

## Botanical Source of *Gajapippali* in Kerala

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*In Ayurvedic Nighantus four types of Pippalis are mentioned. They are Pippali, Gajapippali, Souhali and Vanapippali. Gajapippali is a controversial drug. Scindapsus officinalis and Piper chaba are considered as the source plants of Gajapippali. In Kerala market another drug from a non-allied Botanical source was found traded and used by the Vaidyas and Pharmacies. The botanical identification of this drug and a discussion on Gajapippali are dealt in this paper.*

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