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# Critical Review on *Vrushya basti:* A Therapeutic Approach

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## **ABSTRACT**

**Background:** *Vrushya chikitsa* is one of the eight principal branches of the *Ashtanga* Ayurveda. The *Rasayana* and *Vajikarana* therapy promotes longevity and imparts the healthy individual's strength, complexion, and overall well-being. It deals with infertility and problems involving the body's vital reproductive fluids of *Shukra dhatu. Vrushya chikitsa* is also known as *Vajikarana*, which translates to "medication or therapy that allows a male to copulate with a woman." *Vrushya chikitsa* also aids in the nourishment of a person's physique. *Vrushya chikitsa* also helps in nourishing the body of the person. In six different *Samhitas*, including the *Brihatrayee*, *Bhela Samhita*, *Vangasena Samhita* and *Bhavprakash Samhita*, numerous *Vrushya Basti* are mentioned. **Aim:** To study the vrushya *basti* in different Samhita.

**Results:** There is various *vrushya basti* mentioned in different Samhita, but some of studied practically, there is some unavailability of contents of *vrushya basti*. Due to some unavailability of contents like the meat of *titir*, peacock etc. *vrushya basti* is not possible to study.

**Conclusion:** There should have to check the efficacy for every *vrushya basti* to generate scientific evidence.

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#### 1. INTRODUCTION

If a couple has not conceived after two years of regular sexual contact without contraception, they may be infertile (WHO definition) [1]. The World Health Organization (WHO) estimates that 60 to 80 million couples worldwide suffer from infertility [2]. Premature ejaculation (PE) is one of the most common male sexual disorders and has been estimated to occur in 4-39% of men in the general community [3]. Sexual issues are a psychosomatic ailment in which the body conveys its distress through a symptom, such as reduced libido.

Therefore, different *Acharyas* have mentioned the *vrushya dravya* and their importance in the *Samhita*. One of them is *Acharya Charak*, who has cited a separate *Adhyaya* entitled *'Vajikaranadhyaya'* in *Charak Chikitsa sthana*.

Definition of 'Vrushya'- [4]

The substance used explicitly for *vajikarana* therapy should possess the following properties-

Sweet (madhura)
Unctuous (snigdha)
Life promoting (jivanam)
Nourishing (brimhana)
Heavy to digest (guru)
Elevating the mood (manoharshana)

Similarly, Vrushya chikitsa has been cited by several different Acharvas. The Vrushva Basti chikitsa is one of them. Shukrakshava, shukra dushti and other Shukra-related diseases are listed under the Vrushya Basti chikitsa [5]. According to modern research, semen examination of infertile male patients reveals abnormalities such as oligospermia, asthenozoospermia and azoospermia. The topic of infertility is discussed in the classics under the headings of shukra dushti and Klaibya. Both shodhana (Purification) and shaman chikitsa (Pacification) are goals of the management. Shaman chikitsa deals with shukrajanaka () and Shukra pravartaka () aushadhis (medicine). Shodhana chikitsa is concerned with some modalities, including Vamana, Virechana, and Uttarabasti. There are many basti formulations explained in various Samhitas to manage various Shukra dushti [6]. Thus, this article aims to review the Vrushya Basti in Charak Samhita,

Sushruta Samhita, Ashtang Sangrah, Bhela, Vangasena. Bhavprakash

# 1.1 Importance of Vrushya Basti

Vrushva Basti imparts an aphrodisiac impact on the body. Acharva Charak has explained Basti as Ardha chikitsa in his siddhi sthana's 1st chapter [7]. It explains that there is no other dosha than vata, which can generate significant ailments in shakha, kostha, marma, urdhva bhaga of the body and the complete body. This is due to Vata's ability to separate or combine Vit, Mutra, Pitta and other malas in all malashayas. When this vata is inflamed, there is no better remedy than Basti to relieve it. Basti acts in Nabhi. Kati. Parshwa, and Kukshi, Where all of these malas and doshas are worsened, according to the concept of basti: as a result, basti will cleanse these malas and dosas from these locations. hence curing the patient. It is for this reason that it is known as ardha chikitsa. Apana Vayu sthana are the sites where Basti is acting. Shukra nishkramana karma is also attributed to Apana. So for a klaibya patient, providing taila through Basti will be helpful too.

# 1.2 Applicability of Vrushya basti

Incorporating *vrushya basti* in infertile patients can impart a significant effect on the attainment of desired qualities.

## 2. AIM

The purpose of this article is to explore the *vrushya basti* of different Acharyas in various ailments and describe the multiple basti's and their indications.

# 3. MATERIALS AND METHODS

The material is gathered from the *Samhita*, current references of publications, and published articles to review specific *vrushya basti*. Based on their therapeutic activities, published research papers on herbs were compiled and examined from internet resources.

# 4. OBSERVATION AND RESULTS

Various vrushya basti has been mentioned in different Samhitas. Acharya Charak has mentioned Drakshadi Niruha basti,

Erandamooladi yapan basti, Tritiya baladi yapan basti, Sthiradi yapan Basti, Titiryadi basti and Dwipanchamuladi basti, which is helpful in various ailments such as shukra kshaya, ksheena veerya. It imparts effect of Rasayana, vajikaran, shukra janan, bala varna vardhana, apatya kamana,etc. description In Bhela Samhita, there are some Vrushya Basti is stated named as Bilvadi Niruha basti, Shatavaryadi rasayan basti, Rasayanik basti, Vajikara basti. Trida basti is beneficial in multiple conditions such as Shukra kshaya, Vandhyatwa, Nashta shukra, Kshatksheena and imparts effect of vrushya, sarvarogahara, ayu vardhana, balakara, vrushya. Vrushya Basti description in Vangasena Samhita is explained as Jivantyadi yamak,

Madhutailika basti, useful in various ailments such as mutra, retasa, and raia dosha and imparts effect of bala, shukra, agni vardhana, balya and vrushya. Vrushya Basti description in Sushruta Samhita is explained as Chatakanda rasa basti and imparts vaiikara effect on the body. In Ashtang Sangrah Samhita, Vrushya is mentioned as Payasyadi basti, basti Dwipanchamuladi siddha basti, Raja yapana basti, Panchamula bruhatyadi siddha basti, Chatakanda rasa siddha basti, Sahacharadi siddha basti, which is helpful in various ailments such as Panduroga, Visuchika, Visarpa, kaphaj vyadhi and imparts effect of Rasayana, vrushya. The observations mentioned above are compiled from the Samhitas.

Vrushya Basti description in Charak Samhita [8]

Sr. no.	Name of <i>basti</i>	Contents of basti	Indication	Ref
1	Drakshadi Niruha basti	Draksha Gambhari Madhuka Khash Anantamula Raktachandan Vanshlochan Mulethi	Shukrakshaya Krushata Mutrakruchha	Charak Siddhisthana 3/55 Pg- 907
2	Erandamooladiyapan basti	Erandamoola Palash Shalaparni Prushnaparni Bruhati Kantakari Gokshura Rasna Ashwagandha Guduchi Devdaru Nagarmotha Kustha Musta Pippali Bilva Vacha Rasanjana Priyangu Madhu Ghrita Taila Saindhav	Strivihar ksheena Vruddha Apatya kamana Sukumar	Charak Siddhisthana 12/ 15(2) Pg- 981
3	Tritiya baladi Yapan basti	Bala Atibala Apamarga Atmagupta Guda	Ksheenavirya Vruddha Durbala	Charak Siddhisthana12/15(9) Pg- 983

Sr. no.	Name of <i>basti</i>	Contents of basti	Indication	Ref
		Ghrita Taila Saindhav Madanphala		
4	Sthiradi yapan basti	Shalaparni Prushnaparni Bruhati Kantakari Gokshura Shastishali Yava Godhuma Masha Kukkutanda Rasa Madhu Ghrita Sharkara Saindhav	Vajikarana	Charak Siddhisthana12/16 Pg- 983
5	Titiryadi basti	Meat of titir, peacock, Rajhansa Shalparni Prushnaparni Bruhati Kantakari Gokshura Mulethi Rasna Madanphala Ghrita Taila Guda Saindhav	Shukrajanan Rasayana Balavarna vardhana	Charak Siddhisthana12/17 (1) Pg- 984
6	Dwipanchamuladi basti	Shalparni Prushnaparni Bruhati Kantakari Gokshura Bilva Agnimantha Shyonak Patala Gambhari Kukkuta rasa Pippali Madhuka Rasna Madanphala Madhu Ghrita	Balajanan	Charak Siddhisthana12/17(2) Pg- 984

# Vrushya Basti description in Bhela Samhita[9] -

Sr.	Name of basti	Contents of basti	Indication	Ref
1	Bilvadi Niruha basti	Bilva Agnimantha Shyonaka Gambhari Patala Rasna Bala Gokshura Yava Kola Kulattha Sarshap Pilu Madanaphala	Vrushya Sarvarogahara Balamamsa Vardhan	Bhela samhita siddhisthana 8/17-24 Pg- 565
2	Shatavaryadi rasayan basti	Shatavari Sahachara Rasna Gokshura Bala Meat of peacock, cock and swan Lards of buffalo, pig, goat Amalaki Draksha Madhuka Chandana Madhulika Patola Kapikacchu Kharjura Sitapaki Odanapaki Nidhigdhika Jivaka Rishabhak Meda	Vrushya Balakara Ayuvardhana Visham jwara Shukra kshaya Vandhyatwa	Bhela samhita siddhisthana 8/25-37 Pg- 566
3	Rasayanik basti	Pippali Guduchi Shatavari Sahachara Vidari Amalaki Ikshu Draksha Kharjura Madhuka Pippali Sringataka Jivaka Rishabhak Meda Bala	Nashta shukla Kshata kshina Visham jwara Vandhyatwa Rakta gulma	Bhela samhita siddhisthana 8/38-52 Pg- 568

Sr. no.	Name of <i>basti</i>	Contents of basti	Indication	Ref
		Mahameda Lards and marrows of mesha, chakora, swan, cock, peacock		
4	Vajikara basti	Meat of crab Sharkara Madhu Sauvarchalalavan	Vrushya Mamsa shukla vardhana	Bhela samhita siddhisthana 8/72-78 Pg- 573
	Wiislah aski	Testisles of via west	Varna bala utsaha	Dhala combite
5	Kridabasti	Testicles of pig, goat, bull, sparrow,crab	Vrushya	Bhela samhita siddhisthana 8/79-83
		Semen of goat Atmagupta Ucchata Ikshurasa Ghrita Madhu Sharkara	Retasa balakara	Pg- 574

# Vrushya Basti description in Vangasena Samhita [10] -

Sr. no.	Name of basti	Contents of basti	Indication	Ref
1	Jivantyadi yamaka	Jivanti Madanphala Meda Munditika Yashtimadhu Bala Jivaka Rishabhak Pippali Kakanasha Shatavari Kapikacchu Kshirkakoli Karkatshringi Sati Vacha Ksheera Ghrita Taila	Balashukraagni vardhana Mutraretasa raja dosha shaman	Vangasena samhita 83/96-98 Pg- 1155
2	Madhutailika basti	Madhu Taila Erandakashaya Saindhav lavan Shatavaha	Vrushya Balya	Vangasena samhita 83/164-165 Pg- 1162

# Vrushya Basti description in Sushruta Samhita [11] -

Sr. no.	Name of basti	Contents of basti	Indication	Ref
1	Chatakanda rasa basti	Decoction of sparrow's	Vajikara	Sushruta samhita,
		eggs		chikitsa sthana
		Kapikacchu		38/84
		Ucchata		Pg- 651
		Kshira		· ·
		Ghrita		
		Sharkara		

# Vrushya Basti description in Ashtang Sangrah Samhita [12]-

Sr.	Name of <i>basti</i>	Contents of basti	Indication	Ref
1	Payasyadi basti	Payasya Ikshu Sthira Rasna Vidari Madhu Ghrita Krishna pippali	Vrushya	Ashtang sangrah, kalpasthana 4/26 Pg- 625
2	Dwipanchamuladi siddha basti	Prushnaparni Shalparni Brihati	Panduroga Visuchika	Ashtang sangrah, kalpasthana 5/10 Pg- 628
		Kantakari Gokshura Bilva Agnimantha	Shukla- anilavibandha	
		Shyonak Patala Gambhari Triphala Madanaphala Madhu Kshara	Kaphaj vyadhi	
		Taila Lavana		
3	Raja yapana basti	Musta Patha Eranda	Mamsa agni bala shukra vardhana	Ashtang sangrah, kalpasthana 5/11 Pg- 628
		Bala Rasna	Visham jwara	1 g- 020
		Punarnava Manjishtha	Visarpa	
		Aragvadha Usheera	Shiroruja	
		Rohini Trayamana Prushnaparni Shalparni Brihati Kantakari Gokshura Madanphala	Rasayana	

Sr. no.	Name of basti	Contents of basti	Indication	Ref
4	Panchamula bruhatyadi siddha basti	Bilva Agnimantha Shyonak Patala Gambhari Shali Godhuma Yava Masha Yashti Ajakshira Kukkutanda rasa Sharkara Ghrita Madhu Lavana	Shuklakruta param	Ashtang sangrah, kalpasthana 5/14 Pg- 629
5	Chatakanda rasa siddhabasti	Meat of crabs Eggs of sparrow Sharkara Ghrita Madhu	Vrushya	Ashtang sangrah, kalpasthana 5/15 Pg- 630.
6	Sahacharadi siddha basti	Sahachara Abhiru Bala Rasna Gokshura Draksha Tavakshiri Nidigdhika Kshudrasaha Yashtimadhu Jivaka Rishabhak Udichya Utpala Chandana Kharjura Atmagupta Patola Meda Patra Shitapaki Flesh of the Scrotum of boar, buffalo, goat Eggs of hen,	Nashta Shukla Kshatksheena Visham jwara Rasayana	Ashtang sangrah, kalpasthana 5/24 Pg- 631

# Vrushya Basti description in Bhavaprakash Samhita-[13]

Sr.	Name of basti	Contents of basti	Indication	Ref
no.				
1	Madhutailika basti	Eranda Madhu	Gulma	Bhavaprakash
		Madhu		samhita, dwitiya
		Taila	Krumi	bhaga 7(5)/166

Sr. no.	Name of <i>basti</i>	Contents of basti	Indication	Ref
		Shatapushpa Saindhava	Balavarna kara	Pg- 583
			Vrushya	
			Bruhanam	

# 5. DISCUSSION

The basti formulations widely effective in Vrushya chikitsa mentioned in the Samhitas are authentic and trustworthy. The cases of infertility and other seminal disorders are of big concern in Therefore. today's era. considering authenticity and applicability in concerned patients may turn out to be efficacious. The description mentioned above of various basti effective in Vrushya chikitsa is entirely Samhita based. Various Siddha basti and vapan basti have proved to be effective in concerned patients. The qualities of vrushya dravya are madhura, snigdha, bruhan, and guru, which are undoubtedly beneficial even in the diseased and healthy. When a man cannot acquire or maintain an erection that allows for sexual activity with penetration, he is said to have erectile dysfunction. In Ayurvedic texts, this is referred to as "Klaibya." Mood elevators, shukra balakaraka and other medications with similar properties should be used primarily in this situation. So matra basti or uttara basti with vajikara basti can prove helpful in such cases. A lack of interest in sexual activities or sexual desire is referred to as low libido. So this condition exists because of alpa shukra and lack of harsha.

Patil et al. mentioned his article entitled 'ROLE OF PANCHAKARMA IN INFERTILITY' that *Jivantyadianuvasan yamak basti* is useful in Miscarriage. Some research should have to conduct to see the efficacy of this *basti* for generating the evidence [14].

Kamini Dhiman studied the *Madhutailik Basti* on the Anovulatory factor. She stated that *Vata dosha* plays a significant role in ovulation. This hypothesis was acceptable with highly significant results with *Madhutailik Basti*. It is simple, convenient without any restrictions and most feasible in this short life. This *basti* is encouraging ovulation but failure to conceive [15].

Ragad studied a single case with *Madhutailik* basti in sthaulya, and he mentioned that Panchakarma treatment like *Udwartana* and

Madhutailik basti is the best way to manage such conditions and markedly relief in all the criteria of *Sthoulya* [16].

Nandankar N studied the *Tritiya Baladi Yapan Basti* in her single case study. She advised this *basti* 600 ml daily for ten days and stated that it increases the low level of Shukra and improves the vitality, vigour, and lifespan of individuals [17].

Aher et al. mentioned in their review article of Niruha *Basti* that Drakshadi *Basti* is useful as *pittashamaka*, useful in *mutrakruccha*, *rajyashma*, *atisara* [18].

Thakar et al. studied in their case study the *Dwipanchamuladi Basti* in hypothyroidism and got the best result [19].

Shailaja et al. studied the *Rajyapan basti* with *Baladi Yoga* on motor disability of cerebral palsy in children. In her conclusion, she stated that Rajayapana Basti and oral administration of Baladi Yoga have improved in gross motor functions, fine motor function, and language and performance skills [20].

Ashwini H A et al. studied the *Rajyapan basti on Janu sandhigata Vata*. She stated in her original article that *Rajyapan basti* works as *Brihana* and *Rasayan*. It helps reduce the symptoms, avoid further deterioration of Dhatus and increase the quality of life [21].

Premdasa et al. mentioned in their review article on 'Role Of Rajayapana Basti Concerning Duchenne Muscular Dystrophy'. He noted that there is no specific treatment in Modern medicine for such conditions. *Rajayapana Basti* can be shown logical and cost-effective due to its *Sadhyo Balajanana* and *Rasayana* effects. But Ayurveda never promises the cure of DMD, whereas its approach gives the quality of life and more prolonged survival in the DMD patients. So he hypothesises that *Rajayapana Basti* is best in the management of DMD as further clinical studies [22].

Ahire et al mentioned in his study that, he will conduct the study on oligospermia [23].

According to the Acharya Charak, stated six *vrushya basti*, in all *bastis*, the contents are herbal. Except for *Titiryadi Basti*, the meat of *titir* and peacock is the contents. I think that's why this *basti* is not yet studied.

According to Bhel Samhita, Acharya Bhel mentioned a total of five *vrushya basti*. Out of five, four *bastis* are contents of meat, marrows etc. The *Vrushya basti* named *Rasayanik* contents of Mesha Chakora, Swan, Cock and peacock with other herbal drugs. The *Shatavaryadi basti* is made of peacock, cock, swan, lards of Buffalo, pig and goat. Contents of *Krida basti* is Testicles of Cock, Pig, Goat, bull, Sparrow, crab and semen of goat. And the *Vajikaran basti* is made up of the meat of the crab.

Acharya Sushruta and Vangasen stated one and two *vrushya basti*, respectively; all are made up of herbal drugs.

According to Ashtanga Sangraha, he mentioned six *vrushya basti* in his Sangraha, out of Two are made up of meat of crabs and eggs of sparrow named *Chatakanda siddha basti* and *Sahacharadi Siddha basti* contents are flesh of the scrotum of boar, buffalo, goat, eggs of hen peacock and swan.

Bhavprakash mentioned only one *Vrushya basti* with all herbal drugs.

Some *vrushya bastis* are only made up of herbal drugs, like *Eranda muladi basti*, *Dwipanchamuladi basti*; this basti mentioned both acharyas, Charaka and Ashtang Sangraha.

Bilvadi niruha, Jiwantyadi yamaka, Rajayapan basti and Panchamula bryhatyadi are also made up with herbal drugs, and this bastis should be studied and will generate evidence of Vrushya basti.

Acharya Vangasena and Bhavparakash metioned the *Madhutailik Basti*. Some researches was done on these *bastis*, but some superiority trials should be conducted with this *basti* comparison of variously mentioned *bastis*.

#### 6. CONCLUSION

The various *bastis* are mentioned in different Samhitas. Some studied, and some are only on

text. Some *bastis* are made up of Meat of crab, peacock, cock and testicles of pig and whatever. It is challenging to collect this material and convince the patient to take *basti* with these drugs. That's why some of the *bastis* are not studied yet. But I think those *bastis* are made up of only herbal medicines that can be explored.

## CONSENT

It is not applicable.

## **ETHICAL APPROVAL**

It is not applicable.

#### **COMPETING INTERESTS**

Authors have declared that no competing interests exist.

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