



Loving kindness meditation on self confidence among players

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Abstract

The purpose of the present study was to investigate the effect of loving kindness meditation on self confidence among cricket players. To achieve the purpose of the study thirty men players were selected from Karaikudi, Tamilnadu, India during the year 2018. The subject's age ranges from 18 to 25 years. The selected subjects were divided into two equal groups consists of 15 players each namely experimental group and control group. The experimental group underwent a loving kindness meditation programme for six weeks. The control group was not taking part in any training during the course of the study. Self-confidence was taken as criterion variable in this study. The selected subjects were tested on Self-confidence was measured through the self-confidence inventory. Pre-test was taken before the training period and post- test was measured immediately after the six week training period. Statistical technique 't' ratio was used to analyse the means of the pre-test and post test data of experimental group and control group. The results revealed that there was a significant difference found on the criterion variable. The difference is found due to loving kindness meditation given to the experimental group on Self-confidence when compared to control group.

Keywords: loving kindness meditation, self-confidence and 't' ratio.

Introduction

The sports training can produce some physical fitness, Physiological and psychological benefits to the person and attain performance related task. Yoga is a great soul of the Universe. It can promote the social well-being through limbs of yoga (Asanas, Pranayama, Kriyas, Mudras and Meditations). To practising yoga regularly it can make you into sound body and sound mind. Yoga is the costless permanent treatment for more diseases, alaguraja, k^[1]. It is a practical holistic philosophy designed to bring about profound state as well is an integral subject, which takes into Consideration man as a whole, alaguraja, k. *et al*^[2].

One can start practicing Yoga at any given moment of time and you may start with meditation or directly with pranayama without even doing the asanas (postures), alaguraja, k. *et al*,^[3]. The science of Yoga Nidra is based on the receptivity of consciousness. When consciousness is operating with the intellect and with all the senses, by making an individual think that he or she is awake and aware, but the mind is actually less receptive and more critical, yoga, p. *et al*,^[4]. Training is a chain process that can be able to attain certain needs of the person's goal, alaguraja, k^[5]. In the sports world, physical education is the most essential aspect due to the fact physical schooling increases the performance and the effectiveness of the sports, alaguraja, k. *et al*,^[6]. Today, sports have become a part and parcel of our culture. It is being influenced and does influence all our social institutions including education, economics, arts, politics, law, mass communication and even international diplomacy, alaguraja, k. *et al*,^[7]. The sports training can produce some physical fitness, Physiological and psychological benefits to the person and attain performance related task. It's also promoting the individual overall wealth to the sports person, alaguraja, k.^[8]. Yoga is a methodical effort towards self-perfection by the development of the potentialities latent in the individual,

alaguraja, k. *et al*,^[9]. Today's there is an escalating emphasis on appearing smarter, feeling better and living longer. In order to achieve these ideals as, scientific evidence tells us that one of the keys is high fitness and exercises, alaguraja, k. *et al*,^[10]. Asanas is a limb of Yoga practice it can make some health related gains to the individual who involved in yogasana practice regularly. Asanas can be used upon the needs of the person. It's a scientific process the person must be follow the basic principles yogasana practice, alaguraja, k.^[11]. Yoga is a practical aid, not a religion and its techniques may be practiced by Buddhist, Jews, Christians, Muslims, Hindus and Atheist alike. Yoga is union for all, selvakumar, k. *et al*,^[12]. Yogic action, or inner technique, such as breath control, parthasarathy, s. *et al*,^[13].

Research Methodology

Selection of subjects

The purpose of the study was to find out the loving kindness meditation on Self confidence among men cricket players. To achieve this purpose of the study, thirty men cricket players were selected as subjects at random. The age of the subjects were ranged from 18 to 25 years.

Selection of variable

Independent variable

- Loving Kindness Meditation

Dependent variable

- Self confidence

Experimental design and implementation

The selected subjects were divided into two equal groups of fifteen subjects each, such as a loving kindness meditation group

(Experimental Group) and control group. The experimental group underwent loving kindness meditation for six days per week for six weeks. Control group, which they did not undergo any special training programme apart from their regular physical activities as per their curriculum. The following psychological variable namely Self-confidence was selected as criterion variable. All the subjects of two groups were tested on selected criterion variable Self-confidence was measured through the self-confidence inventory at prior to and immediately after the training programme.

Statistical technique

The ‘t’ test was used to analysis the significant differences, if any, difference between the groups respectively.

Level of significance

The 0.05 level of confidence was fixed to test the level of significance which was considered as an appropriate.

Analysis of the data

The significance of the difference among the means of the experimental group was found out by pre-test. The data were analysed and dependent ‘t’ test was used with 0.05 levels as confidence.

Table 1: Analysis of t-ratio for the pre and post-tests of experimental and control group on Self confidence (Scores in number)

Variables	Group	Mean		SD		df	‘t’ ratio
		Pre	Post	Pre	Post		
Self Confidence	Control	73.60	73.86	7.63	7.65	14	0.67
	Experimental	73.73	82.80	9.70	9.18		

*Significance at .05 level of confidence.

The Table-I shows that the mean values of pre-test and post-test of the control group on Self-confidence were 73.60 and 73.86 respectively. The obtained ‘t’ ratio was 0.67, since the obtained ‘t’ ratio was less than the required table value of 2.14 for the significant at 0.05 level with 14 degrees of freedom it was found to be statistically insignificant. The mean values of pre-test and post-test of the experimental group on Self-confidence were 73.73 and 82.20 respectively. The obtained ‘t’ ratio was 11.06* since the obtained ‘t’ ratio was greater than the required table value of 2.14 for significance at 0.05 level with 14 degrees of freedom it was found to be statistically significant. The result of the study showed that there was a significant difference between control group and experimental group in Self-confidence. It may be concluded from the result of the study that experimental group improved in Self-confidence due to six weeks of loving kindness meditation.

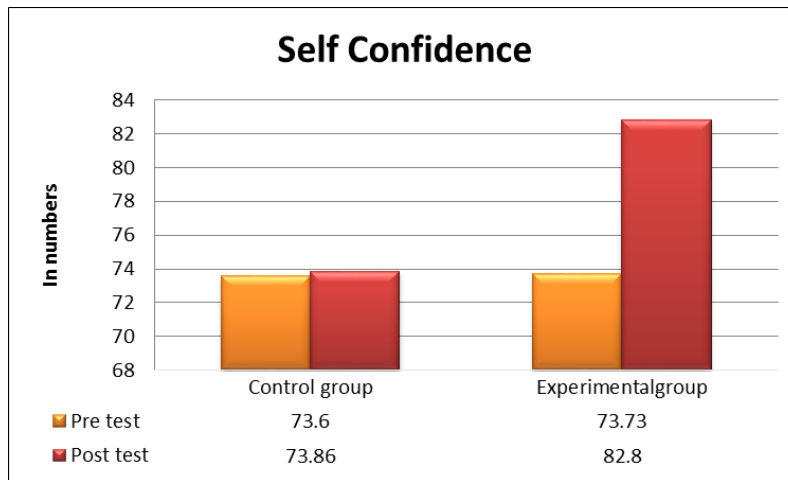


Fig 1: Bar Diagram Showing the Pre and Post Mean Values of Experimental and Control Group on Self confidence

Discussions on Findings

The result of the study indicates that the experimental group, namely loving kindness meditation group had significantly improved the selected dependent variable, namely Self-confidence, when compared to the control group. It is also found that the improvement caused by loving kindness meditation when compared to the control group.

Conclusion

On the basis of the results obtained the following conclusions are drawn,

1. There was a significant difference between experimental and control group on Self-confidence after the training period.
2. There was a significant improvement in Self-confidence. However the improvement was in favor of experimental group due to six weeks of loving kindness meditation.

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