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# An Original Study on *Achyranthes Aspera* (Prickly Chaff Flower) According to Ayurvedic and Modern View

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#### ABSTACT:-

The drug plays a particular function in treatment since it helps "Trisutra" Ayurveda fulfill Chikitsa's goals. Placed next to the doctor, aushadha is regarded as one of the four parts of Chikitsa Chatushpada." The medication is 'an agent' that a doctor uses to help the body tissues regain their homeostasis. Aushadha (drug) has the following qualities, according to Acharya Charaka. The four characteristics of pharmaceuticals include normal composition, diverse pharmacological forms, efficacy, and abundance.

KEYWORDS: Apamarga, Rakshoghna, Kushthaghna, Paaproga, Kshetriya roga, Yatudhan Krimi.

## INTRODUCTION

## बहुता तत्र योग्यत्वमनेकविधकल्पना ।

## सम्पच्चेति चतुष्कोऽयंद्रव्याणा गुण उच्यते।। (Ch.su.9/7)

The W.H.O.'s definition regarding the drug says that "Any substance or product that is used or intended to be used to modify or explore the physiological system or pathological status for the benefit of the recipient.

Pratyakpushpa is best for Shirovirechana Karma.

## NIRUKTI OF APAMARG

निरुक्ति - अपामार्ग - अपमृज्यन्ते विनाश्यन्ते व्याधयोऽनेन इति ।

अपकृष्टः समन्तात् अपामार्गः अधः- शल्यत्वात् ।

## VYUTPATI OF APAMARG

अपाकृत्य दोषान् शरीरं मार्जयति शोधयति, यथोक्तं शौनकीयाथर्ववेदे अपामार्ग त्वया वयं सर्वं तदपमृज्महे इति ।

### SYNONYMS: -

## Table - SHOWING THE SYNONYMS OF APAMARG

S. No.	Paryayas	BHA.NI	MDP.NI	NI.AAD	IN'GOS	VN.CH	VAN.SA	RAJ.NI	GU.RT	PR.NI	KAI.NI	D.G	NAM.VI	DHA.NI	SHA.NI
1.	Apamarg	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
2.	Shikhari	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
3.	Prtyakpushpi	-	+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
4.	Mayoorak	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	1	+	+	-	+	-

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5.	Adhhshaly	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-
6.	Kinihi	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	+	-
7.	Kanti	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
8.	Karkatpippli	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9.	Kshav	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10.	Adham	-	-		+		-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-
11.	Markav	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
12.	Ghanta	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13.	Karkati	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	-
14.	Durbhigrah	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-
15.	Pratykpushpi	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
16.	Vashir	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
17.	Katu	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18.	Kharmanjari	+	+	+	+	1	1	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	-
19.	Aaghat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-
20.	Kandkant	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
21.	Manjarik	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22.	Nandi	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23.	Kshavak	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
24.	Panktikantak	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25.	Malakantak	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26,	Durgrah	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
27.	Ksharmadhy	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
28.	Marg	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
29.	Shaikharik	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-
30.	Pratypushpa	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	-

## HISTORICAL BACKGROUND:

#### 1. Apamarga in Veda

- (a) *Rigveda* When discussing medicinal plants, the *Rigveda* states that their origins can be traced back to three Yuga before life on Earth began. This demonstrates the value of therapeutic plants1. *Apamarga* was not mentioned in the *Rigveda*. When discussing medicinal plants, the Rigveda states that they originated three yuga before life on Earth. This demonstrates the significance of therapeutic plants¹. *Apamarga* was not mentioned in the *Rigveda*.
- (b) Yajurveda- Sukt, or the powder of Apamarga, is utilized in Hawan for the purpose of Rakshoghna property in many Yajurvedic Samhitas. It must be utilized once the water content has been eliminated. This means that no other plant has the ability to remove water from our bodies, so it should be utilized after drying. Papanashan, Ritunashana, and Duhswapnanasana are among its properties. It is well known that Kushtha is paaproga. This points in the direction of Apamarga's Kushthaghna land. Its Medhya property is indicated by Duhswapnanashana. <sup>2</sup>.
- (c) Saamveda- Apamarga was not mentioned in the Saamveda.
- (d) Atharvaveda- The fourth and final veda in Hindu literature is the Atharvaveda. Due to the contributions of two sages, ATHARVAN and ANGIRA, it was originally known as "Atharvangirasa." Another name for it is "Bhaisajyaveda." Acharya Kashyapa claims that Ayurveda is the fifth veda, while some claim that it is the Upaveda of Atharvaveda. According to the etymology given by Sayana, Apamarga is a plant that drives away the body's vitiated

Doshas, and the Atharvaveda cited it extensively. It is referred to as Dourbhagyanasana and Anapatyanasana by the Paippalada school of Atharvaveda. This points to the property of Kushthaghna<sup>3</sup>. Apamarga is regarded as the lord of all plants due to its hundreds of properties and ability to eradicate all diseases<sup>5</sup>. Apamarga is used to cure conditions brought on by hunger, thirst, sterility, etc. Apamarga prevents Yatudhan Krimi<sup>7</sup> and eradicates illnesses like Kshetriya roga. According to Sayana and indigenous customs, it is an unusual term that denotes a condition that starts with ingestion, skin conditions, and epilepsy, and is derived from the mother's or father's limbs. It can be cured in the body of a son or grandson. Apamarga eliminates the illnesses that arise from sitting next to someone who has black teeth, infected nails, or a deformity. The Sansargaja Kushtha is indicated by this mantra.

## Synonym of Apamarga in Atharvaveda representing its property<sup>10</sup>

Satyajit and Sahmana, Shapathyavani, Punahsara, Vibhindati, Shatshakha, Pratichinphala etc

#### 2. Apamarga in Brahman Granths

- (a) Sathpatha Brahman- According to Sathpath Brahman, the Apamarga plant is renowned for eliminating the Rakshas and fiends from the quarters. It is recommended that Apamarga grains be consumed with a dipping spoon made of Vikankat (Flacourtia sapida) or Palasha (Butea monosperma) wood. Because Apamarga has the backward<sup>11</sup> affect, he pitches backward<sup>11</sup> whenever someone does anything to him. Moreover, Apamarga is renowned for eradicating sin, guilt, witchcraft, illness, and dreams. Twelve
- (b) Taitariya Brahman- Apamarga homa is performed to get rid of Rakshasa Krimi, according to Taitariya Brahman. This suggests that it has antibacterial properties.

#### 3. Apamarga in different Sutra

- (a) *Sankhayan Grihya Sutra* Following the student's hair ends being chopped off, the hairs are tossed with rice, mustard and sesamum seeds, *Apamarga* flowers, and sadpushpi flowers<sup>14</sup>. The ground is supposed to have clod out a furrow in the morning after a handful of Shami leaves, *Shirisha*, *Udumbar*, *Kusha* shoots, and jujube fruits were taken.<sup>15</sup>
- (b) Gobhila Grihya Sutra-The following plants and tree branches should be present in the morning following the morning oblation sacrifice: Apamarga, Sirisha<sup>16</sup>, Virana grass, Shami (branch), Badari branch with fruits, and Darbha grass.
- (c) Vishnu Dharm Sutra- Apamarga is one of the plants mentioned in Vishnu Dharmsutra for tooth cleansing. Other plants include Bilva, Kukubha, Badar, Nimba, Arka, Khadir, and Karanja<sup>17</sup>.

#### 4. Apamarga in Puran

- (a) *Garun Puran* The Purva Khand (Aachar Kanda), Uttar Khand (Dharma Kanda), and Brahma Kanda are the three primary Khands into which this Puran is separated. Apamarga is referenced in *Grahshanti Nirupan* for *Buddha graha*<sup>18</sup> in the *Aachar Kanda* of the Garun Puran. Dantkashtha of *Apamarga* is offered to the god<sup>19</sup> during the worship of *Umabhadra* in the month of *Aashad*. On Sunday, the patient with Jwar<sup>20</sup> has the root of Apamarga wrapped with a scarlet thread and rolled around their waist seven times. In Tamrapatra, the roots *of Apamarga*, *Sendha namak*, *Sarsap tail*, *Dugdha, and Kaanji* are crushed, and their Anjana is applied to the eyes to maintain their cleanliness<sup>21</sup>. Ajirna-Shoola<sup>22</sup> is cured by Samudra lavana and the root of *Apamarga*. Along with other plants including *Kadamba*, *Bilva*, *Khair*, *Kaner*, *Arjun*, *Karanja*, *Arka*, *Jamun*, *Mahua*, *Sirisha*, *Goolar*, and others, *Apamarga* is used as *Dantdhavan*<sup>23</sup>.
- (b) Brahmvaivarta Puran- Four Khands Brahma Khand, Prakriti Khand, Ganpati Khand, and Shri Krishna Janma Khand are separated into this work. Apamarga is considered to be among the best Dantdhavan dravya in Brahma Khand. Other plants that are utilized as Dantdhavan include Sirisha, Jati, Punnaga, Amra, Karvir, Khair, and Sinduvar, among others.<sup>24</sup>
- (c) Skanda Puran-The Skanda Puran got its name because Lord Skanda spoke it. It comes in two varieties: Samhitatmak and Khandatmak. There are seven Khand in the Khandatmak Skanda Puran. They are Prabhas, Avanti, Kaasi, Vaisnav, Brahma, and Maheswar. There are six Samhitas in the Samhita section. They are Brahma, Saur, Vaisnav, Sanatkumar, Sankar, and Soota. Along with other plants including Bilva, Madar, Laal Kamal, Dhatur, Kaner, Sanai, Tulsi Juhi, Champa, and others, Apamarga is offered to Lord Shiva during worship in Brahmottar Khand. According to Kaasi Khand, the branches of eleven different plants are utilized for Dantdhavan in succession, from Baishakha to Phagun. Jambu, Apamarga, Dadim<sup>26</sup>, Khadir, Jati, Amra, Kadamba, Plaksha, Udumbar, Karjur, Beejpur, and Jati are among them.
- (d) *Kurma Puran* Lord Kurma spoke this passage. It is said that one of the twigs utilized for *Dantdhavan* is *Apamarga*. *Maalti*, *Bilva*, *Karveer*, and various latex-secreting trees are among the other flora. Dantkashtha need to be as thick as the middle finger<sup>27</sup> in this situation.
- (e) Bhavisya Puran- There are four primary Parva in this text. They are Madhyam, Uttar, Pratisarga, and Brahma. There are three Khand in Madhya Parva and four Khand in Pratisarga Parva. When Visha penetrates the skin, Brahma Parva indicates Apamarga. Visha has penetrated the skin when our eyes go black and we feel a burning feeling throughout our body. This condition reduces the negative effects of Visha28 by crushing and using the roots of Arka, Apamarga, Tagara, and Priyangu. For Budha Grahshanti, Apamarga is utilized. Aswatha for Brihaspati, Udumbar for Sukra, Shami for Shani, Durva for Rahu, Kusa for Ketu<sup>29</sup>, Arka for Surya, Palasha for Chandra, Khadir for Mangal, and Apamarga for Budha.
- (f) *Matsya Puran* The text's connection to the matsya avtar of God Vishnu is what gave it its name. During worship, *Apamarga* is utilized for hawan purposes. *Shamii*<sup>30</sup>, *Ashwatha*, *Udumbar*, and *Palasha* are other plants that provide the similar function.

5. Apamarga in other ancient Granths Apamarga is utilized for Dantdhavan<sup>31</sup> in Saam Vidhan, Yagyavalk Shiksha, and Manduki Shiksha.

#### 6. Apamarga in different Samhitas

(a) Charak Samhita- Apamarga is listed in the Sirovirechana dravyas (Charak Sutrasthana 2/3), according to Acharya Charak. Seeds known as Apamarga Tandula are used for this purpose. Acharya Charak named the chapter "Apamarga Tanduliya" because of its significance. The function of apamarga seeds is Kshudha naas (Charak Sutrasthana 2/33). The medication Apamarga is listed in the Sirovirechanopaga Mahakashaya (Charak Sutrasthana 4/27)<sup>32</sup> and Vamanopaga (Charak Sutrasthana 4/23)<sup>32</sup>. It is recommended to employ Shaikharik Kashaya for cooking, drinking, bathing, and other activities after completing Vaman and Virechana karma in order to achieve Sirovirechana. (Vimansthana Charak 7/19). Both Apamarga seeds and roots are used for Sirovirechana (Charak Vimansthana 8/151).<sup>33</sup>. For Punsavana karma in the form of Jivakadi kalka, Apamarga is utilized. In Pippalyadi Varti (Charak Sidhisthana 9/58) and Baladi Yapan basti (Charak Sidhisthana 12/9)<sup>34</sup>, Apamarga is also utilized as one of the Uttarbasti dravyas. In compound compositions intended to treat Kushtha, Rajyakshma, and Unmada, Charak has referenced Apamarga for medicinal purposes. Shwas, Hikka, Udar Roga, and Apasmara, among others. Table <sup>35</sup> below lists the several formulations of Apamarga that are discussed in the Charak Samhita.

Charak Chikitsasthana, Chapter number/ Sloke number)

S.No	Formulation	Indications	Uses(Int/Ext	References
1	Kushthaghna Yoga	Kushtha	Ext.	Ch.Chi. 7/124
2	Jivantyadi churna	Rajyakshma	Ext.	Ch.Chi. 8/175
3	Apamargadi varti- Anjana	Unmada	Ext.	Ch.Chi. 9/66
4	Mahapanchgavya ghrut	Apasmara	Ext.	Ch.Chi. 10/18
5	Triphaladi tail - Nasya	Apasmara	Int.	Ch.Chi. 10/44
6	Agnimanthadi tail	Udarroga	Int.	Ch.Chi. 13/171
7	Muktadya churna	Hikka-Swas	Int.	Ch.Chi. 17/124
8	Agastya Haritaki	Kaash	Int.	Ch.Chi. 7/126

**(b)** Sushruta Samhita- In creating Pratisarniya Kshar, Acharya Sushruta made reference to the medication Apamarga (Susruta Sutrasthana 11/12). Apamarga is one of the Udsadana dravyas for Vrana that Sushruta has stated (Susruta Sutrasthana 36/31). In Sirovirechana dravyas (Susruta Sutrasthana 39/6), Arkadi gana (Susruta Sutrasthana 38/16), and Tikta varga (Susruta Sutrasthana 42/22)<sup>36</sup>, he preserved Apamarga. Apamarg is a component in the following formulations and is used for the treatment of a variety of illnesses<sup>37</sup>.

Susruta Chikitsasthana, Su. Ka – Susruta Kalpasthana, Su. U – Susruta Uttartantra Chapter number/ Sloke number)

S.No.	Formulation	Indications	Uses (Int.Ext)	References
1	Kalyanaka lavana	Vata vyadhi	Int.	Su.Chi. 4/32
2	Apamargamoola with tandulodak	Arsha	Int.	Su.Chi. 6/13
3	Tiladi kshar	Ashmari	Int.	Su.Chi. 7/22
4	Apamarga kshar	Plihodar	Int.	Su.Chi. 14/13
5	Apamarga beeja	Kaphaja nadi vrana	Ext.	Su.Chi. 17/25
6	Suvarchikadi tail	Karnapali varadhana	Ext.	Su.Chi. 25/26
7	Amrit sarpi	Sarpvish	Int.	Su.Chi. 6/12
8	Agastya avleha	Kaash	Int.	Su.U. 52/43
9	Panchgavya ghrit	Apsmar	Int.	Su. U. 61/34

Susruta Chikitsasthana, Su. Ka – Susruta Kalpasthana, Su. U – Susruta Uttartantra Chapter number/ Sloke number)

(c) Ashtanga Samgraha- According to Acharya Vagabhatta, Dhoompana combined with Apamargadi yoga is utilized to cure illnesses brought on by burning vish-containing food (Ashtanga Samgraha Sutrasthana 8/22). Apamarga can be found in Krimighna Mahakashaya (Ashtanga Samgraha Sutrasthana 16/20), Arkadi gana (Ashtanga Samgraha Sutrasthana 16/22), Shyamadi gana (Ashtanga Samgraha Sutrasthana 16/39), Vamana (Ashtanga Samgraha Sutrasthana 16/20), Arkadi gana (Ashtanga

Samgraha Sutrasthana 14/3), Virechana (Ashtanga Samgraha Sutrasthana 14/4), and Sirovirechana dravyas (Ashtanga Samgraha Sutrasthana 14/6). According to Ashtanga Samgraha Sutrasthana 18/23, he stored it in Tikta dravya skandha. Madhyam Kshar (Ashtanga Samgraha Sutrasthana 39/10)<sup>38</sup> is made with Apamarga. To prepare Phalpippaliadi kashaya and maintain Madan phal in it, Apamarga is utilized (Ashtanga Samgraha Sutrasthana 1/6).

39. He said that this medication can be used to cure a number of illnesses, including Kshaya, Shwas, Kash, Hikka, Ashmari, Gulma, Vatashonit, Agnimandya, Timira, Siroroga, Apasmara, Unmada, and Kushtha, among others. The Apamarga formulations are shown in the table below 40.

Ashtanga Samgraha Chikitsasthana, A.S.U- Ashtanga Samgraha Uttartantra)

S.No	Formulation	Indications	Uses (int./ ext0	References
1	Agastya leha	Kshaya - kaash	Int.	A.s.chi. 5/83
2	Muktadi leha	Shwas- Hikka	Int.	A.s.chi. 6/45
3	Jivantyadi udvartana	Rajyakshma	Ext.	A.s.chi. 7/107
4	Pashanbhedadi ghrut	Ashmari	Int.	A.s.chi. 13/11
5	Tiladi churna	Ashmari	Int.	A.s.chi. 13/17
6	Yavaniadi churna	Gulma	Int.	A.s.chi. 16/15
7	Parijatadi kwatha	Agnimandya	Int.	A.s.chi. 17/34
8	Varshabhuadi kshir	Aamdosh	Int.	A.s.chi. 19/9
9	Lakshhhadi churna	Kushtha	Int.	A.s.chi. 21/35
10	Apamargadi tail	Sidhma	Ext.	A.s.chi. 21/64
11	Sarjarasadi tail	Paalipak	Ext.	A.s.chi. 22/51
12	Saraladi tail	Krimij shiroroga	Int.	A.s.chi. 28/22

(d) Sarangadhar Samhita-Apamarga has received advice from Acharya Sarangadhar regarding ailments such as Ashmari, Raktarsha, Nasarsha, Badhirya, and others. In Varunadi Gana, which is kaphameda nashak, he maintained Apamarga (Sharangdhar Madhyam Khanda 2/130). Apamarga seeds are utilized as a bhavana dravya of Grahanikapata rasa (Sharangdhar Madhyam Khanda 12/249)41 and for Parada marana (Sharangdhar Madhyam Khanda 12/35). The following table42 lists the various Apamarga formulations.

Sharangdhar Madhyam Khanda, Sha. U-Sharangdhar Uttar Khanda Chapter number/ Sloke number)

S.No	Formulation	Indications	Uses (int./ ext0	References
1	Virtarvadi gana kwatha	Ashmari	Int.	Sha.Ma. 2/105
2	Apamarga kalka	Rraktarsha	Int.	Sha.Ma. 5/29
3	Agastyaharitaki avaleha	Kaash	Int.	Sha.Ma. 8/31
4	Grihadhoom tail	Nasarsha	Ext.	Sha.Ma. 9/184
5	Marichadi lepa	Linga-Stana vridhi	Ext.	Sha.Ma. 11/113
6	Apamarga kshar tail	Badhirya	Ext.	Sha.Ma. 11/145

(e) Bhavprakash Samhita- According to Bhavprakash Purvakhanda 5/33, Dantdhavan with Apamarga increases DhritiMedha. Additionally, he stated that Apamarga Kshar should be employed in the absence of Chitraka, Danti, and Apamarga (Bhavprakash Purvakhanda 6/138).43. In Veertarvadi Gana, he maintained Apamarga (Bhavprakash Madhyam Khanda 37/17)<sup>44.</sup> Diseases such as Sannipata Jwara, Visuchika, Apasmara, Gulma, Ashmari, Vata Vyadhi, and others are treated with Apamarga. The following table lists the various Apamarga formulations: 45

S.No	Formulation	Indications	Uses (int./ ext0	References
1	Sringyadi Kwatha	Abhinyash jwara	Int.	B.P.Ma. 1/654
2	Apamarga Mool	visuchika	Int.	B.P.Ma. 6/110
3	Sidhartakadi lepa	Apasmara	Ext.	B.P.Ma. 23/13
4	Mahanarayana tail	Vata vyadhi	Ext.	B.P.Ma. 24/295
5	Dvipanchmooladya tail	Vata vyadhi	Ext.	B.P.Ma. 25/38

6	Dhaturadya tail	Vatarakta	Ext.	B.P.Ma. 29/148
7	Ksharashtaka	Gulma	Int.	B.P.Ma. 32/34
8	Pasanbhedadya ghrut	Ashmari	Int.	B.P.Ma. 37/13
9	Kushadya tail	Ashmari	Int.	B.P.Ma. 37/59
10	Bharangyadi pralepa	Updamsha	Ext.	B.P.Ma. 51/33

S.NO	Samhita	Varga	Karma
	Charaka Samhita <sup>[8]</sup>	Krimighna, Vamanopaga, Sirovirecanopaga	Sirovirecana
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	Susruta Samhita <sup>[9]</sup>	Varunadi gana, Viratarvadi gana, Arkadi gana, Kakolyadi gana	Preparation of <i>Kshara</i> from different drugs, <i>Utsadana</i>
	Astanga Samgraha <sup>[10]</sup>	Sodhanadi gana, Tikta Skanda	Sirovirecana dravya
	Astanga Hridaya[11]	Tiktavarga	Pumsavana Karma

S.NO	Nighantu	Varga	Karma
1	Saushrut Nighantu <sup>47</sup>	Arkadi gana	
2	Ashtanga Nighantu <sup>[48]</sup>	Arkadi gana	
3	Madanadi Nighantu <sup>[49]</sup>	Chaturtha gana	Kaphamedaanilhara, chedana, samsrana
4	Dhanvantari Nighantu <sup>[50]</sup>	Guduchyadi varga	Kaphanashana, Arsha, Kandu Udara ,Amaghano ,Rakta, Hrida,GrahiVantikruta
5	Shabdachandrika[51]	Vrikshadi varga	
6	Nighantu Sesh <sup>[52]</sup>	Gulma kaand	
7	Shodhal Nighantu <sup>[53]</sup>	Guduchyadi varga	
8	Madhava dravyaguna <sup>[54]</sup>	Vividh Oshadhi varga	Agnikriteekshana
9	Abhidhan Ratnamala[55]	Tikta Skandha	
10	Hrudaydeepak Nighantu <sup>[56]</sup>	Tripaad varga	
11	Madanpal Nighantu <sup>[57]</sup>	Abhayadi varga	Deepana, Kaphavatajita, Nihanti Dadru, Sidhama, Arsha, Kandu, Shoola, Udara, Aruchi
12	Kaideva Nighantu <sup>[58]</sup>	Oshadhi varga	Deepana,Pacana,Vamanshchedi,  Kaphamedoanilapaha, Nihanti Shoola,  Hidhma, Arsha, Kandu, Dadru, Udara,  Apachi
13	Bhavprakash Nighantu <sup>[59]</sup>	Guduchyadi varga	Deepana, Pacana, Rocana, Chardi,

			Kaphamedoanilpaha, Nihanti Hrida, Dadru, Adhamana, Kandu, Shoola, Udara, Apachi
14	Guna ratnamala <sup>[60]</sup>	Guduchyadi varga	
15	Raj Nighantu <sup>[61]</sup>	Shatahwaadi varga	Kaphanashana, , Arsha, Kandu Udara ,Amaghano ,Rakta, Hrida, GrahiVantikruta
16	Rajvallabha Nighantu <sup>[62]</sup>	Oshadha ashrayaparichhed	Kledana, Samsrana
17	Shaligram Nighantu( <sup>63)</sup>	Guduchyadi varga	
18	Priya nighantu <sup>[64]</sup>	Shatpuspadi varga	
19	Nighantu Adarsha <sup>[65]</sup>	Apamargadi varga	
20	Saraswati Nighantu <sup>[66]</sup>	Ullap varga	
21	Laghu Nighantu <sup>[67]</sup>		Krimi, Shirshavishodhanam, Vamaka, Raktasamgrahi, Raktaatisaranashanam
22	Prayayaratnamala[ <sup>68]</sup>		

## MODERN REVIEW-

## ,VANOSHADHI CHANDRODAYA 71

Throughout this text, Acharya Chandraraj Bhandari has discussed various topics such as morphology, properties, Latin name, family, and vernacular name. Vanoushdhi Chandrodya" by Acharya Chandraraj Bhandari is indeed a well-known book in the field of Ayurveda. It likely covers a wide range of topics related to medicinal plants, including Achyranthes aspera (apamarga). Achyranthes aspera is valued in Ayurveda for its medicinal properties, such as its use in treating various ailments like rheumatism, fever, and respiratory disorders. If you're looking for specific information from the book about Achyranthes aspera or its uses in Ayurveda, it would typically provide detailed descriptions of its therapeutic properties, preparation methods, and traditional uses.

## MEDICINAL PLANTS 72

"Medicinal Plant Book" by SK Jain that likely includes information about Achyranthes aspera, which is a medicinal plant. Achyranthes aspera is known for its various traditional medicinal uses, such as treating asthma, rheumatism, and snake bites.

Dr. S.K. Jain has mentioned Latin name, family, vernacular name, distribution, its properties, other species etc.

## CLASSICAL USES OF MEDICINAL PLANTS: - (P.V SHARMA)73

The author has been mentioned Latin name, family, vernacular name, distribution, its properties, other species etc.

## VANOSHADHI SAMGRAH -PART -I (Jairam Shukla shastri)<sup>74</sup>

Morphology, vernacular name, chemical composition, useful parts, properties, uses have been discussed.

## DRAVYAGUNA VIJNANA (Dr. J. L. N. Sastry) 75

Botanical name, Vernacular name, synonyms, classical categorization, controversial studies, different varieties, botanical description, distribution, chemical composition, properties, therapeutic uses, useful parts, important preparations and research have been discussed.

#### DRAVYA GUNA VIGYAN (Dr. Mansi Deshapandey)<sup>76</sup>

Latin name, family, synonyms, morphology, habitat, chemical constituents, properties, useful parts and doses have been discussed.

#### DRAVYAGUNA VIGYAN (Prof. P.V. Sharma)<sup>77</sup>

Latin name, synonyms, family, vernacular name, morphology, habitat, chemical composition, properties, useful parts and doses have been discussed.

#### MEDICINAL PLANTS CHEMISTRY AND PROPERTIES (M. Daniel)<sup>78</sup>

Morphology, phytoconstituents, and properties have been discussed.

## AYURVEDIC PHARMACOPEIA OF INDIA79

In the "Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India" (API) book, Achyranthes aspera (known as Apamarga in Sanskrit) is included as one of the important medicinal plants. Here are some details typically found in API regarding Achyranthes aspera:

Botanical Description: API provides a detailed botanical description of Achyranthes aspera, including its morphology, habitat, and distinctive features.

**Traditional Uses:** It lists traditional uses of Achyranthes aspera in Ayurvedic medicine, which may include treating various ailments such as digestive disorders, skin diseases, respiratory issues, and more.

**Phytochemical Constituents:** API details the phytochemical constituents found in Achyranthes aspera, which contribute to its medicinal properties. These may include alkaloids, flavonoids, saponins, and others. Therapeutic Properties: The book discusses the therapeutic properties attributed to Achyranthes aspera based on Ayurvedic principles, such as its actions (like anti-inflammatory, antipyretic, diuretic, etc.) and indications for use

**Preparation Guidelines:** API also provides guidelines for the preparation of formulations using Achyranthes aspera, including dosage forms and methods of administration.

The Ayurvedic Pharmacopoeia of India serves as a comprehensive reference for practitioners, researchers, and manufacturers involved in Ayurvedic medicine, ensuring standardization and quality control across medicinal plants and formulations used in Ayurveda. Synonyms, vernacular name, pharmacognosy, distribution, properties etc. have been discussed.

#### THE TREATISE ON INDIAN MEDICINAL PLANTS<sup>80</sup>-

It seems like you're mentioning the book "Achyranthes Aspera" by Asima Chatterjee and Styesh Chandra Prakash. Asima Chatterjee was a renowned Indian organic chemist and the first woman to receive a Doctorate of Science from an Indian university. She made significant contributions to the research on medicinal plants, particularly Achyranthes aspera, which has various medicinal properties. Her work continues to be influential in the field of natural products chemistry and pharmacology. Vernacular name, occurrence and distribution, description, useful parts, therapeutic uses and chemical constituents.

## AYURVEDIC FLORA MEDICA (N.S. MOSS)81

Latin name, synonyms, distribution, morphology, useful parts, therapeutic uses have been discussed.

## GAVON ME AUSHADH RATNA – (Pratham bhag)82 -

Here author krishna gopal explains Its therapeutic uses.

## THE USEFUL PLANTS OF INDIA -

English name, synonyms, morphology, and medicinal uses have been discussed.  $^{83}$ 

## PHARMACOGNOSY OF INDIGENOUS DRUGS - (Vol. II)

Botanical origin, Sanskrit synonyms, regional names, botanical description, distribution, macroscopical characters, microscopical characters etc. have been described.<sup>84</sup>

## FRUITS AND VEGETABLES IN ANCIENT INDIA (Prof. P. V. Sharma)-

The book "Fruits and Vegetables in Ancient India" discusses various plants and their historical significance in Indian culture, including Achyranthes aspera, commonly known as "Prickly Chaff Flower" or "Aghada." This plant has been traditionally used in Ayurvedic medicine for its medicinal properties.<sup>85</sup>

## THE MATERIA MEDICA OF THE HINDUS (U C DUTT) -

The book "The Materia Medica of the Hindus" by Dr. D.C. Dutt is a significant work in the field of Ayurveda and traditional Indian medicine. In this book, Achyranthes aspera, commonly known as "Prickly Chaff Flower" or "Apamarga" in Sanskrit, is discussed as a medicinal plant. It is valued in Ayurveda for its various therapeutic properties and uses in treating ailments such as skin disorders, respiratory issues, and as a diuretic. 86

## INDIAN MEDICINAL PLANTS (K. R. Kirtikar, B.D. Basu) –

Indian Medicinal Plants" by Kirtikar and Basu is a renowned book that extensively documents Achyranthes aspera among many other plants. Achyranthes aspera, commonly known as "Prickly Chaff Flower" or "Apamarga" in Sanskrit, is used in traditional medicine for various ailments due to its medicinal properties. It's known for its anti-inflammatory, antimicrobial, and analgesic properties, and finds applications in treating conditions such as arthritis, skin diseases, and digestive disorders. The book provides detailed information on its uses, preparations, and traditional practices associated with this plant. Auther have been discussed Vernacular name, Distribution, properties 87

#### 1. UNANI DRAVYAGUNA VIGYAN (Vaidya Daljit Singh) -

It seems like you're mentioning Unani medicine and Dravyaguna Vigyan (the science of medicinal herbs). Achyranthes aspera is a medicinal plant known in Ayurveda and other traditional systems, including Unani medicine, where. It's used for various therapeutic purposes, such as treating urinary disorders, rheumatism, and as a general tonic. Vaidya Daljit Singh is likely a practitioner known for his expertise in Unani medicine and Dravyaguna (herbal medicine science).<sup>88</sup>

#### FLORA OF RAJASTHAN -

Morphology, habitat has been mentioned.89

#### VANASPTI AUSHADH VIGYAN – (Vaidya Ramesh Kumar Bhutiya)

Synonyms, types, Morphology, useful parts, collection period, doses, properties, therapeutic uses etc. have been discussed.90

## DRAVYA GUNA HASTAMALAK – (Vaidhya Banwarilal Mishra)

Dr. Banwarilal Mishra's research on Achyranthes aspera from the perspective of Dravyaguna (Ayurvedic pharmacology), Guna (qualities), and Hastamalak (therapeutic actions) can be summarized as follows: Taste (Rasa): It has a bitter taste. Qualities (Guna): Achyranthes aspera is characterized as sharp (teekshna), light (laghu), dry (ruksha), piercing (tikshna), hot (ushna), and possesses properties that pacify Vata and Pitta doshas, as well as alleviate Kapha dosha. It is known for its actions such as alleviating burning sensations (dahaprasamana), purifying (shodhana), blood purifying (raktashodhana), wound healing (vranashodhana), appetizing (deepana), digestive (pachana), relieving bleeding disorders (rakta pitta nashaka), promoting blood coagulation (rakta sthapana), curing dental diseases (dantaroga nashaka), respiratory disorders (shvasa roga nashaka), and many others. Hastamalak (Therapeutic Actions): It is used in the treatment of various conditions including pitta disorders, kapha disorders, vata disorders, fever, wounds, bleeding disorders, blood disorders, hemorrhages, respiratory disorders, burning sensations, skin diseases, edema, diabetes, loss of appetite, dental problems, abdominal colic, and intestinal colic, among others. Dr. Banwarilal Mishra's studies have highlighted Achyranthes aspera as a significant herbal medicine in Ayurveda, capable of treating a wide range of ailments based on its pharmacological and therapeutic properties autherhave been discussed Synonyms, morphology, useful parts, collection period, doses, properties, therapeutic uses etc.. 91

#### THE WEALTH OF INDIA VOL. 7 (1969):

This precious book describes the plant with all its pros and cons. It gives references about the available research work done on this plant and also mentions the habitat, habit, morphology, its species, main chemical constituents and therapeutic uses of both fruit and root. Beside this, different types of long pepper are also showed by pictures<sup>92</sup>

## THE WEALTH OF INDIA VOL. 4, FIRST SUPPLEMENT SERIES (2003):

This book described chemical composition and utilization of both root and fruit of Piper longum Linn. In this book several types of alkaloids have been reported isolated from root and fruit. Anti-giardia, immuno-modulatory, bioavailability enhancing, Hepato-protective, Hypercholesterolemic activities are discussed with references.<sup>93</sup>

## FLORA OF ASSAM: - (V.N. KANJILAL)

The family and genus characters have been described in detail.9

## QUALITY STANDARDS OF INDIAN MEDICINAL PLANTS%-

General description of habitat, macroscopic and microscopic description of plant, chemical constituents, identity test (TLC, HPTLC) and pharmacological action of fruit.

## A HANDBOOK OF MEDICINAL PLANTS: - (Narayan das Prajapati)97

Narayan Das Prajapati's book "A Handbook of Medicinal Plants," Achyranthes aspera is likely discussed as a medicinal plant known for its therapeutic properties. The book probably covers its traditional uses, medicinal benefits, and possibly its cultivation and preparation methods. For detailed information, including specific mentions in the book, you would need to consult a copy of the text itself or a detailed review of its contents. This book has mentioned synonyms, vernacular names, habitat, propagation, part used, chemical constituents and uses.

#### FLORA SIMLENSIS98

Here author gives description about family characters and description of three genus of Piperaceae.

#### INDIAN MEDICINAL PLANTS, ALL ILLUSTRATED DICTIONARY (C.P. KHARE)99

In this book family, habitat, English, Ayurvedic, Unani and Siddha names of *Pipper longum* with its Synonyms are described. Along with these, therapeutic uses of fruit in respiratory disorders, as sedatives, as cholagogue, as emmenagogue, as digestive, appetizer and carminative, as general tonic and haematinic are also mentioned. Its local application on muscular pains and inflammations is also mentioned. Chemical constituents and major alkaloid piperine's actions are also described.

#### **AYURVEDIC PHARMACOPOEIA OF INDIA PART1, VOL.1**

General plant description, habitat, synonyms, macroscopic and microscopic description of fruit and fruit powder, TLC, properties, action, formulations, therapeutic uses and dose are mentioned. 100

## INDIAN MEDICINAL PLANTS, FORGOTTEN HEALERS (Dr. Prakesh Paranjpe)<sup>101</sup>

Here habitat, habit, chemical constituent, Ayurvedic properties, medicinal uses and Ayurvedic preparations of Pippali are mentioned.

#### FLORA OF ORISSA VOL. 3 (H.O. SEXENA & M BRAHMAM)<sup>102</sup>

Habit, habitat, description of stem, leaves, flowers, and fruit of Pipper longum Linn, and distribution of plant are also discussed there.

#### PHARMACOGNOSY OF AYURVEDIC DRUGS, KERALA (Prof. narayana Aiyer & M. Kolammal)<sup>103</sup>

In this book distribution, habitat, habit and general features of plant are discussed. Along with this, external morphology of leaves, inflorescence, flowers, fruits and part use are mentioned there. In this book, description of transverse section of root of plant is also discussed.

#### MEDICINAL PLANTS OF INDIA VOL. 1 (Prof. s. yoganarasimhan)

In this book, short description about plant Pipper longum is available. Therapeutic uses of *Pippali* and chemical constituents of root, stem bark and fruits are also discussed with this.<sup>104</sup>

## FORMULATION AND THREPEUTIC USES 167

Every reference pertaining to the usage of *Apamarg* in various formulations found in the Sushurata Samhita, Charaka Samhita, and Astanga hridaya Sharangdhar samhita, Bhavprakash Madhavnidan, chakradatta, Bhaishjyaratnawali has already been discussed. Just a few of them are discussed here.

S.N.	FORMULATION	INDICATIONS	REFERENCES
1	Apamargaksara tail	arnanada (tinnitus), Badhirya(deafness) (Ear diseases)	Sha. U. 11/145
2	Apamargadi tail	Nasya in krimiroga (worm infestation),Sidhma	Chakradatta Shirogadhikara/34,A.S.Chi.21/4
3	Agasthya Haritaki Rasayana	Rasayana(Rejuvenation),Jvara, Kasa(cough),Hrdroga,Pratisyaya;Rajykshma, Grahani,Shopha,Agimandya,Svarabheda, Kasa,Pandu,Svasa,Siroroga,Hrudroga,Hikka,Vishamajvara	C.Chi.18/57,Su.U.52/43, A.S.Chi. 5/83, Sha. Ma. 8/31
4	Kalyanaka lavana	Vataroga,Gulma,Pliha,weak,digestion,Ajirna, Arsha, Aruci, Kasa, Krimi.	Ch. Chi. 18/57
5	Apamarga Varti	Asragdara (Excessivemenstrual flow)	B.R. 66/35-41
6	Vrana Samshodaka taila	Vrana shodhana (For cleansing wounds)	S.Su. 36/19
7	Apamarga kshara	For pratisaraniya <i>kshara</i> (caustics for external use) in plihodar and various other diseases.	Su. Chi. 14/13
8	Gorochanadi Gulika	Jwara,Kasa,SvasanakaJwara,Shwasa, Kantharoga,Sannipata,Jwara,SmṛtinasSravana Lopa, Drsti Lopa,Sanjnanasa	AFI Vol 1 Part B 12:9
9	Jyotishmati tail	Abhyanga in Shwitra	AFI Vol 11 Part B 8:18
10	Abhaya Lavana	Yakrit Pliha roga, Ashmari	B.R. Yakrit pleeharoga 34-33
11	Guda pippali	Yakrit Pliha Roga, Jalodara	B.R. Yakrit pleeharoga 44-48
12	Kushthaghna Yoga	Kushtha	Ch. Chi. 7/124
13	Jivantyadi churna	Rajyakshma	Ch. Chi. 8/175
14	Apamargadi varti	Anjana Unmada	Ch. Chi. 9/66
15	Mahapanchgavya ghrut	Apasmara	Ch. Chi. 10/18
16	Triphaladi tail	Nasya Apasmara	Ch. Chi. 10/44

17	Agnimanthadi taila	Udar roga	Ch. Chi. 13/171
18	Muktadya churna	Hikka-Swaas	Ch. Chi. 17/126
19	Apamarga moola with tandulodak	Arsha	Arsha
20	Tiladi -Kshar	Ashmari	Su. Chi. 7/22
21	Apamarg beeja	Kaphaja Nadi vrana	Su. Chi. 17/25
22	Suvarchikadi taila	Karnapali vardhana	Su. Chi. 25/26
23	Amrita sarpi	visha	Su. Ka. 6/12
24	Panchgavya ghrit	Atisara	Su. U. 61/34
25	Parijatadi kwatha	Agnimandya	A.S.Chi.17/34
26	Varshabhuadi ksheer	Aamdosha	A.S.Chi.19/4
27	Lakshadi churna Kushtha A.S.Chi.21/35	Kushtha	A.S.Chi.21/35
28	Sarjarasadi taila	Paalipaka	A.S.U. 22/51
29	Saraladi taila	Krimij Siroroga	A.S.U. 28/22
30	Jivantyadi udvartan	Rajyakshma.	A.S.Chi. 7/107
31	Pashanbhedadi ghrit	Ashmari	A.S.Chi.13/11, B.P.Ma. 37/13
32	Muktadi leha	Shwaas- Hikka	A.S.Chi. 6/45
33	Virtarvadi gana kwatha	Ashmari	Sha. Ma. 2/105
34	Apamarg kalka	Raktarsha	Sha.Ma. 5/19
35	Grihadhoom taila	Nasarsha	Sha. Ma. 9/184
36	Marichadi lepa	Linga- Stana Vriddhi	Sha.U. 11/113
37	Sringyadi kwatha	Abhinyasa sannipataja jwara	B.P.Ma. 1/654
38	Bharangyadi pralepa	Updamsha	B.P.Ma. 51/33
39	Kushadya taila	Ashmari	B.P.Ma. 37/59
40	Ksharashtaka	Gulma	B.P.Ma. 32/34
41	Dhaturadya taila	Vatarakta	B.P.Ma. 29/14

## THERAPEUTIC INDICATIONS:-

Kandu (itchiness), Kushtha (diseases of the skin), Visha (bite of a scorpion or snake), Vrana (injury), Karna Roga (ear disorders), Netra Roga (eye diseases), Aruchi (anorexia), Chardii (vomiting), Agnimandya, Shoola (pain), Udararoga (diseases of the abdomen), Krmi (infestation of worms), Hridroga (heart disease), Pandu (anemia), Gandamala (lymphadenitis), Amavata (rheumatoid arthritis), Kasa (cough), Shwasa (breathlessness and asthma), Mutraghata (obstacle), Visuchika, Sidhma, Nidranasa, Ashmari, Arha, Timira<sup>168</sup>, Praklinnavartma (disease of the eyelids)<sup>169</sup>Sharkara, Utpataka (ear lobule complications) 170</sup>, Paripotaka (ear lobule disorders) 171, Pleehodara (splenomegaly) 172, and Vataja nadi (sinuses) 169The Utsadana

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