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Madanpal Nighantu (Lexicon): A Critical Analysis

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A B S T R A C T

Ayurveda, the ancient traditional science is the treasure of India. The great sages like *Charaka* and *Sushruta* have elaborated various available herbs in their respective periods in their texts. The categorization of then available herbs into *Ganas* or *Mahakashya varga* depending on their chief action/drug has immensely contributed in clinical field. The texts have served the foundational reference to many lexicon. These lexicons i.e. *Ashtang nighantu*, *Dhanwantari nighantu*, *Raj nighantu*, *Bhavpraksh nighantu* are simplified texts exclusively for the study of plants and its medicinal properties and the codify plant names by grouping synonyms of one plant together. *Madanpal nighantu* is one such available lexicon the dates back to 11-13 cen. A.D. This article emphasizes mainly on distinctive feature of *Madanpal Nighantu*. This lexicon followed by the ancient texts like *Sushruta Samhita*; *Ashtang Nighantu*; *Dravyaguna Samgraha* and *Shabda pradipa*.

Keywords: *Madanpal Nighantu*, *Lexicon*, *Ayurveda*

Introduction

Madanapala Nighantu is also known as *Madana Vinod*. Going through the inclusion materials of the text is to be composed in a very precise form (neither too large nor small) consisting whole of the materials related with plant *materia medica*. On this background the text has been written in 1374 A.D. (1431 *Vikram samvat*) in the month of *magha* the sixth day- monday.¹

The text is divided into the following 13 sections:²

- *Abhayadi*
- *Shuntyadi*
- *Karpuradi*
- *Suvarnadi*
- *Vatadi*
- *Phaladi/Drakshadi*
- *Shaaka*
- *Paaniyadi*
- *Ikshukadi*

- *Dhanya Varga*
- *Dhanyakratannadi Varga*
- *Mamsa Varga*
- *Mishraka Varga*

Among plant drugs *Ahiphena* (Opium) has been described (because China is cultivating at that time), but not *Yashada*=Zinc(because zinc is producing at that time in rajasthan's zawaar mines area). In *Mishraka Varga* no drug has been described, where indications regarding *Anupan* and Seasonal conduct have been mentioned for healthy life.

The following drugs are specially mentioned in *Madanpal Nighantu* are:

- *Bhang*
- *Kankushta*
- *Jayapaala*
- *ParasikaYavani*
- *Chauhara*
- *Maarjaari*



- Sinduri
- Silomaani
- Kharjura
- Kharbuza
- Amruthaphala
- Baadaam
- Anjeera
- Madhukarkati
- Grunjanakha
- Yavanala
- Kundalika

Aim and Objectives

Aim

To study the distinctive feature of *Madanpal Nighantu*.

Objectives

- To collect the literature on *Madanpal Nighantu* according to Ayurvedic classics and modern classification.
- To assess the evidence of various types of plant species.
- Possible species; on the basis of basonyms/ synonyms in the text of *Madanpal Nighantu*.

Identical Feature Based on Sanskrit Synonyms & Possible Species³

Sanskrit Name	Identical Feature	Possible Species
<i>Shaalparni</i> ⁴ (sarivan) ⁴	<i>Dhruva, Soumya, Triparni, Peetani, Sthira, Vidarigandha, Atiguaha, Deerghsmoola, Anshumati.</i>	<i>Desmodium triflorum Linn.</i>
<i>Prishnaparni</i> (pithvan) ⁵	<i>Pithvana, Kroshtupuchha, Dhavani, Kalashaaruha, Srigaalvratta, Ahitila, Prathhkkaparni, Parnika.</i>	<i>Uraria picta (Jacq.) Desv. ex DC.</i>
<i>Mashparni</i> ⁶	<i>Krishnavranta, Kaamboji, Hayapuchhika, Maansmaasha, Sinhmukhi, Swadumaasha, Mahasaha.</i>	<i>Teramnus labialis (L.f.) Spreng.</i>
<i>Mugdaparni</i> ⁷	<i>Kshudrasaha, Sooryaparni, Kurangini, Vanaja, Ringini, Shimbi, Sinhi, Maarjargandhika.</i>	<i>Phaseolus trilobus</i>
<i>Moorva</i> ⁸	<i>Devi, Madhurasa, Devasreni, Snigdhaparni, Prathhakparni, Morati, Peeluparnika.</i>	<i>Marsdenia tenacissima (Roxb.) Moon/ Maerua oblongifolia/ maerua areneria</i>
<i>Riddhi</i> ⁹	<i>Sukhamyuga, Lakshmi, Sidhhi, Sarvajanapriya, Rishirishta, Rathanga, Maangalya, Shravani, Vasu, Yoggaa, Yugyaa, Tushtrashi.</i>	<i>Hebenaria intermedia var. foliosa</i>
<i>Vradhhi</i> ¹⁰	Same	<i>Habenaria edgeworthii Hook.f.ex Collet</i>
<i>Kakaoli</i> ¹¹	<i>Madhura, Veera, Kayastha, Ksheershuklika, Dhwanksholi, Vaayasoli, Swaadumanshi, Payasavini.</i>	<i>Fritillaria roylei common name yellow Himalayan fritillary/ Roscoea purpurea</i>
<i>Ksheer kakoli</i> ¹²	<i>Suravha, Kshirini, Peevar, Sadrash-Skandha, Sa-Sugandhaka, Kshirkakolika</i>	<i>Lilium polyphyllum/ roscoea alpinia/ lasia spinosa</i>
<i>Meda</i> ¹³	<i>Shaalparnidrashya, Medobhava, Dhara,</i>	<i>Polygonatum verticillatum (L.) All.</i>
<i>Mahameda</i> ¹⁴	<i>Vasukshidra, Tridanta, Devtamani.</i>	<i>Polygonatum cirrhifolium (Wall.) Royle</i>
<i>Jeevak</i> ¹⁵	<i>Madhura, Sringi, Hrasva-Anga, Koorschheershaka.</i>	<i>Malaxis acuminata D.Don Syn. Microstylis wallichii Lindl.</i>
<i>Rishabhaka</i> ¹⁶	<i>Veer, Indtaksha, Vishani, Durdhar, Vrash.</i>	<i>Manilkara hexandra/ Microstylis muscifera Ridley</i>
<i>Erand</i> ¹⁷	<i>Deerghadanda, Taruna, Vardhamanaka, Chitra, Panchangula, Vyaghrapuchha, Gandharva-Hasta.</i>	<i>Ricinus communis L.</i>
<i>Rakta Eranda</i> ¹⁸	<i>Hastikarna, Vyaghra, Vyaghratara, Laghu, Uttanpatra, Urbu, Vaatavairi, Chanchula.</i>	<i>Jatropha curcusa L.</i>
<i>Shweta Sariva</i> ¹⁹	<i>Sharda. Aasphota, Gopkanya, Pratanika, Gopangngna, Gopvalli, Latavhaa Kashthasariva.</i>	<i>Hemidesmus indicus (L.) R.Br.</i>

<i>Krishna Sariva</i> ²⁰	<i>Krishnamooli, Bhadrachanadansariva, Bhadra, Chandangopa, Chandana, Krishnavalli.</i>	<i>Cryptolepis buchananii Burm.</i>
<i>Yaas</i> ²¹	<i>Marudbhava, Ananat, Dirghamoola, Yavasaka, Balpatra, Samudra, Samudrant, Doormool, Atikantaka, Dhanvyas, Tamramooli, Duh-Saprsha, Duralabha, Yaasak, Kachhura, Dhanavyavaasak.</i>	<i>Alhagi maurorum Medik/fagonia Arabica/fagonia cretica/tragia involucrate</i>
<i>Mundi</i> ²²	<i>Bhikshu, Parivraaji, Paavani, Tapodhana, Shravani, Srimati, Mundi, Tikta Sravansheerashaka.</i>	<i>Sphaeranthus indicus L.</i>
<i>Mahamundi</i> ²³	<i>Lobhneeya, Chhinna, Garnthinika.</i>	<i>Leonotis nepetifolia (L.) R.Br.</i>
<i>Apamarga</i> ²⁴	<i>Chinchida, Shikhari, Kinhi, Khar Manjari, Adhah Shalya, Shekhrika, Pratyakapushpi, Mayurika.</i>	<i>Achyranthes aspera L.</i>
<i>Rakta Apamarga</i> ²⁵	<i>Vrantaphal, Vashir, Kapi-Pippali.</i>	<i>Achyranthes lappacea L.</i>
<i>Danti</i> ²⁶	<i>Gunapriya, Naagdanti, Sheeghranukoolak, Upchitra, Anukumbhi, Vishlya, Udumberachhda, Aakhuparni, Vrashaiyarnda, Dravanti, Sarvari, Mushkavha, Sutasreni, Praytyakasreni, Fanjjika.</i>	<i>Baliospermum montanum (Willd.) Mull. Arg</i>
<i>Jayapal</i> ²⁷	<i>Dantibeeja, Tittirphala.</i>	<i>Croton tiglum L. /jamalgota Buch.</i>
<i>Trivrat</i> ²⁸	<i>Kumbha, Aruna, Trystrabhandi, Kootarvahini, Sarvanubhuti, Trivratta, Triputa, Sarala, Sita.</i>	<i>Operculina terpathum L.</i>
<i>Trivrat kala</i> ²⁹	<i>Kaalmeshi, Kaalparni, Ardhachandrika, Sukhena, Malvika, Masooravidela.</i>	<i>Operculina terpethum L.</i>
<i>Indravaaruni</i> ³⁰	<i>Indrahva, Vrashbhakshee, Gavadini, Indravaaru, Kshudraphala, Vishala, Vrashadini.</i>	<i>Citrullus colocynthis (L.) Schrad.</i>
<i>Atyendra Vaaruni</i> ³¹	<i>Chitraphala, Mahaphala, Aatmaraksha, Naagdanti, Trapushi, Gajachirbhati, Shwetapushpi, Mragakshi, Pakhsura, Krimiguaha, Chitraadevi.</i>	<i>Croton Oblingifolius Roxb.</i>
<i>Sehunda</i> ³²	<i>Vajratunda, Gandir, Vajrakantaka, Snuhi, Samdugdha, Asipatra, Vajri, Mahataru.</i>	<i>Euphorbia antiquorum L./ E. nerifolia</i>
<i>Hemavha</i> ³³	<i>Kanakshiri, Hempushpi, Himawati, Kshirini, Kanchankshiri, Katuparni, Chikarshani, Tiktadugdha, Hemvati, Pitadugdha, Himadrika.</i>	<i>Euphorbia nerifolia/ ipomea spe.</i>
<i>Saatla</i> ³⁴	<i>Virala, Saari, Satphala, Bahuphenaka, Charmakasa, Phena, Diptaa, Naalika.</i>	<i>Euphorbia dracunculoides Lam.</i>
<i>Kiratikta</i> ³⁵	<i>Kirat-Tiktaka, Kairaat, Kiraat, Bhunimba, Raamsenak, Kiratak, Naipal, Naaditikta, Jwarantaka, Kandtikta, Ardhaticta, Nidrari, Sannipatha.</i>	<i>Swertia chirayita (Roxb. ex Fleming)/ S.corymbosa</i>
<i>Trayaman</i> ³⁶	<i>Suhratraana, Traayanti, Girisanuja, Balbhadra, Krattraana, Varshak, Traaymaanika.</i>	<i>Gentiana kurroo Royle.</i>
<i>Ashmantaka</i> ³⁷	<i>Maalukapaatra, Yugmapatra, Amlapatraka, Shlekshantvak, Ashvayoni, Kushali, Paapnashan.</i>	<i>Ficus rumphii Bl.</i>
<i>Kaanchnaar</i> ³⁸	<i>Kaanchnaka, Pakaari, Raktapushpaka, KOVIDAAR=Kuddal, Kuhali, Kuli, Aasphot, Uddaalak, Swalpkeshar, Chmari.</i>	<i>bauhinia veriegata/B.gaalpinii/ Bauhinia purpurea/ B. acuminate</i>
<i>Nirgundi</i> ³⁹	<i>Shwetakusum, Sinduka, Sinduvaar. NEELASAMBHALU= Bhootkeshi, Neelsinduka, Pushpaneelak, Shephalika, Sheetbjiru, Vanak, Anilmanjari.</i>	<i>Vitex nirgundo L. vitex trifolia L.</i>

<i>Shatavari</i> ⁴⁰	<i>Dwipishatru, Dwipaka, Dharkantaka, Naraayani, Shatapadi, Shatpaat, Bahupatrika.</i>	<i>Asparagus recemosus L.</i>
<i>Maha-Shatavar</i> ⁴¹	<i>Urdhvakantha, Peevari, Dheevari, Vari, Abheeru, Bahupatri, Mahapurushdantika, Sahasraveerya, Keshi, Tungini, Sukshampatrika.</i>	<i>Asparagus sarmentosa Linn</i>
<i>Bala</i> ⁴²	<i>Vatyalaka, Sheetpaki, Vatyodarahavya, Bhadrodani, Samanga, Samansa, Kharyashtika.</i>	<i>Sida cordifolia L.</i>
<i>Sahdeva</i> ⁴³	<i>Mahabala, Veerpushpi, Brahbala, Vaatyayani, Devasaha, Vaty, Peetpushpika.</i>	<i>Sida rohmbibolia L.</i>
<i>Balaaka</i> ⁴⁴	<i>Atibala, Bharvaaji, Vrakshgandhini.</i>	<i>Ablution indicum L.</i>
<i>Gangeruki</i> ⁴⁵	<i>Nagabala, Vishvadeva, Gavekshukaa</i>	<i>Grewia tenex L.</i>
<i>Raajbala</i> ⁴⁶	<i>Prasarini, Chruparni, Pratanika, Sarani, Saarani, Bhadraparni, Suprasara, Saraa.</i>	<i>Paederia foetida Linn.</i>
<i>Vidarika</i> ⁴⁷	<i>Vidarika, Vrakshvalli, Vrakshkanda, Vidalika, Srangalika, Kandavalli, Swadukanda, Phalashaka.</i>	<i>Pueraria tuberosa (Willd.) DC</i>
<i>Ksheer – Vidari</i> ⁴⁸	<i>Shukla, Ksheershukla, Ksheervalli, Payasawani, Ikshuvalli, Mahashweta, Ksheerkanda, Ikshugandhika.</i>	<i>Ipomea digitata L.</i>
<i>Somavalli</i> ⁴⁹	<i>Yagyaneta, Somkshiri, Dwijpriya.</i>	<i>Ephedra gerardiana/ serratula anthelmintica/sarcostemma acidum var. brevistigma</i>
<i>Aakshavalli</i> ⁵⁰	<i>Amarvalli, Khwalli.</i>	<i>Cassytha filiformis Linn.</i> <i>Cuscuta chinensis Lam.</i> <i>Cuscuta reflexa roxb.</i>
<i>Vatapatri</i> ⁵¹	<i>Mohini, Deepani, Rechani.</i>	<i>Kalanchoe pinnata/bryophyllum pinnatum/bryophyllum calycinum/ trianthema monogyna</i>
<i>Lajjalu</i> ⁵²	<i>Mohini, Sprakka, Khadiri, Gandhakarini, Namaskari, Shampatri, Samnga, Raktapadika.</i>	<i>Mimosa pudica L.</i>
<i>Moosali</i> ⁵³	<i>Khalani, Taalpatri, Kaanchanpushpika, Mahavraksha, Vrakshakanda, Khajoori, Taalmooliqa.</i>	<i>Asparagus adscence L./Curculingo orchoides Gaertn.</i>
<i>Brahmi</i> ⁵⁴	<i>Saraswati, Soma, Satyavha, Brahmacharinni.</i>	<i>Bacopa monnieri L.</i>
<i>Brahma Mandooki</i> ⁵⁵	<i>Mandooparni, Mandooki, Twashti, Divya, Mahaushadhi, Kapotavitaka, Munika, Laavnya, Somvallari.</i>	<i>Centella asiatica (L.) Urban</i>
<i>Vaami</i> ^[56]	<i>Shankhdhara, Vaaribrahmi, Hilmochika.</i>	<i>Enhydra fluctuans</i>
<i>Vellentara</i> ⁵⁷	<i>Deerghapatra, Veerdru, Bahuvaarak.</i>	NA
<i>Vandaak</i> ⁵⁸	<i>Vraksharuha, Shekhari, Kaamvrakshak, Vrakshadani, Kaamtaru, Kaamini, Aapadrohini.</i>	<i>Vanda tessellate/ v. roxburghii/ soymida febrifuga</i>
<i>Aprajita</i> ⁵⁹	<i>Shwetapushpa, Katabhi, Girikarnika, Sita, Aprajita, Shweta, Vishghani, Mehanashini. Vishnukranta, Neelpushpi, Jaya, Vashya, Neelsynda, Vyaktagandha, Neelpushpa, Gavadini.</i>	<i>Clitoria ternetia L.</i>
<i>Aaramsheetala</i> ⁶⁰	<i>Devi, Gandha Kukkurmardan.</i>	<i>Blumea balsamifera L. DC.</i>
<i>Kukkuradru</i> ⁶¹	<i>Taamrachood, Sukshmapatra, Mraduchhada, Kukuronda.</i>	<i>Blumea lacera L. DC.</i>

<i>Doorva</i> ⁶²	Green=Shasya, Sheetkari, Golomi, Shataparvika. Shweta Doorva=Shweta, Shwetadanda, Bhargavi, Durmata, Rooha.	<i>Cynodon dactylon L.</i>
<i>Gandadoorva</i> ⁶³	Matsyagandha, Matsyakshi, Shakuladani.	<i>Alternanthera sessils L. (R.Br.)</i>
<i>Toyapippali</i> ^[64]	Ambuvalli, Paloor, Kanchat.	<i>Phyla nodiflora L. Greene</i>
<i>Chavya</i> ⁶⁵	Chavan, Uchshishta, Kolvallika.	<i>Piper chaba L.</i>
<i>Gajapippali</i> ⁶⁶	Hastimagdha, Gajapippali, Gajakrishna.	<i>Scindapsus officinalis (Roxb.) Schott</i>
<i>Shatapushpa</i> ⁶⁷	Shatavha, Kaaravi, Mishi, Avaakpushpi, Tvachi-Ch-Chhitra. Shetika, Maagadhi.	<i>Pimpinella anisum L./anthum sowa</i>
<i>Mishreya</i> ⁶⁸	Mishishaleen, Shaali, Sheet-Shiva.	<i>Foeniculum vulgare L.</i>
<i>Ajmoda/ sthool ajaji</i> ⁶⁹	Atya-Uragandha, Moda, Hastimayurka, Khravha, Kaaravi Valli, Bastamoda, Markat.	<i>Apium graveolens var. dulce.</i>
<i>Jeeraka</i> ⁷⁰	White=Deerghak, Shuklak, Ajaaji, Kanajeerak. Black= Jaran Krishna , Varshakaal Sugandhika.	<i>Cuminum cyminum L.</i> <i>Carum bulbocastanum/carum carvi</i>
<i>Kalounji</i> ⁷¹	Kaalika, Vashpika, Kunchi, Kaaravi, Upkunchika, Prathveeka, Sushsavi, Prathvi, Upkaalika.	<i>Nigella sativa L.</i>
<i>Yavani</i> ⁷²	Yavanika, Yavasaha, Ugragandha, Yavavha, Bhukadambak.	<i>Carum roxburghianum (DC.)</i> <i>Craib/ trachyspermum ammi/ sphaeranthus indicus</i>
<i>Yavaneeya</i> ⁷³	Chauhaar, Jantunaashan, Yavaneeya.	<i>Artemisia maritime L.</i>
<i>Ajagandha</i> ⁷⁴	Pootikeeta, Varvari, Pootivaravar, Kaarvi, Kharpushpa, Tungi, Pootimayurak.	<i>Techyspermum roxburghianum</i> <i>Strobilanthes ciliata (kurinji or neel kurinji)</i>
<i>Parseeka Yavani</i> ⁷⁵	Jawaani, Jawani, Teevra, Tarushka, Madkarini.	<i>Hyocymus niger L.</i>
<i>Hingupatri</i> ⁷⁶	Prathustanvi, Prathvi, Charupatrika, Vaashpika, Karavi, djoh Tanvi, Bilvika, Deerghika. Venupatri, Hingushivatika, Jantuka, Raamthi, Naadi, Pinda, Hingupala.	<i>Ferula jaeschkeana Vatke.</i>
<i>Hingu</i> ⁷⁷	Baahlik, Atyugra, Raamath, Bhootnashan, Agoodhanda, Jaran, Jantughna, Soophushan.	<i>Ferula narthrax Boiss.</i>
<i>Sudarshna</i> ⁷⁸	Somvalli, Chakranka, Madhuparnika	<i>Crinum latifolium/ Tinospora cordifolia (Thunb.) Miers</i>
<i>Mayurshikha</i> ⁷⁹	Mayuravha, Shikha, Saahsri, Madhukchhada.	<i>Actiniopteris radiate</i> Adiantum caudatum <i>Adiantum dichotoma</i>
<i>Lakshmana</i> ⁸⁰	Putrada, Rakta Bindupatra, Naagini.	<i>Ipomea marginata/ aralia quinenquefolia</i>
<i>Chandan</i> ⁸¹	Tilaparna, Maharb, Shwetachandan, Bhadrasriya, Malyaj, Gosheersha, Gandhsarak.	<i>Santalum album L.</i>
<i>Rakta Chandana</i> ⁸²	Uddishta, Lohit, Kshudrachandan, Taamrasar, Raktasar, Jyoti, Som, Ranajan.	<i>Pterocarpus santalinus L.</i>
<i>Krishna Chandana</i> ⁸³	Kaaliyaka, Peetsar, Peeta, Naarayanpriya.	<i>Santalum paniculatum (hawaiin sandalwood)</i>

<i>Karchoor</i> ⁸⁴	<i>Dravid Gandhmoolek, Durlabh Shati</i>	<i>Hedychium spicatum Sm. in A.Rees</i>
<i>Shatimool</i> ⁸⁵	<i>Palashi, Shadgrantha, Suvrata, Gandhmoolini.</i>	<i>Hedychium spicatum Sm. in A.Rees</i>
<i>Bakula</i> ⁸⁶	<i>Keshar, Madhyagandha, Sinha, Visharad.</i>	<i>Mimusops elengi L.</i>
<i>Vush(Vraddha Molsiri)</i> ⁸⁷	<i>Vuk, Sthoopushpa, Vasuka, Shivashodhaka.</i>	<i>Osmanthum fragrans Linn.</i>
<i>Udumbara</i> ⁸⁸	<i>Ksheeravraksha, Jantu-Vraksha, Sadaphala, Hemadugdha, Yagyaang, Sheetavalkala.</i>	<i>Ficus glomerata L.</i>
<i>Kaak Udumbara</i> ⁸⁹	<i>Falgu, Malaayu, Chitrabheshaj.</i>	<i>Ficus hispida L.</i>
<i>Plaksha</i> ⁹⁰	<i>Plava, Charu-Vraksha, Suparshva, Garbha-Bhaandak Vati, Kamandal, Yppo, Pippari, Charudarshan.</i>	<i>Ficus virens L.</i>
<i>Nandivraksha</i> ⁹¹	<i>Ashvaththabhesha, Prarohi, Gajapaadap.</i>	<i>Toona ciliata M. Roem./Ficus retusa/Ficus altissima Blume.</i>
<i>Vetas</i> ⁹²	<i>Vanjula, Namra Vaneer, Deerghapatraka, Naadeya, Madhyapushpa, Toyakaam, Nikunjaka.</i>	<i>Salix caprea L.</i>
<i>Jala Vetasa</i> ⁹³	<i>Jalaukasambhranta, Ambhoj, Nichula.</i>	<i>Salix tetrasperma Roxb.</i>
<i>Tirigichhi</i> ⁹⁴	<i>Gajakanta, Karanji, Kshirini, Dvipa.</i>	<i>Caesalpinia crista L.</i>
<i>Shami</i> ⁹⁵	<i>Tungaa, Shankuphala, Pavitra, Keshhratphala, Lakshmi, Shivani, Aadhi mati, Bhu-Shami, Shankarahvya.</i>	<i>Prosopis cineraria (L.) Druce</i>
<i>Shamishika</i> ⁹⁶	<i>Tinthinika, Durbala, Ambushirishika.</i>	NA
<i>Kubjaka</i> ⁹⁷	<i>Bhadrataruni, Brahtapushpa, Mahasaha, Shatpatri, Taruni, Karnika, Charukeshara, Rakta=Raktapushpa, Lakshapushpa, Atimanjula.</i>	<i>Rosa x damascene/ Rosa centifolia L.</i>
<i>Ketaki</i> ⁹⁸	<i>Soochikapushpa, Jambuk, Krakach-Ch-Chhda Suvarnaketaki=Laghupushpa, Sugandhini.</i>	<i>Costus speciosus/ pandanus odoratissimus</i>

Discussion

Madanpal nighantu described by a pattern which is very unique and Most of the drugs have same characteristics; that's why these drugs are placed in a series by the writer of *Madanpal Nighantu*.

Some of the pattern are giving below:

Absolute Medicinal Plants

Author placed the absolute medicinal plants which are more useful in disease; as the name of *Abhayadi Varga*; So that Some of them are redescribed in other *Vargas*.

Followed by Gana:

- Triphala Dravyas With Different Amalaki Types.
- Brahtpanchmool Drvayas
- Laghupanchmool Drvayas
- Jeevaniya Gana Drvayas
- Medhya Dravya
- Anti Fertility Dravya
- Chaturabala Plants

Followed by Shodhan and Shaman Dravya:

- Rechan Dravyas
- Vaamak Drvyas
- Aasthapan Dravya
- Kapha Samshaman Drvayas
- Pitta Samshaman Dravya
- Vaatsamshaman Dravya

Followed by Special Davyas:

- Upvisha dravya (Toxic Plants)
- Shaak dravya
- Madkari dravya (Sedative and hypnotic plants)

Followed by Aromatic Plants

Author placed the aromatic plants in the name of Karpuradi *Varga*.

Followed by Deepan-Pachan Dravya Plants

Author placed the digestive plants (as use) in the name of *Shunthyadi Varga*.

Followed by Fruit Plants

Author placed the fruity plants in the name of Phaladi *Varga*.

Followed by Big Tree Plants

Author placed the big tree plants in the name of Vatadi Varga.

Followed by Vegetable Plants

Author placed the vegetable plants in the Shaka Varga.

Conclusion

Madanpal nighantu or lexicon has a wonderful space in the field of ancient pharmacology. This lexicon is quite nearer of the samhita period and based on nearby ayurvedic medicinal texts. This can be helpful to solve the controversial plants. Basonyms and actions are the only way to find a species of controversial medicinal plant. *Madanpal Nighantu* put the same morphological characteristic plant or similar species at the same time.

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