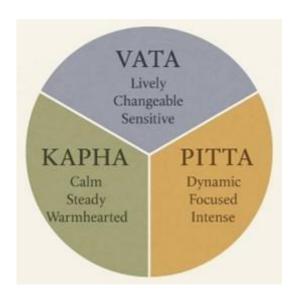
## Ayurveda-Compendium

# Ayurveda & ADHD in adults

# A holistic path to inner calm, focus & balance



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#### ★ 1. Introduction – Overstimulation, Movement, and Reconnection

In Western systems, adult ADHD is often linked to a deficit in functioning – seen as a disorder, a neurological imbalance, a deviation from the "norm focus." But in Ayurveda, the perspective is different: Here, ADHD is not pathologized – but understood as an expression of increased *Vāta* energy.

 $V\bar{a}ta$  represents movement, sensitivity, speed, and creativity – but also dispersion, instability, and exhaustion when out of balance. A chronically activated  $V\bar{a}ta$  – fueled by sensory overload, lack of sleep, pressure, irregular routines, or missing grounding – leads not only to physical tension in Ayurveda, but also to mental fragmentation:

- Thoughts flicker before they can settle.
- Stimuli hit an open system unfiltered.
- Focus dissolves before it can align.
- The power of intuition gets lost in inner restlessness.

This compendium does not invite you to correct yourself – but to remember. Not to fight your nature – but to find the rhythm in which it can unfold safely. A rhythm that doesn't aim for functionality, but for connection. That doesn't discipline – but holds. That doesn't accelerate – but centers.

Through the support of herbs, touch, breath, sound, movement, and quiet attention, a space can emerge in which you no longer need to react – but can begin to feel yourself again. Because ADHD is not only a way of processing stimuli. It is also a way of perceiving the soul – which needs space, structure, and respect.

What you call restlessness is often just the echo of a system longing for order.

## ★ 2. Signs & Causes – The Ayurvedic Understanding of ADHD

When the body has already begun to react – while the mind is still searching. Restlessness often doesn't begin in the mind, but in the system: in the breath, in the tension, in the lack of grounding. What we experience as difficulty concentrating, impulsivity, or sensory hypersensitivity is, from an Ayurvedic perspective, a sign of overactive  $V\bar{a}ta$  (the principle of movement) – especially within the Manovaha Srotas (the system of mental and neural pathways) and the subtle control systems of the mind  $(Pr\bar{a}na\ V\bar{a}ta,\ Ud\bar{a}na\ V\bar{a}ta)$ .

The symptoms are not a personality disorder – but a disturbance in subtle regulation. What we feel – the flickering focus, the reaction before thought, the constant sense of "too much" – is a message: "Something in me is seeking grounding."

This chapter invites you to view ADHD not as a deficit – but as **an excess of energy without direction**. As the expression of a system deeply longing for regulation – not through discipline, but through **touch**, **structure**, **rhythm**. The focus is not on functionality, but on connection to yourself. Not control – but **co-regulation**.

# Healing begins where you stop adapting – and start understanding.

#### Typical signs:

- Inner restlessness, racing or jumping thoughts
- Sensitivity to stimuli especially to light and sound
- Trouble concentrating, drifting attention
- Chronic tension, sleep disturbances
- High creativity coupled with exhaustion

#### **Ayurvedic causes:**

- Increased *Vāta* in the *Manovaha Srotas* (mental channel system)
- Weakened *Ojas* (life essence, systemic resilience)
- Lack of *Snehana* (nourishing care and self-attention)
- Mental overload, lack of rhythm

Äyurveda does not fight – it balances.

## **★** 3. Healing Herbs & Herbal Tea Blend for Mental Stability

When the nervous system is overloaded, the mind loses its center – thoughts begin to jump, stimuli become overwhelming, and inner restlessness spreads. In  $\bar{A}$ yurveda, this is a classical sign of disturbed  $V\bar{a}ta$  – particularly in the areas of  $Pr\bar{a}na$   $V\bar{a}ta$  (subdosha for mental activity and sensory perception) and  $Viy\bar{a}na$   $V\bar{a}ta$  (subdosha for circulating impulses throughout the body).

This form of inner instability affects not only thinking, but deeper layers: the *Majjā Dhātu* (nerve and bone marrow tissue) is weakened, the formation of *Ojas* (life essence and psychological stability) is reduced, and the *Manovaha Srotas* (the subtle channel system of the mind) loses clarity and flow.

This condition is especially common in adults with ADHD: Thoughts circle, focus dissolves, inner restlessness and emotional overload alternate. What helps in such moments is not stimulation – but deep nourishment, grounding, and calming care: through herbs that center the mind, strengthen the nervous tissue, and clear the inner space.

These plants are called *Medhya Rasāyanas* in Āyurveda – rejuvenating tonics for the mind. They enhance memory, concentration, and inner alignment without sedation. Instead, they nourish – subtly, deeply, and consistently.

#### **♦** Recommended Herbs:

- **Aśvagandhā** (*Withania somnifera*) strengthens and soothes the nervous system, reduces stress and exhaustion
- **Brāhmī** (*Bacopa monnieri*) enhances focus, clarity, and memory
- Śaṅkhapuṣpī (*Convolvulus pluricaulis*) calms mental unrest, dissolves cognitive tension
- Gotu Kola (Centella asiatica) regenerates Majjā Dhātu, strengthens Ojas
- **Tulsi** (*Ocimum sanctum*) adaptogenic, supports heart and breath, promotes emotional centering
- **Jatāmāmsī** (Nardostachys jatamansi) grounding, anti-anxiety, sleep-promoting

#### **♦** Suggested Tea Blend:

- 1 part Aśvagandhā
- 1 part Brāhmī
- ½ part Śankhapuṣpī
- ½ part Tulsi
- ¼ part Jatāmāmsī (use sparingly, as it is potent)

#### **♦** Preparation:

Pour approx. 300 ml of hot water over 1 teaspoon of the blend, cover, and let steep for 8–10 minutes.

Drink slowly, mindfully – preferably in the evening or during moments of inner fragmentation.

A drop of *Ghee* (clarified butter) may be added to further harmonize *Vāta*.

#### **♦ Dosage, Timing & Effect Profile**

## **Obsage recommendation:**

1–2 cups daily – always freshly brewed. Do not leave standing for hours. Optionally, add ghee or warm plant milk for added softness.

#### Ideal times:

- Afternoon (2–5 p.m.): for mental restlessness, hyperactivity, or nervousness
- Evening (8–9 p.m.): to prepare for sleep, gather inwardly & support regeneration

#### **Effect profile at a glance:**

- ✓ Calms *Prāṇa Vāta & Viyāna Vāta* (mental activity & nerve impulses)
- ✓ Nourishes *Majjā Dhātu* (nervous tissue) and promotes psychological stability
- ✓ Supports the formation of *Ojas* (vital essence, immunity, emotional resilience)
- ✓ Enhances concentration, mental structure, and emotional self-awareness
- ✓ Gently promotes reconnection with your inner center without sedation

Tip: This tea blend is ideal as a gentle evening ritual – with mindful drinking, perhaps in dim light or accompanied by a short breathing practice.

Not as a "solution" – but as a gesture: "I take care of my mind – gently."

#### **♦** Ayurvedic Herb Characterization – Tea for Mental Stability

#### Each plant includes:

- Rasa (taste)
- *Vīrya* (energetic/thermal effect)
- *Vipāka* (post-digestive effect)
- Dosha action
- Note on its effect on Dhātus/Subdoshas

#### 1. Aśvagandhā (Withania somnifera)

- Rasa: sweet, bitter
- *Vīrya*: heating
- Vipāka: sweet
- Doṣa: ↓ Vāta, ↓ Kapha
- Effect: strengthens the nervous system, reduces stress, promotes grounding
- Dhātu/Subdoṣa: strengthens Majjā Dhātu, nourishes Ojas, stabilizes Prāṇa Vāta

#### 2. Brāhmī (Bacopa monnieri)

- Rasa: bitter, sweet
- *Vīrya*: cooling
- Vipāka: sweet
- *Doṣa*: ↓ Vāta, ↓ Pitta
- Effect: improves memory, concentration, and mental clarity
- Dhātu/Subdoṣa: acts on Manovaha Srotas, calms Prāṇa Vāta, strengthens Majjā and Rasa Dhātu

#### 3. Śankhapuṣpī (Convolvulus pluricaulis)

- Rasa: bitter, slightly sweet
- *Vīrya*: cooling
- Vipāka: sweet
- *Doṣa*: ↓ Vāta, ↓ Pitta
- Effect: anti-anxiety, promotes mental calmness, reduces emotional overload
- Dhātu/Subdoṣa: strengthens Majjā Dhātu, harmonizes Manas Doṣa and Udāna Vāta

#### 4. Gotu Kola (Centella asiatica)

- *Rasa*: bitter, sweet
- Vīrya: cooling
- Vipāka: sweet
- *Dosa*: ↓ Vāta, ↓ Pitta
- Effect: regenerates nerves, supports mental stamina and emotional balance
- Dhātu/Subdoṣa: nourishes Majjā and Rasa Dhātu, balances Prāṇa Vāta, strengthens Ojas

#### 5. Tulsi (Ocimum sanctum)

- Rasa: pungent, bitter
- *Vīrya*: heating
- Vipāka: pungent
- *Doṣa*: ↓ Kapha, ↓ Vāta, ↑ Pitta (in high doses)
- Effect: adaptogenic, opens respiratory pathways, balances emotions
- Dhātu/Subdoṣa: supports Udāna Vāta, strengthens Majjā, harmonizes Prāṇa Vāta

#### 6. Jatāmāmsī (Nardostachys jatamansi)

- Rasa: bitter, astringent
- Vīrya: cooling
- Vipāka: pungent
- *Doṣa*: ↓ Vāta, ↓ Pitta
- Effect: deeply calming, sleep-promoting, anti-anxiety
- *Dhātu/Subdoṣa*: nourishes and stabilizes *Majjā Dhātu*, soothes *Manas*, harmonizes *Prāṇa Vāta*

#### • Summary:

This herbal combination works to:

- Regulate Vāta especially Prāṇa and Viyāna Vāta
- Strengthen the nervous system by nourishing *Majjā Dhātu*
- Center the mind by soothing *Manas* and clarifying subtle pathways
- Promote Ojas stabilizing, strengthening, and protective for mind & body

**¼ Ideal for**: mental fragmentation, hyperactivity, sleep disorders, nervous exhaustion, emotional withdrawal, or inner disintegration.

## **★ 4. Nutrition & Spices – Rhythm on the Plate**

What fragments the nervous system can be reconnected through food.

Ayurveda in the context of ADHD doesn't mean "eat less" – but rather "nourish more consciously." Food should calm, structure, and center – not overstimulate or distract.

#### Vāta-dominant individuals (as many adults with ADHD are) especially benefit from:

- regular, warm meals
- sufficient healthy fats
- well-spiced, cooked foods
- reduced sensory stimulation during meals

## Spices with Calming & Nourishing Effects

These spices help stabilize **Vāta**, enhance digestion, and simultaneously calm the nervous system:

Spice Effect on Vāta & Nervous System

Cumin warms, relieves bloating, calms the gut – helpful for inner

restlessness

**Fennel seeds** mildly sweet, digestive, soothing for the nerves

Coriander balancing, cooling, enhances sensory clarity

**Turmeric** anti-inflammatory, purifies the blood, mildly grounding

stimulates **Agni**, mobilizes sluggish energy without

**Ginger** (dried & fresh) irritating

**Ceylon Cinnamon** sweet-warming, balancing for emotional instability

Nutmeg (in small calms the nervous system, supports sleep – ideal for the

amounts!) evening

**Ajwain** (Carom seeds) reduces **Vāta** in stomach & gut, grounding during stress

eating

**Asafoetida** (Hing) strongly carminative, helpful in abdominal **Vāta** imbalances

## Dietary Recommendations for Vāta Balance & Mental Focus

#### **Supportive in ADHD** (from an Ayurvedic perspective):

- warm, cooked meals e.g. Kitchari, stews, soups
- high-quality fats: Ghee, sesame oil, omega-3-rich plant oils
- root vegetables (carrots, sweet potatoes, parsnips) grounding
- rice pudding with **Ghee**, saffron & nutmeg calming in the evening
- almonds (peeled, soaked), dates for Ojas building
- small, regular meals avoid fasting with ADHD
- herbal teas with **Brahmi**, **Tulsi**, fennel instead of coffee or black tea

#### **Less suitable** (Vāta-increasing or overstimulating):

- cold, raw foods (salads, muesli, raw vegetables)
- dry snacks (rice cakes, crackers, crispbread)
- excessive coffee, black tea, caffeinated drinks
- strong chili spices overstimulate Prāṇa Vāta
- very late or skipped meals destabilizes **Ojas**
- "snacking without grounding" eating without presence or connection

#### **♦** Small Everyday Integration Tips

- Start the day with warm water & a fennel-ginger infusion
- During stressful phases: golden milk (with **Ghee**, turmeric, nutmeg, plant milk)
- Treat eating as a ritual: no distractions, no multitasking
- Eat with your hands (if possible) to regulate sensory input through touch
- Pay attention to taste: sweet, mildly salty & warm foods soothe Vāta best

## ○ Nutrition is not just supply – it is communication with your system.

When you cook, don't just ask: "What do I need today?"

Also ask: "What does my nervous system need to become whole again?"

## **★** 5. Daily Rhythm – Structure as Gentle Medicine

ADHD is not just a matter of attention – but often a lack of rhythm.

A system constantly processing stimuli eventually loses its beat. And a mind that never gets to rest eventually loses itself. In **Ayurveda**, rhythm is not an external order – but an inner home. A reliable framework that calms **Vāta**, builds **Ojas**, and guides **Prāṇa** back into harmonious flow. With ADHD, what helps is not control – but gentle regularity.

Not rigid scheduling – but recurring gestures of care.

#### **♦** What Recurs Brings Stability

Principle	Effect on ADHD & Vāta
Consistent wake-up time	stabilizes the inner clock, reduces morning hypersensitivity
Warm main meals at set times	regulates digestion, supports $Sam\bar{a}na\ V\bar{a}ta$ & grounding
Rituals at the start & end of the day	calms <b>Udāna Vāta</b> , supports presence & sleep quality
Breathing or tea breaks between tasks	prevents overwhelm through structured pauses
Repetitive movements, fixed meal times, clear light cycles	synchronizes body, mind & hormone system

## **¥** Suggested Daily Rhythm for ADHD & Vāta Imbalance

Time	Suggestion	Effect
6:30–7:30 am	gentle awakening, warm water with fennel or ginger	activates <b>Agni</b> , grounds <b>Vāta</b>
8:00 am	warm breakfast (e.g., porridge with <b>Ghee</b> & cinnamon)	builds <b>Ojas</b> , centers the mind
9:00– 12:00 pm	focused tasks – in a clear, structured environment with breaks	harnesses <b>Vāta</b> creativity consciously
12:30 pm	main meal (warm, nourishing, with <b>Ghee</b> & spices)	stabilizes <b>Samāna Vāta</b>
1:30–3:00 pm	short rest or walking meditation	promotes integration rather than stimulation
3:30–5:30 pm	creative or social activities, light movement	maintains energy without overstimulation
6:30 pm	light dinner (sweet, warm, soft)	prepares the system for withdrawal
8:00–9:00 pm	oil ritual, herbal tea, humming or soft music	soothes <b>Prāṇa</b> & <b>Udāna Vāta</b>

TimeSuggestionEffect10:00 pmbedtime – without screens, but with scent, deep darkness & a sense of safetyOjas regeneration, deep relaxation

## It's not the schedule that heals – but the repetition.

Not discipline – but relationship to the present moment.

A stable daily rhythm reduces the need to constantly react.

It creates an inner "handrail" – a guide for the nervous system to reorient itself.

## ★ 6. Movement as Language – What the Body Reveals in ADHD

What cannot be calmed often just wants to be felt.

People with ADHD often experience movement in a paradoxical way: On one hand, there is a constant inner urge – to act, to respond, to run. On the other hand, what movement could actually offer is often missing: A sense of direction, breath, and center. In **Ayurveda**, especially with **Vāta dominance**, the goal is not exhaustion – but gentle, rhythmic movement that reconnects: Mind and body, breath and presence, outer and inner.

#### **♦** Forms of Movement That Soothe Rather Than Agitate:

- Walking meditation (barefoot, slow, in silence): grounds, reduces sensory overload, brings Prāṇa Vāta back into the feet
- **Slow yoga flows** (e.g., Moon Salutation, Pawanmuktāsana series): enhance breath awareness, release blockages, reduce **Vāta**
- **Balāsana** (Child's Pose): offers retreat, safety, calmness for an overstimulated system
- **Swaying, rocking, circling** (gently while sitting or standing): recalls early childhood regulation soothes **Udāna Vāta**
- Shoulder circles with breath focus:
   connects movement with awareness clears body and mind
- **Mini-movements with sound** (e.g., humming or So-Ham): support sensory integration, relax the forehead, open the heart

#### **♦ Effects of Rhythmic Movement:**

- reduces Prāṇa Vāta and Viyāna Vāta
- strengthens Majjā Dhātu (nervous tissue) through mindful mobilization
- harmonizes Manovaha Srotas (mental communication pathways)
- stabilizes Samāna Vāta supports internal coordination
- opens Srotas energetic and physical channels
- brings centering not through control, but through embodiment

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One step. One breath. One circle. And the body begins to call the mind home.

#### **♦** Ritual Suggestions for Daily Transitions:

- **Morning**: 3 conscious breaths + 1 drop of warm oil on the heart
- Midday: 5 minutes of walking meditation, focusing on the soles of the feet
- **Evening**: warm foot bath + tea with nutmeg, fennel & tulsi
- **Before sleep**: forehead oil with **Brahmī** + humming or sound (Bhrāmarī)

## ○ ADHD is not "too much" – but often a lack of connection.

Connection to time. To the body. To the inner place.

## **★** 7. Self-Massage (Abhyanga) – Calming Through Touch

In a world full of stimuli, touch is often the first thing to go missing – yet it is one of the most powerful tools in **Āyurveda** to center the mind and calm **Vāta** (the principle of movement). Especially in ADHD-related restlessness, inner fragmentation, and emotional disconnection, daily self-massage with warm oil acts like a gentle recall to the nervous system: *You are here. You are held.* 

Through the intentional oiling of the body – especially the abdomen, chest, neck, and feet – **Prāṇa Vāta** (mental activity), **Viyāna Vāta** (impulse distribution), and **Manovaha Srotas** (the subtle channels of the mind) are harmonized. The body is not merely cared for – it is **reminded**: of connection, rhythm, and inner safety.

#### **♦** Recommended Oil:

- Warm sesame oil nourishing, protective, reduces Vāta
- Optionally enriched with:
  - Aśvagandhā grounding and stabilizing
  - o **Jatāmāmsī** calms mind and nerves
  - o **Brahmī oil** enhances concentration and mental alignment

#### **♦** Instructions (Duration: 10–15 minutes):

#### 1. Preparation:

Gently warm the oil. Create an atmosphere of calm – no pressure, no distractions. Music? Only if it doesn't pull you outward.

#### 2. Application & Rubbing In:

Start at the **abdomen and solar plexus**, using slow, clockwise circular motions.

Move to neck, shoulders, sternum, then hands and feet.

Use the **flat of your hand**, rhythmically and slowly.

#### 3. Centering & Connection:

Place one hand on your **heart**, the other on your **belly**.

Feel. Breathe. Stay. Let **touch** lead you – not thought.

#### 4. Closing:

Wrap yourself in a towel or take a warm shower – but without rushing. Stay with yourself for a moment.

You may sense: You were never broken – only overwhelmed. Now something is reordering itself.

#### **♦ Effects:**

- Calms Prāṇa & Viyāna Vāta mental activity is grounded
- **Strengthens Manovaha Srotas** the mental guidance channels
- Supports Ojas resilience, inner stability, centering
- Nourishes Majjā Dhātu strengthens nerves & sensory integration

**? Tip:** Even if you only have 3 minutes – a single drop of warm oil over the **heart** or between the **shoulder blades** can work wonders. **Touch means:** *I am here. I perceive myself.* That is the first step out of sensory overwhelm – and back into inner presence.

## **★** 8. Grounding Exercises & Mental Centering

In ADHD, the nervous system is often overloaded – not because there's "too much" on the outside, but because there's too little integration on the inside. The mind jumps, and the body becomes restless. In such phases, intense workouts don't help – but **gentle**, **rhythmic movement** does. It regulates excess **Vāta**, nourishes **Majjā Dhātu** (nerve tissue), and restores the flow of **Prāṇa Vāta** (subdoṣa governing mental movement). **Āyurveda** recommends practices that combine body awareness, breath guidance, and inner axis stabilization. It's not about performance – it's about **connection**: to the earth, to the breath, and to your center.

#### **♦** Recommended Movement Practices:

- Seated Side Flow (gentle swaying)
  - Sit cross-legged, arms at your sides
  - Slowly sway your upper body left and right, synchronized with your breath
  - o Calms **Prāṇa Vāta**, centers the mind, stabilizes **Samāna Vāta**

#### Shoulder Rolls with Breath Focus

- Standing or seated, slowly roll both shoulders backward
- $\circ$  Inhale  $\rightarrow$  lift shoulders; Exhale  $\rightarrow$  lower and relax
- o Opens the chest, eases tension during inner restlessness

#### Child's Pose (Balāsana)

- Forehead on the floor or on a cushion, arms alongside the body
- o Breathe deeply into the back, especially between the shoulder blades
- o Calms the nervous system, nourishes Majjā Dhātu

#### • Supine Twist (Supta Matsyendrasana)

- o Lying on your back, let your knees fall to one side, arms extended
- o Gaze in the opposite direction, let the breath flow deeply
- o Promotes mental retreat, balances **Prāṇa & Viyāna Vāta**

#### Walking Meditation with Ground Contact

- o Barefoot, slow, silent focus on the soles of your feet and gravity
- o Optional: synchronize breath with a mantra (e.g., *So-ham*)
- Grounds, reduces sensory overload, guides from fragmentation into rhythm

#### **♦ Effects:**

- Regulates **Prāṇa** and **Viyāna Vāta** enhances clarity & inner calm
- Strengthens Majjā Dhātu supports nerve tissue, improves sensory processing
- Opens Srotas energetic and physical pathways
- Centers the mind guiding it back to the inner axis

**Tip:** You don't need a lot – but you need **consistency**. Choose a simple practice that touches you. Repeat it daily – as a small island of reconnection. In ADHD, it's not only **focus** that's "lost" – it's often the **rhythm** that would carry it. Movement becomes an invitation: *into your own tempo*.

#### ♦ Recommended Mini-Sequences (Mini-Flows)

Here are three flow sequences for adults with ADHD – gentle daily companions for **Vāta regulation**, mental centering, and inner reconnection. All practices are soft, short, and repeatable – ideal during overstimulation, mental jumpiness, or exhaustion.

#### ♦ Mini-Flow 1: *Morning Centering* (Duration: 5–7 minutes)

Goal: Arriving in the body, mental focus, grounding in your center

- 1. Sit upright place hands on belly and chest
- 2. 3 conscious breaths feel your body being supported
- 3. Gentle head tilt left/right (with breath) soft, without pulling
- 4. Shoulder rolls (5x) exhale with awareness
- 5. Balāsana (Child's Pose) rest for 1–2 minutes
  - $\rightarrow$  Close with a sentence like: "I am here. And that is enough."

#### **♦ Mini-Flow 2:** *Midday Pause* (Duration: 3–5 minutes)

Goal: Ease the nervous system, soften sensory load

- 1. Stand with eyes closed feel your feet, breathe
- 2. Place hands on heart and belly take 3 breaths
- 3. Gentle body swaying (forward/back or side to side)
  - $\rightarrow$  Like a plant in the wind soft, no control
- 4. Deep exhale with sound (e.g., humming or "Aah")
  - → End in silence place hands on your center

#### ♦ Mini-Flow 3: Evening Calm & Sleep Preparation (Duration: 5–8 minutes)

Goal: Calm Prāṇa Vāta, support sleep, relax nervous system

- 1. Lie on your back knees bent, arms relaxed
- 2. Gentle pelvic tilts very slowly (5–10x)
- 3. Breath visualization inhale up the spine, exhale down
- 4. Supine twist (Supta Matsyendrasana) 1–2 min per side
- 5. Place hands on heart and lower belly "I am allowed to let go."
  - → Optional: wrap up warmly and sip a calming herbal tea

**Note for all sequences:** These movements are **invitations**, not expectations. They don't work through effort – but through repetition, care, and presence.

## ★ 9. Breathing Practices – Calming the Mind, Centering the Body

In adult ADHD, it's not just the thoughts that race – the nervous system often shifts into "flight mode." The breath becomes shallow, the heart unsettled, the mind scattered. But  $\bar{A}$ yurveda knows: What seems fast on the outside is often exhausted on the inside. Especially in cases of elevated  $Pr\bar{a}$ ,  $V\bar{a}$  (subtle mental movement energy), it's not control that helps – but breathing that creates space. It soothes  $Majj\bar{a}$   $Dh\bar{a}$ tu (nervous tissue), clears the sensory channels, and gently calms  $V\bar{a}$ ta. These breathing exercises are not training – but listening. A soft return to yourself.

#### **♦** Recommended Breathing Exercises:

- Dirgha Prāṇāyāma Three-Part Breath
  - $\circ$  Inhale: belly → ribs → chest
  - o Exhale in reverse: chest → ribs → belly
    - → lengthens the breath rhythm, calms the autonomic nervous system
    - → strengthens **Samāna Vāta** coordination in the body's center
- Bhrāmarī Humming Bee Breath
  - Gentle humming exhale with closed lips
    - → calms Majjā Dhātu, regulates Prāṇa Vāta
    - → especially helpful during overthinking, mental tension, or sensory overload
- Nādī Sodhana Alternate Nostril Breathing (simplified form)
  - Inhale left exhale right (and vice versa)
    - → balances brain hemispheres, enhances focus and attention
    - → ideal for overstimulation or emotional imbalance
- Breath with Mantra Focus (e.g., "So-Ham")
  - o Inhale: *So* Exhale: *Ham* (mentally or whispered)
    - → calms the mind, enhances presence
    - → restores mental centering in times of scattered thinking

#### **♦** Effects:

- Reduces **Prāṇa Vāta** mental hyperactivity
- Calms Majjā Dhātu promotes nervous strength and mental peace
- Strengthens **Ojas** emotional resilience and inner stability
- Clears the breath space, improves focus, structure, and self-awareness

**Tip:** ADHD doesn't require "more" – but a **conscious less**. Even 3 minutes of mindful breathing daily will shift more than you expect. It's not technical depth that heals – it's the **consistency of care**.

## **♦** Recommended Mini-Breathing Routine for Daily Life

Here's a gentle routine for adults with ADHD – for mornings, pauses, or evenings.

## **★** Mini Breathing Routine – Morning Focus, Evening Calm

**Duration:** approx. 2–5 minutes

**Location:** Anywhere – seated, standing, or lying down

**Tools:** None – just yourself

## **3** Morning – Centering & Focus (2 minutes)

Goal: Clear presence, mental structure, gentle start

- 1. Sit upright, feet on the floor, shoulders relaxed
- 2. Take 3 deep, relaxed breaths aware, but effortless
- 3. **Dirgha Prāṇāyāma** (3 breaths):
  - o Inhale: belly ribs chest
  - Exhale: chest ribs belly
- 4. Mantra Breathing:
  - o Inhale: *So* Exhale: *Ham* (mentally or whispered)
  - o Repeat 5–10 times
- 5. Finish by placing hands on heart or forehead pause briefly. *"I am here."*

## **3** Evening – Unwinding & Soothing (3–5 minutes)

Goal: Calm the nervous system, reduce mental activity

- 1. Lie on your back, hand on belly or heart
- 2. **Bhrāmarī (Humming Bee Breath)** 5x:
  - o Inhale deeply, exhale with a gentle hum (*mmm...*)
  - o Feel the vibration in your head and heart space
- 3. **Moon Breath (Chandra Bhedana)** 5 rounds:
  - Inhale through the left nostril
  - Exhale through the right nostril
  - Calms both body and mind
- 4. Stillness (30 seconds):
  - Eyes closed, natural breath
  - Notice: What has softened?

**Note:** This is not a "must" – it's an **invitation**. Even one of these exercises is enough. What matters isn't length, but **loving repetition**.

# ★ 10. Sound Vibration & Chakra Toning – Focus Through Inner Resonance

Some thoughts don't want to be calmed – they want to be heard, not corrected. In  $\bar{A}$ yurveda, sound is not just vibration – it is medicine for the subtle system. Especially in adult ADHD, when thoughts are racing, the mind is scattered, and the nervous system overstimulated, sound can help restore a deeper sense of order. Toning vowels acts like an internal tuning fork: it centers, slows down, and connects – without pressure, without a goal. Particularly in the areas of the  $\bar{A}$ j $\bar{n}$ a Chakra (brow center), Anāhata (heart space), and M $\bar{u}$ l $\bar{a}$ dh $\bar{a}$ ra (root chakra), sound anchors awareness in the body – where it is finally allowed to rest.

#### ♦ Vowels as Bridges of Sound:

VOVICE CHARTA BITCE	Vowel	Chakra	Effect
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A Mūlādhāra Grounding, safety

E Svādhiṣṭhāna Letting go, emotional softness

I Maṇipūra Clarity, focus, willpower

O Anāhata Heart opening, self-acceptanceU Viśuddha Self-expression, communication

M Ājñā Centering, intuition, mental stillness

#### **♦** Instructions (Duration: 10–15 minutes)

#### 1. Preparation:

Choose a quiet space and sit upright. Let your spine be long, your gaze soft, your breath calm.

#### 2. Toning Sequence:

Take a deep inhale – and tone one vowel per exhale, for example:

$$A - E - I - O - U - M$$

Sense where each sound resonates in the body.

Optionally, place a hand on the corresponding **chakra**.

#### 3. Repetition:

3–5 rounds in your own rhythm. Between rounds: pause in silence. No goal – just listening.

#### 4. Closing:

Place both hands on your heart or forehead. Feel what has changed. Maybe something slowed down. Maybe you arrived.

## **♦** Effects:

- Regulates **Prāṇa Vāta** (mental impulse flow) and **Viyāna Vāta** (inner restlessness)
- Strengthens Majjā Dhātu (nerve tissue) through subtle vibration
- Supports emotional centering, clarity, and self-acceptance
- Activates chakras commonly imbalanced in ADHD: **brow** (focus), **heart** (overwhelm), **root** (grounding)

**? Tip:** Don't tone to sound "nice" − tone to sound **true**. This is not about singing. It's about vibration as the language of the inner world. Sound is not a goal − it is a **bridge into stillness**.

## **★** 11. Meditation – The Mind as a Mirror of Inner Alignment

A scattered mind is not merely a question of concentration – it is often the expression of a deeper restlessness. In  $\bar{A}yurveda$ , what appears in the mind has its roots in lifestyle, breath, and imbalanced  $V\bar{a}ta$  (the principle of movement). People with ADHD often experience exactly that: too much input, too little integration. Too much impulse, too little pause.

Meditation for ADHD is not about discipline – but about returning. Not to "stillness," but to **awareness**. Not to a "performance mode," but to **self-perception**. The goal is not to stop thoughts – but to give them a space where they no longer have to push or pull.

#### **♦** Three Pathways into Meditation for ADHD:

- 1. Breath-Tracking Meditation Focused on the Brow
  - Sit upright, gaze lowered or eyes closed
  - o Inhale: consciously guide the breath to the brow (**Ajñā Chakra**)
  - Exhale: let thoughts go, feel the breath descend through the body
    - → Calms **Prāṇa Vāta** (mental impulses), clears the mind

#### 2. Heart Space Meditation (Sitting or Lying)

- o One hand on the heart, the other on the belly
- o Inhale: sense expansion; exhale: silently say, "I am here."
- Thoughts may come but they don't have to dominate
  - → Strengthens **Ojas** (vital essence), brings compassion into thinking

#### 3. Sound Awareness (Active Mindfulness)

- For 2–3 minutes, consciously listen to your surroundings without judgment
- Silently name: "I hear... a car. I hear... my breath."
- Always return to sound
  - → Ideal for mental overstimulation or sleep difficulties

#### **♦** Effects:

- Reduces **Prāṇa Vāta** and **Viyāna Vāta** (mental restlessness & distraction)
- Strengthens **Majjā Dhātu** (nerve tissue) and the capacity for self-regulation
- Supports centering, self-awareness & inner coherence
- Emotionally relieving without pressure, without goals

**Tip:** Meditation for ADHD can be simple. What matters is not the length – but your relationship with yourself. When you observe yourself without judgment, **healing already begins**.

"A restless mind does not need control."

#### **★ 12. Reflection & Self-Awareness – When Attention Turns Inward**

ADHD is not just an excess of external input – often, it's an inner oversight.

Many adults with ADHD experience themselves mainly in the mirror of performance: too much, too jumpy, too unfocused, too irritable. But **Āyurveda** asks differently: Not what isn't working in you? – but: What within you hasn't been given a voice for a long time?

**Reflection is not a system of judgment. It is a space.** A space for observation without evaluation. For what happens between the stimuli. For what you usually skip over.

#### **♦** Recommended Forms of Reflection for ADHD:

#### 1. The Impulse Journal – not to control, but to name

- Jot down moments of overstimulation or distraction without judgment
- Example: "I started writing the email three times. Then my focus drifted."
- These notes help make patterns visible not to correct yourself, but to understand.

#### 2. The Daily Review – fragmented, yet connected

- Ask yourself three simple questions at night:
  - 1. What scattered me today?
  - 2. When was I truly present with myself?
  - 3. What would I like more of tomorrow not as a goal, but as a direction?

#### 3. The Body Question – strengthening somatic intuition

- Place a hand on your belly or heart and silently ask:
- "What do you need today less stimulation or more grounding?"
- The body often responds more clearly than the mind.

#### 4. The Focus-Feeling Pair

- Once a day, note down two words:
- A: What drew your focus today?
- B: What did you feel while it did?
- This simple practice strengthens the **Citta–Buddhi** connection (emotion & insight)

#### **♦** Ayurvedic Effects:

- Enhances **Sattva** inner clarity & equanimity
- Strengthens **Ojas** through self-compassion & regular inner attention
- Calms Prāṇa Vāta by redirecting attention inward
- Integrates sensory perception not through discipline, but through understanding

Reflection is not overthinking – it is reconnection.

A quiet moment of relationship with yourself.

#### **★** Reflection Questions – For Quiet Self-Encounter in ADHD:

- 1. When today was I truly with myself without rushing or judging?
- 2. What scattered my mind today and what held it together?
- 3. Was there a moment of stillness in the middle of all the noise?
- 4. What did I react to before I really felt it?
- 5. What feeling did I overlook today and which one was allowed to stay?
- 6. What part of me sought safety today and where did I not find it?
- 7. What did I resonate with not with the mind, but with the body?
- 8. If I could offer a gesture to my inner child today what would it be?

 $\bigcirc$  These questions are not an analysis – they are invitations. Not to function – but to feel.

#### **★** 13. Final Recommendation

**ADHD is not a "fault in the system."** It is a way of being – with its own rhythms, sensations, and needs. **Āyurveda** invites us not to fight this form – but to understand it. Not through control, but through contact. Not through adaptation, but through reconnection.

What often overwhelms us is not the stimulus – but the **absence of an inner anchor**. It's not the thoughts that "cause problems" – but the pace, the density of stimuli, the constant demand to perform.

What heals in the depth is not a new system – but the remembrance: of calm. of rhythm. of dignity.

# "Healing begins where you no longer run from yourself – but meet yourself gently."

Many of the impulses mentioned here can also be found in other **GiveAways** – such as those on insomnia, mental withdrawal, overstimulation, or exhaustion. That's no coincidence. Because **Vāta**, the subtle principle of movement, often shows itself first in the mind: as distraction, overstimulation, restlessness.

**Āyurveda** does not respond with sensory deprivation – but with **rhythmic attention**: Repetition instead of overwhelm. Depth instead of more.

Perhaps this one sentence is enough: "I am allowed to heal at my own pace."

## ★ 14. Ayurvedic Product Recommendations – For Greater Focus, Calm & Mental Centering

*⊙* What cannot be structured often doesn't want to be calmed – it wants to be held.

These product recommendations are based on classical formulations for **Vāta** pacification, mental stabilization, and nervous system support – especially for adults with **ADHD**. They do not replace individualized consultation but may support daily self-regulation: as ritual, in stillness, through recurring care.

#### For Focus, Concentration & Mental Clarity

When the mind jumps, focus shatters, and stimuli become overwhelming.

- Brāhmī Ghṛta (Brahmi Ghee)
  - Promotes concentration, memory, and mental centering
  - $-\frac{1}{2}$  tsp in the morning with warm water or on an empty stomach
- Medhya Rasāyana (Brahmi, Mandukaparni, Śaṅkhapuṣpī, Jatāmāṁsī)
  - Classical herbal blend to support Manas & Majjā Dhātu
  - As powder, capsule, or tea blend morning and evening
- Gotu Kola Cūrņa (Centella asiatica)
  - Regenerates nerves, strengthens **Ojas** & mental focus
  - $-\frac{1}{2}$  tsp with ghee or plant milk in the morning or afternoon

#### • For Inner Calm, Grounding & Nervous Stability

When thoughts race, restlessness dominates, and the body overreacts to stimuli.

- Aśvagandhā Cūrņa (Withania somnifera)
  - Adaptogenic, anxiolytic, strengthens nerves
  - $-\frac{1}{2}$  tsp in the evening with warm plant milk or ghee
- **Jatāmāmsī Cūrņa** (Nardostachys jatamansi)
  - Calms **Prāṇa Vāta**, clears the mind during overstimulation
  - $-\frac{1}{4}$  tsp as needed in the evening or during inner tremors
- **Vāta Oil** (e.g., with nutmeg, lavender, or jatāmāmsī)
  - Apply externally to chest, feet, or neck
  - Supports sensory grounding & body awareness

#### For Evening Calm, Withdrawal & Restful Sleep

When the nervous system won't "switch off" – despite exhaustion.

- **Kṣīrabala Taila** (Sleep oil with milk & *Bala* plant)
  - Nourishes Majjā Dhātu, reduces muscle & mental tension
  - Apply externally to feet, lower spine, or solar plexus
- Golden Milk with Nutmeg, Aśvagandhā & Ghee
  - Gently sedative, builds **Ojas** & supports centering
  - 1 cup in the evening, ideally 60–90 min before bed
- **Bṛṅgarāja Ghṛta** (Bhringaraj Ghee)
  - Classical remedy for mental overstimulation & hypersensitivity
  - ½ tsp in warm milk or plant milk before sleep

#### **PAPPLICATION Notes:**

- Take all products **calmly**, with awareness, and at the **same time of day**.
- Effects are most noticeable with **regular use over several weeks**.
- Always consume **ghee**, **milk or teas warm not hot**.
- In cases of strong inner heat (e.g., **Pitta disturbance**, night sweats), **adjust dosage or seek advice**.

#### **★** Application Table – Ayurvedic Products for ADHD & Vāta Imbalance

Product	Effect	Application	Time of Day
Brāhmī Ghṛta	Focus, memory, mental clarity	½ tsp with warm water	Morning, on an empty stomach
Medhya Rasāyana	Mental centering, Ojas strengthening	Powder or capsule	Morning & evening possible
Gotu Kola Cūrņa	Nerve tonic, regenerative	½ tsp with ghee or plant milk	Morning or afternoon
Aśvagandhā Cūrṇa	Adaptogenic, calming	½ tsp with warm milk	1–2 hours before sleep
Jatāmāṁsī Cūrņa	Anxiolytic, mind-clearing	¼ tsp in milk or water	With restlessness or insomnia
Vāta Oil	Sensory grounding, relaxing	External (feet, chest, neck)	Evening ritual
Kṣīrabala Taila	Muscle relaxing, nerve strengthening	External (lower spine, feet)	Evening
Golden Milk	Ojas-building, Vāta harmonizing	1 cup with ghee, nutmeg, etc.	60–90 min before sleep
Bṛṅgarāja Ghṛta	Calming, Ojas- strengthening	½ tsp in warm milk	Before sleep

<sup>☐</sup> These products do not work by ingredients alone — but through presence, rhythm, and the relationship with your body.

#### **★** 15. Sources for Oils & Herbs

The following providers specialize in high-quality **Ayurvedic products** – many of them follow traditional formulations, use pure natural ingredients, and offer certified quality for both therapeutic and home applications. Whether you're looking for **Vāta-calming massage oils**, **Ashwagandha powder**, or a **strengthening herbal tea**, this selection is based on the principles of **purity (śuddhi)**, **potency (vīrya)**, and **dosha-specific application**.

#### **DE** Germany

#### • maharishi-ayurveda.de

One of the oldest providers in Europe. Wide range of massage oils, herbal preparations, ghee, rasāyanas & teas. Also suitable for practitioners.

#### • classic-ayurveda.de

High-quality products based on classical Ayurvedic original formulas. Very good price-performance ratio. Also includes Ayurvedic cooking, supplements & literature.

#### • naturmaedchen.de

Small, finely curated shop focused on women's health, hormonal balance & Ayurvedically inspired care products. Ideal for **Vāta imbalances**, PMS, menopause.

#### roots-shop.de

Specialized in ghee, herbs, superfoods, and naturopathic remedies from East & West. Especially useful for exhaustion, irritable bowel, metabolic issues.

#### • amla.com/de-de

International supplier of classic Ayurvedic products (plant extracts, supplements, single herbs). Focus on authenticity & purity.

#### **AT Austria**

#### ayurveda101.at

Over 6,000 items, including many **Vāta-regulating** products. Good shipping conditions, thematic sorting (Vāta-Pitta-Kapha), certified brand products.

#### • ayurvedashop.at

Official partner of Maharishi Ayurveda in Austria. Ideal for classical formulas, ghee, rasāyanas & therapeutic blends.

#### **CH** Switzerland

#### • veda.ch

Long-standing provider with deep roots in Ayurveda and Vedic philosophy. High-quality herbal oils, specialty ghees, individual consultations.

#### • ayurveda-paradies.ch

Direct imports from Kerala & India. Classic oils (Bala Taila, Mahanarayan, Ashwagandha) in various sizes. Suitable for clinics and home use.

#### mana-shop.ch

Small store in Bern with a lovingly selected range: Ayurveda, sound therapy, yoga, plant essences. Very refined products for energetic work.

**Selection Tip:** Don't choose your products based only on indication – choose them based on **trust and resonance**. Some oils have an immediate physical effect, others work more on a subtle level. Especially in **Vāta-related conditions** and physical tension, **warm, nourishing, and stabilizing qualities** are key.

#### ★ 16. GLOSSARY – Terms & Concepts in the Context of ADHD in Ayurveda

Term Meaning Self-massage with warm oil – centers the mind & body, reduces Vāta, and Abhyanga strengthens sensory self-awareness. Attention Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder – in Ayurveda, seen as an **ADHD** expression of overactive Vāta and lack of inner rhythm. "Science of Life" - a holistic medical system focused on balance, rhythm, **Ayurveda** and individual constitution. Ghee infused with Brahmi – supports memory, concentration, and Brahmi Ghṛta emotional centering. Discernment & intuition – helps differentiate between stimulus and Buddhi response. Citta Heart-consciousness – seat of emotion, memory, and inner processing. Daily rhythm – a therapeutic structure in Ayurveda to calm **Vāta** and Dinacaryā stabilize life energy. Herb to strengthen the nerves and enhance mental clarity – regenerates Gotu Kola Majjā Dhātu. Calming root – reduces anxiety, builds **Ojas**, stabilizes mental **Jatāmāmsī** overstimulation. Nerve and bone marrow tissue – central to sensory processing and mental Majjā Dhātu stability. Manovaha Subtle channel system of mind and sensory processing – particularly **Srotas** sensitive in ADHD. Medhya Herbal combination for mental stability – enhances concentration, clarity & Rasāyana resilience. Essence of vitality – foundation for psychological resilience, calmness, and Ojas deep integration. **Subdosha** for mental movement & sensory intake – often overactive in Prāṇa Vāta ADHD. **Subdosha** for digestion & inner coordination – influences focus & metabolic Samāna Vāta stability. State of inner clarity, calm, and equanimity – the Ayurvedic goal in Sattva regulating ADHD. Self-nurturing through oiling, warmth & softness – essential for Vāta Snehana balance. **Subdosha** for speech, expression, and mental upliftment – often imbalanced Udāna Vāta under inner pressure. Principle of movement – governs impulse transmission, sensory openness, Vāta creativity, but also restlessness & distraction. Subdosha for distribution of impulses – often overstimulated in ADHD, Viyāna Vāta leading to mental hyperactivity. Herb for calming the mind – reduces anxiety and strengthens emotional Śankhapuspī clarity.

### **★** 17. References & Inspiration

This GiveAway is not meant as a technical manual – but as an invitation to reconnect with your **inner rhythm**. It honors the dignity of a sensitive nervous system, sees attention as a gift, and reminds us of the power of **gentle**, **regular care** when focus, energy, and centeredness seem lost. The content is based on a rich interplay of **classical Ayurveda**, **modern somatic and nervous system work**, **Western ADHD research**, lived experience, and **poetic-philosophical reflection**.

#### **♦** Classical Texts, Western Literature & Integrative Impulses

(alphabetically by author)

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Author	Title & Thematic Focus
Bainbridge Cohen, Bonnie	Body-Mind Centering – the body as a space of experience for sensory self-regulation & <b>Vāta</b> balance
Bhagavad Gītā	Chapter 6 – on mental discipline, meditation, detachment & the path to inner stillness
Boyce, Thomas	Orchid and Dandelion – on heightened sensitivity & sensory processing ("Orchid children")
Caraka Samhitā	Origins of Ayurvedic pathophysiology – esp. on <b>Vāta</b> disturbance, <b>Ojas</b> , <b>Prāṇa Vāta</b> , <b>Manovaha Srotas</b>
Frawley, David	Ayurveda and the Mind – psychological causes of mental distraction in the Ayurvedic context
Goleman, Daniel	<i>Emotional Intelligence</i> – impulse control, self-awareness & nervous system care
Groen, Christoph	<i>The Vagus Nerve Toolbox</i> – practical exercises for regulating an overstimulated autonomic nervous system
Hallowell & Ratey	<i>Driven to Distraction</i> – ADHD in adults as an interplay of hyperfocus, distraction & creativity
Kahl, Heike	<i>Understanding ADHD in Adulthood</i> – sensory openness, emotional instability & daily strategies
Krause, Klaus	Neurodiversity & ADHD – ADHD as a neurological variant, not a disorder
Lad, Vasant (Dr.)	Textbook of Ayurveda (Vol. I–III) – on <b>Doṣas</b> , <b>Rasāyana</b> , <b>Vāta</b> regulation & mental stability
Levine, Peter	Waking the Tiger / In an Unspoken Voice – trauma-informed somatic work for overstimulation & internal pressure
Maté, Gabor & Neufeld, Gordon	Hold On to Your Kids – attachment as a prerequisite for regulation & focus (transferable to adults)
Middendorf, Ilse	The Perceptible Breath – breath awareness to calm mental activity
Myers, Thomas	Anatomy Trains – fascial connections and their role in sensory processing & fragmentation
Patañjali – Yogasūtra	Collection on calming the mind (cittavṛtti nirodhaḥ) – cultivating focus, self-observation & stillness
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Ayurveda – The Healing Power of India – classical applications for Vāta

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Schnack & Schnack-

Shārngadhara Samhitā

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Classical source for the preparation and use of **Medhya Rasāyana** &

Ghee formulas

Slomka, Gunda

Fascia in Motion – movement as a rhythmic coordinate system for

nervous system self-regulation

Solden, Sari

Women with ADHD – inner fragmentation, masking & emotional

sensitivity in affected women

Sushruta Samhitā

Foundations of Majjā Dhātu, nerve tissue & Doṣa regulation in the

context of mental imbalance

Tiwari, Maya

A Life of Balance – nutrition, rituals & spiritual practice for Vāta

stabilization & Ojas strengthening

Winkler, Martin (Dr.) ADHD in Adulthood – neurology, diagnostics & psychotherapeutic

strategies

#### **♦ Interdisciplinary Lived Knowledge**

This issue draws from over **20 years of integrative practice** at the crossroads of:

- psychosomatic health education, nervous system work & the inner path
- in-depth training in **Ayurveda**, **Yoga**, **Prāṇāyāma** & trauma-sensitive **breath therapy**
- teaching experience on topics such as **ADHD**, **self-regulation**, **resonance pedagogy** & **high sensitivity**
- original authorship on **Vāta healing**, **sensory processing**, **self-care** & **poetic health education**

Perspectives from **Polyvagal Theory**, **fascial medicine**, **neurodiversity research**, and **mindfulness practice** are also integrated – not as fixed methods, but as a **resonance space** for **inner reconnection**.

#### **★** 18. Further Resources – When Sleep Withdraws

**Sleeplessness** is more than just the absence of sleep – it is often a sign of **inner restlessness**, **disrupted rhythms**, and **lost connection**. From an **Āyurvedic perspective**, it is closely linked to a disturbed **Vāta** principle, weakened **Ojas**, and an exhausted **nervous system**. Yet what appears restless does not always want to be "fixed" – it wants to be held. These further **GiveAways** invite you not to force sleep – but to **welcome it back**. With **warmth**. With **rhythm**. With **yourself**.

#### ◆ No. 1 – Ayurveda & ADHD in Adults

- → When sensory overload, tension & inner drive converge
- Ayurveda as orientation for restlessness & body symptoms
- Ideal for chronic tension, hyperfocus & inner pressure

#### ◆ No. 2 – Ayurveda for Collective Exhaustion

- → Sleeplessness as a symptom of societal nervous breakdown
- Grounding, self-touch, daily rituals
- Helpful for inner emptiness, meaninglessness & night-time wakefulness

#### No. 3 – Ayurveda for Digital Overstimulation

- → Sleep can return when the senses are allowed to rest
- Rituals for sensory reduction & mental unwinding
- Supportive for sleep issues caused by screen time & information overload

#### • No. 4 – Ayurveda for the Belly – The Seat of the Second Brain

- → Sleep begins in the belly in **Samāna Vāta**, in your center
- Harmonizing digestion & cultivating lightness at night
- Helpful for restlessness caused by fullness, bloating, or indigestion

#### No. 5 – Flood of Thoughts & Rumination – The Noise in the Head

- → When the mind becomes too loud, sleep disappears
- Mental relief, breath awareness, withdrawal from rumination loops
- Helpful for lying awake at night, circling thoughts & inner tension

#### No. 6 – Physical Tension – When the Tissues Speak

- → Tense muscles tense mind
- Vāta relief through oil massage, warmth, and inner softness
- Helpful for nighttime teeth grinding, muscle tension & startle reflexes

#### ◆ No. 7 – Connective Tissue Weakness & Inner Instability

- → When the outer sheath finds no rest
- Connection of skin, nerves, and inner grounding
- Helpful for restless sleep, anxiety & the feeling of "falling out of yourself"

#### ◆ No. 8 – Ayurveda & Osteoporosis – Bone Wisdom in Transition

- → Bones remember even in the night
- **Vāta reconnection** through structure, warmth & night ritual
- Helpful for fragility, insecurity & sleep disturbances in older age

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With heartfelt regards, Kati Voß

Not every restlessness seeks rest.

Some simply longs
for space.

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