



# Botanical Survey of India

Ministry of Environment, Forest and Climate Change  
Government of India



Image Details of Economy Botany Herbarium

Barcode: CAL0000009464

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Family: [APOCYNACEAE](#)

Scientific Name: [Rauvolfia serpentina \(L.\) Benth. ex Kurz](#)

Collector: [R. Ansari](#)

Country: [India](#)

Uses: [Roots constitute the drug Rauvolfia which is used for the treatment of nervous disorders including anxiety states, excitement, maniacal behaviour associated with psychosis, schizophrenia, insanity, insomnia, and epilepsy. Extracts of the roots is used for intestinal troubles. Roots are used to stimulate uterine contraction and in cases of difficult delivery. Juice of the leaves are used for clearing the corneal opacity. Rauvolfia and its preparati](#)