## A Translation of the Nepalese Text of the Suśrutasaṃhitā

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# Uttaratantra 65: Rules of Interpretation

#### Literature

Meulenbeld offered an annotated overview of this chapter and a bibliography of earlier scholarship to 2002. Earlier explorations of this topic include Nārāyaṇa 1949; Dasgupta 1952; Oberhammer 1967–68; Muthuswami 1976; Lele 1981; Scharfe 1993; Mejor 2000; A. Singh 2003. Manevskaia (2008) gave examples of the use of tantrayuktis in Buddhist commentarial literature.

#### **Terminology**

#### **Characteristics of the Manuscript Transmission**

#### **Translation**

- 1 Now we shall explain the chapter called, "the enunciation of the logical methods of the system (*tantrayukti*)."
- 3 There are thirty-two logical methods of the system. They are as follows:
  - topic (adhikaraṇa)
  - construing (yoga)
  - word meaning (padārtha)
  - premise (hetvartha)

- mention (samuddeśa)
- description (*nirdeśa*)
- prescription (*upadeśa*)
- statement of reason (*apadeśa*)
- indication (*pradeśa*)
- prediction (*atideśa*)
- exception (*apavarga*)
- ellipis (*vākyaśeṣa*)
- implication (*arthāpatti*)
- contraposition (*viparyaya*)
- recontextualization (*prasaṅga*)
- invariable statement (*ekānta*)
- variable statement (*anekānta*)
- objection (pūrvapakṣa)
- determination (*nirnaya*)
- consent (anumata)
- itemization (vidhāna)
- future reference (anāgatāpeksana)
- past reference (atikrāntāpekṣaṇa)
- doubt (saṃśaya)
- explication (*vyākhyāna*)
- field-specific term (*svasamjñā*)
- interpretation (*nirvacana*)
- illustration (*nidarśana*)
- compulsion (*niyoga*)
- option (vikalpa)
- aggregation (*samuccaya*)
- deducible (ūhya)
- 4 It is said about this, "what is the purpose of these methods?" The answer is, "construing sentences and construing meanings". 413
- 5-6 There are two verses about this:

The logical methods of the system prohibit statements employed by people who do not speak the truth. They also bring about the validity of one's own statements. And they also clarify meanings that

<sup>413</sup> Dalhaṇa on 6.65.4 (Su 1938: 815) explained "construing a sentence" as "connecting up a sentence that is not connected," and "construing a meaning" as "clarifying or making appropriate a meaning that is implied or inppropriate."

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are stated back to front, that are implicit, unclear and any that are partially stated.

8 Among them, "topic (*adhikaraṇa*)" refers to the object, with reference to which statements are made, such as flavour (*rasa*) or humour (*doṣa*).<sup>414</sup>

"Construing (*yoga*)" is that by which a sentence is construed, as when words that are in a reversed order, whether placed close or apart, have their meanings unified.

Sesame oil he should drink, with heart-leaved moonseed, neem tree, maidenhair fern, Indrajao, and long pepper

that is cooked with heart-leaf sida and country mallow, and deodar, always for a benefit in the case of the disease goitre.

In this verse, one ought to say, first, "one should drink cooked...." However, the word "cooked" is used in the second line.<sup>415</sup> Unifying the meanings of words in this way, even though they are far apart, is construing.

The meaning that is conveyed in an aphorism  $(s\bar{u}tra)$  or a word is called word-meaning  $(pad\bar{a}rtha)$ . In other words, word-meaning is the meaning of one or more words. Word-meanings are unlimited.

Where two or three meanings such as 'fat,' 'sweat' or 'anointment' appear to be possible, the valid meaning is the one that construes with prior and subsequent elements. For example, when it is said that, "We are going to explain the chapter on the *veda*-origin" the mind may be confused about which "*veda*" will be spoken about. *Sāmaveda* and so on are the Vedas. Taking note of the prior and subsequent elements, the two roots *vind* "find" and *vid* "know" have a single meaning. Subsequently, the understanding takes place that there is a wish to talk about the origin of āyurveda. So that is the meaning of the word.

<sup>414</sup> The idea here is that "rasa" may be the topic of a chapter, and statements in that chapter are all understood to be about that topic

<sup>415</sup> The Nepalese version reads द्वितीये पादे which would properly mean the second quarter of the first line; the vulgate reads "third quarter" which seems more correct.

<sup>416</sup> There is a dangling relative clause, यो ऽर्थः, in the Nepalese version that is avoided in the vulgate recension by the addition of स ग्रहीतव्यः.

<sup>417</sup> The Nepalese text here is hard to follow, and the vulgate has a significantly different reading. But the problem situation seems to be as follows. The <code>Suśrutasaṃhitā</code> opens with a statement saying that it will describe the "origin of the <code>veda"</code> (<code>vedotpatti</code>). The

See also Dalhaṇa at 1.1.1 (Su 1938: 1)

- The sense of the cause (*hetvartha*) is a statement that is a premiss ( $s\bar{a}$ -dhana). For example, just as a lump of earth is moistened by water, so a wound is moistened by substances like milk with green gram.<sup>418</sup>
- 12 A mention (*samuddeśa*) is a brief statement such as "spike (*śalya*)".<sup>419</sup>
- A description (*nirdeśa*) is a detailed statement. For example, "in the body or exogenous".<sup>420</sup>
- Prescription (*upadeśa*) refers to statements like "it should be this way." For example, one should not stay awake at night; you should not sleep during daytime.
- Statement of reason (*apadeśa*) refers to statements like "this happens because of this." For example, in the sentence "Phlegm increases by sweet substances", the reason is stated.
- Substantiation of the subject matter through past evidence is indication (*pradeśa*). For example, he removed the pain-causing substance from Devadatta so he can do it from Yajñadatta.
- Substantiation of the subject matter through future event is prediction (*atideśa*). For example, if his wind goes up he would get colic by that.
- A deviation after generalization is exception (*apavarga*). For example, those afflicted by poison should not go through sudorific treatment other than the cases of poisoning by urinary worms.

problem is, what does this word "veda" refer to? Is it the Veda, as in Sāmaveda? Or something derived from the roots  $\sqrt{\text{vind}}$  or  $\sqrt{\text{vid}}$ ? Context ("prior and subsequent elements") can help us to know that "veda" means only " $\bar{a}yurveda$ " and that the Su- $\bar{s}rutasamhit\bar{a}$  is talking about the origin of ayurveda, specifically. This same issue is also addressed by Dalhaṇa at 1.1.1 (Su 1938:1).

<sup>418</sup> The way this principle is expressed here seems to be describing the application of a general principle (water makes things wet) to a specific context. We can know the moistening of a wound because we know the more general case of moistening earth. However, etymologically, हेत्वर्ध does not mean "analogy," but rather, something like "purpose of the reason." The phrase "the sense of cause" that we have used leans on the use of the term in commentaries on the <code>Aṣṭādhyāyī</code> (Kaumudī on 2.3.23). The vulgate of the <code>Suśrutasaṃhitā</code> rewrites the principle, making it clearer that the principle means "clarification by analogy." Cf. also Cakrapāṇi's discussion at Si.12.41 (Ca 1941:736), where he explained the principle as using an explanation from one situation to clarify another situation. Cf. <code>Arthaśāstra 5.1.13</code> (Olivelle 2013: 436), which is also unclear.

<sup>419</sup> Generally, शल्य refers to any painful foreign body embedded in the flesh that requires surgical removal.

<sup>420</sup> This is a reference to 1.26.4 (Su 1938:121) where शल्य is described in more detail as being of two kinds.

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Ellipsis (*vākyaśeṣa*) refers to an unstated word that completes a sentence. For example, despite not mentioning the word 'person', when mentioning someone as 'the one having a head, hands, feet, flanks, and abdomen,' it's apparent that the reference is to a person.

- arthāpatti (*Implication*) refers to an unstated idea that becomes evident through context. For example, when one said, "We will eat rice" it becomes evident from the context that he did not wish to drink gruel.
- When there is the reversal of it it is contraposition (*viparyaya*). For example, when it is said, "Weak, dyspneic, and fearful people are difficult to treat," the converse holds true: "Those who are strong and so on are easily treatable."
- Recontextualization (*prasaṅga*) refers to a concept common to another section. For example, a concept belonging to another section is brought up by mentioning it repeatedly throughout.
- Invariable statement ( $ek\bar{a}nta$ ) is one that is stated with certainty. For example, turpeth causes purgation; emetic nut induces vomiting.
- Variable statement (*anekānta*) is one that is true in one way in some cases and in another way elsewhere. For example, some teachers identify the main element as substance, others as fluid, some as semen, and some as digestion.
- A first point of view ( $p\bar{u}rvapak$ ;a) is something stated with certainty. For example, how are the four types of diabetes caused by wind incurable?<sup>421</sup>
- 26 Its answer is determination. For example, afflicting the body and trickling downwards, it creates urine mixed with fat, fatty tissues, and marrow. Thus, those caused by wind are incurable.
- 28 Consent (*anumata*) refers to others' opinion that is not rejected. For example, when the assertor says that there are six flavours and that somehow gets accepted with affirmation, it is termed consent.
- 29 Itemization (*vidhāna*) refers to sequentially ordered statements within a chapter. For example, the eleven lethal points of thigh are mentioned sequentially in a chapter.
- 30 A statement like "Thus will be stated" is future reference (anāgatāpe-kṣaṇa) such as when one says in the Sūtrasthāna, "I will mention it in
- 421 The adverb निःसंशयम् is problematic: the example expresses a query or doubt, the opposite of certainty, which is answered in the next passage. It would seem to make more sense to read something like यस् तु ससंशयम् अभिधीयते स पूर्वपक्षः, but our manuscripts are unanimous in their reading.

See chapter 40 of Sūtrasthāna.

vasā / medas / majjan Does bhūtādi a compound or it means ahaṅkāra or the Cikitsāsthāna.

- A statement like "Thus has been stated" is past reference (atikrāntāpe-kṣaṇa) such as when one says in the Cikitsāsthāna, "As mentioned in the Sūtrasthāna...".
- 32 Indication pointing to causes on both sides is doubt (*saṃśaya*). For example, a blow to <sup>422</sup> is fatal, whereas cutting hands and feet is not fatal.
- An elaborate description is explication (*vyākhyāna*). For example, the twenty-fifth entity, , is being explicated here. Thus, no other Āyurvedic texts discuss entities beginning with matters.
- Field-specific term (*svasaṃjñā*) is uncommon in other field of studies. The term used in one's own systems is called field-specific term, such as in this system, denotes honey and ghee, and denotes ghee, sesame oil and fat.
- A customary potrayal is interpretation (*nirvacana*). For example, one goes along the shade fearing heat.
- Providing examples is illustration (*nidarśana*). For example, just as fire spreads rapidly in a dry forest when accompanied by wind, a wound intensifies affected by wind, bile, and phlegm.
- A statement like "This is the only way..." ...compulsion (*niyoga*). For example, one should consume only a healthy diet.
- A statement like "This and this..." is option (*vikalpa*). For example, in the section on meat, the major ones are blackbuck, deer, quail and partridge. 423
- A summarized statement is aggregation (*samuccaya*).<sup>424</sup> For example, let there be rice with meat broth, rice with milk, or burley with ghee.

A meaningful reading of these two rules would be 39 idam vedam veti vikalpaḥ / yathā rasodanaḥ kṣīrodanaḥ

saghṛtā vā yavāgūr bhavatv iti //

38 saṃkṣepavacanaṃ samuccayaḥ / yathā māṃsavarge eṇahariṇalāvatittirāḥ pradhānā iti

<sup>422</sup> तलहद्य is one of the lethal points mentioned in the 3.6 (Su 1938).

<sup>423</sup> The example here matches समुच्चय (next text), not विकल्प. There seems to have been a metathesis of terms. Y. T. Ācārya and N. R. Ācārya (Su 1945: 1005, footnote 6) notes that this text and the next have been swapped in the 1910/11 Calcutta edition that includes Hārāṇacandra's commentary (hārāṇa Meul ed t), in the same way as in the Nepalese version.

<sup>424</sup> As stated in the previous footnote, the example here is of विकल्प, not समुच्चय.

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What is not explicitly stated but can be understood through discernment is deducible ( $\bar{u}hya$ ). For example, in the section on rules of foods and drinks, four types of foods and drinks are mentioned—masticable (bhak sya), edible (bhojya), suckable (lehya), and drinkable (peya). Thus, while four types are needed to be stated, two types are actually mentioned. Here it is deducible that in the section on foods and drinks, by specifically mentioning two types, the four types are also mentioned. Furthermore, a masticable item is not excluded from the category of food because it shares the same characteristic of solidity. A suckable item is not excluded from being classified as a drink because it shares the same characteristic of liquidity. Four types of aliments are rare. They are usually just twofold. Therefore, lord Dhanvantari says "Twofold is popular".

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aconite leaf (?) (viṣapatrikā) Unknown.
   Cf. perhaps, vatsanābha (wolfsbane).
   Cf. GVDB: 373:87
amaranth (tandulīyaka) Amaranthus
   hypochondriacus, L. See King 321,
   NK: 1, #144, Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 15. Cf.
   AVS: 1, 121:80
arjun (arjuna) Terminalia arjuna, Bedd.
   See HK: 32
axlewood (dhava) Anogeissus latifolia
   (Roxb. ex DC.) Wall. ex Guill & Perr.
   See AVS: 1, 163 f, Chopra: 20: 32, 102
bamboo leaves (venupatrikā) Bambusa
   bambos, Druce. See NK: 1, #307:80
beautyberry (priyangu) \rightarrow \acute{s}y\bar{a}m\bar{a}.
   Callicarpa macrophylla, Vahl. See
   AVS: 1, 334, NK: 1, #420. Some say also
   Setaria italica Beauv. GVDB: 263-264.
   See also GVDB: 413: 32, 98, 103
beautyberry (śyāmā) Callicarpa
   macrophylla, Vahl. See AVS: 1, 334,
   NK: 1, #420: 78, 80
beggarweed (amśumatī) Desmodium
   gangeticum (L.) DC (Dymock: 1, 428,
   GJM1: 602, NK: 1, #1192; ADPS: 382,
   414 and AVS: 2, 319, 4.366 are
   confusing): 98
beggarweed (vid\bar{a}rigandh\bar{a}) \rightarrow \dot{s}\bar{a}laparn\bar{\iota}.
   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: 41
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Bengal quince (bilva) Aegle marmelos (L.)
  Corr. See AVS: 1, 62, Chevallier 159,
  NK: 1, #62, (MW: 732a): 64
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. Dalhana on SS 5.1.82
  identified pālindī with trivṛt (turpeth)
  and T. B. Singh and Chunekar
   (GVDB: 246) supported this as a usual
  identification: 80, 83, 97, 98
blackboard tree (saptachada) Alstonia
  scholaris R. Br. GVDB: 420: 79
blackbuck (harina) Antilope cervicapra, L.
  See BIA: 270 IW: 95, 165, et passim: 83
blue water-lily (utpala) Nymphaea
  stellata, Willd. See GJM1: 528, IGP 790;
  Dutt: 110, NK: 1, #1726: 23, 78, 97, 98
cardamom (elā) Elettaria cardamomum,
  Maton. See AVS: 2, 360, NK: 1, #924,
  Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 66: 64, 98, 103
cassia cinnamon (patra) Cinnamomum
  tamala, (Buch.-Ham.) Nees. See
  AVS: 2, 84, NK: 1, #589: 64, 80, 98
castor oil tree (gandharvahasta) \rightarrow eranda.
  GVDB: 135, K&B: 3, 2277: 37
castor-oil (eranda) Ricinus communis, L.
  See NK: 1, #2145, Chopra: 214: 42
certain minerals (tārāvitāra) Unknown. It
  is not even certain that these are
  minerals. The variant reading in the
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vulgate, tāraḥ sutāraḥ was glossed by
   Dalhana on 5.3.14 (Su 1938: 568) as
   follows tāro rūpyam, sutārah pāradah,
   "tāra means silver; sutāra means
   mercury.": 102
chaff (kāndana) The word kāndana is not
   found in dictionaries; kaṇḍana is
   threshing, separating the chaff from the
   grain in a mortar. Cf. Hemādri's
   Caturvargacintāmaņi (PWK: 2,8)
   (Śiromani 1873: 1, 138: 21, citing the
   Vāyupurāṇa): 24, 186
chebulic myrobalan (harītakī) Terminalia
   chebula Retz. GVDB: 466: 79
cherry (elavālu) Prunus cerasus, L.?. See
   BVDB 58, NK: 1, #2037, GVDB: 58: 98
chital deer (prsata) Axis axis, Erxleben.
   See BIA: 292, IW: 93: 83
cobra's saffron (n\bar{a}gapuspa) \rightarrow n\bar{a}gakeśara.
   Mesua ferrea, L. See NK: 1, #1595,
   GVDB: 220: 98
corky coral tree (pāribhadra) Erythrina
   suberosa Roxb. See GVDB 245: 102
costus (kuṣṭha) Saussurea costus, Clarke.
   See NK: 1, #2239: 64, 80, 98, 103
cottony jujube (k\bar{a}kol\bar{\iota}) Ziziphus
   mauritanica, Lam. See IGP: 1233,
   NK: 1, #2663; IGP 1233. Cf. NK: 1,
   #1170:63
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: 41, 141
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 fruitescens
   R. Rr. (GVDB: 429-431): 41, 87, 97,
   98, 102
crape jasmine (nata) \rightarrow crape jasmine
   GVDB: 215: 182, 183
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crape jasmine (tagara) Tabernaemontana
  divaricata (L.) R.Br. ex Roem. &
  Schultes. See GJM1: 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, 334:64, 80,
  98, 182, 183
crimson trumpet-flower tree (pāṭalā)
  Stereospermum chelonides, (L. f.) A.
  DC. See GJM1: 573, AVS: 5, 192 ff,
  ADPS: 362 f, AVS: 3, 1848 f, IGP 1120,
  Dymock: 3, 20 ff: 102
cuscus grass (uśīra) Andropogon
  murcatus, Retz. Also "vetiver grass."
  See NK: 1, #180:80
datura (dhattūra) Datura metel, L. See
  AVS: 2, 305 (cf. Abhidhānamañjarī),
  NK: 1, #796 ff. Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 292 f,
  ADPS: 132: 38
deodar (bhadradāru) Cedrus deodara,
   (Roxb.ex D.Don) G. Don. See AVS 41,
  NK: 1, #516: 32, 98
deodar (devadāru) Cedrus deodara
   (Roxb.) Loud. GVDB: 206-207: 141
dried meat (vallūra) MW: 929,
   AyMahā: 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): 23
drum-giver (?) (lambaradā) Unknown; cf.
  GVDB: 348:87
elixir salve (ras\bar{a}\tilde{n}jana) \rightarrow a\tilde{n}jana. See
  Indian barberry: 32, 42
embelia (vidanga) Embelia ribes, Burm. f.
  See ADPS: 507, AVS: 2, 368, NK: 1,
  #929, Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 113: 32, 64, 98
emetic nut (karaghāta) Probably a
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synonym for karahāta (emetic nut), q.v.,

bark": 103 GVDB: 74: 182 golden shower tree (rājadruma) rājadruma emetic nut (karahāṭa) Randia dumetorum, Lamk. See GVDB: 291-292 and NK: 1, = āragvadha. Cassia fistula L. See #2091. T. B. Singh and Chunekar GVDB 37:102 (GVDB: 74, 77–78) noted that it may be gourd (alābu) Lagenaria siceraria Standl. a synonym for karaghāṭa, emetic nut, GVDB: 25. Some say Lagenaria and pointed rather to Gardenia turgida vulgaris, Seringe (NK: 1, #1419) but Roxb. on the basis of local knowledge this is not appropriate for in U. P.: 182, 184 blood-letting: 19, 20, 79 emetic nut (madana) Randia dumetorum, green gram (māṣa) Vigna radiata (L.) R. Lamk. See NK: 1, #2091: 78, 143 Wilcz. See ADPS: 296, IGP 1204: false daisy ( $subhangur\bar{a}$ ) (su) bhangura = bhṛṅga? Eclipta prostrata (L.) L. See heart-leaf sida (balā) Sida cordifolia, Linn. GVDB: 288:86 See ADPS: 71, NK: 1, #2297: 41, 98, 141 fermented rice-water ( $dh\bar{a}ny\bar{a}mla$ )  $\rightarrow k\bar{a}\tilde{n}j\bar{\imath}$ , heart-leaved moonseed (amṛtavalli) See kāñjikā, sauvīra. GVDB: 458, NK: 2, heart-leaved moonseed (amṛtā): 141 appendix VI, #18: 39, 40 heart-leaved moonseed ( $amrt\bar{a}$ )  $\rightarrow gud\bar{u}c\bar{\iota}$ . fern (ajaruhā) Nephrodium species Tinospora cordifolia, (Willd.) Hook.f. GVDB: 7, uncertain. Perhbaps & Thoms.? See ADPS: 38, NK: 1, #2472, Christella dentata(Forssk.) Brownsey 624, Dastur #229: 80, 97, 183 & Jermy, which is reported to have folk heart-leaved moonseed (somavallī) applications against skin diseases in Tinospora cordifolia (Thunb.) Miers. India: 82 GVDB: 456. Likely, but uncertain: 80 fire-flame bush (dhātakī) Woodfordia henna (madayantikā) Lawsonia inermis, L. fruticosa (L.) Kurz. See AVS: 5, 412, See AVS: 3, 303, NK: 1, #1448, NK: 1, #2626: 79 Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 151: 81 fragrant lotus (saugandhika) A type of Himalayan mayapple (vakra) *kumuda* or *utpala* (GVDB: 457) : 23 Podophyllum emodi, Wall. garjan oil tree (aśvakarṇa) Dipterocarpus (NK: #1971). But perhaps a synonm of turbinatus Gaertn. f. See GVDB: 28, crape jasmine and crape jasmine Chopra: 100: 102 (GVDB: 354): 103 giant potato ( $k \bar{s} \bar{i} r a v i d \bar{a} r \bar{i}$ ) possibly  $\rightarrow$ Himalayan monkshood ( $ativis\bar{a}$ )  $\rightarrow vis\bar{a}$ kṣīraśukla. Ipmoea mauritiana, Jacq. See Aconitum heterophyllum Wall. ADPS: 510, AVS: 3, 222, AVS: 3, 1717 ff: GVDB: 12, NK: 1, #39. Also "atis roots": 61, 81, 83, 103 Himalayan monkshood ( $vis\bar{a}$ )  $\rightarrow ativis\bar{a}$ ginger (mahausadha) Zingiber officinale, Roscoe. See ADPS: 50, NK: 1, #2658, GVDB: 12, 373: 186 IGP: 1232:83 hogweed (punarnavā) Boerhaavia diffusa, L. See ADPS: 387, AVS: 1, 281, NK: 1, gold (hema) gold: 98 gold and sarsaparilla (surendragopa) #363:81,97 Holostemma creeper  $(j\bar{\imath}vant\bar{\imath}) \rightarrow$ Unknown. Dalhana on 5.3.15 (Su 1938: 568) glossed *surendra* as sūryavallī? Holostemma ada-kodien, "gold" and gopā as "Indian Schultes. See ADPS: 195, AVS: 3, 167, sarsaparilla." He also noted other 169, NK: 1, #1242: 186 opinions that *surendra* was "Tellicherry 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 *ksudra*: 83
- horned pondweed (śaivāla) also śaivāla, śevāra. Zannichellia palustris L. The uncertainties of this identification are discussed by T. B. Singh and Chunekar (GVDB: 409). Sometimes identified with scutch grass (dūrvā) (GVDB: 409). Identified as Ceratophyllum demersum Linn. ("hornwort") by AVS: 2, 56–57x: 184, 186
- hornwort (*jalaśūka*) → *jalanīlikā*.

  Ceratophyllum demersum, L. See
  AVS: 2, 56, IGP: 232. T. B. Singh and
  Chunekar (GVDB: 166) suggest horned
  pondweed. Þalhaṇa noted on 1.16.19
  (Su 1938: 79) that some people
  interpret it as a poisonous, hairy,
  air-breathing, underwater creature: 41
- Indian barberry (añjana) → rasāñjana, dāruharidrā. Berberis aristata, DC. Dymock: 1, 65, NK: 1, #335, GJM1: 562, IGP: 141: 42, 82, 182
- Indian barberry (*dāruharidrā*) Berberis aristata, DC. See Dymock: 1, 65, NK: 1, #685, GJM1: 562, IGP 141: 97, 98
- Indian barberry (*kālīyaka*) → *dāruharidrā*, *añjana*. Berberis aristata, DC. See Dymock: 1, 65, NK: 1, #685, GJM1: 562, IGP: 141: 80
- Indian beech (*naktamāla*) Pongamia pinnata, (L.) Pierre. See AVS: 4, 339, NK: 1, #2003: 32
- Indian ipecac (payasyā) Uncertain.

  Possibly Tylophora indica (Burm.f.)

  Merr. Perhaps a synonym of panacea
  twiner, giant potato, purple roscoea,
  and plants like asthma plant and Gulf
  sandmat (GVDB: 237–238). Also
  "curds" when not a plant: 41, 186
- Indian kudzu ( $vid\bar{a}r\bar{i}$ )  $\rightarrow$   $payasy\bar{a}$ . 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 = Ipmoea mauritiana, Jacq: 41
- Indian madder (*mañjiṣṭhā*) Rubia cordifolia, L. See IGP, Chopra: 215, GVDB: 289: 37, 98
- Indian mottled eel (*varminatsya*) 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): 21
- Indian mustard (*sarṣapa*) Brassica juncea, Czern. & Coss. See AVS: 1, 301, NK: 1, #378: 24
- Indian sarsaparilla  $(s\bar{a}riv\bar{a}) \rightarrow anant\bar{a}$ . Hemidesmus indicus, (L.) R. Br. ADPS: 434, AVS: 3, 141–5, NK: 1, #1210; and black creeper, pālindī. Ichnocarpus frutescens, (L.) R.Br. or Cryptolepis buchanani, Roemer & Schultes AVS: 3, 141, 3.145, 3.203, NK: 1, #1283, 1210, ADPS: 434: 97, 98, 183
- Indian snakeroot (*sarpagandhā*) Rauvolfia serpentina, (L.) Benth. ex Kurz. See NK: 1, #2099, ADPS: 439, GVDB: 425; cf. SS 5.5.76–78: 187
- Indrajao (*vṛkṣaka*) → *indrayava*, *indrabīja*, *kaliṅga*, and *kuṭaja*. Holarrhena antidysenterica Wall. GVDB: 376, 45 and 84: 141
- jambul (*jambū*) Syzygium cumini, (L.) Skeels. See ADPS: 188, NK: 1, #967, Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 168, Wujastyk 2003*a*: 79
- jasmine (*mālatī*) Jasminium grandiflorum, L. See NK: 1, #1364:80
- jequirity ( $gu\tilde{n}j\bar{a}$ ) Abrus precatorius, L. See AVS: 1, 10, NK: 1, #6, Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 168:

86, 87	AVS: 5, 98:82, 185
(?) (karaṭā) Not in GVDB. Cf. perhaps	medhshingi (vijayā2) Dolichandrone
karahāṭa (emetic nut): 87	falcata (DC.) The Sauśrutanighanţu
lac ( <i>lākṣā</i> ) Kerria lacca (Kerr.). See	gives a number of synonyms for vijayā
GJM1: 445, NK: 2, #32. Watt	(Suvedī and Tīvārī 2000: 5.77, 10.143).
(Watt $_{Comm}$ : 1053–1066) is	But one of them, viṣāṇī (also
characteristically informative, and is	<i>meṣaśṛṅgī</i> ), is sometimes equated with
definite about the antiquity of lac in	Dolichandrone falcata (DC.) Seemann
India: 103	(ADPS: 518; GVDB: 373 f, a plant used
leadwort (citraka) Plumbago zeylanica (or	as an abortifacient and fish poison
indica?), L. See RĀ. 6.124, ADPS: 119,	(NK: #862): 87
NK: 1, #1966, 1967: 32, 61	migraine tree (agnimantha) Premna
liquorice (?) (klītaka) Glycyrrhiza glabra,	corymbosa, Rottl. See AVS 1927,
L.? GVDB: 123–124 discuss the many	ADPS: 21, NK: 1, #2025, AVS: 4, 348;
difficulties in identifying this plant: 86	GJM1: 523: = P. integrifolia/serratifolia,
liquorice (madhuka) see yaṣṭīmadhuka: 41,	L:96
83, 96, 98	milk-white (kṣīraśuklā) An unidentified
liquorice (yaṣṭīmadhuka) Glycyrrhiza	plant. GVDB: 126: see purple roscoea
glabra, L. AVS: 3, 84, NK: 1, #1136,	and giant potato: 41, 186
GVDB: 329 f.: 42	mongoose (nakula) nakula. Urva
lodh tree (lodhra) Symplocos racemosa,	edwardsii or the often sympatric U.
Roxb. See GJM1: 597, ADPS: 279 f,	auropunctatus (small Indian
NK: 1, #2420. T. B. Singh and	mongoose, usually an eater of smaller
Chunekar (GVDB: 351–352) notes that	creatures than snakes) (BIA: ch. 5), On
there are two varieties, S. racemosa,	mongooses and snakes, see BIA: 98-99;
qualified as śāvara, and S. crataegoides	IW: 112: 83
BuchHam. for paṭṭikā lodhra: 32, 98	monitor lizard (godhā) Varanus
long pepper (māgadha) Piper longum, L.	bengalensis, Schneider. See
See NK: 1, #1928; but cf. AVS: 3, 245: 82	Reptiles: 58: 41, 83
long pepper (pippalī) Piper longum, L. See	mung beans (mudga) Phaseolus radiatus
ADPS: 374, NK: 1, #1928: 83, 98, 141	L. GVDB: 310-311: 122
luffa $(kosītakī) = kosātakī$ . Luffa cylindrica,	mung beans (māṣaka) Phaseolus mungo
(L.) M. J. Roem. or L. acutangula, (L.)	Linn. GVDB: 308: 80
Roxb. ADPS: 252–253, NK: 1, #1514 etc.	myrobalan (abhayā) Terminalia chebula,
GVDB: 121: 79, 96, 185	Retz. See ADPS: 172, NK: 1, #2451,
luffa gourd ( $kośavat\bar{\iota}$ ) = $koṣ\bar{\iota}tak\bar{\iota}$ , luffa : 96	Potter <sub>rev</sub> : 214: 61, 97, 103
maidenhair fern ( <i>haṃsāhvayā</i> ) Adiantum	natron (suvarcikā) Sodium carbonate.
lunaluatum Burm f. GVDB: 463: 141	NK: 2, #45. Dalhaṇa identifies suvarcikā
mango ( <i>āmra</i> ) Mangifera indica Linn. GVDB: 37: 79	with svarjikṣāra 4.8.50 (Su 1938: 441) : 98
marking-nut tree (aruṣkara) Semecarpus	neem tree (nimba) Azadirachta indica A.
anacardium L. See bhallātaka	Juss. GVDB: 226: 38, 141
(marking-nut tree): 87	nutgrass (kuruvinda) Unknown. Þalhana
marking-nut tree (bhallātaka) Semecarpus	on 5.3.15 (Su 1938: 568) glossed the
anacarium, L. See NK: 1, #2269,	term as nutgrass, but noted other

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opinions that it was a whetstone or a
   very special metallic gem. T. B. Singh
   and Chunekar (GVDB: 108) added that
  it could be a variety of rice, sastika
  dhānya: 103
nutgrass (mustā) Cyperus rotundus, L.
  See ADPS: 316, AVS: 2, 296, NK: 1,
   #782:185
panacea twiner (arkapuṣp\bar{\imath}) \rightarrow arkaparṇ\bar{\imath},
   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 annus Linn.,
  but this plant is native to the Americas:
   97, 184
peas (harenu) harenu = satīna. Pisum
   sativum, L. T. B. Singh and Chunekar
   (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: 97, 98, 103
peepul tree (aśvattha) Ficus religiosa, L.
   See ADPS: 63: 105
periploca of the woods (mesaśrnga)
   Gymnema sylvestre (Retz.) R. Br. See
   AVS: 3, 107, NK: 1, #1173:82
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): 184
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.: 187
                                                 chaff: 24
pointed gourd (patola) Trichosanthes
   dioica, Roxb. GVDB: 232-233: 97
                                                 Watt<sub>Comm</sub>: 963–971: 24
poison berry (brhatī) Solanum violaceum,
                                              rosha grass (dhyāmaka) Cymbopogon
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Ortega. See ADPS: 100, NK: 1, #2329,
  AVS: 5, 151: 97, 98
poison-altar (?) (viṣavedikā) Unknown.
  Possibly, at a guess, viṣamuṣṭika
   (strychnine tree)? GVDB: 373 Or viṣā
   (Himalayan monkshood): 87
pondweed (paripelavā) Normally a neuter
  noun. T. B. Singh and Chunekar
   (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: 98
pondweed (śevāla) Zannichellia palustris
   L. See horned pondweed: 23
prickly chaff-flower (apāmārga)
  Achyranthes aspera, L. See GJM1: 524 f,
  AVS: 1, 39, ADPS: 44 f, AVS: 3, 2066 f,
  Dymock: 3, 135: 38, 41
purging nut (mūsikā) Jatropha curcas, L.
  See AVS: 3, 261, NK: 1, #1374: 82
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: 32, 41
purple roscoea (kṣīrakākolī) GVDB: 89
  notes that many physicians use Roscoea
  procera Wall. in this context. But the
  identification is uncertain. Possibly
  connected to milk-white or giant
  potato: 184, 185
rajmahal hemp (morata) \rightarrow m\bar{u}rv\bar{\iota},
  Marsdenia tenacissima (Roxb.) Wight
  et Arn. Good discussion at
  GVDB: 314-316, 324: 96
red chalk (gairika) gairika: 98
red gourd (bimbī) Coccinia indica, W. &
   A. See PVS 1994.4.715; NK: 1, #534: 79
rice grains (tandula) Oriza sativa, Linn.
  Same as unhusked rice (śāli)
  GVDB: 174; or just "grains": 24
rice-grain chaff (śālitandulakāndana) See
rock salt (saindhava) See NK: 2, M#48,
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martinii (Roxb.) Wats. See AVS: 2, 285, sugar (sitā) Dalhaṇa makes this equation NK: 1, #177:98 at 1.37.25 (Su 1938: 162): 98 sacred lotus (padma) Nelumbo nucifera, sugar (śarkara) Saccharum officinarum, Gaertn. See NK: 1, #1698: 23, 80 Linn. NK: #2182: 83 sage-leaved alangium (ankolla) Alangium sugar cane (ikṣu) Saccharum officinarum, salvifolium (Linn. f.) Wang. Linn. NK: #2182:83 GVDB: 5-6: 79 sunflower  $(s\bar{u}ryavall\bar{\iota}) \rightarrow \bar{a}dityavall\bar{\iota}$ , sandalwood (candana) Santalum album, sūryamukhī, Helianthus annūs Linn. L. See ADPS: 111, NK: 1, #2217: 98 GVDB: 35, 443: 97 sappanwood (pattānga) Also pattanga. sweet plants (madhuravarga) The sweet Caesalpinia sappan, L. AVS: 1, 323, plants are enumerated at K&B: 2, 847 f, GVDB: 234: 42 Suśrutasaṃhitā 1.42.11. See also scarlet mallow (bandhujīva) Pentapetes GVDB: 127: 41 phoenicea, L. NK: #1836, GVDB: 268: 81 sweet-scented oleander (aśvamāraka) scented pavonia (bālaka) Pavonia odorata, Nerium oleander, L. See ADPS: 223, Willd. See ADPS: 498, NK: 1, #1822: 98 NK: 1, #1709:86 scutch grass (*dūrvā*) Cynodon dactylon Tellicherry bark (kuṭaja) Holarrhena (Linn.) Pers. (GVDB: 205): 184 pubescens Wall. ex G.Don, with selu plum (śelu) Cordia myxa, L. non Wrightia tinctoria and W. arborea Forssk. See GJM1: 529 (2), IGP: 291b, cf. considered GVDB: 101-102, AVS: 3, 1677 f; cf. AVS: 2, 180 (C. ADPS: 267-270: 183 dichotoma, Forst.f.), NK: 1, #672 (C. thorn apple (karambha) Datura metel, L. latifolia, Roxb.): 97 See GVDB: 76 for useful discussion. sesame oil (taila) Sesamum indicum L. Also, AVS: 2, 305 (cf. GVDB: 183: 41 Abhidhānamañjarī), NK: 1, #796 ff. Potter<sub>rev</sub>: 292 f, ADPS: 132. Possibly the siris (śirīsa) Albizia lebbeck, Benth. See AVS: 1, 81, NK: 1, #91: 97 same plant as plumed cockscomb siris seeds (śirīṣamāṣaka) Albizia lebbeck, (indīvara) (GVDB: 76, 44-45): 87, 186 Benth. See AVS: 1, 81, NK: 1, #91: 79 three heating spices (tryūṣaṇa) śuṇṭhī (Dried ginger) Zingiber officinale, small-flowered crape myrtle (*sidhraka*) Lagerstroemia parviflora Roxb. See Roscoe. ADPS: 50, NK: 1, #2658, GVDB: 432: 102 AVS: 5, 435, IGP 1232, pippalī (long pepper) Piper longum, L.ADPS: 374, snakeroot (sugandhā) → sarpagandhā NK: 1, #1928, and marica (black Rauvolfia serpentina Benth. ex. Kurz. pepper) Piper nigrum, L.ADPS: 294, See Indian snakeroot. But may be Aristolochia indica Linn. Has been NK: 1, #1929: 97 three-leaved caper (varuna) Crataeva identified with ??, or ??. See (GVDB: 219, 436): 86 magna (Lour.) DC. See AVS: 2, 202; cf. spikenard (māṃsī) Nardostachys NK: 1, #696:82 grandiflora, DC. See NK: 1, #1691: 98 top layer of fermented liquor (surāmanda) spikenard (nalada)  $\rightarrow$  māmsī. K&B: 2, 502, NK: 2, appendix VI, #49, Nardostachys grandiflora, DC. See McHugh 2021: 39: 39, 40 NK: 1, #1691: 77 tree cotton (kārpāsa) G. arboreum L. strychnine tree (viṣamuṣṭika) Strychnos ADPS: 231. Pace the identifications of nux vomica Linn. GVDB: 373: 186 T. B. Singh and Chunekar (GVDB: 92,

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247), since G. barbadense L. is native to
   South America and G. herbaceum L.
   which is native to Africa: 38, 187
tree cotton (picu) See tree cotton
   (kārpāsa): 40, 42
turmeric (haridrā) Curcuma longa Linn.
   GVDB: 465: 97, 103
turmeric (rajanī) Curcuma longa, L.
   ADPS: 169, AVS: 2, 259, NK: 1, #750:
   24,98
turpeth (trivrt) \rightarrow trvrt\bar{a}. Operculina
   turpethum (Linn.) Silva Manso =
   Ipmoea turpethum R. Br. GVDB: 197.:
   83, 143, 181
unhusked rice (śāli) Oriza sativa, Linn.
   GVDB: 395–396: 24, 186
velvet-leaf (pāṭhā) Cissampelos pariera, L.
   See ADPS: 366, NK: 1, #592, GJM1: 573,
   AVS: 1, 95; cf. AVS: 2, 277: 32, 61, 96
velvet-mite (indragopa) Kerria lacca
   (Kerr.). Lienhard 1978: 78
verbena (phañjī) Clerodendrum serratum,
   L. See AVS: 2, 121, ADPS: 87: 81
watered buttermilk (udaśvit) MW: 183: 79
weaver's beam tree (muskaka) Schrebera
   swietenioides, Roxb. See AVS: 5, 88,
   Lord, NK: 1, #2246: 102
white babool (arimeda) Acacia
   leucophloea, (Roxb.) Willd. See
   AVS: 1, 23: 32
white calotropis (alarka) Calotropis
   procera, (Ait.) R. Br. See NK: 1, #428,
   Chopra: 46b, Chopra IDG: 305–308: 41
white clitoria (śvetā) \rightarrow giryāhvā. Clitoria
   ternatea, L. See AVS: 2, 129, NK: 1,
   #621:80
white cutch tree (somavalka) Acacia
  polyacantha, Willd. See AVS: 1, 30, IGP
   7, GJM1: 602, AVS: 2, 935; pace NK: 1,
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#1038:81,102
white dammer tree (sarja) Vateria indica,
  L. See NK: 1, #2571, AVS: 5, 349 f,
  AVS: 1, 292 f, Chopra: 253a: 32
white siris (kinihī) Albizia procera,
   (Roxb.) Benth. See GVDB 98, NK: 1,
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