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A CONCEPTUAL STUDY TO REVIEW THE VISHAGHNA PROPERTIES OF APA-RAJITA (CLITORIA TERNATEA LINN.) FROM NIGHANTU'S

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ABSTRACT

Nighantus is the door to the proper understanding of the hidden treasure of *Ayurveda*. They contain knowledge about all the *Ayurvedic* herbo-mineral drugs and elaborate on them in an easy manner. *Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea* Linn.) is a drug known for the treatment of many diseases, especially it is useful in digestion and it is *Sheet Virya Pradhana* (having cold potency). Here, we compile the data related to *Vishaghna* properties of *Aparajita* as per different *Nighantu*.

Keywords: Ayurveda, Nighantu, Aparajita, Visha, Vishaghna, Amavisha, etc.

INTRODUCTION

Nighantus is the door to understanding the hidden treasure of *Ayurveda*. They contain knowledge about all the *Ayurvedic* herbo-mineral drugs and elaborate on them in an easy manner. There are several

Nighantu who is holding Ayurvedic knowledge for years. *Dhanwantri Nighantu¹*, *Bhavprakasha Nighantu²*, *Raja Nighantu³*, *Kaidev Nighantu⁴*, etc. are some most known among them. Every *Nighantu*

has specific properties some contain data related to the therapeutic efficacy/use of different Ayurvedic herbo-mineral drugs, some have the knowledge of the complete drug starting from its name and remedies. Some compiled the other data and elaborated the difficult words in the simplest form. Some give knowledge about the way of life healthy and healthy. One thing common in all the Nighantu is they are disciplined manner having different types of Varga's (groups) of drugs according to their origin/features/shape/size etc. Overall, these Nighantu's having a vast knowledge ocean from which one drop can be beneficial for a research

scholar. *Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea* Linn.)⁵ is a drug known for the treatment of many diseases, especially because it is useful in digestion⁶ while it is *Sheet Virya Pradhana* (having cold potency)⁷. It is a creeper and is available almost in every part of India. *Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea* Linn.) is having properties like *Tridoshghna⁸- Pandhurogahara⁹-Amanashaka¹⁰-Sarpvishaghana¹¹-Vishaghna¹²* etc. *Rishbhakadi Agad¹³-Parmagad¹⁴-Amritghrit¹⁵* etc. are some preparations in which *Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea* Linn.) is used. Here, we compile the data related to *Vishaghna* properties of *Aparajita* as per different *Nighantu.*

Table 01: Classical categorization of Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea Linn.)

S. No.	Classical text	Gana & Varga
1.	Bhavaprakash Nighantu ¹⁶	Guduchyadi Varga
2.	Priya Nighantu ¹⁷	Pipalyadi Varga
3.	Madanpala Nighantu ¹⁸	Abhayadi Varga
4.	Adarsha Nighantu ¹⁹	Plashadi Varga
5.	Kaidev Nighantu ²⁰	Aushadhi Varga
6.	Dhanwantri Nighantu ²¹	Karveeradi Varga
7.	Dravyaguna Hastamalka ²²	Aparajita Kula

 Table 02: Vernacular Names of Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea Linn.)²³

S. N.	Language	Names	
1.	Sanskrit	Aparajita, Gokarnika, Aasphota, Girikarnika, Ashwakhura, Aardrakarni, Katabhi, Dadhipush- pika, Gardabhi, Shitapushpi, Shwetaspanda, Shwetabhadra, Supushpi, Vishahantri, Naagpar- yaykarni, Shwetapushpi, Shweta, Gajkarnika, Shwetanama, Shjwetaswanna, Abheda, Sheeta, Mohanashini, Vishnukranta, Vaajikhura.	
2.	Hindi	Aparajita	
3.	Bengali	Aparajita	
4.	Gujrati	Kaaligaranii, Kaalikoyal	
5.	Tamil	Kaakkanam	
6.	Telgue	Dinten	
7.	Kannad	Shankhapushpa	
8.	Marathi	Gokarna	
9.	Malyalam	Shankapushpm	
10.	English ²⁴	Winged-Leaved Clitoria	

S. N.	Synonyms	P. N ²⁵	M.P. N ²⁶	S.W. N ²⁷	K. N ²⁸	D.N ²⁹
1.	Girikarnika	+	+	+	-	+
2.	Kokila	+	-	-	-	-
3.	Ashwakhura	-	+	+	+	+
4.	Aparajita	-	+	+	+	+
5.	Valli	-	+	-	+	+
6.	Katavi	-	+	+	-	+
7.	Swet Pushpi	-	+	-	+	-
8.	Mahasweta	-	+	-	+	-
9.	Vishaghni	-	+	+	+	-
10.	Gardabhi	-	-	+	-	-
11.	Sweta	-	-	+	-	+
12.	Janika	-	-	+	-	_
13.	Gwadani	-	-	-	+	+
14.	Neelpushpi	-	+	-	+	+
15.	Ugandha	-	+	-	-	-
16.	Mahaneelasyanda	-	+	-	-	-
17.	Vashika	-	-	-	+	-
18.	Papini	-	+	-	+	-
19.	Swetsyanda	-	-	-	+	+

Table 03: Synonyms of Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea Linn.) in Different Classical texts

Table 04: Action & uses of Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea Linn.) in Different Classical texts

S. N.	Classical text	Action & uses		
1.	Bhavaprakash Nighantu ³⁰	Mutral, Vednasthapana, Vamankaraka, Udarshulkarana, Virechanakaraka, Mutrajanan, UdarRoga-Kaphavikara-Mutravikara-Galgand-Gandmala-Shotha-Apachi-Netraroga- Unmad-Amavata-Kushtha-Vishanashaka.		
2.	Priya Nighantu ³¹	Vishaghna-Medhya-Kanthya-Chakshushya-Shulhara-Amapachana.		
3.	Madanpala Nighantu ³²	Medhya, Amapachana, Jwarghna, Vishaghna, Kushthagna, Kasaghna, Grahbhuthara, Kandughna, Kanthya, Shulhara, Shothahara, Shirovirechana, Unmad, Tridoshajrogaha- ra, Dantshulahara, Grabhstrav-pata,		
4.	Dhanwantri Nighantu ³³	Vishaghna, Tridoshshyamaka, Netrahitkari, Kushthaghna, Rujahara, Grahghni, Kanthya, Shula-Kushtha-Ama-Vrana-Shopha-Nashaka.		
5.	Dravyaguna Has- tamalka ³⁴	Ardhavbhedhaka, Karnmulagranthishothahara, Galgandhara, Sandhivatahara, Jaloda- ra, Shukramehahara, Sarpvishahara, Amavatahara, Kushthaghna.		

Table 05: Rasapanchaka of Aparajita (Clitoria	ternatea Linn.) in Different Classical texts
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S. N.	Classical texts	Rasa	Guna	Virya	Vipaka	Dosha-Karma
1.	Dhanwantari Nighantu ³⁵	Tikta	-	-	-	Pittashamaka
2.	Priya Nighantu ³⁶	Tikta, Katu	-	Sheeta	-	Vishaghna, Medhya
3.	Nighantu Adarsha ³⁷	Tikta	-	Sheeta	Katu	Tridoshaghnta
4.	Madanpala Nighantu ³⁸	Katu, Tikta, Kashaya	Laghu, Ruksha	Sheeta	Katu	Tridoshshamak
5.	Drvayaguna Has- tamalka ³⁹	Kashaya, Tik- ta	Laghu, Ruksha	Sheeta	-	Aampachan, Vishaghna, Sarpvishahara
6.	Kaidaev Nighantu ⁴⁰	Tikta	-	Sheeta	-	Aamnashak, Vishnashak, Tridoshshamak

S. N.	Taxonomical Classification		
1.	Kingdom	Plantae	
2.	Clade	Angiosperm	
3.	Order	Fabales	
4.	Family	Fabaceae	
5.	Genus	Clitoria	
6.	Species	Clitoria ternatea	

Table 06: Taxonomical classification of *Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea* Linn.)⁴¹

Table 07: Botanical	Description of Different	varieties of Aparajita	(<i>Clitoria ternatea</i> Linn.)
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S. N.	Botanical de- scription	Sweta Aparajita ⁴²	Neel Aparajita ⁴³
1.	Habit	It is a perennial herbaceous plant.	• It assembles the same fea-
2.	Stem	It grows as a vine or creeper, doing well in moist, neutral soil.	tures of Sweta Aparajita (Cli- toria ternatea Linn.) but the
3.	Leaves	Elliptic, obtuse leaves	only difference is its flower
4.	Flowers	They are about 4 cm $(1+1/2 \text{ in})$ long by 3 cm $(1+1/4 \text{ in})$ wide white flowers.	color.It is of cold potency and bit-
5.	Fruits	The fruits are $5-7 \text{ cm} (2-2+3/4 \text{ in})$ long, flat pods with six to ten seeds in each pod. They are edible when tender.	 It is useful in dysentery with blood, fever, burning syndrome, vomiting, insanity, intoxication, vertigo, distress, asthma, and severe cough. Southern <i>Vaidyas</i> accept <i>Aparajita</i> as <i>Shankhapushpi</i>, only on the basis of its flower resembling a Conch.
6.	Seeds	Its pods have six to ten seeds in each pod. They are edible when tender.	
7.	Root	As a legume, its roots form a symbiotic association with soil bacteria known as rhizobia, which trans- form atmospheric N2 into a plant-usable form (a process called nitrogen-fixing), therefore, this plant is also used to improve soil quality through the de- composition of nitrogen-rich plant material.	
8.	Distribution	It is grown as an ornamental plant and as a revegeta- tion species (e.g., in coal mines in Australia), requir- ing little care when cultivated. he distribution of all other taxa in subgenus Clitoria is restricted to South- ern and Eastern Africa, India, Madagascar, and other islands of the Western Indian Ocean	
9.	Image		

Therapeutic uses of Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea Linn.)

- Jalodara It can be used for Virechana Karma in Jalodara (Ascites)⁴⁴.
- Mutrakricha Its root Phant (steeped decoction) is beneficial⁴⁵.
- **3.** *Swasa-Kasa* Roasted seed with *Gurr* (jiggery) and *Sandhav* (rock salt) is beneficial in children⁴⁶.
- 4. *Sarp Visha* (Snake poison)⁴⁷ –
- Aparajita is beneficial in Dravikara Sarp Visha.
- *Aparajita* root bark and *Nirgundi* root bark powder in equal amounts are beneficial in *Dravikara Sarp Visha*.

- 5. *Kamla* Its root bark powder is beneficial with butter milk⁴⁸.
- **6.** *Andvridhi* Its seed paste is beneficial in testicle inflammation⁴⁹.
- Grabhapatavrodhaka Sweta Aparajita root bark is beneficial in abortion when used with milk. It can control abortion⁵⁰.
- **8.** *Grabhasthapanarth* Pregnant women are advised to tie *Sweta Girikarnika Mula* (root) on their pelvic area⁵¹.
- **9.** *Vajikaranartha Swet Girikarnika Patra* (leaves) advised with milk in the early morn-ing⁵².
- 10.Fish Poison The equal quantity of powder of Sweta Aparajita Mula (root), Shonth, Pippal, and Marica is mixed with Ghrita according to the total weight of the powder of all drugs. The mix together a make a paste. Apply this paste on bite spot⁵³.

Useful Part Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea Linn.)54

- Pushpa (Flowers)
- Patra (leaves)
- Moola Twak (root bark)
- *Beej* (seeds)

Dosage Aparajita (Clitoria ternatea Linn.)55

- Moola Twak 1-3 Masha
- Beejchurna 10-20 Ratti
- *Beejchurna 1-2 Ratti* (in children)

DISCUSSION

Aparajita is a beautiful plant that can grow as an ornamental plant having medicinal value. According to *Ayurvedic* classical texts, *Aparajita* is having properties like *Tridoshshamaka*⁵⁶, *Aampachana*⁵⁷, *Vishaghna*, especially *Sarpvishahara*⁵⁸. The best description of *Visha* is mentioned in *Agad Tantra*⁵⁹, but the *Dravyaguna Vigyana*⁶⁰ is having deep knowledge about each and every *Dravya* of this earth or universe. Broadly *Visha* is divided into three⁶¹ categories – *Jangam-Sathavara-Kritrum Visha*. Acharya Charaka

also mentioned one more category of Visha i.e., Garvisha which originate from incompatible combinations of food. The *Garvisha*⁶² is of two types – first in which all the food items are nonpoisonous but incompatible by nature like the intake of milk with raw fish; in the second one there is a combination of poisonous food and nonpoisonous food like snake poison mixed in the pudding. The common properties of Visha are Vayay-Vikashi-Suksham-Chedi-Madkari-Aagney-Yogvahi⁶³ etc. Aparajita⁶⁴ is having properties like Katu-Tikta-Kashaya-Rasa, Laghu-Ruksha-Katu-Vipaka, Guna. Sheeta-Virya, and Tridoshshamaka. Most of Acharya discussed its *Vishshamaka*⁶⁵ properties, and some of them clearly mentioned that it works in Sarpavisha⁶⁶. As Aparaiita all the properties are opposite to the properties of Visha. According to Samanya-Vishesh Siddhanta⁶⁷, we can say that opposite properties of Aparajita can be responsible for its Vishghna effect. If observe closely the Visha is Agni Mahabhuta Prathana. The Katu-Tikta-Kashaya-Rasa of Aparajita is having Akasha-Vayu-Pridhvi Mahabhuta Prathana which indicated that it could suppress the Agni Guna of Visha. The Laghu-Ruksha-Guna of Aparajita is having Vayu Mahabhuta Prathana which indicated that it again could suppress the Agni Guna of Visha. The Sheeta-Virya of Aparajita is having Vayu-Jal-Pridhvi Mahabhuta Prathana which indicated that it can again suppress the Agni Guna of Visha. After observing the conceptual data related to Visha and Aparajita, we can say that Aparajita is capable to treat Vish-related problems. It can be perfectly proven with help of experimental and clinical studies.

CONCLUSION

As above said *Aparajita* is capable to treat *Vish*related problems or having *Vishaghna* properties conceptually. Further, research must be conducted on this valuable plant so that an old theory will be established on modern parameters.

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