

# A Translation of the Nepalese Text of the *Suśrutasamhitā*

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# Sūtrasthāna







# Nidānasthāna



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# Śārīrasthāna



# Śārīrasthāna 2: On Semen and Menstrual Fluid

## Literature

Meulenbeld offered an annotated overview of this chapter and a bibliography of earlier scholarship to 2002.<sup>155</sup> Das (2003: chs 6–8) also studied topics of this chapter and in chapter 13 provided an overview of the conceptual background of ayurveda on the topics discussed in this chapter.

## Translation

- 1 We shall now explain the anatomy that is the purification of sperm (*śukra*) and blood (*śoṇita*).
- 3 Semen (*retas*)<sup>156</sup> is incompetent to produce offspring if it is [characterized by] wind, bile, phlegm, blood (*śoṇita*),<sup>157</sup> decomposition (*kuṇapa*), lumps (*granthi*),<sup>158</sup> stinking pus (*pūtipūya*), low volume (*kṣīṇa*), urine, or feces.

<sup>155</sup> HIML: IA, 244–246.

<sup>156</sup> The Nepalese version has -रेतांसि “semen” (in the plural) as the subject of the sentence: “seeds are unable to produce offspring....” In the vulgate, -रेतसः is a masculine bahuvrīhi, making “men whose semen has...” the subject of the sentence.

<sup>157</sup> Note that the list begins with the four entities, wind, bile, phlegm and blood, perhaps hinting at a four-humour system (see Wujastyk 2000: 485–486).

<sup>158</sup> Modern Establishment Medicine (MEM) understands that normal ejaculate contains coagula which, however, dissolve after about half an hour. But coagula that do not dissolve may sometimes be a sign of an underlying disorder.

JG could you provide a standard citation reference for this information?



- 4 When the disfunction is caused by wind, there is a colour and a type of pain that typically goes with wind problems. If caused by bile the colour and the pain are typical of bile afflictions. If caused by phlegm the discoloration and suffering are characteristic for phlegm disease. And if caused by blood (*śoṇita*) there will be a coloration due to blood and a sensation of a bile affliction. Moreover, when caused by blood (*rakta*) there is the smell of decomposition (*kuṇapa*).<sup>159</sup> Phlegm with wind causes the appearance of lumps, bile with blood (*śoṇita*) causes the appearance of foul-smelling pus (*pūtipūya*). Bile with wind (*māruta*) cause a weakening of semen. Humoral colligation (*sannipāta*) causes the smell of urine and feces.<sup>160</sup>

Cases of foul-smelling sperm, sperm with lumps, and when it reeks of pus are hard to treat.

However, when sperm contains urine or faeces there is no treatment.<sup>161</sup>

- 5 Moreover, seasonal blood (*ārtava*) too can become afflicted (*upasṛṣṭa*), seedless (*abīja*) because of the three humours, and blood as the fourth, taken individually, in pairs or triples or all together.<sup>162</sup>

This can also be known by means of the humour, colour and pain.

In these cases, that which displays decomposition (*kuṇapa*), lumps and the putrid smell of pus is incurable (*asādhya*). And otherwise it is curable (*sādhya*).

Among these, the kind which shows decomposition, or coagula, or putrid pus is incurable. The other types, however, can be treated.

- 6 And there is a verse on this.

*An expert should overcome the first three of these sperm pathologies with special treatments such as unction and sweating, as well as by means of a urethral instillation (uttarabasti).<sup>163</sup>*

find out  
about ut-  
tarabasti

- 6a In that context, when the sperm is of the nature of wind, there is a tisane

159 Note that the text mentions both शोणित and रक्त. This raises the question of whether the author considered these to be different, or whether it is an artefact of textual transmission.

160 The expression “humoral colligation,” translating सन्निपात, refers to the simultaneous disorder of three humors at the same time, a condition that is difficult to treat (see Wujastyk 2016: 38 *et passim*).

161 Note that the above characterizations presuppose the direct inspection of an ejaculate. The process of collection is not described in the sources in this chapter.

162 This translates the text of the oldest surviving witness, N, and the vulgate. But MS H, that normally follows K very closely, has a negative particle, न, reversing the sense of

(*āsthāpana*) consisting of Bengal quince and Indian kudzu. One may use an oily preparation in the instillations, with well-cooked mahua, grey orchid, deodar, and chir pine. One can also make the patient drink clarified butter cooked with pomegranate, citron fruit, rock salt, a caustic (*kṣāra*), and two kinds of salt.

- 6b When the sperm is of the nature of bile, there is a tisane (*āsthāpana*) consisting of the cooked milky sap of Malay beechwood and liquorice with milk. One should also apply a paste (*kalka*) of a white dammer tree and axlewood in the vagina. One should apply an oily enema (*anuvāsana*) of sesame oil cooked with liquorice; and it should only be applied as an upper enema.<sup>164</sup>

One should make him swallow ghee cooked with wild sugar cane, common smilax, heart-leaved moonseed, white teak, false daisy, and the five roots.

- 6c When the sperm is of the nature of phlegm, there is a tisane (*āsthāpana*) consisting of a decoction (*kaṣāya*) of golden shower tree. And one should also apply an oily enema (*anuvāsana*) of sesame oil cooked with long pepper, embelia and honey; and it should only be applied as an upper enema. He should be given to drink a ghee cooked with hairy bergenia, white teak, emblic, long pepper, bearded premna, and prickly chaff-flower.

- 3.2.6d And there are verses about this.

3.2.7 When there is blood in the sperm, the physician should give the person ghee cooked with flowers of the fire-flame bush, catechu, pomegranate, and arjun.

3.2.8 When it smells like a corpse, he should drink ghee cooked with the sal group of trees. †When lumps appear, it is cooked with stones in flame-of-the-forest and also in ash.<sup>165</sup>

- 7 In case the sperm shows signs of decomposition, one should

the sentence.

163 Dalhaṇa on 3.2.6 (Su 1938: 345) noted that “unction and sweating” indicates the “five treatments”: वमन, विरेचन, अनिरूह, अनुवासन and उत्तरबस्ति. He noted that the explicit mention of urethral enema in the verse was for the purpose of highlighting its priority. However, a natural reading of the verse does not suggest that these distinctions were in the author’s mind.

164 By specifying “upper enema” the author is clarifying that this is not a rectal enema.

165 The text and translation of this sentence is uncertain.

- make the patient drink a medicated fluid containing dhātaki flowers, cutch-tree, pomegranate and arjuna tree bark.
- 8 In case of apparent disintegration of the sperm, he should drink clarified butter with heart of sāl. Moreover in case of lumps and clots, he should even eat a preparation of ashes obtained after burning of a fig-tree.
- 9 In case the sperm appears purulent, a mixture of mangrove canon ball in some food leftovers or anything else should be prepared. When the sperm is depleted, one should perform these instructions straight away as soon as they have been explained.
- 10 One should make the patient drink ghee with citra, koshira and hingu by way of an antidote. A wise person should then perform one by one the six oleation processes on his own body.
- 10A By not engaging in sexual activities with women for a long time and similarly through the use of expedients and instruments
- 10B By intense use of astringent, pungent or bitter substances
- 10C Like an acid or a salty, oily or fermented solution, that has just stood somewhere for some time,
- 10D deteriorates both by the effect of time going by and by interaction with yogi's\*
- 10E similarly in case of affection of the female system one should prescribe oleation and other similar treatment.
- 10F Precisely as formulated for external use, one could prescribe exactly the same for internal administration as well.
- 10G In case of disease resulting from trouble with Vāyu, then the patient must drink a beverage consisting of clarified butter, prepared with split cedar and Kāśmarya fruit.
- 10H One should prescribe either an intravaginal solution of Payasyā, Kāśmarya fruit, Kṣīraavidārī and Udaka sap or lumps drenched in diluted milk.
- 10I A sip from the palm of the hand of Madhukamunga and astringent betel
- 10J Furthermore, in case of trouble caused by bile and in the menstrual cycle.

- 10K The patient should drink milky Kākolī sap and a decoction of Vidārī to which some candied sugar is added
- 10L and one should insert an intravaginal solution of Madhuka flowers and Kāśmarya fruit mixed with sugar cane juice or a paste with santal sap.
- 10M and a pinch of astringent Paan\*
- 10N When disease is caused by phlegm, he must drink an astringent sandalwood and acrid Christmas rose solution.
- 10O ... or a paste of young tree sprouts soaked in a plant juice.
- 10P he must lick or sip bits of Tinduka, wood apple, slime apple and sandal powder or Kṣandra.
- 10Q Sarjadhava paste should be placed inside the vagina
- 10R a pinch of Ladhra and astringent Tinduka
- 10S In case of clots and lumps in the sperm he should take Sringavera and Pāṭhā to which is added some sandal powder as well as white Surasa.
- 10T One should insert into the vagina a salve\* with Kustha and cedar extracts.
- 10U and add just a pinch of something astringent
- 10V in case the sperm is clearly in decomposition, the patient must be prescribed to drink a astringent beverage of Manjista and astringent sandalwood
- 10W or of Kuṭaja fruit, sandalwood and sandal sweetened with sugarcane candy.
- 10X or in case there is obvious pus, this is exactly what the patient should be given
- 10Y and the lady should be prescribed to place inside the vagina a salve of cachou and arjuna
- 10Z and for both a pinch of something astringent is indicated is just right.
- 10A1 in case of .....\*, he should ingest an astringent solution of false black pepper, coral tree and Manjista.
- 10A2 one should introduce into the vagina a paste of Surastastra (?)\* and Rocana as well as a salve of Bhadrāsriya.
- 10A3 Both must receive just a sip of something astringent.
- 10A4 Here is more.
- 11
- 12 Generally speaking, at the end of the period one should

- apply an internal cleansing from menstrual discharge\*
- 13 and one should definitely prepare both cotton-plant paste  
and salutary beverages.
- 14 in case the sperm spreads a foul-smelling stench and  
definitely when there is blood
- 15 the patient should drink decoctions of sandal or  
sandalpaste.\*
- 14AB and in case of lumps and clots in his sperm he should  
consume a salutary Tryusana with coral swirl fruits.
- 14A and drink a beverage of acrid dry ginger, Hing and holy  
basil.
- 16
- 23
- 24 That being said, when sperm is not causing disease, even  
then all of this may serve to purify the female system\*
- 25 From the first day onwards\* when the period starts, she  
should shun young celibates, when they are alone, bathing,  
anointing, decorating and scratching themselves and she  
should also suppress day-sleep, put collyrium to her eyes,  
weeping, be frightened or cut her nails, run hither and  
tither, laugh or speak or listen to lots of talk or exert  
herself. Why should her partner arrive late during the day?  
It is claimed that if she puts a collyrium, a child will be  
born blind, if she is weeping, he will have abnormal vision,  
by bathing and anointing he will be depressive, by smearing  
oil on her limbs, he 'll be born a leper, by holding her  
nail downwards he will be a child with ugly nails, by being  
continuously busy he will become a restless and troubled  
character. When she behaves accordingly, she will be the  
best of future mothers. She should take rest on a layer of  
Kuśa grass, take Haviśya-food so pure that it is fit for a  
sacrifice\*\*, eat varied food from the palm of her hand or  
from a plate made of leaves and she should keep herself then  
from her husband from the third day onwards. However, on  
the fourth day, first she should take a ritual, put on a new  
untorn dress and some jewels, then make an auspicious happy  
recitation and then confidently hug her husband. What is  
the purpose of all this?

- 26 Once she has taken a ritual bath after her period, a woman should put eyes on her husband before anyone else.
- 27 Then the priest conducts the rites for procuring a son\* and at the end of i, the husband should be seen to closely observe the following.
- 28 In order to beget a male child he should eat both clarified butter and milk as well as śāli-rice\* boiled in water. After observing a month of sexual abstinence, the wife should lubricate herself in oil from the very best Māṣa pulse and he should approach her at night. After gaining her complete trust by gentle words he should then make his move on the fourth, sixth, eighth, tenth and twelfth day (of the cycle)\*\* successively.
- 31 Each month again she should be approached sexually.\*
- 32 And when conception has occurred in this way during one of these nights, it is claimed that she should press three or four drop of juice from Lakṣmaṇā, Vaṭaśuṅgā, Sahadevā, Viśvadevānā or any other drug and then administer them in the right nostril if she desires a son and in the left if she wants a girl, and not spit nor sneeze them out.
- 32a Here are some more verses.
- 11cd On top of that those around her want to see her smelling sweet as honey, sparkling like a crystal, agile and active, smooth and sweetly perfumed,
- 12ab bright with splendour equally due to the smell of honey as to the smoothness of oil.
- 17 It is a token of good health when the menstrual blood is red like a hare' s blood or like the shine of red lac and when its colour stains can be removed.
- 18 Metrorrhagia or abnormal uterine bleeding is diagnosed when there is either excessive bleeding, untimely or irregular bleeding or when symptoms are the opposite of what occurs in a normal menstrual cycle.
- 19 Excessive uterine bleeding is always accompanied by aching limbs and with pain. In case blood loss is extremely abundant, symptoms may be weakness, .....  
(bhramamūrcchā), fatigue,...
- 20 ... fever, lamenting pain, anaemia\*, tiredness and others

signs of disturbance of Vāta. A minor concomitant disease may easily set in motion ..... (taruṇyā).

- 21cd Because these afflictions have a recurrent character, the woman becomes amenorrhoeic.
- 22 In such a case a diet is indicated including meat, Kulattha-pulses, sour Tila-seeds, Māṣa-beans and whine and for drinks (cow)urine, whey and sour curd.
- 23 In case of thin or scanty menses with features that cannot be treated with drugs, other measures indicated in case of uterine metrorrhagia must be taken.
- 29 eṣūttarottaraṃ vidyādāyurārōgyameva ca ||  
prajāsaubhāgyamaiśvaryaṃ balaṃ ca divaseṣu vai ||
- 30 ataḥ paraṃ pañcamyāṃ saptamyāṃ navamyāmekādaśyāṃ ca  
strīkāmaḥ; trayodaśīprabhṛtayo nindyāḥ ||
- 33 When the four ingredients for the embryo are combined, i.e. the right womb to grow in, the right seed to descend from, the propitious life juices to be fed upon and a lucky constellation of stars, according to age-old tradition, the newborn will grow into a child of unshakeable health.
- 34 Conceived and developed in this way, they become beautiful, of noble character and they live a long life. Although, beings sons, they have obligations to fulfil towards their parents, they can take care of these and thus honourably discharge themselves.
- 35 On the one hand there those who claim that it is the Tejas-element which lies at the base of the different types of complexions, on the other there are those who say that it is the colour of the food the mother eats while pregnant that dictates the complexion. The normal complexion of the foetus therefore is fair. But when earth (as a source of food) is the main determining element, complexion will shift to dark. When a mix of earth and sky are the main elements (in the food), it turns towards the dark bluish. By analogy, some say it is the colour of the food the woman eats while pregnant that fixes the complexion of her offspring. There are arguments in favour of both theories. In so far as in dark, yellow and white (kṛṣṇapītasvetāsu) earths (bhūmiṣu) snakes, trees, .... and so on

(sarppavṛścikagalagoṇādayaḥ) are essential elements (satvāḥ), they are black, yellow and white (kṛṣṇapītasveta). (uncertain hence in italics) When the Tejas-principle fails, the child is born blind. Similarly, when penetration into the blood of this disturbance results in a newborn with blood-shot red eyes; penetration into the phlegm makes for a pale-eyed newborn; penetration into the bile makes for a yellow-eyed baby; penetration into the wind results the in a with eyes that have poor vision.

36 Here are some more verses.

36a He whose eyes are entered by a pure wind

36bj will have oblong downcast eyes, dark or bright.

36c When bile with phlegm both are present unsullied in a man' s eye

36d then in that man's eye the yellow, green and reddish-brown will all light up together.

36e when phlegm has shaken off all kinds of bodily secretions from someone's eyes,

36f then both irises of that person will light up brightly shining.

36g Whenever blood with phlegm move around in a someone's eyes,

36h he will appear to have either bluish-dark or blood-shot pupils.

36i Just as a lump of ghee melts when placed near a fire,<sup>166</sup>

36j so a woman' s propensity to ovulate glides into receptivity in contact with a man.

37 When sperm is divided in the uterus by the wind into two beings, twins are born conditioned by the former good and evil deeds.

37.1 When in the mixture there is an excess of male sperm, a fertile woman will create two male children\*.

37.2 whereas when there is an excess of female semen then similarly the woman engenders two girls. But there is no certainty.\*

166 Cf. the attempt by Das (2003: 222–241) to identify the *Suśrutasamhitā*'s descriptions with the physical processes involved as known to Modern Establishment Medicine, and also the self-contradictions in the ancient āyurvedic medical models.



- 37.3 A child born from a man who has but a poor sperm to give his wife is called āsevyāḥ (impotent).\*
- 38cd When a man has a fellatio he does not have to doubt his penis will get up erect.\*
- 38 A boy born from a father with poor sperm becomes an āsekya.
- 39 He who is born in a sordid vagina is commonly known as a Saugandhika. Such a person becomes aroused only after smelling a vagina or a scrotum. \*
- 40 When a man first had same-sex anal coitus because of a period of sexual abstinence from women and then turns towards his regular partners\* again, he should be known as a Kumbhika. And now get it right about what an īrṣyakaṃ is:
- 41 somebody who has to watch sexual intercourse of others before being able to his own sexual activities should be known as an īrṣyakaḥ.\* He who turns towards copulation\*\*
- 42 during the fertile days of the cycle\* but out of pure sexual ignorance ejaculates on the breasts of his virgin wife\*\* will create boys who also exhibit feminine character traits.
- 42 see 3.2.41
- 43 If a woman in her fertile days\* throws herself at the feet of males around her and she begets a girl, she will also have character traits of a man. \*\*\*
- 44 Men who do produce sperm but have a pathology can be identified as āsekya, Sugandhi, Kumbhika or īrṣyaka. Men who do not produce any sperm are called saṇḍha.\*
- 45 The sperm ducts that lead the sperm in both groups of men should be ..... (viprakṛtyā) of these (teṣāṃ) (?). This will help instore a slow evolution towards satisfactory erections.
- 46 It is to be expected that what the mother eats will reflect in how children behave both in the uterus and after birth.\*
- 47 Now when two women are having sex and somehow succeed in making fit both their sperm contributions then a boneless being is born.
- 48 A woman could even get carried away and reach an orgasm in a dream following her ritual bath. The Vāyu then transporting her fertilized egg into the uterus, results in her belly ...
- 49 ... showing the obvious signs of pregnancy month by month in

the pregnant lady.

- 50 In addition, it should be known that monster-like creatures looking like serpents, scorpions and pumpkin-gourd shaped foetus, are born frequently from the womb as a consequence of sins committed.
- 51 When a pregnant woman's wishes are not respected due to a deranged condition of the Vāta, the child stands in danger of being born a humpback or ..... (kūnipaṅgur) or dumb,
- 52 and when the parents are atheistic or due to the aggravation of Vāyu are under the effect of misdeeds in former lives, the newborn may develop malformations.
- 53 Due to the scantiness of bodily excretions, itself due to a disabling of Vāyu with respect to processing of food, the foetus, whilst in the womb, produces (almost)\* no urine nor stools,
- 54 and because of this dwindling away of the Vāyu in mouth and throat, in the bowels and especially in the small intestine, these all get wrapped up in phlegm resulting in impediment of intestinal transit; moreover the foetus does not weep all the time ...\*
- 55 Furthermore, the ups-and-downs of the foetal respiratory movements during its sleep are coordinated with the ups-and-downs of the respiratory movements of the mother.
- 56 The adjustment of the limbs of the body to its bodily constraints, both the appearance and the falling out of teeth, the disappearance of hair from the palms of hands and soles, all of this follows intrinsic laws of nature.
- 57 Men who have uninterruptedly entered one previous existence after another and who have a vast understanding of the scriptures, do remember their own previous births.
- This was the second chapter of the śārīrāsthana.

**Cikitsāsthāna**





# Kalpasthāna



# Uttaratantra







## Editions and Abbreviations

Ah 1939	Kuṇṭe, Anṇā Moreśvara, Navare, Kṛṣṇaśāstrī, and Parādkar, Hariśāstrī (1939) (eds.), <i>श्रीमद्वाग्भटविरचितम् अष्टाङ्गहृदयम्, श्रीमदरुणदत्तविरचितया सर्वाङ्गसुन्दराख्यया व्याख्यया, हेमाद्रिप्रणीतया आयुर्वेदरसायनाह्वया टीकया च समुल्लसितम्</i> = <i>The Astāṅgahṛidaya</i> (6th edn., Mumbayyām: Nirṇayasāgara Press), <a href="https://nirṇayasāgara.org/ark:/13960/t3tt6967d">ark:/13960/t3tt6967d</a> .
Anup	<i>Anup Sanskrit Library</i> .
Apte	Apte, Vaman Shivaram (1992), <i>The Practical Sanskrit-English Dictionary</i> (Kyoto: Rinsen Book Company), ISBN: 4-653-00038-7; Reprinted from Gode and Karve 1957–59.
Arthaśāstra	Kangle, R. P. (1960), <i>The Kauṭīliya Arthaśāstra</i> (University of Bombay Studies Sanskrit, Prakrit and Pali, 1; Bombay: University of Bombay), accessed 23/09/2021.
AS	<i>Asiatic Society</i> .
As 1980	Āṭhavale, Ananta Dāmodara (1980) (ed.), <i>अष्टाङ्गसङ्ग्रहः श्रीमद्वाग्भटविरचितः इन्दुव्याख्यासहितः</i> [= <i>Vāgbhaṭa's Aṣṭāṅgasaṅgraha with Indu's Commentary</i> ] (Pune: M. A. Āṭhavale, Śrīmad Ātreya Prakāśanam), <a href="https://nirṇayasāgara.org/ark:/13960/s25bwqsd0n7">ark:/13960/s25bwqsd0n7</a> .
Bhela 1921	Mookerjee, Ashutosh, and Ananta Krishna Shastri, Ved-antabisharad (1921) (eds.), <i>The Bhela Samhita. Sanskrit Text</i> (Calcutta: University of Calcutta), <a href="https://nirṇayasāgara.org/ark:/13960/t3sv3157j">ark:/13960/t3sv3157j</a> ; Based on two copies made of the Thanjavur codex unicus (MS Thanjavur TMSSML 10773, Burnell 1880: 63–4, P. P. S. Sastri 1933: #11085).

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- BL *British Library.*
- Ca 1941 Ācārya, Yādavaśarma Trivikrama (1941) (ed.), *महर्षिणा पुनर्वसुनोपदिष्टा, तच्छिष्येणाग्रिवेशेन प्रणीता, चरकदृढबलाभ्यां प्रतिसंस्कृता चरकसंहिता, श्रीचक्रपाणिदत्तविरचितया आयुर्वेददीपिकाव्याख्यया संवल्लिता* (3rd edn., Mumbayyām: Nirnaya Sagara Press), [ark:/13960/t48q2f20n](https://nirnayagangotri.org/ark:/13960/t48q2f20n).
- CDIAL Turner, R. L. (1966–85), *A Comparative Dictionary of the Indo-Aryan Languages* (London, New York, Toronto: Oxford University Press), ISBN: 0197135501, [URL](https://www.oxfordjournals.org/lookup/doi/10.1093/acref/9780197135501); With *Indexes* compiled by Dorothy Rivers Turner (OUP, London, 1969), *Phonetic Analysis* by R. L. and D. R. Turner (OUP, London, 1971), and *Addenda and Corrigenda* edited by J. C. Wright (School of Oriental and African Studies, London, 1985).
- DED<sub>2</sub> Burrow, Thomas, and Emeneau, Murray B. (1984), *A Dravidian Etymological Dictionary* (2nd edn., Oxford: Clarendon Press), [ark:/13960/t4wj06g26](https://www.oxfordjournals.org/lookup/doi/10.1093/acref/9780197135501), [URL](https://www.oxfordjournals.org/lookup/doi/10.1093/acref/9780197135501).
- EWA Mayrhofer, Manfred (1986–2001), *Etymologisches Wörterbuch des Altindoarischen* (Heidelberg: Carl Winter, Universitätsverlag), ISBN: 3-533-03826-2.
- Garuḍapurāṇa* Pāṇḍeya, Rāmateja (1963) (ed.), *श्रीकृष्णद्वैपायनव्यासप्रणीतं गरुडपुराणम्* (Vidyabhawan Prachyavidya Granthamala, 3; reprint, Caukhambā Vidyābhavana, Paṇḍita-Pustakālaya: Kāśī), [ark:/13960/t6pz7tg7j](https://nirnayagangotri.org/ark:/13960/t6pz7tg7j).
- HIML Meulenbeld, Gerrit Jan (1999–2002), *A History of Indian Medical Literature*, 5 vols. (Groningen: E. Forsten), ISBN: 9069801248.
- IOLR Eggeling, Julius, et al. (1887–1935), *Catalogue of the Sanskrit Manuscripts in the Library of the India Office* (London: Secretary of State for India), [ark:/13960/s2kbbk5zcrg9](https://nirnayagangotri.org/ark:/13960/s2kbbk5zcrg9).

- KEWA Mayrhofer, Manfred (1953–72), *Kurzgefaßtes etymologisches Wörterbuch des Altindoarischen; a Concise Etymological Sanskrit Dictionary* (Heidelberg: Carl Winter, Universitätsverlag).
- KL *Kaiser Library.*
- Mahākośa* Jośī, Veṇīmādhavaśāstrī, and Jośī, Nārāyaṇa Harī (1968), *आयुर्वेदीय महाकोशः अर्थात् आयुर्वेदीय शब्दकोशः संस्कृत-संस्कृत* (Mumbai: Mahārāṣṭra Rājya Sāhitya āṇi Saṃskṛti Maṇḍala), [ark:/13960/t22c41g8t](http://ark:/13960/t22c41g8t).
- Mānasollāsa* Shrigondekar, Gajanan K. (1925–61) (ed.), *मानसोल्लासः = Mānasollāsa [or Abhilaṣitārthacintāmaṇi] of King Someśvara* (Gaekwad's Oriental Series; Baroda: Oriental Institute), [ark:/13960/t87h8tn95](http://ark:/13960/t87h8tn95); v. 2: [ark:/13960/t3gz41v8m](http://ark:/13960/t3gz41v8m).
- MN<sub>1</sub> Ācārya, Yādavaśarma Trivikrama (1920) (ed.), *महामति-श्रीमाधवकरप्रणीतं माधवनिदानम् श्रीविजयरक्षित-श्रीकण्ठदत्ताभ्यां विरचितया मधुकोशाख्यव्याख्या, श्रीवाचस्पतिवैद्यविरचितया आतङ्कदर्पणव्याख्याया विशिष्टांशेन च समुल्लसितम् = Mādhavanidāna by Mādhavakara with the Two Commentaries, Madhukosha by Vijayarakshita & Shrikanthadatta and Ātankadarpaṇa by Vāchaspati Vaidya* (1st edn., Bombay: Nirnaya Sagara Press), [ark:/13960/t9z08jn5j](http://ark:/13960/t9z08jn5j).
- MN<sub>3</sub> Ācārya, Yādavaśarma Trivikrama (1932) (ed.), *महामति-श्रीमाधवकरप्रणीतं माधवनिदानम् श्रीविजयरक्षित-श्रीकण्ठदत्ताभ्यां विरचितया मधुकोशाख्यव्याख्या, श्रीवाचस्पतिवैद्यविरचितया आतङ्कदर्पणव्याख्याया विशिष्टांशेन च समुल्लसितम् = Mādhavanidāna by Mādhavakara with the Two Commentaries, Madhukosha by Vijayarakshita & Shrikanthadatta and Ātankadarpaṇa by Vāchaspati Vaidya* (3rd edn., Bombay: Nirnaya Sagara Press), [ark : / 13960 / t66452x0h](http://ark:/13960/t66452x0h); Reprinted Varanasi: Chowkhambha, 1986.
- MW Monier-Williams, Monier, Leumann, E., Cappeller, C., et al. (1899), *A Sanskrit–English Dictionary Etymologically and Philologically Arranged, New Edition* (Oxford: Clarendon Press); 1970 reprint.
- NAK *National Archives of Kathmandu.*

- NCC Raghavan, V., et al. (1949–), *New Catalogus Catalogorum, an Alphabetical Register of Sanskrit and Allied Works and Authors*, 39 vols. (Madras University Sanskrit Series; Madras: University of Madras); v.1: revised edition, 1968. Searchable at <https://vmlt.in/ncc/>.
- NGMCP NGMCP (2014), “Nepal-german Manuscript Cataloguing Project. Online Title List and Descriptive Catalogue,” Universität Hamburg and Deutsche Forschungsgemeinschaft, [URL](#).
- PW Böhlingk, Otto, and Roth, Rudolph (1855–75), *Sanskrit-Wörterbuch* (St. Petersburg: Kaiserlichen Akademie der Wissenschaften), [URL](#), accessed 18/05/2023.
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- RORI *Rajasthan Oriental Research Institute*.
- Śabdasindhu Gupta, Umeśachandra, and Sena, Nagendra Nātha (1983), *वैद्यक-शब्दसिन्धुः = Vaidyaka-Śabdasindhuḥ* (3rd edn., Varanasi & Delhi: Chaukhambha Orientalia); 3rd ed. first published in 1914.
- Su 1889 Bhaṭṭācāryya, Jīvānanda Vidyāsāgara (1889) (ed.), *सुश्रुतः. सूत्र-निदान-शारीर-चिकित्सा-कल्पोत्तर-तन्त्र-कल्पित आयुर्वेद. भगवता धन्वन्तरिणोपदिष्टः सुश्रुतनामधेयेन तच्छिष्येण विरचितः* (3rd edn., Calcutta: Saratī Press), [ark:/13960/t1nh6j09c](https://nirayasaagara.org/ark:/13960/t1nh6j09c); [HIML](#): IB, 311, edition b.
- Su 1915 Ācārya, Yādavaśarma Trivikrama (1915) (ed.), *सुश्रुतसंहिता, सुश्रुतेन विरचिता, वैद्यवरश्रीडल्हणाचार्यविरचितया निबन्धसंग्रहाख्य-व्याख्यया समुल्लसिता, आचार्योपाह्वेन त्रिविक्रमात्मजेन यादवशर्मणा संशोधिता = The Sushrutasamhita of Sushruta, the Nibandha-sangraha Commentary of Shri Dalhaṇāchārya* (Mumbayyām: Nirṇayasāgaramudrāyantrālaye), [ark:/13960/t3sv0mt50](https://nirayasaagara.org/ark:/13960/t3sv0mt50), accessed 29/07/2020; [HIML](#): IB, 312 edition \*v.

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- Su 1938<sup>2</sup> Ācārya, Yādavaśarma Trivikrama, and Ācārya, Nārāyaṇa Rāma (2004) (eds.), महर्षिणा सुश्रुतेन विरचिता सुश्रुतसंहिता, श्रीडल्हणाचार्यविरचितया निबन्धसंग्रहाख्यव्याख्यया निदानस्थानस्य श्रीगयदासाचार्यविरचितया न्यायचन्द्रिकारव्यपञ्जिकाव्याख्यया च समुल्लसिता (Vārāṇasī: Caukhambhā Kṛṣṇadāsa Akādamī); Reprint of the third, 1938 edition (Su 1938).
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- Su 1945 Ācārya, Yādavaśarma Trivikramācārya, and Ācārya, Nārāyaṇa Rāma (1945) (eds.), महर्षिणा सुश्रुतेन विरचिता सुश्रुतसंहिता (मूलमात्रा). पाठान्तर-परिशिष्टादिभिः संवलिता = *the Suśrutasaṃhitā of Suśruta with Various Readings, Notes and Appendix etc.* (Mumbāi: Nirṇayasāgarākhyamudraṇālaye), [ark : / 13960 / t8kd4jh7n](#).

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aconite leaf (?) (*viṣapatrikā*) Unknown. Cf. perhaps, *vatsanābha* (wolfsbane). Cf.

GVDB: 373 : 125

‘alas, alas’ (*hālāhala*) unknown. See Cf. *Soḍhalanighantu* p.43 (sub bola) = *stomaka* = *vatsanābha* :

Alexandrian laurel (*punnāga*)

*Calophyllum inophyllum*, L. See

AVS: 1, 338, NK: 1, #425 :

amaranth (*tanḍulīyaka*) *Amaranthus hypochondriacus*, L. See King 321, NK: 1, #144, Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 15. Cf.

AVS: 1, 121 : 118

arjun (*arjuna*) *Terminalia arjuna*, Bedd.

See HK: 738 : 36, 67

ash gourd (*kūṣmāṇḍa*) → *puṣpaphala*.

*Beninkasa hispida*, (Thunb.) Cogn. See

AVS: 2, 1127; cf. AVS: 1, 261 :

atis root (*śṛṅgīviṣa*) *Aconitum*

*heterophyllum*, Wall. ex Royle. See

AVS: 1, 42, NK: 1, #39 :

axlewood (*dhava*) *Anogeissus latifolia*

(Roxb. ex DC.) Wall. ex Guill & Perr.

See AVS: 1, 163 f, Chopra: 20 : 36, 67, 140

bamboo leaves (*veṇupatrikā*) *Bambusa*

*bambos*, Druce. See NK: 1, #307 : 118

banyan (*nyagrodha*) *Ficus bengalensis*, L.

See HK: 748 :

barley (*yava*) *Hordeum vulgare*, L. See

HK: 752 : 99

bearded premna (*vasuka*) *Premna barbata*

Wall. (← *vasuhaṭṭa*), according to

Cakrapāṇidatta. See the discussion by T. B. Singh and Chunekar

(GVDB: 362–363), where other candidate species such as *Osmanthus*, *Calotropis*, and *Trianthema* are discussed. T. B. Singh and Chunekar (GVDB: 363) note that when *vasuka* is mentioned with *vasira*, two varieties of salt are often meant (see *vasukavasirā*). See also NK: #1299 who identifies it with *Indigofera enneaphylla*, Linn. (*Birdsville Indigo*), apparently without controversy : 67

beautyberry (*priyaṅgu*) → *śyāmā*.

*Callicarpa macrophylla*, Vahl. See

AVS: 1, 334, NK: 1, #420. Some say also *Setaria italica* Beauv. GVDB: 263–264.

See also GVDB: 413 : 36, 136, 141

beautyberry (*śyāmā*) *Callicarpa*

*macrophylla*, Vahl. See AVS: 1, 334,

NK: 1, #420 : 94, 116, 118

beggarweed (*aṁśumatī*) *Desmodium*

*gangeticum* (L.) DC (Dymock: 1, 428, GJM1: 602, NK: 1, #1192; ADPS: 382, 414 and AVS: 2, 319, 4.366 are confusing) : 136

beggarweed (*vidārigandhā*) → *śālāparṇī*.

*Desmodium gangeticum* (L.) DC. See Dymock: 1, 428, GJM1: 602, cf. NK: 1, #1192; ADPS: 382, 414 and AVS: 2, 319, 4.366 are confusing : 45, 99, 224

- beggarweed (*śālaparṇī*) → *sthirā*.  
*Desmodium gangeticum* (L.) DC. See  
**Dymock**: 1, 428, **GJM1**: 602, **NK**: 1,  
 #1192; **ADPS**: 382, 414 and **AVS**: 2, 319,  
 4.366 are confusing:
- Bengal quince (*bilva*) *Aegle marmelos* (L.)  
 Corr. See **AVS**: 1, 62, Chevallier 159,  
**NK**: 1, #62, (**MW**: 732a) : 67, 90, 92,  
 96, 221
- 'big poison' (*mahāviṣa*) unknown. See ? :  
 'big thorn apple' (*mahākarambha*) *Datura*  
*metel*, L.?. See **thorn apple** (*karambha*) :  
*bitumen* (*adrija*) → *śilājī*. A tar-like, black,  
 resinous rock exudate. See  
**Mahākośa**: 1, 21: 151
- black cardamom (*Xhareṇu*) *Amomum*  
*subulatum*, Roxb.?. See PVS Caraka  
 2.734, **AVS**: 1, 128, **NK**: 1, #154, *pace*  
**GVDB**: 467–468:
- black creeper (*pālindī*) *Ichnocarpus*  
*frutescens*, (L.) R.Br. or *Cryptolepis*  
*buchanani*, Roemer & Schultes. See  
**AVS**: 3, 141, 145, 203, **NK**: 1, #1283,  
 1210, **ADPS**: 434. Ḍalhaṇa on SS 5.1.82  
 identified *pālindī* with *trivṛt* (**turpeth**)  
 and T. B. Singh and Chuneekar  
 (**GVDB**: 246) supported this as a usual  
 identification : 118, 121, 135, 136
- black pepper (*marica*) *Piper nigrum*, L. See  
**ADPS**: 294, **NK**: 1, #1929: 100
- black pepper (*vallīja*) → *marica*. *Piper*  
*nigrum*, L.?. See **NK**: 1, #1929; Rā.6.115,  
 Dha.4.85, Dha.2.88:
- blackboard tree (*saptachada*) *Alstonia*  
*scholaris* R. Br. **GVDB**: 420: 117
- blackbuck (*hariṇa*) *Antelope cervicapra*, L.  
 See **BIA**: 270 **IW**: 95, 165, *et passim* : 121
- 'blade' (*kartariya*) unknown. See ? :  
 blue water-lily (*utpala*) *Nymphaea stellata*,  
 Willd. See **GJM1**: 528, **IGP** 790;  
**Dutt**: 110, **NK**: 1, #1726 : 27, 116, 135, 136
- bottle gourd (*ālābūka*) *Lagenaria siceria*  
 (Molina) Standl. See **IGP** 645, **NK**: 1,  
 #1419:
- bull's head (*gokṣura*) *Tribulus terrestris* L.  
**GVDB**: 144–145, 193. A component of  
 lesser five roots : 218
- bull's head (*trikaṇṭaka*) → **bull's head**  
 (*gokṣura*) **GVDB**: 193. A component of  
 lesser five roots : 224
- bulrush (*kaṣeru*) "Two species, *Scirpus*  
*kysoor* Roxb., and *S. grossus* Linn. f.  
 are used" **GVDB**: 85. Also *kaṣeruka*  
 and *kaseru* : 94, 95, 98
- calamine lotion (*amṛtāsaṅga*) →  
*amṛtāsaṅga*. Zinc carbonate. See  
**NK**: 2, #56:
- camphor (*karpūra*) → *śītaśiva*.  
*Cinnamomum camphora*, (L.) Sieb.  
 See **IGP** 253:
- cannabis (*vijayā*) *Cannabis sativa*, L. See  
**AVS**: 1, 356, **NK**: 1, #442:
- caper (*karīra*) *Capparis decidua* (Forsk.)  
 Edgew. See **AVS**: 1, 368, (**MW**: 255b) :
- cardamom (*elā*) *Elettaria cardamomum*,  
 Maton. See **AVS**: 2, 360, **NK**: 1, #924,  
**Potter<sub>rev</sub>**: 66 : 90, 136, 141
- carmarī (*carmarī*) unknown. See ? :  
 carray cheddie (*gāṇigerukī*) → *viśvadevā*.  
*Canthium parviflorum*, Lam. See  
**AVS**: 1, 366 f:
- cassia cinnamon (*patra*) *Cinnamomum*  
*tamala*, (Buch.-Ham.) Nees. See  
**AVS**: 2, 84, **NK**: 1, #589: 90, 96, 118, 136
- castor oil tree (*gandharvahasta*) → *eraṇḍa*.  
**GVDB**: 135, **K&B**: 3, 2277 : 41, 92
- castor-oil (*eraṇḍa*) *Ricinus communis*, L.  
 See **NK**: 1, #2145, **Chopra**: 214 : 46
- catechu (*khadira*) *Senegalia catechu* (L.f.)  
 P. J. Hurter & Mabb = *Acacia catechu*  
 Willd. **GVDB**: 129–130 : 67
- certain minerals (*tārāvitāra*) Unknown. It is  
 not even certain that these are minerals.  
 The variant reading in the vulgate,  
*tāraḥ sutāraḥ* was glossed by Ḍalhaṇa on  
 5.3.14 (**Su 1938**: 568) as follows *tāro*  
*rūpyaṃ, sutāraḥ pāradaḥ*, "tāra means  
 silver; sutāra means mercury." : 140
- Ceylon iron wood (*kṣīrikā*) *Mimusops*  
*hexandra*, Roxb. (**GVDB**: 126–127) :

- chaff (*kāṇḍana*) The word *kāṇḍana* is not found in dictionaries; *kaṇḍana* is threshing, separating the chaff from the grain in a mortar. Cf. Hemādri's *Caturvargacintāmaṇi* (PWK: 2, 8) (Śiromaṇi 1873: 1, 138: 21, citing the *Vāyupurāṇa*): 28, 227
- chebulic myrobalan (*haritakī*) Terminalia chebula Retz. [GVDB](#): 466: 97, 117
- cherry (*elavālu*) Prunus cerasus, L.?. See [BVDB](#) 58, [NK](#): 1, #2037, [GVDB](#): 58: 136
- chir pine (*sarala*) Pinus roxburghii, Sarg. [GVDB](#): 423: 67, 98
- chital deer (*pr̥ṣata*) Axis axis, Erxleben. See [BIA](#): 292, [IW](#): 93: 121
- 'choice tree' (*varadāru*) unknown. See ? :
- chukar partridge (*cakora*) Alectoris chukar. See Woodcock 1980: 45:
- cinnamon (*tvac*) Cinnamomum cassia, Blume. See [NK](#): 1, #579:
- citron (*mātuluṅga*) Citrus medica, Linn. [GVDB](#): 276, 306. Also spelled *mātuliṅga*, *mātulaṅga*, *mātulāṅga*: 67, 96, 101, 102
- cluster fig (*udumbara*) Ficus racemosa, L. See [ADPS](#): 487:
- cobra's saffron (*nāgapuṣpa*) → nāgakeśara. Mesua ferrea, L. See [NK](#): 1, #1595, [GVDB](#): 220: 136
- common crane (*krauñca*) Grus grus. See Woodcock 1980: 47:
- common mallow (*suvarcalā*) perhaps Malva sylvestris, L. A difficult plant to identify, see T. B. Singh and Chuneekar ([GVDB](#): 280, 440–441):
- common mallow (*sūryāvarta*) Malva sylvestris, L. Cakrapāṇidatta and Ḍalhaṇa identify it with *suvarcalā*, itself a difficult plant to identify. Perhaps Helianthus, see T. B. Singh and Chuneekar ([GVDB](#): 280):
- common smilax (*śvadamśtra*) Smilax aspera L., [GVDB](#): 414: 67
- corky coral tree (*pāribhadra*) Erythrina suberosa Roxb. See [GVDB](#) 245: 140
- costus (*kuṣṭha*) Saussurea costus, Clarke. See [NK](#): 1, #2239: 90, 96, 118, 136, 141
- cottony jujube (*kākolī*) Ziziphus mauritana, Lam. See [IGP](#): 1233, [NK](#): 1, #2663; [IGP](#) 1233. Cf. [NK](#): 1, #1170: 89, 95, 96
- country mallow (*atibalā*) Abutilon indicum, (L.) Sweet, but may be other kinds of mallow, e.g., Sida rhombifolia, L.. See [NK](#): 1, #11, [IGP](#): 1080, [NK](#): 1, #2300, [ADPS](#): 71, 77: 45, 95, 98, 171
- country sarsaparilla (*anantā*) Hemidesmus indicus, (L.) R. Br. See [ADPS](#): 434, [AVS](#): 3, 141–5, [NK](#): 1, #1210. But see [GVDB](#): 13 for complications that may suggest that it is to be equated with *sārivā*, which may sometimes be Cryptolepis or Ichnocarpus frutescens R. Rr. ([GVDB](#): 429–431): 45, 125, 135, 136, 140
- crape jasmine (*nata*) → crape jasmine [GVDB](#): 215: 219, 222
- crape jasmine (*tagara*) Tabernaemontana divaricata (L.) R.Br. ex Roem. & Schultes. See [GJM](#)1: 557, [AVS](#): 5, 232. Synonym of crape jasmine. But some say Valeriana jatamansi, Jones See [GVDB](#): 173–174 for discussion (and charming comments on brain liquid testing). Some say *tagara* is Indian rose-bay or Indian valerian, but there remain many historical questions about the ancient and regional identities of this plant See, e.g., [AVS](#): 5, 334: 90, 96, 118, 136, 219, 222
- crimson trumpet-flower tree (*pāṭalā*) Stereospermum chelonides, (L. f.) A. DC. See [GJM](#)1: 573, [AVS](#): 5, 192 ff, [ADPS](#): 362 f, [AVS](#): 3, 1848 f, [IGP](#) 1120, [Dymock](#): 3, 20 ff: 140, 221
- cucumber (*trapusa*) Cucumis sativus, L. See [AVS](#): 2, 231, [NK](#): 1, #731:
- cuscut grass (*uśīra*) Andropogon murcatus, Retz. Also "vetiver grass." See [NK](#): 1, #180: 118, 162

- datura (*dhattūra*) Datura metel, L. See  
 AVS: 2, 305 (cf. *Abhidhānamāñjarī*),  
 NK: 1, #796 ff. *Potter<sub>rev</sub>*: 292 f,  
 ADPS: 132 : 42
- deodar (*bhadradāru*) Cedrus deodara,  
 (Roxb.ex D.Don) G. Don. See AVS 41,  
 NK: 1, #516 : 36, 95, 99, 136
- deodar (*devadāru*) Cedrus deodara (Roxb.)  
 Loud. GVDB: 206–207 : 67, 96, 171
- dhaman tree (*dhanvaṅga*) → dhammaṇa?  
 Grewia tiliaefolia, Vahl. See  
 AVS: 3, 104, IK, AVS: 1, 386, IGP 529  
 (tiliifolia) :
- dried ginger (*śuṇṭhī*) Zingiber officinale,  
 Roscoe. See ADPS: 50, NK: 1, #2658,  
 AVS: 5, 435, IGP: 1232 : 94
- dried meat (*vallūra*) MW: 929,  
*Mahākośa*: 1, 730. The term is used,  
 rarely, in both the CS (1.5.10) and SS  
 (1.13. 16, 6.42.75–76). It is a Dravidian  
 loanword and occurs in the *Arthaśāstra*  
 etc. (KEWA: 3, 167) : 27
- drum-giver (?) (*lambaradā*) Unknown; cf.  
 GVDB: 348 : 125
- elixir salve (*rasāñjana*) → *añjana*. See  
 Indian barberry : 36, 46
- embelia (*viḍaṅga*) Embelia ribes, Burm. f.  
 See ADPS: 507, AVS: 2, 368, NK: 1,  
 #929, *Potter<sub>rev</sub>*: 113 : 36, 67, 90, 136
- emblic (*āmalaka*) Phyllanthus emblica, L.  
 See AVS: 4, 256 : 67, 97, 98
- emetic nut (*karaghāṭa*) Probably a synonym  
 for *karahāṭa* (emetic nut), q.v.,  
 GVDB: 74 : 220
- emetic nut (*karahāṭa*) Randia dumetorum,  
 Lamk. See GVDB: 291–292 and NK: 1,  
 #2091. T. B. Singh and Chuneekar  
 (GVDB: 74, 77–78) noted that it may be  
 a synonym for *karaghāṭa*, *emetic nut*,  
 and pointed rather to *Gardenia turgida*  
 Roxb. on the basis of local knowledge  
 in U. P. : 220, 224
- emetic nut (*madana*) Randia dumetorum,  
 Lamk. See NK: 1, #2091 : 116, 173
- false daisy (*bhṛṅga*) Eclipta prostrata (L.)  
 L. See GVDB: 288 : 67
- false daisy (*subhaṅgurā*) (su)bhaṅgura =  
 bhṛṅga? Eclipta prostrata (L.) L. See  
 GVDB: 288 : 124
- fermented rice-water (*dhānyāmla*) → *kāñjī*,  
*kāñjikā*, *sauvīra*. GVDB: 458, NK: 2,  
 appendix VI, #18 : 43, 44
- fern (*ajaruhā*) Nephrodium species  
 GVDB: 7, uncertain. Perhaps  
 Christella dentata (Forssk.) Brownsey  
 & Jermy, which is reported to have folk  
 applications against skin diseases in  
 India : 120
- fire-flame bush (*dhātakī*) Woodfordia  
 fruticosa (L.) Kurz. See AVS: 5, 412,  
 NK: 1, #2626 : 67, 117
- five roots (*pañcamūla*) Described at  
*Suśrutasaṃhitā* 1.38.66–69  
 (Su 1938: 169). There are two  
*pañcamūlas*, the *laghupañcamūla* (the  
 lesser five roots) and *bṛhatpañcamūla*  
 (greater five roots), with differing  
 properties. Combined they are called  
*daśamūla* (ten roots). See also  
*Mahākośa*: 1, 468 : 67
- five-leaved chaste tree (*śephālikā*) Vitex  
 negundo, L. See NK: 1, #2603 (cf. use  
 of leaves), IGP: 1210a, MW: 1088b :
- flame-of-the-forest (*palāśa*) Butea  
 monosperma (Lam.) Taub. GVDB: 241.  
*pālāśa* in some sources : 92, 220
- flame-of-the-forest (*pālāśa*) See  
 flame-of-the-forest (*palāśa*). The variant  
 name with long initial vowel appears in  
 Nepalese manuscripts :
- flax (*atasī*) Linum usitatissimum, L. See  
 NK#1495 : 95
- ‘foam-stone’ (*phenāśma*) unknown. See ? :
- fragrant lotus (*saugandhika*) A type of  
*kumuda* or *utpala* (GVDB: 457) : 27
- galangal (*galaṅgala*) Alpinia galanga (L.)  
 Sw. Identified with grey orchid in  
 Kerala (ADPS: 398). The name is  
 borrowed from Chinese, perhaps via  
 Persian or Arabic (Peter: 2, 304), and



- the name does not occur in early āyurvedic literature (GVDB) : 221
- galls (*karkāṭa*) *Rhus succedanea*, L. See NK: 1, #2136:
- garden pea (*kalāya*) *Pisum sativum*, L. See AVS: 4, 308, IGP 901; cf. NK: 1, #1940:
- garjan oil tree (*aśvakaṛṇa*) *Dipterocarpus turbinatus* Gaertn. f. See GVDB: 28, Chopra: 100 : 140
- 'gentle' (*somā*) *Ruta graveolens*, L., or *Sarcostemma brevistigma*, W & A, etc. See NK: 1, #2179, 2228; Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 262:
- giant potato (*kṣīravidārī*) possibly → *kṣīraśukla*. *Ipomoea mauritiana*, Jacq. See ADPS: 510, AVS: 3, 222, AVS: 3, 1717 ff: 95, 223, 225–227
- ginger (*mahaśadha*) *Zingiber officinale*, Roscoe. See ADPS: 50, NK: 1, #2658, IGP: 1232 : 121
- 'gladdener' (*nandana*) unknown. See ?:
- gold (*hema*) gold : 136
- gold and sarsaparilla (*surendragopa*) Unknown. Ḍalhaṇa on 5.3.15 (Su 1938: 568) glossed *surendra* as "gold" and *gopā* as "Indian sarsaparilla." He also noted other opinions that *surendra* was "Tellicherry bark" : 140
- golden shower tree (*rājadruma*) *rājadruma* = *āragvadha*. *Cassia fistula* L. See GVDB 37 : 140
- golden shower tree (*rājavarṇka*) → *rājadruma* = *āragvadha*. *Cassia fistula* L. See GVDB: 37 : 67
- golden shower tree (*āragvadha*) *Cassia fistula* L. See GVDB 37 : 97
- gourd (*alābu*) *Lagenaria siceraria* Standl. GVDB: 25. Some say *Lagenaria vulgaris*, Seringe (NK: 1, #1419) but this is not appropriate for blood-letting : 23, 24, 116
- greater five roots (*bṛhatpañcamūla*) Described at *Suśrutasaṃhitā* 1.38.68–69 (Su 1938: 169). Consists of Bengal quince, migraine tree, Indian trumpet tree, crimson trumpet-flower tree, and white teak : 220, 223, 228
- green gram (*māṣa*) *Vigna radiata* (L.) R. Wilcz. See ADPS: 296, IGP 1204 : 36, 95, 172
- grey orchid (*rāsnā*) *Vanda tessellata* (Roxb.) Hook. ex G. Don, usually. But *Pluchea lanceolata*, Oliver & Hiern, is a more common identification in Punjab and Gujarat (GVDB: 337–338); *Alpinia galanga* (L.) Sw. is more common in Kerala (ADPS: 398; Peter: 2, 303–318), though this is usually identified with *galangal*. As all authorities note, the identification of this plant is debated. Sivarajan and Balachandran (ADPS: 398–401) note that sources describe it as having leaves like cardamom and sweet-smelling roots and that "there is great confusion with regard to the identity of the drug." : 67, 94, 96, 220
- 'gutboiler' (*antrapācaka*) unknown. See ?:
- hairy bergenia (*pāṣāṇabheda*) *Bergenia ligulata* (Wall.) Engl. GVDB: 246–247 : 67
- halfa grass (*kuśa*) *Desmostachya bipinnata*, (L.) Stapf. GVDB: 111, AVS: 2, 326 : 95, 161
- hare foot uraria (*prthakparṇī*) → hare foot uraria (*prśniparṇī*) and ?? (*mūrvā*) GVDB: 257. A component of lesser five roots : 97, 224
- hare foot uraria (*prśniparṇī*) → *sahā*? *Uraria lagopoides*, DC. and *U. picta* Desv. See GVDB: 257–258, GJM1: 577, Dymock: 1, 426, AVS: 1, 750 ff, NK: 1, #2542; ADPS: 382, AVS: 2, 319 and AVS: 4, 366 are confusing. Also called *prthakparṇī*. A component of lesser five roots : 94, 95, 221
- heart-leaf sida (*balā*) *Sida cordifolia*, Linn. See ADPS: 71, NK: 1, #2297 : 45, 95, 98, 100, 136, 171
- heart-leaved moonseed (*amṛtā*) → *guḍūcī*.

- Tinospora cordifolia*, (Willd.) Hook.f. & Thoms.? See [ADPS](#): 38, [NK](#): 1, #2472, 624, [Dastur](#) #229 : 118, 134
- heart-leaved moonseed (*guḍūcī*) *Tinospora cordifolia*, (Thunb.) Miers. [ADPS](#): 38, [NK](#): 1, #2472 & #624, [Dastur](#) #229, [GVDB](#): 141–142. Also identified as *Cocculus cordifolius* DC. by Nadkarni ([NK](#)) and others (see also the [Tropicos botanical database](#)) : 67, 96
- heart-leaved moonseed (*somavallī*) *Tinospora cordifolia* (Thunb.) Miers. [GVDB](#): 456. Likely, but uncertain : 118
- heart-leaved moonseed creeper (*amṛtavalli*) See *amṛtā* : 171
- heliotrope (*hastisūṇḍa*) → *ibhagandhā*? *Heliotropium indicum*, L. See [AVS](#): 3, 136, [NK](#): 1, #1203 :
- henna (*madayantikā*) *Lawsonia inermis*, L. See [AVS](#): 3, 303, [NK](#): 1, #1448, [Potter<sub>rev</sub>](#): 151 : 119
- hill myna (*sārikā*) *Acridotheres tristis* *tristis*, L., etc. See Ali #1006, Dave (1985: 28 ff.), Woodcock (1980: 119) :
- Himalayan mayapple (*vakra*) *Podophyllum emodi*, Wall. ([NK](#): #1971). But perhaps a synonym of [crape jasmine](#) and [crape jasmine](#) ([GVDB](#): 354) : 141
- Himalayan monkshood (*ativiṣā*) → *viṣā* *Aconitum heterophyllum* Wall. [GVDB](#): 12, [NK](#): 1, #39. Also “atis roots” : 87, 119, 121, 141
- Himalayan monkshood (*viṣā*) → *ativiṣā* [GVDB](#): 12, 373 : 226
- hogweed (*punarnavā*) *Boerhaavia diffusa*, L. See [ADPS](#): 387, [AVS](#): 1, 281, [NK](#): 1, #363 : 97, 119, 135
- Holostemma* creeper (*jīvantī*) → *sūryavallī*? *Holostemma ada-kodien*, Schultes. See [ADPS](#): 195, [AVS](#): 3, 167, 169, [NK](#): 1, #1242 : 98, 226
- honey (*kṣaudra*) Eight varieties of honey are described in the SS ([NK](#): 2, Appendix 192). *Kṣaudra* is the product of a small bee of tawny colour, called *kṣudra* : 103, 121
- horned pondweed (*śaivāla*) also *śaivāla*, *śevāra*. *Zannichellia palustris* L. The uncertainties of this identification are discussed by T. B. Singh and Chuneekar ([GVDB](#): 409). Sometimes identified with [scutch grass](#) (*dūrvā*) ([GVDB](#): 409). Identified as *Ceratophyllum demersum* Linn. (“hornwort”) by [AVS](#): 2, 56–57x : 96, 222, 226
- hornwort (*jalanīlikā*) *Ceratophyllum demersum*, L. See [AVS](#): 2, 56, [IGP](#) 232 :
- hornwort (*jalaśūka*) → *jalanīlikā*. *Ceratophyllum demersum*, L. See [AVS](#): 2, 56, [IGP](#): 232. T. B. Singh and Chuneekar ([GVDB](#): 166) suggest [horned pondweed](#). *Ḍalhaṇa* noted on 1.16.19 ([Su](#) 1938: 79) that some people interpret it as a poisonous, hairy, air-breathing, underwater creature : 45
- horse gram (*kaulattha*) See [horse gram](#) (*kulattha*) : 162
- horse gram (*kulattha*) *Macrotyloma uniflorum* (Lam.) Verdcourt, syn. *Dolichos biflorus*, L., *D. uniflorus*, Lam., [GVDB](#): 109, [Kew](#): sub *Macrotyloma uniflorum* : 99, 100, 222
- horseradish tree (*śigru*) *Moringa oleifera* Lam. See [IGP](#) 759, [GJM](#)1: 603, [Dymock](#): 1, 396 : 96, 97
- hyacinth bean (*śimbī*) *Dolichos lablab*, L. See [NK](#): 1, #870 :
- Indian antelope (*eṇa*) *Antelope cervicapra*, L. See [BIA](#): 70 :
- Indian barberry (*añjana*) → *rasāñjana*, *dāruharidrā*. *Berberis aristata*, DC. [Dymock](#): 1, 65, [NK](#): 1, #335, [GJM](#)1: 562, [IGP](#): 141 : 46, 120, 220
- Indian barberry (*dāruharidrā*) *Berberis aristata*, DC. See [Dymock](#): 1, 65, [NK](#): 1, #685, [GJM](#)1: 562, [IGP](#) 141 : 135, 136
- Indian barberry (*kālīyaka*) → *dāruharidrā*, *añjana*. *Berberis aristata*, DC. See [Dymock](#): 1, 65, [NK](#): 1, #685, [GJM](#)1: 562, [IGP](#): 141 : 118



- Indian beech (*naktamāla*) *Pongamia pinnata*, (L.) Pierre. See [AVS](#): 4, 339, [NK](#): 1, #2003 : [36, 92](#)
- Indian ipecac (*payasyā*) Uncertain. Possibly *Tylophora indica* (Burm.f.) Merr. Perhaps a synonym of [panacea twiner](#), [giant potato](#), [purple roscoe](#), and [plants like asthma plant and Gulf sandmat](#) ([GVDB](#): 237–238). Also “curds” when not a plant : [45, 96, 226](#)
- Indian jujube (*sauvīra*) *Zizphus jujuba* Mill., [GVDB](#): 458, [MBG](#): sub *jujuba* :
- Indian jujube (*sauvīraka*) *Zizphus jujuba* Mill., [GVDB](#): 458, [MBG](#): sub *jujuba* : [95, 162](#)
- Indian kudzu (*vidārī*) → *payasyā*. *Pueraria tuberosa* (Willd.) DC. See [ADPS](#): 510, [AVS](#): 1, 792 f, [AVS](#): 4, 391; not [Dymock](#): 1, 424 f. See [GJM2](#): 444, 451, [AVS](#): 1, 187, but [AVS](#): 3, 1719 = *Ipomoea mauritiana*, Jacq : [45, 67](#)
- Indian laburnum (*śampāka*) *Cassia fistula*, L. See [ADPS](#): 48, [AVS](#): 2, 11 ff, [AVS](#): 2, 854, [IGP](#) 215 :
- Indian laurel (*plakṣa*) *Ficus microcarpa*, L. f. See [ADPS](#): 377 :
- Indian madder (*mañjiṣṭhā*) *Rubia cordifolia*, L. See [IGP](#), [Chopra](#): 215, [GVDB](#): 289 : [41, 136](#)
- Indian mottled eel (*varmimatsya*) Almost certainly the mottled eel. [MW](#): 962c noted that the *varmi* fish “is commonly called *vāmi*.” The “vam fish,” or “বান মাছ (*bān māch*)” in Bengal, is a marine and freshwater eel, *Anguilla bengalensis*. It is the most common eel in Indian inland waters and a prized food fish ([Froese and Pauly 2022](#)). However, some NIA languages identify the “vam” fish with the Indian Pike Conger, *Congresox talabonides* (Bleeker) (Talwar and Kacker [1984](#): 235, 236) : [25](#)
- Indian mustard (*sarṣapa*) *Brassica juncea*, Czern. & Coss. See [AVS](#): 1, 301, [NK](#): 1, #378 : [28](#)
- Indian pennywort (*maṇḍūkapaṇī*) *Centella asiatica* (L.) Urban. See [GVDB](#): 290, [ADPS](#): 289–291 :
- Indian sarsaparilla (*sārivā*) → *anantā*. *Hemidesmus indicus*, (L.) R. Br. [ADPS](#): 434, [AVS](#): 3, 141–5, [NK](#): 1, #1210; and black creeper, *pāṇḍī*. *Ichnocarpus frutescens*, (L.) R.Br. or *Cryptolepis buchanani*, Roemer & Schultes [AVS](#): 3, 141, 3.145, 3.203, [NK](#): 1, #1283, 1210, [ADPS](#): 434 : [135, 136, 221](#)
- Indian snakeroot (*sarpagandhā*) *Rauvolfia serpentina*, (L.) Benth. ex Kurz. See [NK](#): 1, #2099, [ADPS](#): 439, [GVDB](#): 425; cf. [SS](#) 5.5.76–78 :
- Indian spinach (*pūtīkā*) *Basella alba*, L. See [NK](#): 1, #318 (*rubra*), [ADPS](#): 489, [AVS](#): 1, 253, [IGP](#) 129b :
- Indian trumpet tree (*śyonāka*) *Oroxylum indicum* (L.) Benth. ex Kurz. [GVDB](#): 172–173. A component of [greater five roots](#) : [223](#)
- Indian trumpet tree (*ṭiṇṭuka*) → [Indian trumpet tree](#) (*śyonāka*). *Oroxylum indicum* (L.) Benth. ex Kurz. [GVDB](#): 172–173. A component of [greater five roots](#) : [221](#)
- indigo (*nīlinī*) *Indigofera tinctoria*, L. See [NK](#): 1, #1309 :
- Indrajao (*vṛkṣaka*) → *indrayava*, *indrabīja*, *kaliṅga*, and *kuṭaja*. *Holarrhena antidysenterica* Wall. [GVDB](#): 376, 45 and 84 : [171](#)
- jackfruit (*panasa*) *Artocarpus heterophyllus*, Lam. See [NK](#): 1, #249, [IGP](#) 99 :
- jambul (*jambū*) *Syzygium cumini*, (L.) Skeels. See [ADPS](#): 188, [NK](#): 1, #967, [Potter<sub>rev</sub>](#): 168, [Wujastyk 2003a](#) : [117](#)
- jasmine (*mālātī*) *Jasminium grandiflorum*, L. See [NK](#): 1, #1364 : [118](#)
- jequirity (*guñjā*) *Abrus precatorius*, L. See [AVS](#): 1, 10, [NK](#): 1, #6, [Potter<sub>rev</sub>](#): 168 : [124, 125](#)
- jequirity (*kālakūṭa*) *Abrus precatorius*, L.?

- Cf. RRS 21.14. See AVS: 1, 10, NK: 1, #6, Potter<sup>rev</sup>: 168:  
 ‘juice-cooker’ (*sārapāka*) unknown. See ? :  
 (?) (*karaṭā*) Not in GVDB. Cf. perhaps  
*karahāṭa* (emetic nut) : 125  
 khesari pea (*tripuṭa*) *tripuṭa* (kalāya).  
*Lathyrus sativus*, L. See IGP 651, NK: 1, #1439:  
 koel (*kokila*) *Eudynamys scolopacea*. See  
 Woodcock 1980: 66:  
 kumudvatī (*kumudvatī*) unknown. See ? :  
 kutki (*ariṣṭā*) *Picrorhiza kurroa* Royle ex  
 Benth. → *kaṭukā* (kutki) q.v.  
 (GVDB: 22–23) :  
 kutki (*kaṭukā*) *Picrorhiza kurroa* Royle ex  
 Benth. (GVDB: 64–65) : 87, 103, 224  
 lac (*jatu*) *Kerria lacca* (Kerr.). See  
<http://www.icar.org.in/ilri/default.htm> :  
 lac (*lākṣā*) *Kerria lacca* (Kerr.). See  
 GJM1: 445, NK: 2, #32. Watt  
 (Watt<sup>Comm</sup>: 1053–1066) is  
 characteristically informative, and is  
 definite about the antiquity of lac in  
 India : 141  
 lāmajja grass (*lāmajj*) *Andropogon*  
*iwarancusa*, Roxb. See NK: 1, #176:  
 lāmajja grass (*uśīrabheda*) → *lāmajja*.  
*Andropogon iwarancusa*, Roxb. See  
 NK: 1, #176:  
 leadwort (*agniśikhā*) *Plumbago zeylanica*  
 (or *rosea*?), L. See NK: 1, #1966, 1967 :  
 224  
 leadwort (*citraka*) *Plumbago zeylanica* (or  
*indica*?), L. See RĀ. 6.124, ADPS: 119,  
 NK: 1, #1966, 1967 : 36, 87, 92, 102  
 leadwort (*pālaka*) → *citraka*. *Plumbago*  
*zeylanica* (*indica*? *rosea*?), L. See RĀ.  
 6.124, ADPS: 1, 119, NK: 1, #1966, 1967 :  
 leadwort (*vidyutśikhā*) Synonym of  
*agniśikhā* (leadwort), q.v. : 125  
 lesser five roots (*laghupañcamūla*)  
 Described at *Suśrutasaṃhitā* 1.38.66–67  
 (Su 1938: 169). Consists of bull’s head,  
 poison berry, yellow-fruit nightshade,  
 hare foot uraria, and beggarweed : 218,  
 220, 221, 228, 230  
 liquorice (?) (*klītaka*) *Glycyrrhiza glabra*,  
 L.? GVDB: 123–124 discuss the many  
 difficulties in identifying this plant : 124  
 liquorice (*madhuka*) see *yaṣṭīmadhuka* : 45,  
 67, 94–99, 101, 121, 134, 136  
 liquorice (*yaṣṭīmadhuka*) *Glycyrrhiza*  
*glabra*, L. AVS: 3, 84, NK: 1, #1136,  
 GVDB: 329 f. : 46  
 ‘little bamboo’ (*veṇukā*) *Bambusa bambos*,  
 Druce?. See NK: 1, #307:  
 lodh tree (*lodhra*) *Symplocos racemosa*,  
 Roxb. See GJM1: 597, ADPS: 279 f,  
 NK: 1, #2420. T. B. Singh and  
 Chunekar (GVDB: 351–352) notes that  
 there are two varieties, *S. racemosa*,  
 qualified as *śāvāra*, and *S. crataegoides*  
 Buch.-Ham. for *paṭṭikā lodhra* : 36, 136  
 lodh tree (*rodhra*) *Symplocos racemosa*,  
 Roxb. See ADPS: 279, NK: 1, #2420:  
 lodh tree (*śāvāra*) → *lodhra*. *Symplocos*  
*racemosa*, Roxb. See ADPS: 279, NK: 1,  
 #2420:  
 long pepper (*māgadha*) *Piper longum*, L.  
 See NK: 1, #1928; but cf. AVS: 3, 245 :  
 120  
 long pepper (*pippalī*) *Piper longum*, L. See  
 ADPS: 374, NK: 1, #1928 : 67, 92, 97,  
 101–103, 121, 136, 171  
 lotus stalk (*mṛṇālā*) “Leaf stalk of sacred  
 lotus” GVDB: 318 : 96  
 luffa (*garāgarī*) → *gargaraka*? *Luffa*  
*echinata*, Roxb. See NK: 1, #1517:  
 luffa (*koṣātaka*) = *koṣītakī*, luffa :  
 luffa (*koṣātakya*) *Luffa cylindrica*, (L.) M. J.  
 Roem. or *L. acutangula*, (L.) Roxb. See  
 ADPS: 252, NK: 1, #1514 etc:  
 luffa (*koṣītakī*) = *koṣātakī*. *Luffa cylindrica*,  
 (L.) M. J. Roem. or *L. acutangula*, (L.)  
 Roxb. ADPS: 252–253, NK: 1, #1514 etc.  
 GVDB: 121 : 116, 134, 224  
 luffa gourd (*koṣavatī*) = *koṣītakī*, luffa : 134  
 mahua (*madhūka*) *Madhuca longifolia*,  
 (Koenig) Macbride. See AVS: 3, 362 f :  
 67

- maidenhair fern (*haṃsāhvayā*) *Adiantum lunulatum* Burm f. [GVDB](#): 463 : 171
- Malay beechwood (*śrīparṇī*) → *kāśmarī*.  
*Gmelina arborea* Linn. [GVDB](#): 412, 96–97 : 67
- mango (*āmra*) *Mangifera indica* Linn. [GVDB](#): 37 : 117
- marking-nut tree (*aruṣkara*) *Semecarpus anacardium* L. See *bhallātaka* (marking-nut tree) : 125
- marking-nut tree (*bhallātaka*) *Semecarpus anacardium*, L. See [NK](#): 1, #2269, [AVS](#): 5, 98 : 92, 120, 225
- medhshingi (*vijayā*2) *Dolichandrone falcata* (DC.) The *Sauśrutanighaṇṭu* gives a number of synonyms for *vijayā* (Suvedī and Tivārī 2000: 5.77, 10.143). But one of them, *viṣāṇī* (also *meṣaśṛṅgī*), is sometimes equated with *Dolichandrone falcata* (DC.) Seemann ([ADPS](#): 518; [GVDB](#): 373 f, a plant used as an abortifacient and fish poison ([NK](#): #862) : 125
- Midday flower (*bandhūka*) *Pentapetes phoenicea*, L. See [NK](#): 1, #1836, [GVDB](#): 268 :
- migraine tree (*agnimantha*) *Premna corymbosa*, Rottl. See [AVS](#) 1927, [ADPS](#): 21, [NK](#): 1, #2025, [AVS](#): 4, 348; [GJM1](#): 523: = *P. integrifolia/serratifolia*, L : 134, 221
- milk-white (*kṣīraśuklā*) An unidentified plant. [GVDB](#): 126: see purple *roscoea* and giant potato : 45, 227
- mongoose (*nakula*) *nakula*. *Urva edwardsii* or the often sympatric *U. auropunctatus* (small Indian mongoose, usually an eater of smaller creatures than snakes) ([BIA](#): ch. 5), On mongooses and snakes, see [BIA](#): 98–99; [IW](#): 112 : 121
- monitor lizard (*godhā*) *Varanus bengalensis*, Schneider. See [Reptiles](#): 58: 45, 121
- monkey jack (*lakuca*) *Artocarpus lakoocha*, Roxb. ex Buch.-Ham. See [GJM1](#): 597, [IGP](#) 99, [IPM](#) 3.2338f., pace [AVS](#): 1, 215 : ‘muddy’ (*kardama*) unknown. See ? :
- mung beans (*mudga*) *Phaseolus radiatus* L. [GVDB](#): 310–311 : 95, 98, 174
- mung beans (*māṣaka*) *Phaseolus mungo* Linn. [GVDB](#): 308 : 118
- munj grass (*nārācaka*) *Saccharum bengalense*, Retz.?. See [NK](#): 1, #2184 :
- myrobalan (*abhayā*) *Terminalia chebula*, Retz. See [ADPS](#): 172, [NK](#): 1, #2451, [Potter<sub>rev</sub>](#): 214 : 87, 134, 141
- myrobalans (*pathyā*) *Terminalia chebula* Retz. See [NK](#): 1, #2451 :
- natron (*suvarcikā*) Sodium carbonate. [NK](#): 2, #45. Ḍalhaṇa identifies *suvarcikā* with svarjikṣāra 4.8.50 ([Su 1938](#): 441) : 102, 136
- neem tree (*nimba*) *Azadirachta indica* A. Juss. [GVDB](#): 226 : 41, 171
- nutgrass (*kuruvinda*) Unknown. Ḍalhaṇa on 5.3.15 ([Su 1938](#): 568) glossed the term as *nutgrass*, but noted other opinions that it was a whetstone or a very special metallic gem. T. B. Singh and Chuneekar ([GVDB](#): 108) added that it could be a variety of rice, *ṣaṣṭika dhānya* : 140
- nutgrass (*mustaka*) *Cyperus rotundus*, L. See [ADPS](#): 316, [AVS](#): 2, 296, [NK](#): 1, #782 :
- nutgrass (*mustā*) *Cyperus rotundus*, L. See [ADPS](#): 316, [AVS](#): 2, 296, [NK](#): 1, #782 : 225
- oleander spurge (*snuhī*) *Euphorbia neriifolia*, L., or *E. antiquorum*, L. See [ADPS](#): 448, [AVS](#): 2, 388, [AVS](#): 3, 1, [NK](#): 1, #988, [IGP](#) 457b :
- orchid tree (*kovidāra*) *Bauhinia purpurea* Linn. or *B. variegata* Linn. (probably the former), [GVDB](#): 120, [AVS](#): 1, 256–260 : 162
- orpiment (*haritāla*) *Arsenii trisulphidum*. See [NK](#) v. 2, p. 20 ff :
- panacea twiner (*arkaparṇī*) See *arkapuṣpī*,

- panacea twiner :  
 panacea twiner (*arkapuṣpī*) → *arkaparṇī*,  
*Tylophora indica* (Burm. f.) Merr.  
 GVDB: 23–24. Maybe identical to  
 Indian ipecac, giant potato and similar  
 sweet, milky plants. See GVDB: 24, 127,  
 238, 441, 443 for discussion. For  
 discussion in the context of  
*Holostemma creeper*, see ADPS: 195  
 and AVS: 3, 171. The etymology of the  
 name suggests *Helianthus annuus* Linn.,  
 but this plant is native to the Americas :  
 135, 223, 226
- parakeet (*śuka*) *Psittacula*  
*krameri/eupatria/cyanocephala*. See  
 Woodcock 1980: 64 :
- peacock (*mayūra*) *Pavo cristatus*. See  
 Woodcock 1980: 39 :
- peas (*hareṇu*) *hareṇu* = *satīna*. *Pisum*  
*sativum*, L. T. B. Singh and Chuneekar  
 (GVDB: 419–420, 467–468) notes that  
 two plants are usually meant under this  
 name, but there is no agreement on the  
 identity of the second : 96, 135, 136, 141
- peepul tree (*aśvattha*) *Ficus religiosa*, L.  
 See ADPS: 63 : 143
- ‘pendent’ (*lambā*) unknown. GVDB: 348.  
 Known only from *Suśrutasaṃhitā* 5.2.5.  
 Identified by Monier-Williams et al.  
 (MW: 897) on no sound basis as “a  
 kind of bitter gourd or cucumber” :
- periploca of the woods (*meṣaśṛṅga*)  
*Gymnema sylvestre* (Retz.) R. Br. See  
 AVS: 3, 107, NK: 1, #1173 : 120
- pheasant peacock (*jīvajīvaka*) *jīvajīvaka*. ?.  
 See ? :
- plants like asthma plant and Gulf sandmat  
 (*kṣīriṇī*) various milky plants, perhaps  
 including *Euphorbia hirta* Linn.  
 (asthma plant) and *E. microphylla*  
 Heyne (Gulf sandmat) (GVDB: 127) :  
 223
- plumed cockscomb (*indīvara*) Uncertain;  
 possibly *Celosia argentea* Linn. But see  
 the useful discussion in GVDB: 44–45.
- Possibly another name for thorn apple  
 (*karambha*), q.v. : 228
- pointed gourd (*paṭola*) *Trichosanthes*  
*dioica*, Roxb. GVDB: 232–233 : 96, 134
- poison berry (*bṛhatī*) *Solanum violaceum*,  
 Ortega. See ADPS: 100, NK: 1, #2329,  
 AVS: 5, 151 : 92, 97, 135, 136, 224
- poison-altar (?) (*viṣavedikā*) Unknown.  
 Possibly, at a guess, *viṣamuṣṭika*  
 (strychnine tree)? GVDB: 373 Or *viṣā*  
 (Himalayan monkshood) : 125
- pomegranate (*dāḍima*) *Punica granatum*  
 Linn. GVDB: 201–202 : 67, 101, 102
- pondweed (*paripelavā*) Normally a neuter  
 noun. T. B. Singh and Chuneekar  
 (GVDB: 238, 264–265, 409) argued that  
*plava* and *śaivāla* are the same thing, and  
 may be either *Zannichellia palustris*, L.,  
 or *Potamogeton pectinatus*, L. : 136
- pondweed (*śevāla*) *Zannichellia palustris*  
 L. See horned pondweed : 27
- portia tree (*pārīṣa*) *Thespesia populnea*  
 (L.) Sol. ex. Corr. See ADPS: 352 :
- prickly chaff-flower (*apāmārga*)  
*Achyranthes aspera*, L. See GJM1: 524 f,  
 AVS: 1, 39, ADPS: 44 f, AVS: 3, 2066 f,  
 Dymock: 3, 135 : 41, 45, 95, 226
- prickly chaff-flower (*vasira*) also *vaśīra*.  
 Perhaps *Achyranthes aspera*, L.  
 GVDB: 362 describes several possible  
 identities, including *sūryāvarta*, prickly  
 chaff-flower and *markaṭatṛṇa*. See also  
*vasukavasira* (GVDB: 363) : 67, 226
- prickly chaff-flower (*vaśīra*) See prickly  
 chaff-flower :
- prickly-leaved elephant’s foot (*gojihvā*) →  
*gojī*. *Elephantopus scaber*, L. See  
 AVS: 2, 357 :
- purging nut (*dravantī*) → *mūṣikaparṇī*.  
*Jatropha curcas*, L. See AVS: 3, 261,  
 NK: 1, #1374 :
- purging nut (*mūṣikā*) *Jatropha curcas*, L.  
 See AVS: 3, 261, NK: 1, #1374 : 120
- purple calotropis (*arka*) *Calotropis*  
*gigantea*, (L.) R. Br. See ADPS: 52,

- AVS: 1, 341, NK: 1, #427, *Potter<sub>rev</sub>*: 57, *Chopra IDG*: 305–308: 36, 45, 92, 162  
purple calotropis (*khadyotaka*) → arka?  
Calotropis gigantea, (L.) R. Br. See *ADPS*: 52, AVS: 1, 341, NK: 1, #427, *Potter<sub>rev</sub>*: 63:  
purple roscoeia (*kṣīrakākolī*) *GVDB*: 89  
notes that many physicians use *Roscoeia procera* Wall. in this context. But the identification is uncertain. Possibly connected to milk-white or giant potato: 95, 223, 225  
racket-tailed drongo (*bhṛṅgarāja*) *Dicrurus paradiseus*. See Woodcock 1980: 123:  
radish (*mūlaka*) *Raphanus sativus*, L. See NK: 1, #2098: 99, 100  
rajmahal hemp (*moraṭa*) → *mūrvī*, *Marsdenia tenacissima* (Roxb.) Wight et Arn. Good discussion at *GVDB*: 314–316, 324: 134  
rajmahal hemp (*mūrvī*) → *moraṭa*, *Marsdenia tenacissima* (Roxb.) Wight et Arn. Good discussion at *GVDB*: 314–316, 324:  
rattan (*vetra*) *Calamus rotang*, L. See AVS: 1, 330, NK: 1, #413:  
red chalk (*gairika*) *gairika*: 136  
red gourd (*bimbī*) *Coccinia indica*, W. & A. See PVS 1994.4.715; NK: 1, #534: 116  
ribbed gourd (*karkoṭaka*) *Luffa acutangula*, (L.) Roxb.? (*Mormodica cochinchinensis*, Spreng.? Cf. *Luffa tuberosa*). See AVS: 3, 347 (NK: 1, #1640 1643; NK: 1, #1520):  
rice grains (*taṇḍula*) *Oriza sativa*, Linn. Same as unhusked rice (*śālī*) *GVDB*: 174; or just "grains": 28  
rice-grain chaff (*śālitaṇḍulakāṇḍana*) See chaff: 28  
rock salt (*saindhava*) See NK: 2, M#48, *Watt<sub>Comm</sub>*: 963–971: 28, 67, 102  
rosha grass (*dhyāmaka*) *Cymbopogon martinii* (Roxb.) Wats. See AVS: 2, 285, NK: 1, #177: 136  
sacred lotus (*kamala*) *Nelumbo nucifera* Gaertn. *GVDB*: 73–74: 224  
sacred lotus (*padma*) *Nelumbo nucifera*, Gaertn. See NK: 1, #1698: 27, 96, 118  
sacred lotus (*prapuṇḍarīka*) *Nelumbo nucifera*, Gaertn. See Dutt 110, NK: 1, #1698:  
sage-leaved alangium (*aṅkolla*) *Alangium salvifolium* (Linn. f.) Wang. *GVDB*: 5–6: 117  
sage-leaved alangium (*aṅkoṭa*) *Alangium salvifolium*, (L. f.) Wang. See AVS: 1, 77; cf. NK: 1, #88:  
sal (*śālasāra*) → sal tree (*śāla*):  
sal group of trees (*śālasārādi*) *śālasārādi* is a group (*gaṇa*) of twenty-three trees listed at 1.38.8–9 (*Su* 1938: 165), *Mahākośa*: 1, 898: 67  
sal tree (*śāla*) *Shorea robusta*, Gaertn.f. See AVS: 5, 124:  
sandalwood (*candana*) *Santalum album*, L. See *ADPS*: 111, NK: 1, #2217: 96, 98, 136, 162  
sappan wood (*pataṅga*) *Caesalpinia sappan*, L. See AVS: 1, 323, AVS: 2, 847 f:  
sappanwood (*pattāṅga*) Also *pattāṅga*. *Caesalpinia sappan*, L. AVS: 1, 323, K&B: 2, 847 f, *GVDB*: 234: 46  
scaly, red-streaked fish (*cilicima*) An unidentified fish that is absolutely not to be eaten with milk. Described in Bhela (1.12.7), Caraka (1.26.83) and Suśruta (1.20.8, 13). Circular, red streaks, round eyes and prominent scales, and "normally goes on land."  
scarlet mallow (*bandhujīva*) *Pentapetes phoenicea*, L. NK: #1836, *GVDB*: 268: 119  
scented pavonia (*bālaka*) *Pavonia odorata*, Willd. See *ADPS*: 498, NK: 1, #1822: 136  
scented pavonia (*toya*) → *bālaka*? *Pavonia odorata*, Willd. *ADPS*: 498, NK: 1, #1822:  
scutch grass (*dūrvā*) *Cynodon dactylon*



- (Linn.) Pers. (GVDB: 205) : 222  
 selu plum (*śelu*) *Cordia myxa*, L. non  
 Forssk. See GJM1: 529 (2), IGP: 291b, cf.  
 AVS: 3, 1677 f; cf. AVS: 2, 180 (C.  
*dichotoma*, Forst.f.), NK: 1, #672 (C.  
*latifolia*, Roxb.) : 97, 134  
 sesame (*tila*) *Sesamum indicum* L.  
 GVDB: 183 :  
 sesame oil (*taila*) *Sesamum indicum* L.  
 GVDB: 183 : 45, 162  
 sheep (*urabhra*) *Ovis orientalis*, Gmelin?.  
 See BIA 249 :  
 silk-cotton tree (*śālmālī*) *Bombax*  
*malabarica*. See Issar: 152 :  
 siris (*śirīṣa*) *Albizia lebbek*, Benth. See  
 AVS: 1, 81, NK: 1, #91, GVDB: 399–400.  
 Cf. white siris : 134, 162, 230  
 siris seeds (*śirīṣamāṣaka*) *Albizia lebbek*,  
 Benth. See AVS: 1, 81, NK: 1, #91 : 117  
 small-flowered crape myrtle (*sidhraka*)  
*Lagerstroemia parviflora* Roxb. See  
 GVDB: 432 : 140  
 ‘snake mallow’ (*mahābalā*) → *sahadevā*.  
*Sida spinosa*, L. See NK: 1, #2301,  
 ADPS: 74, Index Kewensis :  
 ‘snake-killer’ (*sarpaghāti*) unknown. See ? :  
 snakeroot (*sugandhā*) → *sarpagandhā*  
*Rauvolfia serpentina* Benth. ex. Kurz.  
 See *sarpagandhā*. But may be  
*Aristolochia indica* Linn. Has been  
 identified with *nākulī*, or *gandhanākulī*.  
 See (GVDB: 219, 436) : 124  
 soda crystals (*suvarjikā*) Sodium  
 carbonate. See NK: 2, #45 :  
 spikenard (*jaṭāmāmsī*) *Nardostachys*  
*jatamansi* DC GVDB: 163, etc :  
 spikenard (*māmsī*) *Nardostachys*  
*grandiflora*, DC. See NK: 1, #1691 : 136  
 spikenard (*nalada*) → *māmsī*.  
*Nardostachys grandiflora*, DC. See  
 NK: 1, #1691 : 115  
 spiny bitter cucumber (*karkāruka*)  
*Momordica cochinchinensis* (Lour.)  
 Spreng., (Thunb.) Cogn.  
 See AVS: 2, 1135, IGP 754 (or Beninkasa  
*hispida*? AVS: 2, 1127; cf. AVS: 1, 261) :  
 strychnine tree (*viṣamuṣṭika*) *Strychnos*  
*nux vomica* Linn. GVDB: 373 : 226  
 sugar (*sitā*) Ḍalhaṇa makes this equation  
 at 1.37.25 (Su 1938: 162) : 136  
 sugar (*śarkara*) *Saccharum officinarum*,  
 Linn. NK: #2182 : 121  
 sugar cane (*ikṣu*) *Saccharum officinarum*,  
 Linn. NK: #2182 : 121  
 sunflower (*sūryavallī*) → *ādityavallī*,  
*sūryamukhī*, *Helianthus annuus* Linn.  
 GVDB: 35, 443 : 134  
 swan (*haṃsa*) *haṃsa*. ?. See ? :  
 sweet flag (*vacā*) *Acorus calamus* Linn. See  
 GVDB: 352–355 : 95, 102  
 sweet melon (*ervārūka*) *Cucumis melo*, L.  
 See AVS: 2, 227; AVS: 2, 1140–3, IGP  
 325–6, NK: 1, #729 (C. *momordica*) :  
 sweet plants (*madhuravarga*) The sweet  
 plants are enumerated at  
*Suśrutasaṃhitā* 1.42.11. See also  
 GVDB: 127 : 45  
 sweet-scented oleander (*aśvamāra*) *Nerium*  
*oleander*, L. See ADPS: 223, NK: 1,  
 #1709 :  
 sweet-scented oleander (*aśvamāraka*)  
*Nerium oleander*, L. See ADPS: 223,  
 NK: 1, #1709 : 124  
 teak (*śāka*) *Tectona grandis*, L.f. See  
 AVS: 5, 245, (MW: 1061) :  
 Tellicherry bark (*kuṭaja*) *Holarrhena*  
*pubescens* Wall. ex G. Don, with  
*Wrightia tinctoria* and *W. arborea*  
 considered GVDB: 101–102,  
 ADPS: 267–270 : 92, 221  
 ten roots (*daśamūla*) Described at  
*Suśrutasaṃhitā* 1.38.70–71 (Su 1938: 169)  
 as a combination of the lesser five roots  
 and the greater five roots : 220  
 thorn apple (*karambha*) *Datura metel*, L.  
 See GVDB: 76 for useful discussion.  
 Also, AVS: 2, 305 (cf.  
*Abhidhānamāñjarī*), NK: 1, #796 ff.  
 Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 292 f, ADPS: 132. Possibly the  
 same plant as plumed cockscomb

- (*indīvara*) (GVDB: 76, 44–45): 125, 218, 226
- three heating spices (*tryūṣaṇa*) *śuṇṭhī* (Dried ginger) *Zingiber officinale*, Roscoe. ADPS: 50, NK: 1, #2658, AVS: 5, 435, IGP 1232, *pippalī* (long pepper) *Piper longum*, L. ADPS: 374, NK: 1, #1928, and *marica* (black pepper) *Piper nigrum*, L. ADPS: 294, NK: 1, #1929: 135
- three-leaf soapberry (*ariṣṭaka*) *Sapindus trifoliatus* L. (GVDB: 22):
- three-leaved caper (*varuṇa*) *Crataeva magna* (Lour.) DC. See AVS: 2, 202; cf. NK: 1, #696: 120
- top layer of fermented liquor (*surāmaṇḍa*) K&B: 2, 502, NK: 2, appendix VI, #49, McHugh 2021: 39: 43, 44
- tree cotton (*kārpāsa*) *G. arboreum* L. ADPS: 231. Pace the identifications of T. B. Singh and Chuneekar (GVDB: 92, 247), since *G. barbadense* L. is native to South America and *G. herbaceum* L. which is native to Africa: 42, 229
- tree cotton (*picu*) See tree cotton (*kārpāsa*): 44, 46
- turmeric (*gaūrī*) *Curcuma longa*, L. See ADPS: 169, AVS: 2, 259, NK: 1, #750: 96
- turmeric (*haridrā*) *Curcuma longa* Linn. GVDB: 465: 97, 135, 141
- turmeric (*rajanī*) *Curcuma longa*, L. ADPS: 169, AVS: 2, 259, NK: 1, #750: 28, 136
- turpeth (*trivṛt*) → *trvṛtā*. *Operculina turpethum* (Linn.) Silva Manso = *Ipomoea turpethum* R. Br. GVDB: 197.: 90, 121, 173, 218
- two kinds of salt (*vasukavasira*) See the discussion by T. B. Singh and Chuneekar (GVDB: 362–363), who note that when *vasuka* is mentioned together with *vasira*, two varieties of salt are often meant (see *vasukavasirā*): 67
- unhusked rice (*śālī*) *Oriza sativa*, Linn. GVDB: 395–396: 28, 227
- various kinds of honey (*madhuvarga*) *Suśrutasaṃhitā*'s eight categories of honey. See *Suśrutasaṃhitā* 1.45.132 and Dutt: 278–279:
- velvet-leaf (*pāṭhā*) *Cissampelos pariera*, L. See ADPS: 366, NK: 1, #592, GJM1: 573, AVS: 1, 95; cf. AVS: 2, 277: 36, 87, 102, 134
- velvet-mite (*indragopa*) *Kerria lacca* (Kerr.). Lienhard 1978: 116
- verbena (*bhārṅgī*) → *phañjī*. *Clerodendrum serratum*, L. See AVS: 2, 121, ADPS: 87:
- verbena (*phañjī*) *Clerodendrum serratum*, L. See AVS: 2, 121, ADPS: 87: 119
- 'Virāṭa's plant' (*vairāṭaka*) unknown. See?:
- watered buttermilk (*udaśvit*) MW: 183: 116
- watermelon (*kāḷindaka*) *Citrullus lanatus* (Thunb.) Matsum & Nak. See IGP 257, NK: 1, #596, AVS: 2, 1149:
- weaver's beam tree (*muṣkaka*) *Schrebera swietenoides*, Roxb. See AVS: 5, 88, Lord, NK: 1, #2246: 92, 140
- 'web-milk' (*jālakṣīri*) unknown. See?:
- wheat (*godhūma*) *Triticum vulgare*, L. See HK: 744:
- white babool (*arimeda*) *Acacia leucophloea*, (Roxb.) Willd. See AVS: 1, 23: 36
- white calotropis (*alarka*) *Calotropis procera*, (Ait.) R. Br. See NK: 1, #428, Chopra: 46b, Chopra IDG: 305–308: 45
- white clitoria (*Xsitā*) Possibly → white clitoria? *Clitoria ternatea*, L. See AVS: 2, 129, NK: 1, #621:
- white clitoria (*giryāhvā*) → *śvetā*. *Clitoria ternatea*, L. See AVS: 2, 129, NK: 1, #621:
- white clitoria (*śvetā*) → *giryāhvā*. *Clitoria ternatea*, L. See AVS: 2, 129, NK: 1, #621: 118, 229
- white cutch tree (*somavalka*) *Acacia polyacantha*, Willd. See AVS: 1, 30, IGP 7, GJM1: 602, AVS: 2, 935; pace NK: 1, #1038: 119, 140

- white dammer tree (*sarja*) *Vateria indica*, L. See [NK](#): 1, #2571, [AVS](#): 5, 349 f, [AVS](#): 1, 292 f, [Chopra](#): 253a : 36, 67
- white siris (*kaṭabhī*) *Albizia procera* (Roxb.) Benth. or *A. lebbeck* (Linn.) Benth. [GVDB](#): 63–64, [AVS](#): 1, 81–84. Cf. [siris](#) : 162, 228
- white siris (*kiṇihī*) *Albizia procera*, (Roxb.) Benth. See [GVDB](#) 98, [NK](#): 1, #93 : 135
- white teak (*kāśmaryā*) → *kaśmarī*, *madhuparṇī*. *Gmelina arborea*, Roxb. See [GJM1](#): 543, [Trees](#): 51, [ADPS](#): 240 : 67
- white teak (*kāśmarī*) → *kāśmaryā*, *madhuparṇī*. *Gmelina arborea*, Roxb. See [GJM1](#): 543, [Trees](#): 51, [ADPS](#): 240 : 96, 98, 221
- white teak (*madhuparṇī*) *Gmelina arborea*, Roxb. See [GJM1](#): 543, [Trees](#): 51, [ADPS](#): 240 : 67
- white water-lily (*kumuda*) *Nymphaea alba*, Linn. [GVDB](#): 105 : 27
- wild asparagus (*bahuputrā*) → *nandana*? *Asparagus racemosus*, Willd. See further [wild asparagus](#) (*śatāvarī*) : 119
- wild asparagus (*śatāvarī*) *Asparagus racemosus*, Willd. See [ADPS](#): 441, [AVS](#): 1, 218, [NK](#): 1, #264, [IGP](#): 103, [AVS](#): 4, 249 ff, [Dymock](#): 3, 482 ff : 94–96, 98, 174, 230
- wild celery (*agnika*) → may be *bhallātaka*, *lāṅgalī*, *ajamodā*, *morāṭa*, or *agnimantha*, [GVDB](#): 4. Uncertain : 134
- wild celery (*ajamodā*) *Apium graveolens*, L. : 134
- wild chinchona (*kādamba*) *Anthocephalus cadamba*, Miq. See [NK](#): 1, #204 :
- wild mustard (*saurīyaka*) *Cleome viscosa*, L.? (cf. [Rā.4.144](#)). See [AVS](#): 2, 116, [NK](#): 1, #615 :
- wild sugar cane (*kāṇḍekṣu*) *Saccharum spontaneum* L., [GVDB](#): 90 : 67
- Withania* (*aśvagandhā*) *Withania somnifera* (L.) Dunal. See [AVS](#): 5, 409 f, [Dymock](#): 2, 566 f., [Chevallier](#) 150 : 45, 91, 97
- wolfsbane (*vatsanābha*) *Aconitum napellus*, L. See [AVS](#): 1, 47, [NK](#): 1, #42, [Potter<sub>rev</sub>](#): 4 f. Or *Aconitum chasmanthum* Stapf ex Holmes, [GVDB](#): 357 : 217
- wood apple (*kapittha*) *Limonia acidissima*, L. See [AVS](#): 3, 327, [NK](#): 1, #1021 : 97, 118, 120
- woodrose (*mūṣikakarṇī*) *Jatopha curcas*, L. [AVS](#): 3, 261, [NK](#): 1, #1374. [GVDB](#): 317; [ADPS](#): 23–25 discuss this issue well : 118
- woodworm (*ghuṇa*) See [note to Atharvaveda 4.16](#) :
- yellow-berried nightshade (*kṣudrā*) *Solanum virginianum*, L. See [ADPS](#): 100, [NK](#): 1, #2329, [AVS](#): 5, 164 : 135, 136
- yellow-fruit nightshade (*kaṇṭakārī*) *Solanum virginianum* L. (also called *Solanum xanthocarpum*, Schrad. & Wendl.) [GVDB](#): 68–69. A component of [lesser five roots](#) : 224



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This is a change we should make in the edition.	87
You need not give all the grammatical details about śrotādi. Assume you are talking to knowledgeable Sanskrit scholars.	88
Perhaps <i>kalka</i> here could also mean the <i>Terminalia Bellerica</i> (विभीतक).	90
Euphorbia Antiquorum (Antique spurge)	92
The webpage <a href="https://hindi.shabd.in/vairagya-shatakam-bhagacharya-arjun-tiwari/post/117629">https://hindi.shabd.in/vairagya-shatakam-bhagacharya-arjun-tiwari/post/117629</a> says that this verse belongs to the <i>Nītiratna</i> . I could not find this text.	95
The provisional edition should be modified accordingly.	97
There, Ḍalhaṇa comments that deliberation on <i>avapīḍa</i> had been done earlier when it was mentioned. Find that description to know more details.	99
Search for the section where the treatment of <i>ākṣepaka</i> is described.	100
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■ -> ativiṣa . . . . .	130
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■ Come back to the issue of "kalpa". Look up passages in the Kośa. . . .	137
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