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## THE CONCEPT OF SAPTA KALPANA WSR TO BRAHATRAYEE - A REVIEW ARTICLE

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#### **ABSTRACT**

Ayurveda Acharyas has come after a specific strategy in writing a treatise with respect to grammar and composition. Tantayukti, Nyayas, Arthashraya, Tachilya, and Kalpanas are the tools that help to realize the complicated sutras which have been explained in Samhita. Saptakalpanas expounded by Acharya Arunadatta in his Sarvangasundara commentary of Astangahrudayam. Saptakalpanas are having specific definitions and roles in understanding and analysing the different situations, not only in Astanga hrudaya but also in other Bruhat Samhitas. The Saptakalpanas elucidate by Acharya Arunadatta are, Pradhanasya kalpana, Pradanena kalpana, Guna kalpana, Leshakalpana, Vidyakalpana, Bakshyakalpana and Ajnakalpana.

**Keywords:** Tantrayukti, Nyayas, Arthashraya, Tachilya, Sapthakalpanas

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#### INTRODUCTION

Procreation of Avurveda begins in the form of oral perception and later it transfigures into written scripts. These scripts stick to a specific strategy and adhere to grammar and composition. Sapta kalpanas has expounded by Acharya Arunadatta in his Sarvangasundara commentary Astangahrudayam. In addition, Shankar Sharma has described seven types of Kalpanas in the textbook Padarthavijnana. Even though there is homogeneity in the views of both scholars they differ in naming. The word Kalpana has derived from "Klapu Samarthye" i.e., the Kalpana word is formed by Klapu dhatu which signifies the meaning of Samarthya combined with Yak+Aan+Aap*Prathyaya.*<sup>2</sup> The word Kalpana is having many meanings, i.e., fixing, invention, imagination, composition, etc. How the Oushada dravya administered in the form of Panchavidha Kashaya Kalpana brings a better result, in the same way, application of Sapthavidha kalpanas helps to understand the hidden and deep-seated meaning of Sutras mentioned in Tantra<sup>3</sup>

#### **Review of Literature**

#### *Pradhana Kalpana*<sup>4</sup> (considering the important)

When a material or substance qualifying the capacity to carry out the goal is accepted in the device, it is known as *Pradhana Kalpana* (Considering the Important). Considering the importance (*Pradhana Kalpana*) is of two Types.

- 1. Consideration of important (*pradanasya Kalpana*)
- 2. Considering by Important (*Pradanena Kalpana*)

## 1.Pradhanasya Kalpana (consideration of important)

Among the substances which have a similar action or properties, importance is given to the one which is superior or has the eminent attribute. This Kalpana indicates the most important thing in a group. A statement like ghee causes unctuousness, milk is restorative, and Honey heals wounds, is based on the consideration of foremost drugs causing, unctuousness, restoration, healing, etc.

other materials like oil and water also have unctuous properties. But ghee is the most important among unctuous substances. Similarly, milk is considered to be the best restorative even though water is restorative. Honey has the best result in healing. This does not mean that liquorice and wax do not have healing properties, Honey is superior and hence important.<sup>5,6</sup>

The *Dravyas* which are having *Samanya Guna* and *Karma* are categorised into *Mukhyam* and *Gounam*. The Gounam has again divided based on the Pradhana and Apradhana bheda. While narrating, the *Mukhya dravyas* are used to highlight first and *Gounam* comes thereafter.<sup>7</sup>

For example, "Sarpi tailam vasa majja sarvasnehottama mata/ Eshu chaivottamam sarpi samskarasyanuvartnat". Sarpi, Taila, Vasa, and Majja are Shreshta among all Sneha dravya, and among that Because of "Samskarasya anuvartana" Guna "Sarpi" is considered as more Shreshta. Another example for Pradhanasya Kalpana are,

The Jeevaneeya, Brahmaneeya, Chedaniya, Ganas are explained in, Shadvirechanashatashritiyam adhyayam of Charaka Samhita<sup>9</sup>. The Vamana virechana, Asthapanopaga Ganas explained in Shodhanadiganasamgrahaniyam adhyayam Ashtanga Hrudaya, 10. Agradravyas explained by Acharya Charaka and Vagbhata, i.e., Annam vrutttikaranam. Amlam hrudhvanam. Rasna vatavikaram, Haritaki pathyanam, Amalakam vayasthapananam<sup>11</sup> etc. Among the category of Paradi gunas, the principles of Para and Apara guna are explained among Desha, kala, Vaya, Mana, Paka, Virya, and Rasa<sup>12</sup>.

## **2. Pradhanena Kalpana** (Considering by Important)

The substance in a group is pointed out or known based on important or *Pradhana dravya*. A group of drugs may be mentioned by the name of the most important member of the group. For example, the group of milk drugs contains not only milk. it also contains curd, buttermilk, whey, butter, ghee, and other dairy products. Yet the group is named after

milk, which is the most important among them. <sup>13</sup> All the Dravyas which are mentioned under the Ksheeravarga are the Vikara or Avasthantara of Ksheera. So, the Pradhanena Kalpana is also meant for Vyapadesha. If one element exists significantly in one element is called *Vyapadesha*. For example, a Dravya is called Parthiva Dravya, because of the predominance of Prithvi mahabhoota in Dravva. 14 The Tantrakaras have done the classification of Dravya either based on their Avastha vishesha or Samanya dharma and Karma. 15 The Vidarigandhadi, Aragvadadi, Viratarvadi Gana, etc., are classified based on their similarity in Guna, Karma. 16

#### Guna Kalpana

The word Guna specifies the quality or the Attribute. Having a particular quality to perform any work is called Guna Kalpana. Guna Kalpana is explaining those attributes which are capable of doing some karma even though they are not included under Guna. Sometimes we find that even if some elements do not come under the category of Properties, still they are considered Properties only. For example, in the illustration of the four quadrants of treatment, the wise quantities of each of the four quadrants are mentioned as properties even though they are not set out as properties like heaviness, etc. Qualities like expertise etc are considered admirable attributes. 17,18 Few examples for Guna Kalpana are, Qualities of Tantra Sumahadyashasvidheerapurushasevitam, Arthabahulam, Aptajanapujitam, Trividhashishyabudhihitam, Punaruktidoshavarjitam, Arsham, Supranitasutrabhashyasangrahakramam, Shobhanabhideyam-swadaram, <sup>19</sup>etc.

Qualities of Acharya - Paryavadashrutam, Paridrusta- Karmana, Daksham, Suchi, Dakshinam, Sarvendriyo- papannam, Shishyavatsalam <sup>20</sup>, etc Qualities of Chikitsaka - Srutam Budhi Smruti darkshyam, Drutirhitanishevanam, Vagshudhi, Shama, Dhairyam <sup>21</sup> Qualities of Apta - Rajastamobhyam nirmukta,

Qualities of Apta - Rajastamobhyam nirmukta, Tapojnanabalena, Trikala and Amala jnana.<sup>22</sup>**Lesha Kalpana** 

The word Lesha indicates a small part of a portion or is briefly narrated. When some portion is not dealt with in detail, but just a very small portion of it is cited in the treatise, we should interpret the topic by other related topics mentioned in the text. For example, the description of timely and untimely death is not mentioned. This is to be assumed from the slight mentioned in the treatise. When time is limited life is exhausted, terminal signs appear. But these signs do not appear in accidental death. All those people who hate physicians, medicine, food, drinks, and friends are under the control of the god of death. Here reference of all those is indicated to all those with terminal conditions mentioned in the chapter. This idea is not detailed in the text, but it is to be concluded from the slight of all those. That is why it is mentioned in another treatise that only in case of timely death, do terminal signs appear and not in untimely death. 23 The abstractions of Karmaia vvadhi. Punarjanma, Daivavyapashraya chikitsa described in Astanga hrudayam is very brief and scattered in contrast to Charaka Samhita and Susruta Samhita. A few examples where the references of Punarjanma, Karmaja vyadhi, and Daivavyapashraya mentioned in Astanga hrudaya are quoted in the table.

Table 1– Examples for Lesha Kalpana		
Concept	References	Context
Punarjanmam	A.H. Ni 2/172	While explaining about Chaturthaka viparyaya jwara
Karmaja Vyadhi	A.H Su 12/59	In the context of Chikitsa for Trividhavyadhi
	A.H Chi 2/172	While explaining the treatment for -Shapajabhichara jwara
		management
	A.H. Chi 5/83	While explaining the conservative management for Rajayakshma.

#### Vidya Kalpana

Acharyas have Compounded the knowledge of many other Shastras in the text for easy comprehension of the subject. References or citing the rules of Vyakharana like Samasa, vibhakti-pratyaya, etc- for the understanding Nirukti of shloka or various terminologies. Some statements in a treatise may be with reference to another branch of science. Such instance is called consideration of science. The direction that we should be kind to all living is with reference to spiritual science (Adhyatma Sastra). The direction that we should respect cows, gods, learned people, etc is with references to moral science (Dharma sastra). The explanation that poison is called Visha because the world becomes Vishanna by organisms is a seeing aggressive etymological derivation. It is a reference to etymology (nirukta) and linguistic (shabda vidya). The statement that pregnant women should be admitted to the labour house on an auspicious day is with reference to astrology (Jyotisha sastra) Such references to non – Ayurvedic science Vidya Kalpana consideration of science. 24,25

Shankar Sharmaji described it as Ingita Kalpana. When the subject matter described in other benevolent books and science is used for the same purpose the device is known as Ingita Kalpana. The references of Yoga and Sadachara, yama and niyama, etc are used in Ayurvedic literature (Sadvrutta rasayana), etc can be quoted as the example of this *Kalpana*. <sup>26</sup> References of Jyothisha sastra and Dharmasastra can find out many contexts in the Brahatrayi. Important of considering particular Nakshatra and Tithi and performing Namaskara for Deva, Vipra, and Vaidya, before starting Adhyayana, and for Upanayana samskara is mentioned in Charaka Samhita and Susruta Samhita. The Samskaras like Namakarana samskara, Pumsavana karma, 27 is based on the Jyothisha sastra.

#### **Bakshya Kalpana** (consideration of food.)

This is the unique way of expressing things giving Upama or Drustantha. Sometime non – edible substances may be mentioned as food as analogue. For example, Ayurveda is prescribed analogous to

nectar. The nectar has described in Purana as, a liquid that helps to vanish death, senility. Ayurveda is the science of life, which also helps to fade away diseases and infirmity. Due to the similarity between *Lakshana* and *Karma*, it has been taken as analogous. <sup>28</sup>Shankar Sharmaji explained it as *Bhakti Kalpana*. The *Bhakti* also denotes separation or division. If any person accepts any separates meaning of any text, it should be also admitted. <sup>29</sup>No examples are found other than the example given by *Acharya Aruna datta*.

#### Ajnja Kalpana

We do not know the logic or cause behind some instructions by the authors. But we follow such instructions just because they are instructed by authentic persons. Commands such as "Do not pluck the grass" and do not draw on the floor with a big toe are examples. We are inadequate to justify the reason why such instruction is to be carried out. Following such instructions is *Ajnja Kalpana* or consideration of the injection of the authority.

#### DISCUSSION

Most of the *Kalpanas* are having similarities with some *Tantrayuktis*, *Tachilya*, and *Arthashraysa*. The *Pradhana Kalpana* has a similarity with *Bhuyastwa tachilya*, *Vidya Kalpana* is having resemblance with *Paratantra arthashraya*, *Leshakalpana* is correspondence to *Uddesha tantrayukti* and *Ajnja Kalpana* is similar to *Upadesha* and *Niyoga tantrayukti*. Understanding the minute difference between these tools is mandatory for understanding the authentic comprehensions of the treatise.

## Difference Between Tantrayukti, Arthashraya, and Kalpana

The *Pradhana Kalpana* is speaking about the Qualitative predominance of *Dravya* while *Bhuyastwa tachilya* is statements made according to the majority and it is more related to quantitative predominance.<sup>33</sup> The description regarding 152 Agrya dravyas<sup>31</sup> mentioned in Charaka Samhita was based on Bhuyasatva Tachilya. "Atho Bhuyaha Karmoushadhanam cha pradhanyata sanubandhani dravyani anuvyakhyasyamaha".

The concept of Vidya Kalpana is incorporated with knowledge of many other Sastras in the text for easy understanding of the subject, and it shows the depth of knowledge of Acharya in other subjects. At the same time, Paratantra prathyaya is used in situations where the author finds it difficulty to cite examples from the book of Ayurveda sastra, they adopt the examples from another book.<sup>32</sup> In Astanga hrudaya the word Yoga has been used while narrating the aetiology of diseases. Here the Lakshanas of Yoga has not been stated. Without knowing the Lakshana, it's not able to understand Lakshya. And the Yoga Lakshana which has been told in other tantras is not suitable for this situation. So, in this context, Buddhist treatises were choosing to get appropriate meaning for the context. According to Ritu manifestation of Kala in the form of Shita, Ushna, Vrushti is called Yoga.33

The Lesha Kalpana is similar to *Uddesha tantrayukti*. In the text, some topics are not elaborated in detail. Such topics are inferred from the partially described thing. But in *Uddesha tantrayukti*, the author will come up with the core of the topic first, and later it will be elucidated in detail.<sup>34</sup> In *lesha Kalpana* nowhere concisely explained matters are described in detail. The *Ajnja Kalpana* is having similarities with *Upadesha* and *Niyoga tantrayukti*. The *Ajnja Kalpana* indicates the special instructions given by the authority. whereas according to *Acharya Vagbhata Upadesha* is commands provided by affirmative directions<sup>35</sup>. *Niyoga* or Sanniyoga is an authoritative instruction of essential duties to be done. <sup>36</sup>

#### Application of Kalpana in Chikitsa

Pradhana Kalpana in the outlook of Pradhanasya and Pradhanena Kalpana is useful in the management of diseases from the angle of selection of Para, Apara, and Agrya dravya from the different Ganas, oushada yogas, and Panchakarma procedures with required consideration of Pratipurushasidhanta. Guna kalpanas help to understand the Gunas or another attribute other than forty-one Gunas described in Ayurveda. Consideration of the qualities of Chikitsa chatushpadam is important in accomplishing success in the management of diseases. The Leshakalpanas

help to analyze and interpret the knowledge of brief explained things in Samhita. The application of Yukti will play a major role in such conditions. *Vidyakalpanas* is the another most important Kalpana after Pradhana Kalpana. It explains the necessity of reading and interpreting the knowledge of other sastras for a better understanding of subjects. Application of knowledge of *Jyothishasastra* plays a role in the management of diseases, while explaining the Sadhyasadhyada lakshana of Vyadhi Acharya vagbhata has told "Graheshu Anuguneshu<sup>37</sup>" this will also help the Vaidya where the implementation of Daivavyapashraya chikitsa has to be done in regulation of diseases. Bakshyakalpana is a way of explaining matters with the help of *Drustartha*<sup>38</sup> for a better understanding of both less and high intelligent people.

#### CONCLUSION

for Kalpanas useful interpreting understanding the slokas of Samhita and other tantras. They act as the tool for *Adhyayana* of many literary works. Even though Tantrayukti will help for understanding and interpreting the meaning of verses Kalpana are also needed for the studying of tantra by their specific way of explanation and description. Only the difference that can make out is the Tantrayukti demands intellectual thinking understanding the tantra and kalpanas are direct the application. As the kalpanas are not explained in original Samhitas and explained by Acharya Arunadatta, they can be considered under the umbrella of *Tantrayukti*.

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