

Leptadenia reticulata Retz.

Asclepiadaceae

Ayurvedic name	Jeevanti
Unani name	Jeevanti
Hindi name	Jeevani
Trade name	Jeevanti
Parts used	Leaves, stem, and roots



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Therapeutic uses

Leaves and roots of *Leptadenia* species are useful in treating skin infections and wounds. Their major use is to prevent prolapse of uterus and vulva in controlling habitual abortion in women. The roots are used in cardiac disease and haemorrhage, as diuretic, and to cure fever and ophthalmia. They are also used as a tonic for general debility to strengthen the body. Leaves are also used as galactagogue for nursing mothers.

Morphological characteristics

The species is a much branched laticiferous twining shrub with yellowish brown, deeply cracked bark. Leaves are ovate, cordate, coriaceous, glabrous above and more or less finely pubescent beneath.

Floral characteristics

Inflorescence is a many flowered cyme with greenish yellow flowers. Fruit (follicle) is horned shaped and slender. Seeds are lanceolate and comose.