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DRAVYAGUNA: THE BACKBONE OF AYURVEDA



यतश्चायुष्याण्यनायुष्याणि च द्रव्यगुणकर्माणि
वेदयत्यतोऽप्यायुर्वेदः । तत्रायुष्याण्यनायुष्याणि च
द्रव्यगुणकर्माणि केवलेनोपदेक्ष्यन्ते तन्त्रेण ।।

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DRAVYAGUNA IN CHARAKA SAMHITA

यथावद् द्रव्यगुण—कर्माधिकारे वचः ।

(च०सू० 26 / 80)

मनोमनोऽर्थो बुद्धिरात्म चेत्यध्यात्म द्रव्यगुण
संग्रहः ।

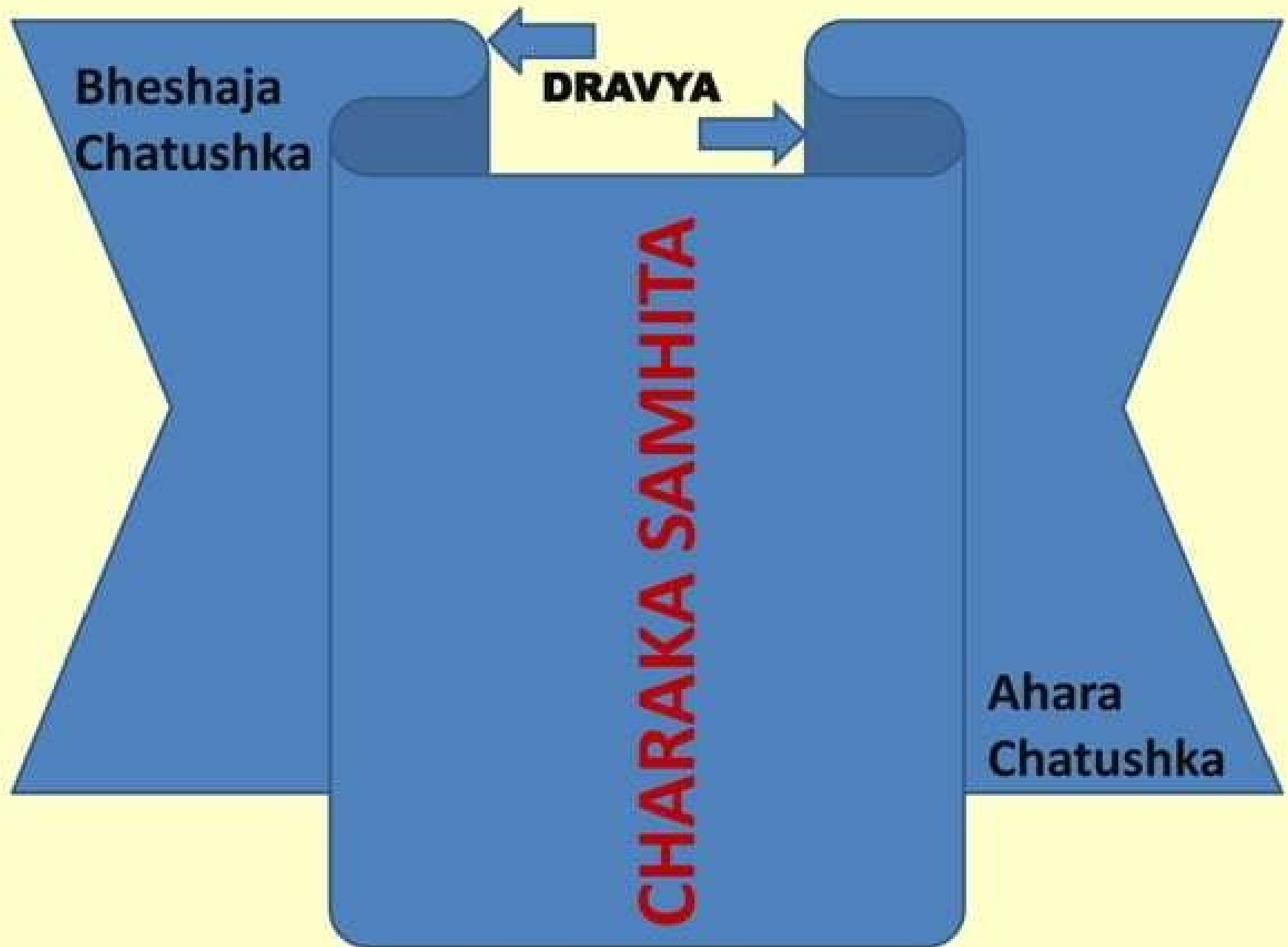
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Bheshaja Chatushka of Charaka Samhita



Ahara Chatushka of Charaka Samhita





CONCEPT OF CHARAKA SAPTAADHYAEE

- **4 Chapters (1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th) of Bhesaja-Chatushka**
- **3 Chapters (25th, 26th & 27th) of Ahara-Chatushka.**

SVAROOPA (SELF-IDENTITY) OF DRAVYA

द्रवन्ति रोगास्तद्योगान्नरः स्वास्थ्यं च विन्दति ।

अन्नौषधात्मकं तस्माद् द्रव्यमित्यभिधीयते ।।

(प्रि०ब्र० द्र०गु०वि० भाग०1 पृ०9)

The Swaroop of Dravya is Anna (diets) & Aushadha (medicine).
A substance could either be used as diet or medicine, or sometimes both.

CLASSIFICATION OF DRAVYA

Basic classification

- According to causality: Karana (9) & Karya dravya (innumerable) (Ck, Su.1/48)
- According to consciousness: Chetana & Achetana dravya (Su.1/48)
- According to Bhautika composition: Parthiva, Apya, Agneya, Vayavya & Akashatmaka (Su.26/11)
- According to Source: Audbhida, Jangama & Parthiva (Su.1/68-71)

Basic classification...

- **Acc to form (Anga):** Dravyabhoota (Material) & Adravya-bhoota (Non-material) (Vi.8/87)

एतच्चैव भेषजमङ्गभेदादपि द्विविधं – द्रव्यभूतं
अद्रव्यभूतं च । (च०वि०८ / ८७)

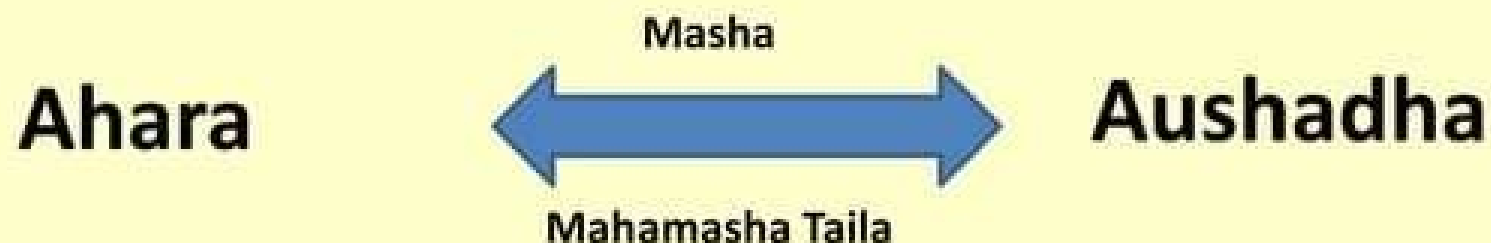
सर्वं द्रव्यमिहाख्यातं पञ्चभूतविनिर्मितम् ।

अद्रव्यं तद्विपर्यस्तमन्तभूतं तदात्मनि ।।

(प्रि०ब्र० द्र०गु०वि० भाग, १ पृ०३८)

Basic classification...

- Acc to Rasa Vikalpa: 63 (Su.26/14)
- According to use: Aushadha & Ahara (Ck, Su.2/17, Su. 25/36-39)



Classification of Audbhida Dravya (Substance of Plant origin)

- **Acc to Morphology** : 04 types; Vanaspati (Big tree), Vanaspatya/Vriksha (Medium tree), Veerudha (Shrubs) & Oshadhi (Herb/Plants die after fruits ripen) (Su.1/71-72).
- **Acc to useful parts**:
 - Root: Pancha Panchamoola (Ci.1-1/42-44), 16 Moolini dravya (Su.1/77-80)
 - Fruit: 19 Phalini dravya (C.Su.1/81-85).

Classification of Audbhida Dravya...

- Pancha-valkala (Ci.30/62)
- Acc to Ashraya : 07 types (fruits, leaves, roots, tubers, flowers, exudates & barks) Shiro-virechaniya dravyas (Vi.8/151).

Classification of Jangama Dravya (Animal origin)

- **No basic classification is observed**
- Madhu, Gorasa, Pitta, Rakta, Mootra, Shringa, Kesha, Rochana etc mentioned (Su.1/68-69)
- 08 Mamsa-varga (Su.27/35-87), 04 Madhu (Su.27/243), 08 Mutra (Su.1/92), 08 Gorasa (Su.27/217-224)

Classification of Parthiva Dravya (Inorganic origine)

- **No basic classification is observed**
- Swarna, Pancha-loha (Rajata, Tamra, Trapu, Sheesa & Krishnaloha: Ck.), Sikata (Sand), Sudha (Lime), Manah-shila, Harital, Mani, Gairika etc. (Su.1/70)
- Pancha-Lavana: (Su.1/88-89)
- Shonita-sthapana Mahakashaya (Mritkapala & Gairika) (Su.4/18)

CLASSIFICATION OF AUSHADHA DRAVYA

1. Acc to Veerya (Potency):

- Mridu : Amalaki etc.
- Madhya: Bilwa, Agnimantha etc.
- Tikshna : Shunthi etc.

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(CK, Su.2/17)

Aushadha Dravya: Morphological (Pharmacognostical) Classification

- **Habit:** Vanaspati (Big tree) etc. (Su.1/71-72).
- **Root:** Pancha-panchamoola (Ci.1-1/42-44),
Moolini dravya (Su.1/77-80)
- **Fruit:** Phalini dravya (Su.1/81-85).

Aushadha Dravya...Morphological

- Ksheerini dravyas: (Su.1/114-15)
 - Snuhi (*Euphorbia nerifolia*)
 - Arka (*Calotropis procera*)
 - Ashmantaka (*Ficus rumphii*)
- Trivalkala (Su.1/116-17)
 - Pootika (*H. integrifolia*)
 - Tilvaka (*Viburnum nervosum*)
 - Krishnagandha (*Moringa oleifera*)

Aushadha Dravya: Pharmacological Classification

- Acc to Pharmacodynamic properties

- Asthapana dravya (06): Madhura-Amla-Lavana-Katu-Tikta & Kashaya skandha (Vi.8/139-144)
- Veerya: Chandanadi-tailam (Ci.3/258), Agurvady-tailam (Ci.3/267), Agurupatradya (Agurvadya minus Kushtha & Tagara; because of excessive sharpness, there is fear of mastulunga-srava Ck, Su.5/27).

Aushadha Dravya: Pharmacological...

- Acc to Effect :

- Dosha-prashamana (pacifying): Amalaki, Haritaki
- Dhatu-pradushana (Aggravating): Masha, Dadhi
- Svasthavrittau matam (Maintaining homeostasis) (Su.1.67): Rakta-shali (Su.25/38), Rasayana (Ci.1)
- ❖ Svasthavrittakar dravyas maintain the homeostasis by not aggravating or diminishing the dhatus and exerting wholesome effect on channels carrying Rasa etc. (CK, Su.1/67, Su.25/33).eg. Lohita shali, Mudga, Rasayana & Vajikarana dravyas.

Aushadha Dravya: Pharmacological...

Acc to Application

- Shamana (Vi.6/16-18)
- Shodhana
 - Vamana dravya- (Su.2/7-8, Vi.8/135)
 - Virechana dravya (Su.2/9-10, Vi.8/136)
 - Asthapana dravya (Su.2/11-13, Vi.8/137-48)
 - Anuvasana dravya (Su.2/14, Vi.8/150)
 - Shirovirechana dravya (Su.2/3-5, Vi.8/151)

Aushadha Dravya: Pharmaco-therapeutic Classification (As per action (Karma) on different System)

- 50 Mahakashayas (Su.4)
 - GIT system: Deepaniya, Vamanopaga, Virechanopaga
 - Respiratory: Shvasahara, Kasahara
 - Hemopoetic & Vascular: Shonitasthapana, Hridya
 - Reproductive System: Shukrajanana, Prajasthapana
 - Urinary: Mootra (samgrahaniya, virechaniya, virajaniya)
 - Nervous: Sangyasthapana
 - Dhatus: Jeevaniya,. Brimhaniya, Balya
 - Skin: Svedopaga, Kandughna, Kushthaghna, Varnya etc.

Aushadha Dravya: Pharmaco-therapeutic...

- According to route of administration
 - Antah-parimarjana: Panchakarmika dravya (Su.2)
 - Bahih-parimarjana : 32 external application of medicated paste (Su.3)
- As per use in Shadopakrama: Langhaniya, Brimhaniya, Rukshaniya, Snehaniya, Swedaniya & Stambhaniya dravya (Su.22)

Aushadha Dravya: Pharmaco-therapeutic...

- Agrya Aushadhi (Su.25/40): 152 nos.
- Nidrakara (Su.21/52-54)
- Sangya-prabodhana (Su.24/46-49)
- Mukhashodhana (Su.5/76-77)
- Danta-shodhana (Su.5/73)
- Garbha-sthapana (Sa.8/24)
- Garbha-vriddhikara (Sa.8/27)
- Aparapatana (Sa.8/41)
- Rakshoghna (Sa.8/47)

Aushadha: Pharmaceutical classification

- 09 types Asava yoni (sources of fermented liquors)-
 - i. Dhanyasava (cereals)-06
 - ii. Phalasava (fruits)-26
 - iii. Moolasava (roots)- 11
 - iv. Sarasava (heartwoods)-20
 - v. Pushpasava(flowers)- 10
 - vi. Kandasava (stems)- 04
 - vii. Patrasava (leaves)- 02
 - viii. Twagasava (barks)- 04
 - ix. Sharkarasava (*Themeda arundinaceae*)-01
(Su.25/49)

Aushadha: Spiritual Classification

- Mana & Atma (Su.8/13): Adhyatma dravya-02, Adhyatma guna -11 (05 Mano-artha, 06 Atma guna).

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Aushadha: Specific Classification

- Sthiradi (21drugs Ci.9/ 42)
- Rasna-sthiradi (Ci.26/ 160)
- Shakadi (Ka.1/14)
- Kovidaradi (Ka.1/16)
- Phaladi (Ka.2/13,Si.9/96, Ck, Si.6/96-9)
- Shatyadi & Brihatyadi (Ci.3/211-14)
- Chandanadya & Agurvadya (Ci.3/258,267)
- Katakadi (Ci.26/74).
- Divya aushadhis (Ci.1-4/7-10)

Aushadha: Specific class...

- Pathya /Hita-Apathya/Ahita (Su.25/38-39)
- Classification of Rasayana & Vajikara Dravyas (Ci.1 & Ci.2)
- Kalpa-sthana: All 12th chapter nomenclature on the basis of dravya (Madana-kalpa etc.)

CLASSIFICATION OF AHARA DRAVYAS

- 12 Varga : On the basis of part 's use/application (Su.27)

Sl No	Varga	Sl No	Varga
1	Shukadhanya	7	Madya
2	Shamidhanya	8	Ambu
3	Mamsa	9	Gorasa
4	Shaka	10	Ikshu
5	Phala	11	Kritanna
6	Harita	12	Aharayogi

Ahara Dravya...

- Acc to source: Sthavara & Jangama
- Acc to effect: Hita (wholesome) & Ahita (unwholesome): 20 Vargas
- Acc to way of intake : 4 Types; Pana (drinks), Ashana (eatables), Bhakshya (chewables) & Lehya (lickables)
- Acc to taste : 6 types; Madhura etc.
- Acc to property: 20 types (Guru etc.)
- Innumerable: acc to abundance in dravyas, their combination & preparations

(Su.25/36, 38-39)

RELEVANCE OF DRAVYA CLASSIFICATION

- Inductive approach in classification: Drugs having similar action kept in a group, eg. Jeevaniya.
- 10 drugs in Mahakashaya is symbolic only.
- Being school of medicine, classification mostly seen on the basis of medicinal use of drugs.

Relevance...

- In Mahakashaya, starting with Jeevaniya & ending with Vayah-sthapana shows the priority of health in an individual

जीवने हितो जीवनीयः; वयस्तरुणं स्थापयतीति वयःस्थापनम् । (CK,Su.4/8)

- Pharmacological classification : Aushadha-dravya.
- Morphological classification: Ahara dravyas , e.g. Shukadhanya

SCOPE FOR FUTURE EXPANSION

अनेनोपदेशेन नानौषधिभूतं जगति किञ्चिद्द्रव्यमुपलभ्यते तां तां युक्तिमर्थं च तं
तमभिप्रेत्य॥ Su.26/12

न चालमतिसङ्क्षेपः सामर्थ्यायोपकल्पते। अल्पबुद्धेरयं तस्मान्नातिसङ्क्षेपविस्तरः॥
मन्दानां व्यवहाराय, बुधानां बुद्धिवृद्धये। पञ्चाशत्को ह्ययं वर्गः कषायाणामुदाहृतः॥

Su.4/27-28

It could be said that as dravyas , their combinations, rasa, anurasa & objectives of their use are innumerable, hence classification could be innumerable for an wise. This is substantiated by the textual references itself (Su.26/23; Su.25/49).

Scope...

- तस्मान्मधुराणि मधुरप्रायाणि मधुरविपाकानि मधुरप्रभावाणि च मधुरस्कन्धे मधुराण्येव कृत्वोपदेक्ष्यन्ते, तथेतराणि द्रव्याण्यपि।

Vi.8/138

- तेभ्यो भिषग्बुद्धिमान् परिसङ्ख्यातमपि यद्यद्द्रव्यमयौगिकं मन्येत, तत्तदपकर्षयेत्; यद्यच्चानुक्तमपि यौगिकं मन्येत, तत्तद्विदध्यात्; वर्गमपि वर्गेणोपसंसृजेदेकमेकेनानेकेन वा युक्तिं प्रमाणीकृत्य।

Vi.8/149

A group may be combined with another or several other groups based on reasoning (same rasa, same vipaka, same prabhava etc)

Scope...

- स्थिरादिकानां कतकादिकानामेकैकशो वा विधिनैव तेन॥ Ci.26/74

स्थिरादिकानामित्यादौ कतकादिः मधुरस्कन्धे (वि.अ.८)

“...कतककाशमर्य...” इत्यादिनोक्तो गणो ज्ञेयः। Ck.

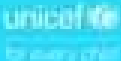
- फलादिभेषजं प्रोक्तं शिरसो यद्विरेचनम्॥९६॥ Si.9

फलादिभेषजमिति रोगभिषग्जितीयोक्तं फलपत्रमूलकन्दपुष्पनिर्यासत्वग्भेदात् सप्तविधमुक्तं शिरोविरेचनद्रव्यम्। Ck.

- Similarly Mandukaparnyadi rasayana for Medhya-rasayana (Ci.1-3/30-31), Brahmasuvarchaladi rasayana for Divya-aushadhi (Ci.1-3/7) new group nomenclature could be opted.

CONCLUSION

- Classification mainly based on application for maintaining health or curing diseases.
- Plant origin classification is predominant.
- Animal origin classification is limited followed by inorganic substances.
- Plant origin substances are used abundantly in medicine & diets, Animal mostly as diets & inorganic absolutely as medicine.
- Pharmaco-therapeutic classification of Aushadha-dravyas & Morphological classification of Ahara dravyas are observed.
- Adravya categorized under 'Upaya'.
- Specific classification with specific objectives are also found.





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