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SHIRISHA

Marathi: Shirish

Botanical name: Albizia lebbeck

Synonyms: ----

Family: Mimosaceae

Common name: Siris tree, Woman's tongue

Description: Medium to large tree with gray-brown bark; leaves bipinnate, the primary leaflets subopposite, 2-4 pairs; ultimate leaflets opposite, 6-8 pairs, oblong, slightly asymmetric, blunt, 2.5-4.5 cm long. Flowers mimosa-like, in showy, rounded clusters near stem tips, 5-6 cm across, cream or yellowish-white, each flower with numerous long stamens. Fruit a flat, linear pod, to 30 cm long, with many seeds; dried pods persistent after leaf-fall, often heard rattling in the wind.

Attributes: Ras – Kashay, Tikta, Madhur, Vipak – Katu, Virya – AlpaUshna, Guna – Laghu, RukshaTikshna, Prabhay - Vishagna

Medicinal uses: Use of Shirisha has been extensively recommended to neutralize toxins in the body. It has also been used in the treatment of respiratory afflictions like bronchial asthma. Based on various experimental and clinical observations use of Sirish bark in the form of a herbal tea for asthmatic persons has been recommended. Such usage help to control the frequency and intensity of the asthmatic attacks.