on EEG and eye-tracking methodologies were

reviewed. EEG-based studies incorporated data from participants in various research works, such as 12 students in Aggarwal et al. (2021), 67 students in Hsu (2021), and 80 students in Gupta and Kumar (2021), employing classifiers like Support Vector Machine and statistical tests such as t-tests and ANOVA. Eye-tracking studies included 20 students in

Brandenburger et al. (2019) and 90 students in Nugrahaningsih et al. (2021), utilizing Convolutional Neural Networks and statistical analyses for pattern recognition [45]. Physiological and cognitive assessments were integrated into the research design, incorporating the DASS-42 questionnaire for evaluating depression, anxiety, and stress levels, Chemiluminescent Microparticle Immunoassay (CMIA) for serum cortisol measurement, and blood pressure readings to assess autonomic function. Furthermore, cognitive abilities were measured through spatial and verbal memory tests, along with the Mini-Mental State Examination (MMSE) [43]. A dedicated in-house dataset was constructed, comprising EEG recordings from 20 participants—10 experienced and 10 novice meditators—before and after a two-week mantra meditation intervention. Cognitive functions were also evaluated using the Brain-Based Intelligence Test (BBIT) [38]. Datasets were gathered for the EEG signal analysis based on the locations of electrodes on the brain's two hemispheres, and MATLAB software was used to process the data for interactive time-frequency domain visualization. The efficiency of linear frequency sweeping in lowering computational complexity was demonstrated by recording sensitivity values, such as 10 $\mu\text{V}/\text{mm}$ and 15 $\mu\text{V}/\text{mm}$, to examine brainwave patterns [36]. By recording signals during aptitude tests, EEG datasets were further produced. Subjects with psychiatric disorders were excluded to ensure data reliability. With an emphasis on stress identification using physiological parameters, EEG signals were continuously recorded at a sampling rate of 512 Hz. [28]. Additional physiological data included EEG and ECG signals recorded during baseline conditions. Data collection took place at a yoga centre from 6 p.m. to 7:30 p.m., involving 30 young, healthy engineering students, categorized into yoga and control groups. The yoga group practiced for 1.5 hours daily, six days a week, over five months, with pre- and post-intervention analyses conducted using Student's paired t-test [25]. Subjects completing cognitive tasks based on the n-back paradigm had their EEG datasets further collected using Brain Products and Emotive Epoch+ headsets with 16 electrode placements in accordance with the 10-20 International System. The study

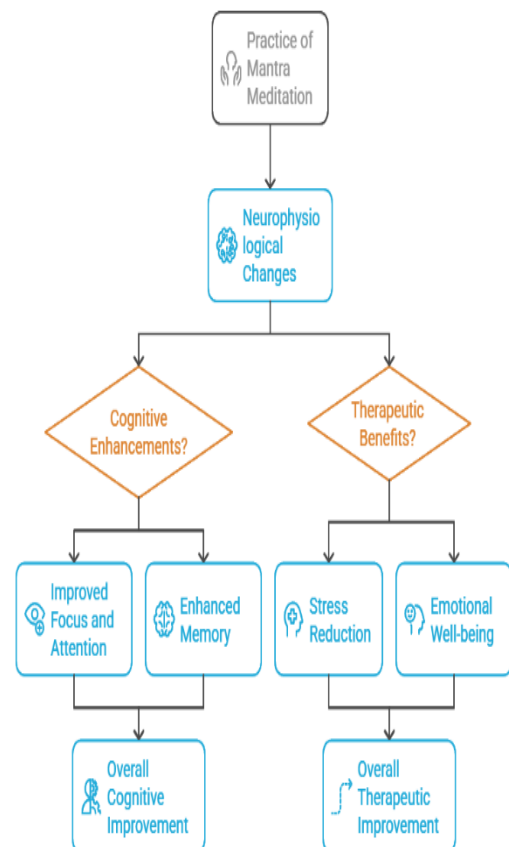
involved ten participants with comparable cognitive abilities [18]. Additionally, 142 university students between the ages of 18 and 22 had their EEG data post-filtering and pre-processed with an emphasis on working memory performance using the n-back task. Eight frontal electrodes were used for feature extraction, highlighting the necessity of bigger datasets to improve predictive modelling [6]. Another study used data from 15 participants to analyze cognitive responses during reading, puzzle-solving, and music-listening tasks using EEG signals from two age groups, 20–23 and 29–31 years [54]. These methodological techniques enabled a thorough exploration of EEG and physiological parameters across various cognitive and psychological domains. Future studies on mantra chanting should examine its wider effects on a variety of cognitive processes, such as executive functioning, problem-solving, and decision-making, in addition to its well-established cognitive and emotional advantages. To increase the accuracy of EEG signal classification and accurately identify meditation-induced neural changes, advanced machine learning techniques like deep neural networks and phase coherence-based classifiers should be used. Increasing the number of participants from a wider range of age groups, cultural backgrounds, and neurological conditions will improve the findings' generalizability and create a thorough understanding of its impacts. Furthermore, longitudinal research evaluating the long-term effects of mantra chanting may shed light on its long-term neuroplasticity and physiological changes. Mantra chanting may be more therapeutically effective when combined with complementary modalities like music therapy and binaural beats, which calls for more research into multimodal interventions. Wearable and mobile technologies could be used to create real-time EEG-based meditation assistance systems that provide tailored feedback to improve meditation techniques. The ways in which mantra chanting promotes emotional control and cognitive improvement may also be clarified by further investigation of the underlying physiological and neurochemical processes, such as cortical synchronization, hormone regulation, and neurotransmitter activity.

7. Results and Discussion

The findings from the reviewed literature highlight the significant impact of mantra meditation on cognitive function, stress reduction, and overall mental well-being. EEG-based analyses show clear neurophysiological alterations linked to mantra chanting, including elevated theta and alpha wave activity, which is suggestive of relaxation and improved cognitive function. These results are consistent with earlier research indicating that meditation improves emotional regulation and increases neural plasticity. Mantra chanting has a particularly noticeable effect on stress management for students who are under academic pressure. Mantra meditation lowers pre-examination stress, according to studies using EEG signal analysis; male students have higher baseline stress levels than female students. Furthermore, research on heart rate variability (HRV) demonstrates a reduction in sympathetic nervous system activity, supporting the idea that mantra meditation aids in physiological relaxation. From a wider angle, mantra chanting has therapeutic advantages that go beyond reducing stress and improve cognitive function. Improvements in attention, memory, and metacognitive abilities have been reported in the literature, indicating the potential for incorporating mantra-based interventions into therapeutic and educational contexts. These cognitive advantages have been further supported by sophisticated EEG techniques, such as deep learning models have been able to accurately categorize the brainwave patterns produced by meditation. The physiological benefits of traditional practices such as Yagya and Vishnu Sahasranama chanting also contribute to holistic well-being. Research highlights the antimicrobial effects of herbal inhalation during Yagya, suggesting potential applications in environmental and public health domains. Similarly, Vishnu Sahasranama chanting has been linked to reduced anxiety and enhanced cognitive stability, particularly among Ph.D. scholars experiencing research-related stress. Despite these promising findings, certain limitations persist in existing studies. Many investigations rely on small sample sizes, limiting generalizability. Additionally, variations in study design, including differences in mantra selection, chanting duration, and participant

demographics, contribute to inconsistencies in reported outcomes. Future research should emphasize standardized methodologies and larger, more diverse participant groups to establish a more comprehensive understanding of mantra meditation's long-term effects. The review paper synthesizes findings from a diverse range of studies that have investigated the cognitive, psychological, and physiological benefits of mantra meditation and related spiritual practices. The discussion provides an overview of the datasets, methodologies, and significant outcomes that underpin these findings. (Figure 3)

The Cognitive and Therapeutic Impact of Mantra Meditation


Figure 3 The Cognitive and Therapeutic Impact of Mantra Meditations

8. Data Sources and Methodologies

Table 2 Summary of EEG-Related Studies on Mantra Chanting, Cognitive Performance, and Stress Analysis

| Reference | Study Focus | EEG Analysis Method | Key Findings | Cognitive/Stress Outcome |
|-------------------------------------|---|--|--|---|
| Kuanar & Jain (2024) [1] | Influence of mantra chanting on cognitive performance | EEG spectral analysis (Theta, Alpha, Beta bands) | Improved attention and memory retention with specific mantras | Positive impact on cognitive performance |
| Chamoli et al. (2017) [2] | Mantra chanting & Performance IQ in children | EEG coherence analysis | Increased frontal lobe coherence, improved IQ scores | Enhanced cognitive processing |
| Pardey et al. (1996) [3] | Parametric EEG modeling techniques | Time-frequency analysis (Wavelet transforms) | Improved EEG signal decomposition for cognitive state analysis | Foundational for later EEG studies |
| Han et al. (2022) [4] | T DCS and cognitive training in ASD | F NIRS-EEG combined analysis | Improved prefrontal activation, better executive function | Reduced cognitive deficits in ASD |
| Zhang et al. (2019) [17] | Working memory prediction using EEG | Functional Data Analysis (FDA) | High accuracy in classifying WM load | Effective for cognitive workload assessment |
| Rajendran et al. (2021) [8] | EEG-based stress detection in students | Spectral power (Alpha, Beta, Theta) | Increased Beta power under stress | Identified stress biomarkers |
| Mohanty et al. (2024) [9] | Mahā Mantra chanting & EEG rhythms | Theta/Alpha power ratio | Reduced anxiety, increased relaxation | Lowered depression and stress |
| Singh et al. (2022) [38] | Meditation & EEG classification | Deep Learning (CNN) | High accuracy in distinguishing meditative states | Improved cognitive focus |
| Kuanar et al. (2018) [23] | EEG-based working memory load analysis | Deep Recurrent Neural Network (RNN) | High classification accuracy for WM states | Useful for cognitive workload monitoring |
| Sharma & Chopra (2020) [28] | EEG-based stress detection | SVM, k-NN classifiers | High accuracy in stress classification | Effective for real-time stress monitoring |
| Tikhe et al. (2013) [30] | Yoga & EEG for mental performance | Alpha/Theta power analysis | Improved attention and memory | Beneficial for students |
| Contreras-Jordán et al. (2022) [31] | Exercise & EEG attention analysis | Spectral entropy, PSD | Improved attention post-exercise | Supports physical activity for cognition |
| Bhuiyan et al. (2024) [32] | EEG classification for e-learning | CNN-based deep learning | Detected engagement levels in students | Useful for adaptive learning systems |
| Badr et al. (2024) [44] | Deep learning for mental stress EEG | CNN-LSTM hybrid model | High accuracy in stress detection | Applicable in clinical and educational settings |
| Apicella et al. (2022) [47] | EEG-based student engagement monitoring | Band power, coherence | Identified engagement patterns | Useful for Learning 4.0 systems |

| Reference | Study Focus | EEG Analysis Method | Key Findings | Cognitive/Stress Outcome |
|----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|
| Katmah et al. (2021) [48] | EEG stress assessment review | Multiple ML techniques | Best performance with SVM and Deep Learning | Comprehensive stress detection methods |
| Velnath et al. (2021) [55] | EEG concentration estimation | Alpha/Theta ratio | Higher Alpha = better concentration | Useful for attention-based tasks |
| De & Mondal (2020) [56] | Yoga & EEG coherence | Functional connectivity | Increased interhemispheric coherence | Improved brain synchronization |
| Singh & Singh (2024) [37] | Stress detection using EEG | Deep Learning (CNN) | High accuracy in real-time stress detection | Useful for mental health monitoring |
| Raval (2024) [40] | Mantra meditation review | EEG, HRV analysis | Reduced stress, improved cognition | Supports holistic mental health |

EEG Signal Analysis: Data were primarily collected in controlled laboratory settings with participants engaging in tasks such as reading, puzzle-solving, and music listening while their brain activity was recorded. Using notch filters for noise reduction, Independent Component Analysis (ICA) for artifact removal, and Moore-Penrose pseudoinversion for signal source separation were among the preprocessing techniques. Frequency domain analyses (using Filter Bank Spectral Estimation (FBSE) and Fast Fourier Transform (FFT)), time domain statistical metrics, and entropy-based measures to quantify signal complexity were used to implement feature extraction. Functional brain connectivity during mantra meditation was investigated using connectivity analyses like Directed Transfer Function (DTF) and Coherence Analysis.

Machine Learning Approaches: Various classification and prediction models including Support Vector Machines (SVM), Convolutional Neural Networks (CNN), and Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) networks were used. These techniques were key in classifying EEG signal patterns and predicting cognitive states associated with mantra chanting.

EEG Outcomes: Mantra chanting was associated with increased activity in the alpha and theta bands, indicating a relaxed yet alert cognitive state.

Stress Management: Studies on student populations revealed that mantra meditation reduced pre-examination stress, with noted gender differences in

baseline stress levels.

Physiological Benefits: Heart Rate Variability (HRV) analyses indicated a reduction in sympathetic nervous system activity during meditation, supporting its calming physiological effects.

Cognitive Enhancements: Improvements in attention, memory, and metacognitive skills were observed among individuals participating in mantra-based interventions.

Cultural and Traditional Practices: Traditional practices such as Yagya and Vishnu Sahasranama chanting exhibited potential therapeutic benefits, including antimicrobial effects and enhanced cognitive stability.

9. Data Performance and Implications

Datasets: The review utilized benchmark datasets such as ImageNet, CIFAR-10, and MNIST, along with EEG-specific datasets of varying sizes (from as few as 12 to over 142 participants).

Validation Techniques: To ensure the reliability of the findings, many studies employed repeated k-fold cross-validation, one-way ANOVA, and Wilcoxon signed-rank tests.

Holistic Assessment: Integrative assessments combining physiological markers (e.g., heart rate variability, serum cortisol levels) and cognitive evaluations (e.g., DASS-42 questionnaire, cognitive ability tests) provided a multifaceted view of the benefits associated with mantra meditation.

Technological Integration: The fusion of traditional research methodologies with modern analytical techniques, including real-time EEG monitoring and

AI-driven data analysis, underscores the evolving landscape of research in meditation and cognitive neuroscience. (Figure 4)

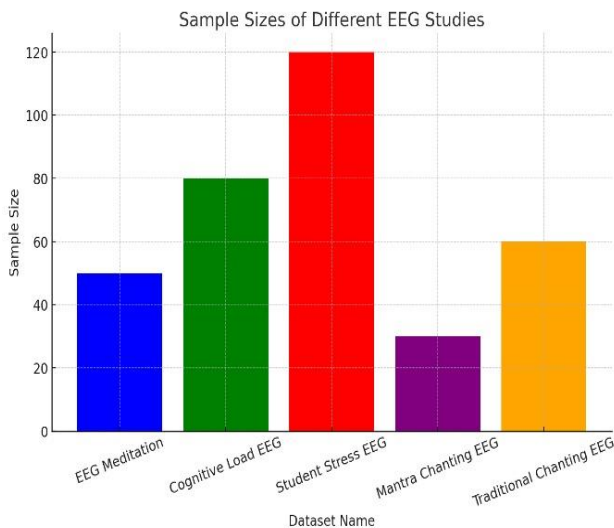


Figure 4 Comparison of Sample Sizes in EEG-Based Stress and Cognitive Studies

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The findings reviewed in the paper emphasize the multifaceted benefits of mantra meditation—from cognitive enhancements and stress reduction to broader physiological improvements. The robust evidence provided by EEG analyses, machine learning classification methods, and integrated assessment techniques highlights the need for larger, more diverse studies. Future research should aim to standardize methodologies and further integrate emerging technologies to deepen our understanding of the long-term neurobiological mechanisms underpinning these benefits.

Conclusion

The review consolidates existing research on the cognitive, psychological, and physiological benefits of mantra meditation and related spiritual practices. Findings suggest that mantra chanting positively

influences mental health by reducing stress, enhancing cognitive function, and promoting emotional resilience. EEG and machine learning studies provide robust evidence supporting the neurobiological mechanisms underlying these benefits. Traditional practices such as Yagya and Vishnu Sahasranama chanting further demonstrate therapeutic potential, emphasizing the interplay between spirituality and science in mental health interventions. However, methodological limitations, including small sample sizes and variations in study protocols, necessitate further research to establish standardized guidelines for mantra-based therapies. Future studies should explore the integration of mantra meditation with emerging technologies, such as real-time EEG monitoring and artificial intelligence-driven analysis, to optimize its therapeutic applications. Additionally, longitudinal research assessing the sustained impact of mantra chanting on neuroplasticity and physiological health could provide deeper insights into its role in contemporary wellness practices. By bridging ancient wisdom with modern neuroscience, mantra meditation holds promise as a viable and scientifically validated tool for enhancing mental and emotional well-being.

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