

# Department :- Ayurved Samhita & Siddhant

Topic: Prabhava

# Etymology

- प्रकृष्टः भावः प्रभाव । शास्त्रि
- प्रभवति सामर्थ्य विशिष्टं भवति द्रव्यमनेनेति प्रभाव ॥  
द्र.गु.वि
- The property of dravya that special or peculiar action which is non specific effect.

# Definition

- रसादिसाम्ये यत् कर्म विशिष्टं तत् प्रभावजम्।२६।  
अ.ह.सू
- The special property which produces action that are different from constitution of dravya and contrary to those attributed to Rasa, Guna, Virya, and Vipaka.

# Charecteristics

रसवीर्यविपाकानां सामान्यं यत्र लक्ष्यते ।  
विशेषः कर्मणां चैव प्रभावस्तस्य स स्मृतः ॥६  
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- Specific action of substance, that cant be explain in term of pharmacological action
- The action aparts from constitution of dravya- Rasa, guna, virya, vipaka.
- It can be stated as achintya shakti, achintya virya, Swabhava, Vikriti Vishama Samveta, Anavadharniya.

# Function

- द्रव्याणि कर्मकणि भवन्ति; द्रव्याणि हि द्रव्यप्रभावदगुणप्रभावाद्द्रव्यगुणप्रभावाच्च॥१३॥च.सू
- रसं विपाकस्तौ वीर्यं प्रभावस्तान्यपोहति। बलसाम्ये रसादीनामिति नैसर्गिकं बलम्॥ ॥७२॥च.सू
- Drug action has 3 aspects -
  - **Dravya Prabhava-** Action of drug is independent of its constitution (it can be said as Achintya Shakti)
  - **Guna Prabhava-** The action that depends on constituents of drugs (Chintya Shakti)
  - **Dravya-Guna Prabhava-** Action depends on both dravya and guna.

# Examples

- **Agadiya Karma-** Shirisha (Dravya Prabhava)
- **Virechan Karma-** Danti (Guna Prabhava)
- **Rakshoghna Karma-** Guggulu, Jatamansi (Dravya and guna Prabhava)
- **Manas karma-** Jatamansi (Dravya Prabhava)

# Prabhavjanya Karma

- **Danti-** Rasa- Katu, Virya- Ushna, Vipaka- Katu. Prabhava- Virechana\ whereas\  
**Chitraka-** Katu, Virya- Ushna, Vipaka- Katu. Karma- Sangrahi.
- Sthavar Vish antidote of Jangam Visha
- Ubhaya bhaga hara action
- Manidharan for various diseases and astrology

# Acharya Views

- Sushruta- Achintya Virya in concept of Virya
- Bhadanta Nagarjuna- Anavadharniya



# Types of Prabhava

- According to mahabhuta composition drugs are of 2 types-
  - **Saman Pratyarabdha dravya-** this has structural related pharmacological and therapeutic action, Ex- Godhuma-Rasa/Madhura, Guna/Guru, Vatahar
  - **Vichitra Pratyarabdha dravya-** this does not have Structural similarity, Ex- Yava-Rasa/Madhura, Guna/Guru, Vatakara

- Acharya Charaka explained dravya on the basis of Rasa and Dosha relation-
  - **Prakriti Sama Samveta-** these are like Saman pratyarabdha dravya- this has structural related pharmacological and therapeutic action,
  - **Vikriti Visham Samveta-** this are structurally and functionally similar. Viz- they have similar constitution but exhibits special therapeutic effect which is independent of constituents.

## Vikriti Visham Samveta

- Structurally and functionally similar
  - Ex- Madhura rasa dravya dose snehana and vrishya action, but Tanduliya doesnot possess these properties being Madhura rasa.
  - Vrintak acts as vatahara even having Katu, tikta rasa
  - Tail has Kashaya, katu, Tikta and madhura rasa, so it should act as Kapha-pitta har or tridosha hara but it act as pitta and kapha vardhak

## Vichitra pratyarabdha

- Structurally dissimilar but functionally similar
  - Ex- Ksheer- Rasa/Madhura, Guna/Guru, Virya/sheeta (Samanpratyarabdha). Matsya- Rasa/Madhura, Guna/Guru, Virya/Ushana (Vichitra Pratyarabdha)
  - Pig- Rasa/Madhura, Guna/Guru, Vipaka/Madhura (Samanpratyarabdha). Lion- Rasa/Madhura, Guna/Guru, Vipaka/Katu (Vichitrapratyarabdha)

# Superiority of Prabhava

- **Achintya-** Effects are unpredictable, Ex- Danti-Virechana
- **Daiva Pratighata-** Super-natural power, Raksha Karma/Mantra
- **Visha Pratighat-** antidote activity, Ex- Shirisha
- **Darshana-** Extraordinary activities are seen, Ex- Manidharan
- **Shravana-** Acharya praise its efficacy.
- **Tulya Rasa-guna Vishesha-** Action is independent of drug Constituents
- **Adbhuta Karma-** Mani, Mantra, Hymns
- **Agam-** Classical text highlighted prabhava as superior

**Thank You**