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## DHATURA-PITTA

**Marathi Name:**

Dhotara

**Botanical Name:**

Datura metel

**Synonyms:**

Datura timoriensis Zipp. ex Span. Datura nigra Hassk

**Family:**

Solanaceae

**Common Name:**

Devil's trumpet, Horn of plenty, Downy thorn apple

**Description:**

Datura is a herbaceous perennial with a sprawling, mounded habit, up to 3 ft high and 6 ft across. This variety of Daturametel has spectacular triple-flowers that are yellow in color. The flowers are very beautiful and last a few days compared to the singles that last a day. Plants from the Datura genus have a long history of use throughout both the Old and New Worlds. In India, the species is considered a holy plant called Dutra or dhatura. The Daturas have been used for their narcotic properties in the wines and palm beers of Africa and are still used today in Morocco.

**Attributes:**

Rasa- Tikta, katu, Vipaka- katu, Veerya- Ushna, Guna- Laghu, Ruksha, Vyavai, Vikasi, Madak

**Medicinal Uses:**

The seeds of Datura are analgesic, anthelmintic and anti-inflammatory and as such, they are used in the treatment of stomach and intestinal pain that results from worm infestation, toothache, and fever from inflammation. The juice of its fruit is applied to the scalp, to treat dandruff and falling hair.