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TINDUKA

Marathi: Temburi

Botanical name: Diospyros malabarica

Synonyms: Garcinia malabarica, Diospyros peregrina

Family: Ebenaceae (ebony family)
Common name: Gaub, Indian persimmon

Description: Gab is an evergreen tree with a spreading crown. It can grow up to 37 m tall, with a trunk girth of 2 m. The bark is black, smooth, and the inner bark turns bluish on exposure to sunlight. Leaves are oblong and glossy. The male flowers are formed in 3-5 flowered cymes in leaf axils. Female flowers are solitary, 4-parted, with 4 styles, and an 8-celled ovary. Fruits are round, up to 3.5 cm in diameter, and seated on a persistent sepal structure. The fruit is green, tinted red.

Attributes: Ras – Kashay Vipak – Katu Virya - Sheet

Guna-Laghu, Ruksha.

Medicinal uses: Gab is the Tinduka of Sanskrit writers; its bark is described in the Nighantas as a good application to boils and tumours, and the juice of the fresh bark as useful in bilious fever. The fruit when unripe is said to be cold. light, and astringent, and when ripe beneficial in blood diseases, gonorrhoea and leprosy.