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A review on Rasasindura

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ABSTRACT:

Rasashastra deals with herbo-mineral preparations with their types, occurance, physical properties and organoleptic characteristics. Rasasindura is type of kupipakwa rasayana. It is mentioned in ancients books of Ayurveda. The main ingredients in rasasindura is shuddha parada and Shuddha Gandhaka in 1: ½, 1:1, 1:2, 1:3, 1:4, 1:5, 1:6 proportion with different bhavana dravyas. Kajjali is made with shuddha parada and Shuddha Gandhaka and bhavana given to it Kajjali is filled in kachakupi and placed in valukayantra. Then mrudu, madhya and tivragni is provided. Time to time shalaka sanchalan is done. When the bottom of kupi looks like red coloured rising sun then corking is done. After corking tivragni is given for about 1 prahara and later heating is stopped. Then kachakupi is allowed for self cooling. After cooling the kachakupi is broken to get the Sindura coloured Rasasindura.

KEY WORDS: Kupiakwa rasayana, rasasindura, kajjali, valuka yantra.

INTRODUCTION:

Rasashastra mainly deals with Parada. Parada is said to be the Shiva veerya. It is understand with its karma as *yogavahi, rasayana & Vajikara* etc. also *Gandhaka* pacifies toxic effect of Parada & enhance its therapeutic effect.

The initiation of Rasashastra is well known from *vedic* period. After doing lots of experiments & research it is found that *Parada* is a *dravya* which having all the quality of curing the diseases. *Parada* is very useful in *dhatuvada* as well as in *dehavada*. Basically, Rasashastra deals in metallic & herbo-mineral preparations with various kalpanas including *kupipakwa rasayana*. *Kupipakwa rasayana kalpana* is also known as *Sindura Kalpana*.

It is made up of four words that is *Kupi* – glass bottle, *Pakwa*- heating or paka, *Rasa*- parada, *Aayana* – sthan.

Kupipakwa method is special procedure in which Kajjali is main ingredients. The role of temperature is very important to get beneficial effect of final product. In this Mercury (Hg) known as Parada has been widely

used & other drug is sulphar known as gandhaka has been also used frequently. 1

Rasasindura is kupipakwa rasayana formulation. In 20th century AD – Rasastarangini refers seven preparations of gandhaka jarita rasasindura. Various Proportions of Mercury & Sulphur (starting from 1:½to 1:6 that is from ardhaguna to shadguna gandhaka) have been prescribed to attain therapeutic attributes. ²

MATERIALS AND METHODS:

According to *Rasastarangini* ³ Ingredients:

- 1. Shuddha parada
- 2. Shuddha Gandhaka

Bhavana drugs – Vatankura swarasa

Apparatus

Kachakupi wrapped with mud smeared cloth for seven times, Valukayantra, Iron Mortar & Pestel, Angarkoshthi.

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