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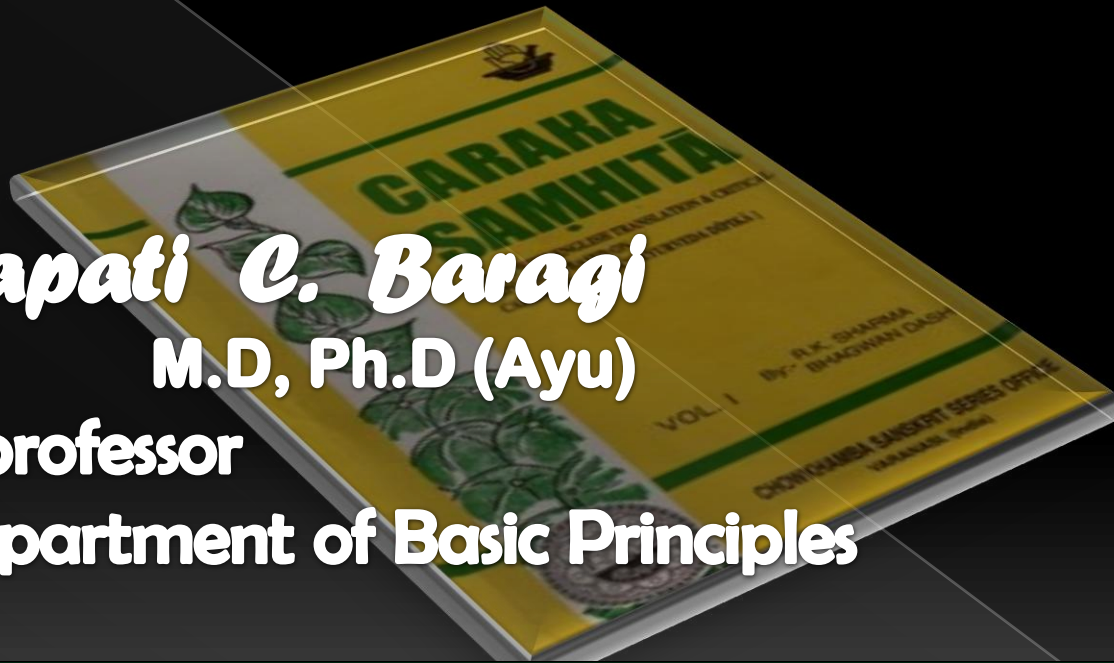
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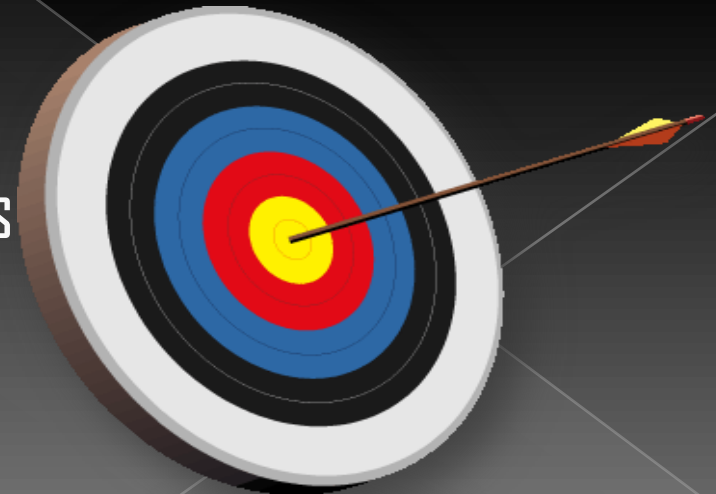


Introduction...

- ◉ Charaka Samhita is an **Authoritative text** of Ayurveda.
- ◉ One among the **Bruhatrayi**- Three great classics of Ayurveda.
- ◉ Charaka Samhita stands as **Representative of – Kayachikitsa.**
- ◉ Punarvasu Atreya - **Propounder** of this Samhita.
- ◉ Agnivesha Tantra was **the first & foremost** book of this branch.

Aim and Objectives...

- ◎ **Aim** : To throw a glimpse on the classical book - Charaka Samhita.
- ◎ **Objectives:**
 1. To historically review the literature available on Charaka Samhita.
 2. To show the important contributions of Acharyas on Charaka Samhita



Reason for Writing Charaka Samhita?

- Agnivesha was a pupil of sage Punarvasu Atreya,
- He committed the teachings of his preceptor in writing in the form of book – Agnivesha Tantra.
- In course of time it became mutilated & not available in suitable condition to study.
- Noticing this a scholar named Charaka collected fragments of book, Redacted(revised with necessary changes)

- ⦿ In course of centuries even this also became **mutilated & some portion lost**
- ⦿ Noticing this another scholar **Drudhabala** collected whatever available – Reducted (Prati samskara) by adding new chapters written by himself & made it in a **complite form**, suitable for study.
- ⦿ The present **Charaka Samhita** is this revised & suplimented by Dradhbala.

About Author of Charaka Samhita.

- ◎ This book was Originally written by Sage Agnivesha
- ◎ **1st stage** – Punarvasu Atreya expanding the science & Agnivesha preparing the book- Agnivesha Tantra- comprising of these teaching.
- ◎ **2nd stage** –Charaka redacting Agnivesha text which became popular as Charaka Samhita.
- ◎ **3rd stage** – Mutilated Charaka Samhita redacted & supplemented by Dradhabala.

Presentation of the Book:

- ◎ This text is presented in the following three different forms-
 - 1) As the record of **proceedings** of a seminar or debate
 - 2) As a **dialogue** between the teacher & his disciple
 - 3) As a **narrative of instructions.**

Conclusion...

- ◉ Charaka Samhita is One of the Oldest & best book Of Ayurveda which depicts the remarkable accomplishments of Ancient Indian Science.



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