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ENLIGHTENING THE ROLE OF SAMANYA AND VISESA SIDDHANTA IN CHIKITSA ASPECT

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ABSTRACT

Ayurveda is a science of life. It says, one has to strictly follow the regimens and dietary habits advocated in *Samhitas*, the classical Ayurvedic texts, to achieve long and healthy life. Any sort of deviation from these principles will lead to the manifestation of disease. According to *Ayurveda*, the basis for disease manifestation is either *Vriddhi* or *Kshaya* of *Doshas*, and bringing back to normalcy of these *Doshas* leads to the restoration of health. This process of bringing normalcy is known as *Chikitsa* and the basic principle of the *Chikitsa* is *Samanya* and *Visesa siddhanta*. According to this *Siddhanta*, intake of medicine or food having similar properties to that of our body tissues, will results in the increase and those with opposite properties will results in the decrease of our body tissues. Thus, if a disease is manifested due to the *Vriddhi* of a *Dosha*, then to pacify that *Vriddha dosha*, *Dravyas* having opposite *Guna* or *Karma* should be administered. If a disease is manifested due to the *Kshaya* of a *Dosha*, then to nourish that *Ksheena dosha*, *Dravyas* having similar *Guna* or *Karma* should be administered. This *Samanya* and *Visesa Siddhanta* should be followed in a rational way while describing the medicine or diet based on the quantitative and qualitative knowledge of *Vriddhi* or *Kshaya* of *Doshas*. Thus, the *Samanya* and *Visesa Siddhanta* plays a crucial role in treating diseases and has become the fundamental principle for *Ayurvedic* management. He details of this *Siddhanta* are explained elaborately in full paper.

KEYWORDS: Ayurveda, Samhita, Vriddhi, kshaya, Doshas, Siddhantha, Samanya, Visesa.

INTRODUCTION

Ayurveda is the science that imparts all the knowledge of life. It defines health and factors responsible for its maintenance and promotion. Any disturbance in the equilibrium of Dhatus (Dosha, Dhatu, Mala) is known as disease and on other hand the state of their equilibrium is health^[5]. Disequilibrium of *Dhatus* may be considered either by *Vriddhi or Kshaya*^[2]. Attainment of equilibrium is achieved by basic concept of Samanya and Visesa which are mentioned as *Shatkaranas* i.e., these *Padarthas* mentioned in Avurveda are as Samanya, Visesa, Guna, Dravya, Karma, and Samavaya^[6]. But the same are explained in Vaiseshika philosophy with the different sequence as Dravva, Guna, Karma, Samanya, Visesa, and Samavaya^[7]. This may be the aim of both Shastra are different. So, they have been advocated in a different way. Darshana uses its concepts for Moksha (salvation) and Avurveda is for the welfare of creatures i.e., Swastha and Atura.

Literary Review

Nirukti of Samanya

According to *Vachaspatyam* Common in all, is *Samanya*^[8]. The term *Samanya* consists of two words *Samana* and *Gnanapatyaya*. According to Monier Williams dictionary the meaning of *Samanya* is Equal, Alike, Similar etc. ^[9]

Lakshana of Samanya

Philosophical aspect of Samanya

According to *Tarka samgraha samanya* is *Nitya* and one and resides in many^[10]. According to *Saptapadarthi* causative factor for producing identical

knowledge and one exists in many^[11]. According to *Prasastapada samanya* produces the knowledge of the "*Anugatabuddhi*"ie, repeating quality. '*Jati*' is the particular meaning of *Samanya padartha*. *Samanya* is defined as that, which produces the idea of oneness.^[12] According to *Tarka Deepika* which is eternal, resides in many objects is called as *Samanya*.^[10] According to *Siddhanta Muktavali* the quality which is eternal, found in many objects.^[13]

Ayurvedic aspect of Samanya

The *Padarthas* which causes growth or increase of everything at all times in *Bhavapadarthas* such as *Dravya* (substance), *Guna* (attribute), *Karma* (action) is called *samanya*^[14]. *Samanya* brings about oneness^[15]. *Samanya* creates *Tulyarthta* or meaning peculiar of its own^[16]. Use of similar (*Samana*) and dissimilar (*Vipreeta*) properties results in the increase or decrease of all *Doshas, Dhatus* and *Malas*.^[17]

Classification of Samanya

Philosophical aspect

- A) According to *Tarka Samgraha* there are two types of *Samanya* i.e., *Parasamanya* (superior generality) and *Aparasamanya* (inferior generality) *Parasamanya* is that which pervades more space is more comprehensive and *Aparasamanya* is that which pervades less space is the less comprehensive^[18].
- B) According to *Karikavali* there are three types of *Samanya* i.e. *Para samanya* (superior generality), *Aparasamanya*(inferior generality) and *Para Aparasamanya* (superioinferior generality).^[19]

C) According to *Prasathapada* there are two types of *Samanya* i.e. *Para samanya* superior generality) and *Aparasamanya* (inferior generality).^[20]

Ayurvedic aspect

Chakrapani states the opinion of others as *Dravyagocharasamanya* (generality perceptible in substance), *Gunagocharasamanya* (generality perceptible in property) and *Karma Gocharasamanya* (generality perceptible in action) is one of the opinion in classifying the *Samanya* and other opinion in classifying *Samanya* is *Ubhayavrittisamanya* (mutual generality) and *Ekavrittisamanya* (non mutual generality).^[21]

According to *Bhattarharichanda samanya* is of three types ie. *Atyantasamanya* (absolute generality), *Madhyamasamanya* (medium generality) and *Ekadeshasamanya* (localised generality)^[21].

Application of Samanya

There is no limitation for application of *Samanyasiddhanta*. For that *Chakrapani* has quoted a brief explanation about *Samanyasiddhanta*, due to *Granthavistarabhaya*, In the *Granthas* wherever *Vriddhi* is seen that is due to *Samanyasiddhanta* only^[22].

Factors Affecting Generality (Jati Badhakah)

Kiranavali has given a list of factors affecting generality. If any of these factors are present in a group the consideration of generality will be interrupted and thet group cannot be considered as having generality^[23].they are

- a. Oneness of individual (*Vyakterabheda*)- If there is only one individual generality cannot be considered. to consider generality there should be atleast two individuals. For example ether (*akasha*) is only one. Hence it cannot have generality.
- b. Equality (*Tulyatva*)- Equality is a generality when equality is considered to be a property limited in another genus, there will be blockage of generality.
- c. Admixture (*Sankara*)- If mutual absolute non existence (*Paraspara-atyanta-abhava*) and sameness of substrate (*Samanaadhikaranabhava*) occur in the same substrate, then there will be admixture. This occurs in the generality of existence (*Bhutatva*). Mind has limitedness (*Moortatva*) but has no generality of existents. Ether has unlimitedness (*Vibhutva*) but it has generality of existents. In this condition of admixture we can't consider that all the existence are having the same generality (*Ekatva*).
- d. Inconsistence (*Anavastha*)- When the prime subject cannot be determined, there is inconsistence. This error effects generality (*Jatitatva*).
- e. Loss of character (*Roophaani*)- If a member is not having the silent characteristic of the group, the consideration of unity is not possible. Hence loss of character is a factor affecting generality.
- f. Unrelated (*Asambandha*)- If something is unrelated to the group it cannot have the generality of the group.

Visesa

Nirukti of Visesa

According to *Vacaspatyam Visesa* which means *Prabhede, Prakare*^[25] and according to *Sabdakalpadruma Visesa* means *Prabhedah*^[25].

According to *Monier- Williams Visesa* means distinction, difference between two objects, characteristic difference etc.^[26]

Lakshana of Visesa

Philosophical Aspect

According to Saptapadarthi Visesa is defined as the cause of the notion of differentiation (Vyavritti*pratyaya-hetu*), multiple (*Aneka*), inherent in each substance (*Prati-dravva-samveta*,) which causes reduction (Hrasa-hetu), distinction (Prathiktvakrita) and (*Vaisaadrsva*)^[27]. According to dissimilarity Tarka samgraha specialties exist in eternal substances and are infinite^[28]. According to *Vaiseshikadarshana Visesa* is one of the *Satpadartha* which makes the difference between one object to the another object^[29]. An entity which differentiates one object from another one in this unverse is termed as Visesa by Maharsi Kanada. Hence Visesa means Vyavartak, Vyavachedaka (differentiator). Visesa is the only one which can cause absolute differentiation. Hence Visesa is termed as Absolute Differentiator (Antya *Vyavartaka*). *Acharya Shivaditya* in *Sapta Padarthi*, defines visesa as the entity which devoid of generality and resides in only one object^[30].

According to *Prasastapada* (*Padartha-Dharmasangraha*) *Visesa* can never be destroyed because it resides in only eternal atoms i.e. *Nitya Paramanus. Nitya Dravyas* are ever existing realities and *Visesa* is the entity which inheres with them. Hence, *Visesa* also becomes ever existing. Neither it can be destroyed nor generated^[29]. Further *Prasastapada* says that i.e. *Visesa* is the Absolute Differentiator between eternal *Dravyas*. According to *Shri Madhvacharya* (*Sarvadarsanasamgraha*) *Visesha* is the entity who exists with intimate (inherent) relation, but it is devoid of generality, which stops mutual non-existence^[31].

Ayurvedic Aspect

According to Acharya Charaka Speciality is the cause of reduction^[14]. Specialty causes the notion of separateness (distinction). Specialty is opposite to generality and when generality causes the notion of oneness speciality causes the notion of pleurality. Acharya Chakrapani states that Vyavarta means to separate or distinct from something (apte's sanskritengdict). Cakrapani defines Visesa as the entity which causes distinction or separation. But this definition is not sufficient to explain Visesa in whole, as Ayurveda expects. Speciality is that which is special or different^[14].

Arunadatta comments on *Carakasamhita* having the same meaning from which is depicted in different words. According to this verse, *Viparitaih* i.e. *Visesa* is interpreted as the cause for *Ksaya* i.e. *Hrasa*^[17]. According to *Hemadri* one more word is used for *Viparitaih* i.e. *Viruddha*. It has also the same meaning i.e. a substance which has got the power of diminution^[32].

Classification of Vishesa

In philosophy specialty is not classified as each specialty is unique. In *Ayurvedic* discussions we meet with terms such as specialty of substance (*Dravya-visesa*), speciality of property (*Guna-visesa*) and specialty of action (*Karma-visesa*). *Chakrapani*, the most authoritative commentator of *Caraka Samhita* has introduced this concept of *Viruddha Visesa* and *Aviruddha Visesa*. *Viruddha* *Visesa* is the Substance which alleviates the body constituents. As stated in connection with *Samanya*, the *Visesa* also causes diminution only in the absence of an inhibiting factor. Here *Visesa* means inhibiting variant factor. *Aviruddha Visesa* neither augments nor alleviates the body constituents^[14].

But further *Cakrapani* has given an example & given the conclusion that *Aviruddhavisesa* is also the indirect cause for *Hrasa*. Even though non-inhibiting variant factor does not directly cause augmentation or diminution, still its indirect effect on diminution cannot be questioned.

Applied aspect of Samanya visesa

sarvadasarvabhavanam samanyam vriddhi karanam	Hrasahetu visesashcha
Dravya Samanya	Dravya Visesa
Administration of similar <i>Dravya</i> will increase similar <i>Dravya</i> in body,	Administration of heterogeneous Dravya will
like as Rakta by Rakta, Mamsa by Mamsa, Medo by Meda, Asthi by	cause decrease in that <i>Dravya</i> : Example:
Tarunasthi, Majja by Majja, Shukra by Shukra ^[33] .	A) Wild wheat belonging the group of millets
A) Raktadhatu	to reduce increased flesh of the body.
 increases by administration of <i>Rakta</i>: Example:1. In <i>Atiyoga</i> of <i>Virechana</i> one of the adverse effect is <i>Jivadaan</i>. It is treated by administration of the fresh blood of a deer, cow etc. Because it immediately gets transformed into the live blood^[34]. Example:2 In <i>Kshatakshina</i> the patient may take the soup of eggs of sparrow or the blood of a goat^[35]. 	Flesh or meat has meatness which is not present in wild wheat. Also meat is not having the generality of wild wheat. Hence wild wheat has substance speciality in relation with the substance meat and because of this speciality, meat
B) Mamsadhatu	of the body is reduced on consumption
 increases by administration of <i>Mamsa</i>: Example: For patients emaciated due to diseases like consumption, piles, sprue, soup of meat eating birds and animals rendered light for digestion^[37]. C) <i>Medadhatu</i> 	of wild wheat ^[36] . B) Adana Kala The Bala gradually decreases in Sisira, Vasantha, Grisma ritus ^[43] .
increases by administration of <i>Meda</i> : Example: If the patient is weak, emaciated and having injury in the chest he should take goats fat ^[38] .	
D) <i>Asthidhatu</i> increases by administration <i>of Asthi</i> : Example: <i>Tarunasthi</i> will lead to enhancement of <i>Asthidhatu</i> ^[33] .	
E) Majjadhatu increases by administration of Majja: Example: The	
marrow increases, strength <i>sukra</i> , <i>Rasadhatu</i> , <i>Kapha</i> , <i>Medodhatu</i> and <i>Majja</i> ^[39] .	
F) Sukradhatu increases by administration of Sukra: Example: Semen of crocodile having aphrodisiac action ^[40] .	
G) Shat Kriyakalas:	
In Shatkriyakals; Chaya, Prakopa, Prasara are the conditions	
indicate the Vruddhi of Doshas. ^[41]	
H) Visargakala:	
Varsha, Sharat, Hemanthrutus. Have Agrabala due to its qualities of	
Snigdaguna, Madhura rasa, Soma guna etc. Bala going to increase	
Samanyasiddhanta. ^[42]	
Guna Samanya	Guna Visesa
Administration of similar attributes of a Dravya will increase Dravya	Administration of dissimilar attributes of a
having similar attribute in body as:	Dravya will decrease Dravya having those
a) For Sukravriddhi administration of Kshira, Sarpi, Madhuradravya,	attribute in body as:
Snigdhadravya ^[44] .	A) <i>Aarnaalodakam</i> is having attributes
b) For Mutravriddhi Administration of Ikshurasa, Varunimanda,	similar to Kapha and it diminishes the
Drava, Madhura, Amla, Lavana, Upkledadidravya ^[44] .	opposite Gunas like Laghu, Ruksha, Ushna,
c) For Purishavriddhi Administration of Kulamasha, Masha,	Tikshna ^[45] .
Kuskunda, Ajamadhya, Yava, Shaka, Dhanyamla. ^[44]	B) <i>Godhuma</i> which is having the properties
d) <i>Syamakadi dravya</i> will increase <i>Vata</i> due to its similar properties like as <i>Rukshadi</i> ^[45] .	like <i>Snigdha</i> and <i>Guru guna</i> will pacify the <i>Vata</i> having <i>Ruksha</i> and <i>Laghu guna</i> ^[45] .
 e) Taila will increase Pitta due to its similar Gunas like Sasnehaadi^[45]. 	C) Yava is having Sheeta guna will pacify Pitta ^[45] .
f) <i>Kseera</i> will increase <i>Kapha</i> due to its similar <i>Gunas</i> like <i>Snigdhadi</i> ^[45] .	D) Kulatha with its Ushna veerya will pacify Kapha having Sheeta guna ^[45] .
g) Administration of <i>Katu, Tikta, Kashaya, Rooksha, Laghu, Sheetadravya</i> in <i>Vatakshaya</i> condition ^[44] .	E) For counteracting the factors responsible for production of parasites, drugs and
h) Administration of Amla, Lavana, Katu, Kshara, Ushna,	diets which are pungent, bitter and
<i>Tikshanadravya</i> in <i>Pitta kshaya</i> condition ^[44] .	astringent in taste and hot in nature are
	to be used along with other drugs having
i) Administration of <i>Snigdha, Guru, Madhura, Sandra dravya</i> in <i>Shleshmakshya</i> condition ^[44] .	properties contrary to phlegm and
	properties contrary to pinegin and

	feaces ^[46] .
Karma Samanya	Karma Visesa
By performing similar activities will increase similar <i>Gunas</i> in body	By performing opposite activities will
such as:	decrease respective <i>Gunas</i> in body such as:
a) Kayika karma: Running, fasting, floating will increase Vata due to	a) Ratri jagran is indicated in Kapha Vriddhi
Chaltva guna samanya ^[45] .	due to <i>Divaswapn</i> a ^[47] .
b) Vachika karma: excessive talking, excessive studying, singing will	b) Vataprakopa in Udavritta is treated with
increase <i>Vata</i> ^[45] .	Pravahana ^[48] .
c) Mansika karma: excessive thinking, sorrow, fear will increase	c) Running, fasting, floating will decreases
$Vata^{[45]}$.	Kapha. Maithunam is indicated in
d) <i>Santapa</i> , anger, envy will increase <i>Pitta</i> ^[45] .	treatment of Sukra Vegaavrodhajanya
e) Sleep, laziness will increase <i>Kapha</i> due to <i>Sthiratva guna</i> ^[45] .	diseases ^[49] .
	d) Swapna is indicated in Nidra
	Vegarodhajanyavikara ^[50] .

"Samanyamaekatvakaram"	"Visesastuprthaktvakrith"
Dravya Samanya	Dravya Visesa
Oneness in similar Dravyas	Sense of separation in <i>Dravya</i>
Example:	Example:
a) Man is tiny replica of universe. all the <i>Padartas</i> present in external world are similarly present in internal world(human body) As it causes oneness ^[51] .	 b) All Amla padarthas increase Pitta except Dadima and Amalaki^[52]. c) Madhura padarthas increase Kapha except Puranashali, Yava, Mudga, Madhu, Godhuma, Sita, Jangala mamsa^[53]. d) All Kashaya dravyas cause Sheetalta and Stambhana except Hareetaki^[54]. e) All Katu and Tikta dravya are Avrishya and Vatakopaka except Amrita, Patola, Shunthi, Pippali, Rasona^[55]. f) All Lavana dravyas are Achakshushya except Saindhava lavana^[56]. g) Shunthi, Pippali having Agneya guna will cause Brimhana effect^[57].
Guna Samanya	Guna Visesa
Oneness in <i>Dravya</i> due to similar <i>Gunas</i> .	Separation in Dravya due to different <i>Gunas</i> .
Example:	Example:
 a) <i>Chaturushna</i> are considered altogether due to their <i>Ushna guna</i>^[58]. b) <i>Vrishya dravyas</i> having <i>Snigdha</i> and <i>Guru guna</i> will produce <i>Shukra</i> like as <i>Shatavari</i>, 	a) <i>Vastanabha</i> is having <i>Madhura rasa</i> and <i>Madhura vipaka</i> but the <i>Virya</i> is <i>Ushna virya</i> ^[60] .
Kapikacchu, Musli having similar Gunas ^[59] .	
Karma Samanya	Karma Visesa
Oneness in <i>Dravya</i> due to similar action.	Separation in <i>Dravya</i> due to different action.
Example:	Example:
a) In Rasa dhatu vikaras –Langhana ^[61]	a) Godhuma and Yava having Madhura rasa, Guru guna but
b) In Rakta dhatu vikaras- Virechana,	Godhuma pacifies Vata while Yava provokes Vata ^[65] .
Raktamokshana ^[62] .	b) Danti and Chitraka are having similar Rasa, Veerya, Vipaka but
c) Maha kshayas are included in groups.	Danti is Rechaka while Chitraka is not ^[66] .
according to oneness in their action ^[63] .	
d) Vamna dravya kalpa samgraha, Virechana	
<i>dravya kalpa samgraha</i> etc. Are explained	
together due to their common action ^[64] .	

" Tulyarthata hi samanyam	Visesastuviparyayah"
1) <i>Virechana</i> term is used for expelling the vitiated	1) For Kaphaja prakriti persons Marubhumi-
Doshas out of body. It may include Vamana and	arogyadeshanam. For Kaphaja prakriti persons
Virechana ^[67] .	Aanupo -Ahitadeshanam. ^[69]
2) Deepana dravya means which enhances the Agni,	2) Ekarasaabhyaso- Daurbalyakaranam while
all Dravya enhancing the Agni will include under	Shadrasaabhyaso- balkaranam ^[70] .
this category. (<i>sharangdhara</i>) ^[68]	3) Patients afflicted with heat should be treated by
	cooling measures and vice a versa ^[71] .
	4) Six types of therapies are mentioned for treatment
	purpose.

 These therapies should be used against each other (e.g. <i>Langhana</i> for <i>Brmhana</i> (condition). This totally depends on <i>Visesa</i> principles^[72]. 5) <i>Santarpanottha Vyadhis</i> treatment regimen mentioned is <i>Apatarpana</i> which indicates that treatment should be opposite to causative
factors ^[73] .
 Generally all postprandial drinks should have the properties opposite to those of the food taken^[74].
7) Selection of drinking water according to the
seasonal variations which is exactly opposite to
that of climatic conditions of that season e.g.
Lukewarm water for Hemanta and Vasanta ritu,
and cold water for <i>Grisma ritu</i> ^[75] .

****PRAVRITTI UBYASTU**

These *Samanya* and *Visesa siddhantas* are seen to be of immense value in the applied aspect of treatment and also for maintaining health. Without commencement (using) neither *Samanya* cause for increase nor *Visesa* cause for reduction. the *Chikitsa* if properly administrated, simultaneously brings both the reduced and increased *Dhatus* to their normal state by reducing the increased one and increasing the reduced one^[76]. If the medicines properly given in proper dose etc. And for certain period they bring about the *Dhatus* to their normal state and not beyond that. If the medicine are not given in a proper manner and proper dose and for a longer period cannot produce proper effect. In our classics application of such important *Siddhanta* is clearly demonstrated. *Acharya Charaka* stated that proper measures to replenish the deficient *Dhatus* (*Dosha*, *Dhatu*, *Mala*) and deplenish those that are in excess. We thus bring back the physiological state by treating the diseases with etiopathological antidotes^[77]. As in *Sushruta samhita*^[78] principle of treatment of *Dosha* is given as

<i>Kshinabrimhitavya</i> i.e	Kupitaprashmayitavya i.e	<i>Vriddhashodhitavya</i> i.e	<i>Samahparipalyah</i> i.e
diminished <i>Doshas</i>	vitiated Doshas should be	aggravated <i>Doshas</i>	maintenance of
should be nourished.	pacified.	should be expelled	normalcy of <i>Doshas</i>
 a) Use of Mamsa in Rajyakshma disease^[79]. b) Laghu and Santarpana chikitsa in emaciated patient^[80]. c) Brimhana chikitsa in kshyaja kasa^[81]. d) Brimhana chikitsa in Vataja gulma^[82]. e)Brimhana chikitsa in Krisha pramehi^[83]. f)Santarpana chikitsa in Kshata kshina^[84]. 	a) Shamana chikitsa in Urustambha ^[85] b) Shamana chikitsa in Virrudha ahara chikitsa ^[86] . c) Sarpipana in Vataja kustha ^[87] .	a)Administration of <i>Panchakarma</i> procedure in <i>Asthi dhatuja vikara</i> ^[88] . b) <i>Nitya virechan</i> in <i>vatodra</i> ^[89] . c) <i>Virechana karma</i> in <i>Tamaka swasa</i> ^[90] .	a) Dincharya b) Ritucharya c) Sadvritta d)Achaararasayana

Comparison of Samanya

Ayurveda Aspect	Modern Aspect
Habitual use of	Blood transfusion can be life
substances having	saving in some situations such as
homologus	massive blood loss due to
qualities results in	trauma, or blood loss due to
enhancement of	surgery and also in the disease
Dhatu ^{[91] [92]} .	like severe anaemia,
	thrombocytopenia, sickle cell
	anaemia etc. In gastroenteritis
	condition administration of
	fluids.

COMPARISON OF VISESA

AYURVEDA ASPECT	MODERN ASPECT
Hetrogenous qualities	In hyper acidity condition
of aggravating factors	administration of antacids.
constitute allevators of	In patient of increased
Dhatus ^[93] .	thyroid activity anti thyroid
	drugs are given.

CONCLUSION

Whatever the factors that are responsible for health when they were normal, they alone will lead to disease when they become abnormal. So, the nidus of disease will certainly within our body only just we have to correct it, then automatically the external agents which are contributed for such an abnormality will automatically be withdrawn either by themselves or by our simple measures by using our *Siddhantas* like *Samanya* and *Visesa*.

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