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# A Literary Review to Construct the Concept of Sarvarasabhyaso Balakaranaam

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# ABSTRACT

Background - The main component of life that it depends on is *aahara*. The consumption of *ekarasa aahara* has increased significantly as a result of the considerable changes in eating patterns brought about by globalisation. This is the primary reason why so many illnesses have emerged in the society.

Objectives - The current literary exploration intends to compile pertinent references on *sarvarasas* and build the idea of *sarvarasabhyaaso balakaranaam*.

Materials & Methods - A thorough search of the *Brihatrayis* was conducted to gather references on *sarvarasas*, its impact on the *bala* of *sharira*, related ideas like *saatmya* & *oja*. To support these statements even further, references to databases, papers, and numerous additional text books were made. Citing such periodic references and making connections between them has improved comprehension of this idea for both theoretical and practical application.

Observation and Discussion- After consulting numerous texts, using the *Saamanya Vishesha Siddhanta*, *Tantrayuktis*, and the concept of *Guna*, it is clear that *sarvarasas* have an impact on the *dhatu poshana*, *oja* formation, and ultimately the *bala* of *sharira*.

Conclusion- This review article demonstrates the significance of *sarvarasabhyasa* in producing improved *shaaririka bala*, better comprehension, and use of this idea both in *swastha* & *aatura* by compilation & systematic arrangement of references.

Key Words Sarvarasabhyasa, Bala, Oja, Saatmya, Aahara

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# **INTRODUCTION**

The essential component of life without which one cannot survive is *aahara*. The fashion and eating habits have greatly altered over time. Prior to modernization, individuals used to eat simple, fresh, home-cooked meals according to their *desha* and *kaala*. Globalization has brought food from various cultures and places into practically every home. People are eating more of that every day without considering the ingredients, their compatibility, the preparation process, the inclusion of the *rasas*, and its suitability for their *prakriti, desha, kaala*, etc.

People are more prone to lifestyle disorders in our modern period due to the rising popularity of processed foods, alcohol, artificial additives, the decline in the trend of home-cooked meals, and the violation of eating habits brought on by hectic





schedules and sedentary lifestyles. Immunity is deteriorating, which causes a variety of additional disorders. The inclusion of all 6 *rasas* in the diet is not given much attention today. People are becoming more inclined to consume certain foods or *ekarasa aahara*.

Fortunately, Ayurveda can help at this stage. The Samhitas developed Avurvedic the wellestablished rules known as aahara vidhi, which deals with the do's and don'ts about *aahara*, since it puts a significant emphasis on the preventative & promotive aspects of health. It is claimed that aahara is the source of both sharira and the roga that afflicts sharira. As a result, it is known as praana and is listed first under Trayopstambha, indicating that it is crucial to preserving and supporting life. As aahara is rasa pradhana, the merits of aahara are based on rasa. Six rasas namely, Madhura, Amla, Lavana, Katu, Tikta, and Kashaya are listed in the Charaka Samhita, each of which has a unique impact on the body. Aacharyas advised people to exclusively eat shadrasa aahara because it encourages appropriate *poshana* of *dhatus* that result in pravara saatmya and uttam bala. The difficulty is that there are only a small number of citations to the shadrasa aahara dravyas in Samhitas, and even those are dispersed. There is no direct mention of the preparation of shadrasa yukta aahara while discussing the aahara dravyas and annapaana vidhi. Additionally, there is a need to delve deeply into this issue given the absence of assessment criteria for analysing the impact of sarvarasa yukta aahara on Sharira.

# AIMS & OBJECTIVES

Hence, the present explorative literary work aims at

1. Collecting the relevant references regarding *sarvarasas*.

2. Constructing the concept of *sarvarasabhyaaso balakaranaam*.

## **MATERIALS & METHODS**

To gather references on *sarvarasa aahara dravyas*, its impact on the *bala* of *sharira*, and related ideas like *saatmya* and *oja*, a thorough search of the *Brihatrayis* was conducted. To support these statements even further, references to databases, papers, and numerous additional text books were made. Citing such periodic references and making connections between them has improved comprehension of this idea for both theoretical and practical application. Later conclusions were drawn.

## **REVIEW OF LITERATURE**

Emphasising the importance of *aahara* in *Charaka Samhita*, it is quoted as "The only reason for *vridhi* (overall development) of *purusha* is *hitaahara upayoga* & development of *vyadhi* (disease) is *ahita-aahara*<sup>1</sup>. *Aahara* is only discussed in those terms since it is *rasa pradhana*. There is a symposium over the number of *rasas* in the *Charaka Samhita*, *Sutrasthana, Aatreyabhadrakapiya adhyaya* where various authors presented their views, and *Aacharya Punarvasu Aatreya* later came to the







conclusion that there are only six  $rasas^2$ . Thus, to infer the effect of each *rasa* on *sharira*, their *lakshana*, features, actions & *panchbhautika*  composition should be understood, which is given in Table 1 below.

Table 1

Rasa & Panchabhautika Composition	Lakshana of rasas	Guna karma	Effect on <i>Atyadhika sevan</i> (Excessive use)
Madhura Rasa (Jala)	Snehana, Prinana, Hladana, Märdava, Asyam Vyapnum, Limpati iva.	<ul> <li>Sharira Saatmyat</li> <li>Does abhivardhan of Rasa, Rudhira, Mamsa, Medas, Asthi, Majja, Shukra and Ojas.</li> <li>Ayushya Abhivardhanah</li> <li>Shadindriya prasaadaka</li> <li>Pitta-visha marutaghna</li> <li>trisna-Daha- prashamana</li> <li>trisna-Daha- prashamana</li> <li>trisna-Daha- prashamana</li> <li>trisna-Daha- prashamana</li> <li>trisna-Daha- prashamana</li> <li>tschya-Keshya- Kanthya-Balya</li> <li>Prinana, Jivana, Tarpana,</li> <li>Brmhana, Sthairyakara.</li> <li>Kshina-Kshata- Sandhänakara</li> <li>Ghräna-Mukha- Kantha-Austha- Jihva Prahladan</li> <li>Mürcchã Prashamana</li> <li>Shatpada Pipilikanam Ishtatama</li> <li>Snigdha, Sheeta,</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Märdava</li> <li>Aalasya</li> </ul>
Amla Rasa (Prithvi + Agni)	Dantaharsha. Mukha- sräva, Svedana, Mukha bodhanaat, Aasya Kantha Vidaha.	Guru. Shaktam Rochayati Agnim Dipayati Deham Brimhayati Urjayati Mano Bodhayati Indriyani Dridhikaroti Balam Vardhayati Vatam Anulomayati Hirdayam Tarpayati Aasyam Aasravayati Bhuktam Apakarsayati- Kledayati-Jarayati Prinayati Laghu-Ushna- Snigdha	







				>	Utpishta. Kantha, Uras, Hridaya- paridahayati.
Lavana Rasa	Shighram Praliyan.	$\triangleright$	Paachana	>	Pittam Kopayati
(Jala + Agni)	Produces- Kleda,	$\triangleright$	Kledana	$\succ$	Raktam Vardhayati
	Vishyandana, Maardava,	$\succ$	Dipana	$\succ$	Tarshayati
	Mukha Vidäha.	$\succ$	Chyavana	$\succ$	Mürcchayati
		$\succ$	Chhedana	$\succ$	Taapayati
		$\succ$	Bhedana	$\succ$	Daarayati
		$\succ$	Tikshna, Sara,	$\succ$	Kushnaati Maamsaani
			Vikaasi	$\succ$	Pragälayati Kusthäni
		$\succ$	Adhah Sramsi	$\succ$	Visham Vardhayati
		$\succ$	Avakaashakara,	$\succ$	Shophaan Sphotayati
			Vaatahara,	$\succ$	Dantän Chyaavayati
		$\succ$	Stambha-Bandha-	$\succ$	Pumstvam Upahanti
			Sanghaata	$\succ$	Indriyaani Uparunaddhi
			Vidhamana	$\succ$	Vali-Palita-Khaalityam
		$\succ$	Sarvarasa		Apädayati
			pratyanikabhütah	$\triangleright$	Produces- Lohitapitta,
		$\triangleright$	Aasyam Asrävayan		Amlapitta, Visarpa,
		$\triangleright$	Kapham		Vaatarakta, Vicharchika,
			Visyandayati		Indralupta etc.
		$\succ$	Maargaan		
			Vishodhayati		
		$\succ$	Sarva-Sharira-		
			Avayavan		
			Mridukaroti		
		$\succ$	Rochayati Ahäram		
		$\triangleright$	Ahaarayogi		
Katu Rasa	Samvejayati, Tudati	$\triangleright$	Vaktram Shodhayati	$\triangleright$	Vipâka Prabhaavaat
(Vayu + Agni)	Due to Vidäha- Mukha- Nasä-Akshi Sräva.	$\succ$	Agnim Dipayati		Pumstvam Upahanti
		$\succ$	Bhuktam Shoshayati	$\succ$	Rasa-virya Prabhaavaat
		$\succ$	Ghraanam		Mohayanti
			Asravayati	$\succ$	Glaapayati
		$\succ$	Chakshu virechayati	$\succ$	Sädayati
		$\succ$	Sphutikaroti	$\succ$	Karshayati
			Indriyäni	$\succ$	Mürcchayati
		$\succ$	Cures the diseases	$\succ$	Namayati
			like Alasaka,	$\triangleright$	Tamayati
			Shvayathu,	$\succ$	Bhramayati
			upachaya, Udarda,	$\succ$	Kantham Paridahati
			Abhishyanda.	$\succ$	Sharira-taapam Upajanaya
		$\succ$	Removes Sneha,	$\triangleright$	Balam Kshinoti
			Cuada Vlada	~	Trishnaam Janayati
			Sveda, Kleda	$\triangleright$	-
			&Mala.		Due to Vaayu-agni
			&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces-
		AA	&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa,
			&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati Vranaan		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa, Toda, Bheda in Charana,
			&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati Vranaan Avasaadayati		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa, Toda, Bheda in Charana, Bhuja, & Pristha.
			&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati Vranaan Avasaadayati Krimin Hinasti		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa, Toda, Bheda in Charana,
			&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati Vranaan Avasaadayati Krimin Hinasti Mämsam Vilikhati		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa, Toda, Bheda in Charana, Bhuja, & Pristha.
			&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati Vranaan Avasaadayati Krimin Hinasti Mämsam Vilikhati Shonita-Sanghaatam		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa, Toda, Bheda in Charana, Bhuja, & Pristha.
			&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati Vranaan Avasaadayati Krimin Hinasti Mämsam Vilikhati Shonita-Sanghaatam Bhinnatti		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa, Toda, Bheda in Charana, Bhuja, & Pristha.
			&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati Vranaan Avasaadayati Krimin Hinasti Mämsam Vilikhati Shonita-Sanghaatam Bhinnatti Bandham chhinnatti		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa, Toda, Bheda in Charana, Bhuja, & Pristha.
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		AA AAA A	&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati Vranaan Avasaadayati Krimin Hinasti Mämsam Vilikhati Shonita-Sanghaatam Bhinnatti Bandham chhinnatti Maargan vivrinoti Shleshmaanam		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa, Toda, Bheda in Charana, Bhuja, & Pristha.
		AA AAA AA.	&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati Vranaan Avasaadayati Krimin Hinasti Mämsam Vilikhati Shonita-Sanghaatam Bhinnatti Bandham chhinnatti Maargan vivrinoti Shleshmaanam Shamayati		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa, Toda, Bheda in Charana, Bhuja, & Pristha.
		AA AAA AA.	&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati Vranaan Avasaadayati Krimin Hinasti Mämsam Vilikhati Shonita-Sanghaatam Bhinnatti Bandham chhinnatti Maargan vivrinoti Shleshmaanam		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa, Toda, Bheda in Charana, Bhuja, & Pristha.
Tikta Rasa	Rasanam Pratihanti, Na	AA AAA AAA	&Mala. Rochayati Ashanam Kandu Vinashayati Vranaan Avasaadayati Krimin Hinasti Mämsam Vilikhati Shonita-Sanghaatam Bhinnatti Bandham chhinnatti Maargan vivrinoti Shleshmaanam Shamayati		Due to Vaayu-agni baahulyaad it produces- Bhrama, Davathu, Kampa, Toda, Bheda in Charana, Bhuja, & Pristha.







(Vayu + Aakaasha)	Svadate Mukha Vaishadya-Shosha- Prahlada karaka	A A	api Arochakaghno Vishaghna Krimighna		Vishada swabhaava It does shoshana of Rasa, Rudhira, Mamsa, Medas, Asthi, Majj	
		A A A A A A A A A	Cures Mürccha, Daaha, Kandü, Kushtha and trishna. Tvak Mämsayoh Sthirikarano Jvaraghna Dipana- Pâcana Stanya Shodhana Lekhana Causes upshoshana of- Kleda, Medas, Vasa, Majja, Lasika, Püya, Sveda, Mutra, Purisa Pitta and Sleshma. Possesses Rüksa, Sheeta and Laghu gunas	~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~ ~	and Shukra. Srotasaam Kharatvam Upapädayati. Balam Aadatte Karshayati Glapayati Mohayati Bhramayati Vadanam Upashoshayati Vaata Vikaaraan Upajanayati.	
Kashaya Rasa (Vayu + Prithvi)	Vaishadya, Stambha, Jaadyata, Kantham Badhnaati.		Samshamana, Sangräh, Sandhänakara. Pidano Ropana, Shoshana, Stambhana. Shleshma, Rakta Pitta prashamana. Sharira Kledasya Upayokta Rüksa, Sheeta, Alaghu.	AAAAAAA AAAAA A	Aasyam Shoshayati Hridayam Pidayati Udaram-aadhmaapayati Vaacham Nigrihnaati Srotaamsi Avabadhnaati Shyävatvam aapaadayati Pumstvam Upahanti Vishtabhya Jaraam Gacchati Vaata, Mutra, Purisha,Retas avgrihnaati Karshayati Glapayati Tarshayati Stambhayati Due to Khara, Visada and Rüksatva it causes- Pakshavadha, Graha, Apataanaka, Arditasss. Vaata Vikaaraan Upajanayati.(vataja	

# *Panchabhautik* composition, *lakshana* & Effect of *rasa* on *sharira*-<sup>3</sup>

In Samhitas, to further support the concept of effect of rasa on sharira, references are available but in a scattered manner. Regular use of all rasas promotes strength & regular use of only one rasa is cause of debility<sup>4</sup>. All rasas when used properly causes shariram yapyanti (maintains if used the body); however, improperly these causes dosha prakopa (vitiates *doshas*)<sup>5</sup>. *Bhela Samhita* quotes similar view<sup>6</sup>. Acharya *Sushruta* mentions the importance of *shadrasa aahara* (along with other properties) for *dhatu nirmaana & poshana*<sup>7</sup>. In *Ashtanga Hridya*, it is mentioned all 6 *rasas* are to be practiced in all *ritus*, except those which are specially indicated for use in each *ritu* should be used predominantly<sup>8</sup>. Also, *aahara* should be *shadrasa madhura prayam*, meaning although containing all 6 tastes it should be predominant in

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madhura rasa<sup>9</sup>. Aacharya Sushruta states that moola (root cause) of praani, bala, varna & oja is aahara<sup>10</sup>. He advises one should not excessively eat single rasa or all rasas together always<sup>11</sup>. *Kashyapa* Samhita also states, consumption of one rasa always causes daurbalya, adridhatvam & consuming all 6 rasas will lead to dosha-apravruddhi, dhatu saamya, vriddhi of bala & ayusha, aarogya, and agni deepti. Therefore, one desiring aarogya should avoid consuming only 1 type of  $rasa^{12}$ . In Agrayasangrahaniyadhyaya from Sutrasthana of Ashtanga Samgraham, it is mentioned that sarvarasabhyasa is best among those which offer bala (strength). Ekarasabhyasa is chief among those which cause daurbalya (debility) along with arochaka, tama and dosha prakopa<sup>13</sup>. Food is nourishing, offers energy right away, keeps the body going, lengthens life, boosts intelligence, energy, memory, Oja, and digestive fire<sup>14</sup>.

The sequence in which all 6 *rasas* should be consumed also plays a vital role. There are two opinions found in the classical texts. One opinion agreed by *Acharya Sushruta*<sup>15</sup>, *Bhavamishra*<sup>16</sup> and author of *Yoga Ratnaakara*<sup>17</sup> is *madhura* rasa is consumed in the beginning of the meal, *amla* and *lavana* in the middle and other *rasas* in the end. A different opinion is found in *Charaka Samhita*, a sequence of *rasa* with *amla* and *Madhura* then *amla* and *lavana* should be given first, then *madhura* and *tikta* and lastly *kashaya* and *katu rasa* should be given<sup>18</sup>. *Yoga Ratnakara* text highlights the effect of individual *rasa* on different *dhatus* as follows- *madhura rasa* 

promotes *rakta*, *amla* increases *majja*, *lavana* strengthens *asthi*, *tikta* improves *medo dhatu*, *katu* promotes *mamsa*, *kashaya* increases *rasa dhatu*, *anna*(food) containing all these *rasas* promotes *shukra dhatu*<sup>19</sup>.

It is impossible to avoid mentioning the concept of Saatmya when discussing sarvarasa aahara. Saatmya comes in three variations: pravara, madhyama, and avara (advantageous to oneself and upashaya also have the same meaning here in this context). Additionally, of the 7 types that correspond to the 6 rasas, pravara is the saatmya of all six rasas, avara is the saatmya for one rasa, and madhyama is somewhere between the two. It is necessary to improve the avara and madhyama saatmya to pravara saatmya while taking into account all of the ashta aahara vidhi visheshaaytana<sup>20</sup>. In Charaka Samhita-Vimanasthana, vaidya is advised to examine the patient for his saatmya. To whom ghrita, ksheera, taila, mamsa-rasa, sarva-rasa are saatmya, are balavanta, klesha-saha, chirajeevi. Those having saatmya to ruksha, eka rasa are prayena alpa bala, alpa klesha-saha, alpa ayusha and alpa sadhana. Those having vyamishra saatmya have madhyama bala<sup>21</sup>. *Bhela Samhita* quotes – what a person eats as per the vidhi & whatever he drinks, all these are endowed with *shadrasa*<sup>22</sup>, giving importance to vidhi of aahara, even when it is shadrasa.

Aahara after digestion turns into prasaada & kitta bhaaga. The prasaada bhaaga nourishes all the dhatus & Oja<sup>23</sup>. Ojas, which is also referred to as Bala, is the wonderful outcome (param teja) May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 Volume 18, Issue 3 Page 52







of all the *dhatus*, from *rasa* to *shukra*<sup>24</sup>. It sits in the heart and is primarily white with hints of yellow and red. If Ojas is destroyed, the human body will certainly expire<sup>25</sup>. Ojas maintains life by reviving and nourishing all living things. It is charge of commencing the embryonic in development and is the nourishing fluid from the fetus that enters the developing embryonic heart first. The Ojas is carried by 10 enormous vessels and bestows several health benefits on the body, much like a tree does when it bears many fruits<sup>26</sup>. The initial kind of *Ojas* that the body produces has the colour of ghee (Sarpirvarnam), the flavour of honey (Madhu rasam), and the aroma of dried rice (Laaja Gandhi). Ojas is the essence of the body by virtue of its intrinsic qualities and behaviours and maintains the body, just as bees collect honey from a variety of fruits and flowers<sup>27</sup>. Ojas's nature is Somaatmakam. It is Snigdha, Shukla, Sheetam, Sthira, and Sara (having fluidity). It has the most effective virtue, is clear, soft, and shining, and ought to be considered as the most crucial component (seat) of vitality. All body components contain the Oja, and when its natural amount is lost, the organism gradually degenerates and eventually dissolves<sup>28</sup>. The ability to perform any type of physical activity, clarity of voice, clarity of complexion, and assistance in the proper operation of both the external and internal sense organs are all benefits of this Ojas<sup>29</sup>. Also, it is stated in Charaka Samhita Sutrsthana Kiyantah shirsiya adhyaaya, that If the Kapha (dosha) is in a healthy state, it provides the body with strength in the form of *Ojas*, and when it is in a morbid state, it manifests as excreta and causes suffering<sup>30</sup>. Also, this is predicated only on the use of *shadrasayukta aahara*. When *ojas* is in its *vriddha* (increased) stage, the body experiences *tushti* (happiness), *pushti* (nourishment), and *bala* (strength)<sup>31</sup>. Only through consistent application of *shadrasayukta aahara* is that achievable. So, we may conclude that *oja* is the reason why *bala* of *sharira* is increasing.

The three types of *bala* (strength)- *Sahaja*, *Kaalaja & Yuktikrita bala. Sahaja Bala* means the inherited strength of body and mind. *Kaalaja Bala* means the strength which is dependent on the variations in season & age. *Yuktikrita Bala* is that which accrues from diet & exercise<sup>32</sup>. Only *Yuktikrita Bala* can be modified based on our diet and way of life out of these three. *Rasa* is regarded as the foundation of *aahara*. A schematic illustration of the rationale for how these *rasas* affect the *dhatus*, which in turn affects *bala*, is provided below [Figure 1].

# DISCUSSION

Different *rasas* are created as a result of the permutations and combinations of *panchamahabhutas*, which have an effect on the *dhatu nirmaana* and *poshana*. *Tantrayuktis*, the *Saamanya-Vishesha Siddhanta* and an analysis of the *panchamahabhutas' gunas* can all be used to explain this.

According to Saamanya-Vishesha Siddhanta, dravyas with guna and karma that are akin to







those of other *dravyas* lead to a growth in that *dravya*, but *dravyas* with the opposite *guna* and *karma* lead to a depletion. *Madhura rasa*, which is dominated *by Jala and Prithvi mahabhuta*, has the *gunas drava*, *snigdha*, *sheeta*, *picchila*, *mridu*, and *manda* as a result of *Jala* and *Guru*, as well as *kathina*, *khara*, *sthira*, and *sthoola* as a

result of *Prithvi mahabhuta*. This results in an increase in all *dhatus*. *Amla rasa*, which is dominated by the *Prithvi* and *Agni mahabhutas*, has the *vishada, saandra, manda,* and *sthoola gunas* as a result of the *Prithvi mahabhuta,* as well as the *ushna, tikshna, sukshma,* and *laghu gunas* due to the *agni mahabhuta,* producing *bala* 

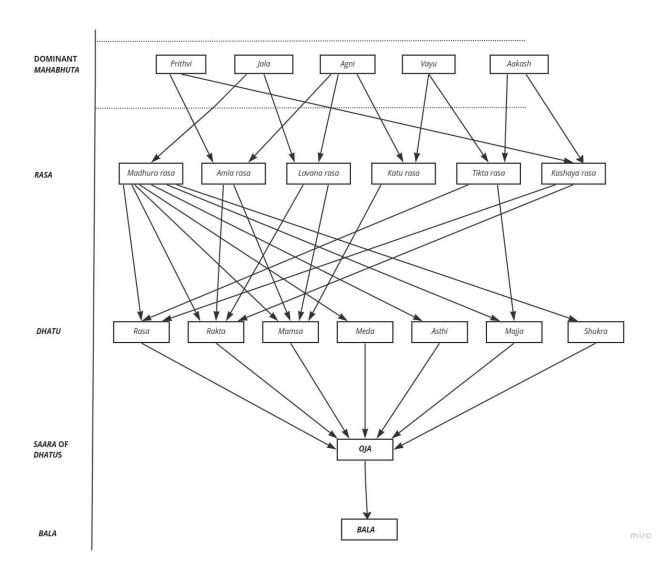


Figure 1 Schematic Illustration of effect of Rasa on Dhatus

vardhana by influencing rasa, rakta, and mamsa dhatu. Lavana rasa having jala & agni mahabhuta possesses drava, snighdha, mridu, pichhila guna due to jala mahabhuta & vishada, *laghu, sukshma, tikshna & ushna guna* due to *agni mahabhuta* and affects the *rakta & mamsa dhatu. Katu rasa* if consumed in excess have a negative effect on *bala* due to *laghu, khara,* May 10<sup>th</sup> 2023 Volume 18, Issue 3 **Page 54** 







ruksha, sheeta gunas and sukshma, vishada, ushna, tikshna gunas, attributed to the dominance of Vayu & Agni mahabhuta respectively. By influencing the rasa and majja dhatu, tikta rasa also reduces bala, which is attributed to the supremacy of the vayu and aakash mahabhutas, which possess saushirya, sukshma, laghu, mridu, gunas owing to the aakash mahabhuta, and sheeta, ruksha, khara, vishada gunas due to the vayu. Kashaya rasa possesses khara, kathina, vishada gunas & laghu, sukshma, saushirya gunas attributed to the dominance of Prithvi & Vayu mahabhuta which have an impact on rasa and rakta dhatu.

Although it is commonly believed that excessive consumption of only *amla rasa* results in *rakta* and *mamsa dhatu dushti*, *Viparyaya Tantrayukti* reveals the unspoken truth that better *bala* results from consuming *amla rasa* in moderation and in combination with other *rasas*. Similarly, *Katu & Tikta rasa* when consumed in excess reduces the *bala*, the unsaid meaning that if consumed in moderation will nourish the *dhatus* resulting in improved *bala*, can be inferred by using *Viparyaya Tantrayukti*.

When the *shadrasas* are ingested simultaneously and in the correct order in accordance with the *aahara vidhi*, it will nourish all *dhatus* and result in the formation of *oja*, which will raise the person's *bala*.

# **CONCLUSION-**

Many interpretations for this topic not explicitly addressed in the Shaastras can be developed by applying various Tantrayuktis, especially Uhya (logical reasoning), and choosing according to the Buddhi. The constitution of the built gets moderate in the person who consumes aahara in the moderate range because the aahara rasa circulates throughout his body and nourishes the dhatus. A person with such dhätus would be capable of performing all kinds of tasks since they are in a condition of equilibrium. He is powerful and able to resist the cravings to eat, drink, be exposed to heat, cold, or rain. One should therefore constantly strive to maintain this state of equilibrium<sup>33</sup>. Failure to do so results in formation of poor quality aahara rasa, which in builds low quality dhatus, generating turn impaired quality ojas, which results in diminished bala.







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