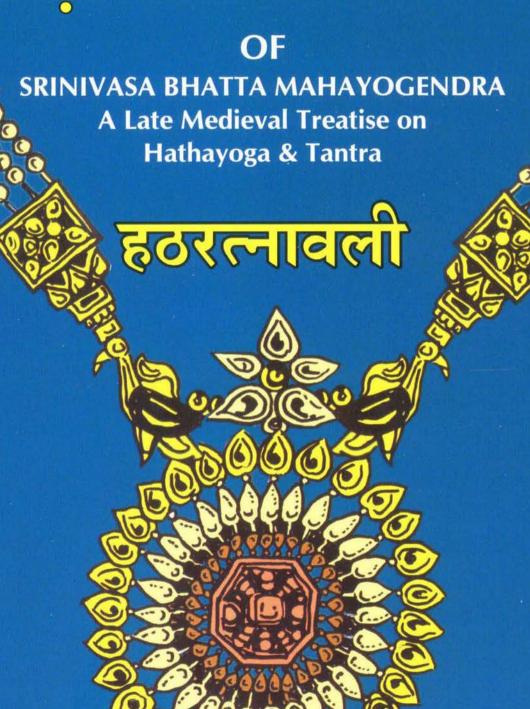
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While describing the *Yogic* and *Tantric* techniques, the author also refers to the old traditions like Vasistha, Yajnavlakya, Suta, Dattatreya, Charpati, Matsyendra and Gorakha etc, and gives new information like *sankete* and techniques, which are not commonly known in *Hatha Pradipika, Gherenda Samhita* and *Shiva Samshita*.

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He has contributed Tele-yoga Programs in Television and Internet. Prof. Reddy has been appointed as Yoga Therapist to H.E. the Governor of A.P. first of its kind in the Indian Yoga field. He had attended yoga workshops at Italy (1989) and as a guest speaker in Japan (1990).

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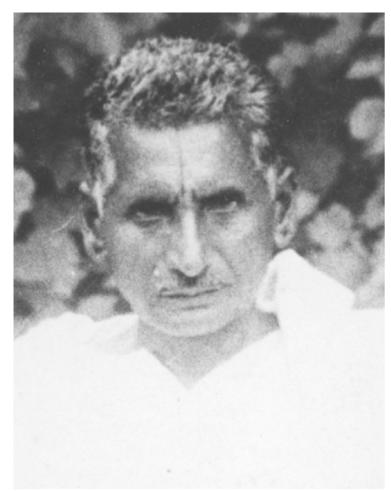
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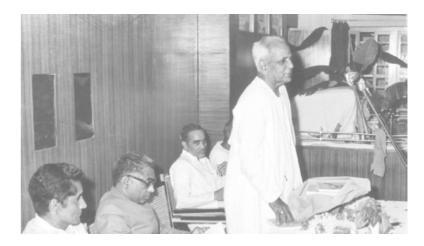
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One of the achievements of this text "Hatharatnavali" is its selection for TKDL (Traditional Knowledge Digital Library) patent rights for yoga project among 13 oriental yoga literary works across India. We are grateful to the National Institute of Science Communication and Information resources, Council of Scientific & Industrial Research and Dept of AYUSH, Govt. of India for this selection in this context.

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FOREWORD BY SRI, RAMANANDA YOGI THE FIRST EDITION

I have great pleasure in introducing Sri. M. Venkata Reddy who is associated with me, since 1975. I am glad that he has been able to publish

Hatharatnavali, one of the authoritative treatises on Hathayoga. Hatharatnavali by Srinivasabhattamahayogindra contains the essence of the science of Yoga. To edit such work needs a great deal of patient study, critical evaluation and deep insight into the principles and techniques of Yoga. He has, by doing so, rendered great service to the cause of Indian Yogic system.

Sri M. Venkata Reddy is the first Yoga Sadhaka to attempt a critical study of *Hathavogic* Philosophy discussing the different texts like Hathapradipika, Gherandasamhita and Sivasamhita with rare discrimination. Some of the unique techniques which were being followed from generations have disappeared from the present Yogic field due to various factors. For instances, Antaranauli which is not known to many is being practised by me, which can also be practised by the old people even by sitting in a chair.

One of the important aspects of Sri Reddy's study is Svatmarama, the well-known author of Hathapradipika as Atmarama. He concludes that both the names represent the same person; thus, making this study often most interesting and thoughtprovoking. Another speciality of Sri Reddy's work is the inclusion in his discussion of Ayurvedic thought in Hatharatnavali.

Some of the central concepts of the text have been thoroughly examined and an attempt is made to show how Hatharatnavali differs from other Hathayogic texts. The editor refers to several authors and works including rare manuscripts. In the process of editing, much new materials is brought to light. The work is, therefore, a valuable contribution to the literature on Yoga. The study is informative, factual and lucid.

This unique comparative study on the *Hathayogic* texts is produced by Sri M. Venkata Reddy for the students to master the basic tenets of Yoga. A rare book for the Sadhakas!

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Ramanandayogi Director,

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PREFACE TO THE SECOND EDITION

After a pretty long gap the second edition of the "Hatharatnavali" is now in the hands of yoga lovers. There is a great demand for the same, from within and outside the country. However, due to some circumstances, we were not able to meet this demand of our readers. I am now happy that, having overcome our handicaps, we have now been able to present to our readers the second edition of the publication.

While bringing out this edition, I have tried to remove some anomalies which came to our notice after the publication of the previous edition. Some of the noval items of the present edition are (1) A critical appraisal of the text (2) Transliteration (3) Figures of yogic practices (4) summary of the text (5) Hathapradipika - Hatharatnavali with reference to Yogarotna pradipika (MS) (6) List of health and diseases in HR (7) some more Asanas other sources and (8) Glossary etc.

A pure or real yoga is originated by "YOGA SASTR". There is the frequently noticed diluted Yoga, adulterated Yoga or faulty Yoga techniques in daily T.V. in of English Hindi, Telugu Languages of Electronic Media. Hence the yogasadhako's are warmed about such diluted Yoga in any form.

The present book will be an important contribution to the revival of authentic and traditional Yoga.

I have also carried out a few corrections, whenever necessary in the text presented in the precvious edition.

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I now leave the present revised edition of "Hatarathnavali" in the hands of our esteemed/learned readers/Practioners to study, and digest. I request readers to enlighten us with their valuable suggestions for bringing further improvements in the text.

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Yours in the Service of Yoga Prof.M.Venkata Reddy

PREFACE TO THE FIRST EDITION

There are books and books on Yoga. Some are written by Yogis from India. Others by authors from the Western countries who have emphasized mostly the applied aspects of Yoga and have deviated form the tradition as it originated in India. *Atmarama's Hathapradipika* which claims to have explained all yogic practices has left out many *Tantric* Techniques. The *Gherandasamhita* fares no better in this respect. The *Hatharatnavali* treatise sheds light on the *tantric* aspects of Yoga. Another special feature of this text is that it describes the largest number of Asanas so far published.

It is surprising that such an important treatise of Yoga still remains unpublished and is scattered in MS form all over the country. The present study is based on a collection of MSS from several parts of India which constitute the unpublished *Hatharatnavali*. For almost eight years I made a thorough research into all available manuscripts on Yoga and held discussions with many scholars on Yoga. The result is the present authoritative version of *Hatharatnavali* with the original text in Sanskrit along with an English translation and explanatory notes wherever necessary.

Incidentally, this research led me into another area of yogic studies. I am now compiling the contribution of Andhra to Yoga literature, which is a critical survey on the manuscripts, inscriptions and sculptures related to the temples of A.P. which includes the lives of more than 200 Yogins of Andhra.

There is great demand for classical Yogic treatises which alone can clear the confusion that still prevails amongst *Yogasadhakas* mainly in relation to classical Yoga as against applied Yoga.

A number of students from different disciplines are being attracted to Yogic studies. This study traces the origin, exposition, evolution and development of each aspect of Yoga up to *Hatharatnavali* keeping in view the demands, not only historical but also of doctrinal exposition. This treatise is intended to be a reference volume to diploma and degree students in Yoga. The elaborate introduction and critical notes are prepared keeping their requirements in view. Apart from implicit internal criticism, the reader will find here critical estimates of the subject. Each topic is allowed to speak for itself as best it can. It is open to the reader to draw his own conclusions.

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After a brief account of the title of *Hatharatnavali* the detailed account of manuscript material, its date, nativity of Srinivasabhatta, his works, shortcomings, Yamas and Niyama are given in a concise manner. Then follows the expositions of Srinivasa's predecessors, contemporaries and successors which will ensure a historical perspective on Hatha Yogins. One of the highlights of this collection is the material on Atmarama, author of *Hathapradipika*, in relation to his works and followers. He was an Andhra Saivite.

This collection discusses historically the philosophy of Samkhya pre-Pathanjali Yoga, and the concept of Hatha. The next chapter is concerned with what may be called the living traditions in Yoga, the various standpoints of Tantra in relation to the Hatha Yogic concept in day-to-day life which are mostly misunderstood. The last chapter is concerned with Ayurvedic thought in *Hatharatnavali*. There is renewed interest about Yoga, it may recalled, in relation to Ayurveda all over the world.

The readers are warned that some of these techniques should not be practised on their own. If not done properly, these may affect their health adversely. I have come across a number of such cases. It is better to practise Yoga under a proper guide.

But for the infinite grace and inspiration of my most revered father who was the be all and end all of my life, it would not have been possible for this monograph of mine to see the light of the day. My father, late Sri M. Subbireddy was keenly interested in my work of editing this classic but I was not fortunate enough to finalize the manuscript during his lifetime. His death on 28.07.1979 left me alone but his memory unfailingly inspired me at all times. That is why this book is dedicated to the memory of my father. It is a humble offering.

The original text of the treatise is in Sanskrit. Its translation into English has been attempted here with the full consciousness of the present writer's own limitations in both these languages. Hence, scholars of these two languages will probably detect many errors committed in an overzealous but honest attempt to interpret ideas so punctiliously put in an ancient language and now translated into a modern one. There may be many shortcomings in it, such as numbering of slokas etc. Though I have made ready the Roman script of the entire text and photos of Asanas, I could not bring out the same in this edition. These will be included in the next edition.

For Srinivasa's special contribution the reader who is interested may refer to my article on "*Hatharatnavali* of Srinivasabhatta" in the Bulletin of the Indian Institute of History of Medicine, Hyderabad, Vol IX, 1979 pp-74-81. It is not included in the volume due to lack of space. The printing and production may not be of international standards which is due to my limited resources and for which I apologise. It is needless therefore to add that any omission or commission pointed out in this respect will be gratefully acknowledged and duly rectified in a subsequent edition.

The *Kaivalyadhama* authorities where I had my Yogic Education not only inspired but also encouraged me to publish this work and permitted me to utilize their published works as well rare collections of MSS which has enabled me to produce this work.

Tyagaraja, the great Telugu nadayogi says that a "number of divine souls have helped me, I have to acknowledge my debt to all these great people".

'Endaro Mahanbhavulu andariki vandanamulu'.

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ABBREVIATIONS

Manusc	ripts	Published Works		
ASY	Amrutasiddhiyoga Anu	Amrutan	Amrutanadopanishad	
HD	Hathadipika	AS	Ahibrudhnya Samhita	
HP (J)	Hathapradipika MsNo.6756 deposited in RORI			
HPM	Hathapradipikamanjari	AYS	Ashtangayogasaram	
HS	Hathasruti	BYS	Brhadyogasopana	
HSC	Hathasanketachandrika	Ch.s	Charaka Samhita	
HTK	Hathatvakaumudi	DBU	Dhyanabindupanishad	
KCMT Kalachakramulatantra		DU	Darsanaopanishad	
KCWII K	alachaktamalatama	EY	Encyclopedia of Yoga	
KK	Kapalakurantakayoga	GhS	Gheranda Samhita	
IXIX	Каранскатаника уода	GS	Goraksa Sataka	
KY	Kriyayoga	GSS	GoraksaSiddhanta Samgraha	
	Iahakaala Yogastra	GDD	Goraksus kamanta samgrana	
NP	Nathotpattiprakaranam	HP	Hathapradipika	
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	sastrasangraha	HR	Hatharatnavali	
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		HY	Hathayoga	
RT Rajatarala		HYP	Hathayogapranali	
RYS Rajayoga saram)Hathayogapradipika	
SP Shodasa Pranayama		J	Jyotsna	
		JР	Jagapradipika	
SSR	Siddhanta Sekhara	JU	Jabaladarsanopanishad	
SYCRS S	Sivayogachintaratnasamgraha			
SYD	Sivayogadarpana	JSS	Sutasamhita Jnana Kandha	
SYS	Sivayogasaram (Tel)	KKKK	Kavikavyakalakalpana	
	, ,	KP	Kumbhka paddhati	
		LY	Light on Yoga	
TBY	Tattavabinduyoga	LYS	Layayogasamhita	
	, <u>,</u>	MS	Matsyendra Samhita	
VD	Varnadeepika	MBU	Mandala Brahmanopanishad	
VSS	Vamacharasiddhanta San:			
YBHR	Yogabhashya	NNC	Navanatha Charitra (Tel)	
	Hatharatnavali	PHS	Parahita Samhita	
YB	Yoga Bhaskara	PS	Patanjali Sutra	
YCM	Yoga Chintamani	PTR	Paratatvarasayanam (Tel)	
YD	Yogadipika	SAU	Sandilyaopanishad	
YP	Yogaprabhavam (Tel)	SKS	Satkarma Sangraha	
YRP	Yogaratnapradipika	SS	Siva Samhita	
YS	Yogasastram (Dattatreya)	SSP	Siddha Siddhanta Paddati	
YT	YOgatantram	SVS SanariVisweswarasam-vadam (Tel) Smriti Sandarbhe Visvamitrasmriti		
	SSV			
	SYP		pradipika	
	VS	Vasistha		

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YSC Yoga Siddhanta Chandrika

YK Yogakarnika

YMP Yogamargaprakasika YB Yukta Bhavadeva YV Yogasana Vijnana YY Yoga Yajnavalkya

YKS Yogakosa (Kaivalyadhama)

YU Yogopanishads

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BIIHM Bulletin of Indian Institute of History of Medicine, Hyderabad.

IARP International Association for Religion and Parapsychology, Tokyo.

IJMS Indian Journal of Medical Science, New Delhi.

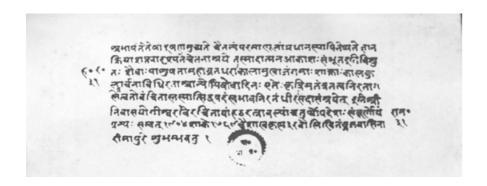
MMPP Maharaja Mansingh Pustak Prakash, Jodhpur.

RORI Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute, Jodhpur.

SIK Spiritual India and Kundalini, New Delhi.

YA Yoga Awareness, Sagar. YL Yogalife, Pondicherry. YM Yoga Mimamsa Lonavla.

YOGA Bihar School of Yoga, Monghyr.



The facsimile of the last page of MS.No.1 (b) available in Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute, Jodhpur. This is the earliest of the four Manuscript utilized for this critical edication. It gives the date as samvat 1904 1769 corresponding to 1848 A.D.

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INTRODUCTION

SUMMARY OF THE TEXT

SRINIVASA BHATTA, Hatharatnavali

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The present summary has been prepared on the basis of Reddy 1982, the edition.

From the second introductory verse it appears that the author was a versatile scholar. He was the son of Timmaya and Somamba. He composed works on Nyaya and Vedanta also. He was an inhabitant of Tirabhukti, in the Andhra State.

The present work is based on the work was composed some time in the seventeenth century. *Hathayogapradipika* and the like, it contains a few unique views. It enumerates two kinds of *Niyamas*, mental and bodily, which is not found in any other well-known work on yoga. In addition to the six purificatory acts (*karman*) usually prescribed in Hathayoga works, it prescribes two more, namely *cakri* and *gajakarani*.

BOOK ONE

- I.1-4 (ET 1-2) After saluting Adinatha, the author says that Hathayoga, which is means to Rajayoga, was known to Matsyendra, Goraksa and others.
- I.5-8 (ET 2-3) Several definitions of yoga are given and *mahayoga* is defined as the inhibition of the fluctuations of awareness with the remark that *mahayoga* has four stages Mantrayoga, Layayoga, Rajayoga and Hathayoga.
- I.9-24 (ET 3-8) Descriptions of the above mentioned four yogas are given here, vies of other teachers are also quoted at a few places.
- I.25-55 (ET 8-18) The eight purificatory acts, namely (i) *cakri* (process of cleaning the anus), (ii) *nauli* (rotating the abdomen), (iii) *dhauti* (swallowing a piece of cloth), (iv) *neti* (a means for cleansing the nose), (v) *basti* (a means for cleaning the abdomen), (vi) *gajakarani* (a process of vomiting), (vii) *trotana or trataka* (a practice for strengthening the eye),

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and (viii) *mastakabhati* (also called *kapalabhati*) (a kind of breathing exercise) are described and the view of the *Hathayogapradipika* about the number of purificatory acts is criticized. Alternative process and subdivisions of some of these acts have also been shown.

I.56-66 (ET 18-20) The effects of all these acts, especially the purification of the vital centers by these process, are stated.

I.67-79 (ET 21-24) The proper residing places of a follower of Hathayoga, the food to be taken or avoided, the process of eating, factors that are helpful (e.g., steadiness, perseverance) and harmful (e.g., overeating, over-exertion) to yoga practice are stated here.

I.80-87 (ET 20-27) A list of the teachers of Hatha Yoga is given here and it is remarked that some teachers are not in favor of prescribing means other than breath – control for the eradication of impurities

BOOK TWO

II.1-32 (ET 28-36) A detailed description of the process of practising eight (or nine according to some) kinds of yogic breathing, namely *bhastrika*, *bhatamari*, *suryabheda*, *ujjayi*, *sitali*, *murcha*, *sitkara*, *kevala and bhrangakarani* (the ninth) has been given here mentioning the general as well as the specific results of each with the process of inhaling, exhaling, and retaining air.

II.33-148 (ET 37-66) A detailed description is given of the process of practising the ten bodily exercises. The view of *Hathayogapradipika* about the practice of *vajroli mudra* has been refuted. A few authoritative texts and the views of some teachers have been quoted. The author propounds his own view about the technique of the *khecari mudra* (II.126) at the time of dealing with the *sakticalana mudra*.

BOOK THREE

III. 1-3 (ET 67) The chapter deals with the eight auxiliaries to yoga. An enumeration of mental vows, namely serenity of mind, contentment, silence, etc. and of bodily observances, namely bathing, cleanliness, etc. is given here.

III.4-40 (ET 68-76) Yogic postures, which bring about steadiness and lightness, and which are adopted by Vasistha, Matsyendra, and others, are said to be the first accessory to Hatha Yoga. Out of eighty – four postures (described by Siva), ten are important; the most important of theses are four, namely *siddha*, *padma*, *simha* and *bhadra* (described here) and among these *siddha* is regarded as the best.

III. 41-77 (ET 76-87) The process of practising twenty-six postures (namely *mayura*, etc.) is given here in detail.

III.78-99 (ET 87-93) At first the general results of yogic breathing have been stated. The purification of the channels and the manifestation of the secret sound (*nada*) are the chief results of breath – control. The

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