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A COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW ON AYURVEDIC PRINCIPLES OF SANDHIGATAVATA W.S.R TO OSTEOARTHRITIS

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Abstract:

Sandhigataavata is classified under *Vatavyadhi* in numerous classical *Ayurvedic* texts, including the *Samhita* and *Sangraha Granthas*. It remains a significant global challenge, contributing to a high prevalence of chronic pain and musculoskeletal disability in industrialized nations. The primary pathological process involves the affliction of the joints (*Sandhis*) due to the localized aggravation of *Vata Dosha* accompanied by *Dhatukshaya* (tissue depletion) or *Avarana* (pathological rechanneling/obstruction). This comprehensive review delineates the classical etymology, anatomical structures, multifactorial etiopathogenesis (*Nidana Panchaka*), differential diagnosis (*Vyavachhedhaka Nidana*), and structured treatment principles (*Chikitsa Sutra*) of *Sandhigataavata*, particularly focusing on the knee joint (*Janu Sandhi*). Therapeutic modalities such as *Snehana*, *Swedana*, *Virechana*, *Upanaha*, *Agnikarma*, *Bandhana*, and *Basti* are detailed alongside holistic pathways including *Yoga* and *Rasayana*, offering an evidence-based structural framework for clinical management.

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1. Introduction and Etymology

Sandhigatavata represents one of the most prominent manifestations of *Vata Vikara*. *Acharya Charaka* was the first to explicitly delineate this condition as '*Sandhigata Anila*' within the realm of *Vatavyadhi Chikitsa*, although it is not formally listed among the eighty types of *Nanatmaja Vyadhi*. *Acharya Vagbhatta* characterizes *Vatavyadhi* as a '*Maharoga*', underscoring the vital supremacy of *Vata* in governance over physiological functions and its presumed leadership over the other two *Doshas* (*Pitta* and *Kapha*). In modern clinical practice, *Sandhigatavata* closely aligns with Osteoarthritis, a chronic degenerative joint disorder characterized by the gradual erosion of articular cartilage, subchondral bone alterations, and secondary inflammatory changes.

To understand the comprehensive scope of the disease, the compound term '*Sandhigatavata*' must be systematically analyzed through its three constituent roots:

1. **Sandhi:** Derived from the Sanskrit verb root 'sam + dha + kih', denoting a junction, binding, or union. Nirukti defines it as '*Sandhanam iti Sandhi*' (the site of connection) and '*Asthi-dvaya-samyoga-sthana*' (the articulation site of two bones). While the body features numerous structural junctions between *Peshi*, *Snayu*, and *Sira*, *Acharya Sushruta* and commentator *Dalhana* clarify that in the context of musculoskeletal pathology, *Sandhi* specifically refers to bone joints (*Asthyashrita Sandhi*).
2. **Gata:** Derived from the verb root 'gam + ktin', meaning gone to, situated in, directed towards, or arrived at. It signifies the occupancy, initiation of movement, or migration of a biological force into a specific targeted anatomical pathway or site.
3. **Vata:** Originated from the root '*Vaa Gati-gandhanayoh*', meaning to blow, move, strike, hurt, or enlighten. Commentator *Dalhana* derives *Vata* by highlighting its dual functional nature: *Gati*, denoting *prāpti* or attainment, and *jñāna* or knowledge and *Gandhana*, conveying enthusiasm, illumination, indication, and motivation. It operates as the foundational biological force that perceives, initiates, and regulates all somatic and psychic activities.

Anatomical and Physiological Considerations

According to *Ayurvedic* embryology, *Asthi Dhatu* is constituted primarily by *Prithvi*, *Agni*, and *Vayu* elements, whereas joint spaces are formed via the *Akasha Mahabhuta*. The functional integrity and kinetics of these spaces are tightly governed by *Vyana Vayu*.

● ***Shleshaka Kapha and Shleshmadhara Kala***

Among the five subtypes of *Kapha*, *Shleshaka Kapha* specifically resides within the joints. Its primary physiological obligations include maintaining the firm union of articulating surfaces, protecting the joint configuration from subluxation or separation, and supporting smooth lubrication and structural stability. The anatomical substrate responsible for secreting this unctuous material is the *Shleshmadhara Kala*, recognized as the fourth internal membrane layer, which lines all synovial articulations. *Ayurveda* describes its function through a mechanical analogy: just as an axle moves seamlessly when properly lubricated with grease, joints function without friction when supported adequately by *Shleshaka Kapha*. This biological fluid can be directly correlated with modern synovial fluid and intercellular ground substances.

● ***Vyana Vata and Ashrayashrayi Sambandha***

While *Vyana Vata* is centered in the *Hridaya*, it perpetually circulates through the entire organism, governing motor functions, locomotion, and joint dynamics such as *Aakuncana* and *Prasarana*. Commentator Gayadasa notes that although *Vyana Vata* is ubiquitous, its active operational field is localized heavily within the *Sandhis*. *Acharya Vagbhata* describes an intrinsic inverse relationship between *Vata* and *Asthi Dhatu* known as *Ashrayashrayi Sambandha*. While an increase in a *Dosha* typically leads to a corresponding increase in its dependent tissue, *Vata* and *Asthi* operate inversely; hence, an increase in *Vata Dosha* directly accelerates bone tissue depletion (*Asthi Kshaya*).

● **Structural Components of the *Janu Sandhi* (Knee Joint)**

Acharya Sushruta identifies 210 joints across the human skeleton, sub-classified into 68 in the *Shakhas*, 59 in the *Kostha*, and 83 in the head and neck (*Urdhwa jatru bhagas*). The knee joint (*Janu Sandhi*) is a critical weight-bearing articulation classified as a *Chala Sandhi* (movable joint) and structurally grouped under *Kora Sandhi* (hinge joint). Its structural integrity depends on multiple integrated systems:

● ***Snayu (Ligaments)***: Ten specialized ligaments tie the *Janu Sandhi*, predominantly of the *Pratana* (interlacing/spreading) variety. They stabilize the joint under heavy weight-bearing demands, much like secure ropes holding a vessel safely in place.

- **Peshi (Muscles):** Five major muscle bellies envelop the knee joint, protecting the underlying vessels, tendons, and bony margins.
- **Janu Marma (Vital Point):** The *Janu Marma* is situated precisely between the thigh (*Uru*) and calf (*Jangha*). Measuring three *angulas*, it is categorized as a *Sandhi Marma* and a *Vaikalyakara Marma*; any severe traumatic insult results in permanent structural deformity or lameness (*Khanjata*).

In correlation with modern anatomy, the knee is a complex, incongruent synovial joint formed by the femoral condyles, tibial plateaus, and the patella. It relies on the fibrous capsule (collagen networks), the synovial membrane (synovial intima containing pleomorphic synoviocytes that synthesize lubricin and hyaluronic acid), and fibrocartilaginous crescent-shaped menisci acting as shock absorbers. Normal articular cartilage matrix is sustained by a delicate equilibrium between proteoglycans (resisting compression) and Type II collagen (resisting shear forces), regulated by chondrocyte-derived matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs).

3. Etiopathogenesis (*Nidana Panchaka*)

In classical texts, a standalone, exclusive etiology for *Sandhigatavata* is not detailed; rather, the universal etiological factors responsible for *Vatavyadhi* are fully applicable. These are categorized into *Sannikrishta* and *Viprakishta* factors.

3.1 Predisposing Factors (*Viprakishta Hetu*) of *Sandhigatavata*

Etiological Category	Specific Classical Factors (<i>Nidana</i>)
Rasa (Dietary Tastes)	Excessive indulgence in Astringent (<i>Kashaya</i>), Pungent (<i>Katu</i>), and Bitter (<i>Tikta</i>) tastes.
Guna (Dietary Qualities)	Habitual intake of Dry (<i>Rooksha</i>), Cold (<i>Sheeta</i>), and Light (<i>Laghu</i>) foods.
Dravya (Specific Foods)	Excessive consumption of <i>Mudga</i> , <i>Masura</i> , <i>Kalaya</i> , <i>Adaki</i> , <i>Harenu</i> , <i>Shushkashaka</i> (dried vegetables), and <i>Vallura</i> (dried meat).

Etiological Category	Specific Classical Factors (Nidana)
Ahara Krama (Eating Habits)	Alpahara (starvation), Vishamashana (irregular meals), Adhyashana (overeating), and Pramitashana (deficient diet).
Manasika (Psychological)	Chronic anxiety (Chinta), grief (Shoka), anger (Krodha), and fear (Bhaya).
Viharaja (Lifestyle / Physical)	Atijagarana (night awakening), Ativyavaya (excessive sexual activity), Shrama (overexertion), Divasvapna (day sleeping), and Vegasandharana (suppression of natural urges).

● **Samprapti**

The progression of *Sandhigatavata* unfolds through two discrete pathological streams, determined by the underlying physiological status of the patient:

1. *DhatuKshaya Janya Sandhigatavata*: In advanced age, *Vata Dosha* naturally dominates, precipitating a systemic decline in *Kapha*. As the unctuous qualities of *Shleshaka Kapha* diminish within the joints, the structural binding (*Sandhi Bandhana*) suffers laxity (*Shithilata*). Simultaneously, *Asthi Dhatu Kshaya* introduces porosities (*Sushirata*) and a distinct vulnerability (*Khavaigunya*) within the bone ends. Continued consumption of *Vata*-aggravating factors forces the hyper-vitiated *Vyana Vayu* to migrate and settle inside these depleted joint spaces (*Sthana Samshraya*). Due to its dry, rough, and light properties, *Vata* neutralizes the remaining lubrication, culminating in friction, cartilage erosion, and severe pain.
2. *Avarana Janya Sandhigatavata* : Commonly observed in obese individuals (*Sthula*), excessive accumulation of *Kapha* and *Medas* creates a physical impediment across the macro and microchannels (*Margavarana*). This pathway traps *Vata*, blocking its natural direction. Furthermore, the massive systemic deposition of fat tissue halts the distribution of essential nutrition to subsequent deeper tissues, namely *Asthi* and *Majja*, inducing a localized tissue depletion. The obstructed and highly provoked *Vata* then localizes within the major weight-bearing joints (primarily the knee), establishing the classical signs of *Sandhigatavata*.

● **Samprapti Ghataka**

1. **Dosha:** *Vyana Vata , Shleshaka Kapha.*
2. **Dushya/Dooshya:** *Peshi, Snayu , Asthi , and Majja .*
3. **Srotas:** *Mamsavaha, Medovaha, Asthivaha, and Majjavaha Srotas.*
4. **Srotodushti Type:** *Sanga* (Obstruction due to Avarana) and *Srotoriktata* (Emptiness of channels due to *Dhatukshaya*).
5. **Agni Status:** *Jataragni Mandya* (impaired core digestion) leading to secondary *Asthi-Dhatvagni Mandya*.
6. **Roga Marga:** *Madhyama Roga Marga*
7. **Udbhavasthana:** *Pakvashaya;*
8. **Vyaktasthana:** *Sandhi*

● **Rupa and Purvarupa**

The clinical presentation of *Sandhigatavata* progresses from vague, indistinct premonitory features to fully expressed localized structural deficits.

● **Purvarupa**

Representing the *Sthanasamshraya* stage (localization), the premonitory phase features subtle, incomplete, or unexpressed signs (*Avyakta* or *Alpa Vyakta Lakshana*). Commentator *Chakrapani* interprets '*Avyakta*' as a state of localized weakness or lightness (*Laghava*). In clinical presentation, occasional mild joint aching (*Sandhi-Shoola*) or minor stiffness during early morning movement constitutes the *Purvarupa*.

● **Rupa**

When the disease reaches *Vyakti Avastha*, the classical *Samhitas* document several cardinal features:

1. **Sandhi Shula (Joint Pain):** Pain is the primary diagnostic indicator. Because *Vata* is the exclusive vehicle for sensory pain, any localization within the joint channels blocks normal neural and kinetic pathways, yielding deep, persistent pain during movement.

2. **Sandhi Shopha (Joint Swelling):** Aggravated *Vata* settles in the empty spaces of the joints, producing localized swelling. *Acharya Charaka* describes this classic sign as '*Vatapurna-driti-sparsha*'—upon physical palpation, the swollen joint replicates the tactical sensation of a bag inflated tightly with air.
3. **Prasarana-Akunchanajanya Vedana:** Characterized by pain triggered during active flexion and extension, driven by the impairment of *Vyana Vata* within the local tendons and muscles.
4. **Atopa / Sandhi Sphutana (Crepitus):** *Acharya Madhavakara* introduces the term '*Atopa*' to describe a distinct 'guda-guda' or crepitating sound produced during joint rotation, directly reflecting the profound loss of *Shleshaka Kapha* lubrication.
5. **Hanti Sandhi Gatah (Loss of Function):** Severe restriction or absolute loss of joint mobility. *Acharya Sushruta* highlights this as a later degenerative stage where joint structures undergo wasting (*Asthishosha*) or partial subluxation (*Sandhi-vishlesha*), rendering the patient crippled.

● **Differential Diagnosis and Prognosis**

Establishing a definitive diagnosis requires a systematic comparative evaluation against other similar clinical entities that present with joint pain and inflammation, such as *Krostukashirsha*, *Amavata* (Rheumatoid Arthritis), and *Vatarakta* (Gouty Arthritis).

● **Differential Diagnosis (Vyavachhedhaka Nidana) Matrix**

Diagnostic Criteria	Sandhigatavata	Krostukashirsha	Amavata	Vatarakta
Primary Dosh Dushya	Vata localized in Sandhi	Vata and Rakta in Knee	Vata and systemic	Ama Vata and Rakta in smaller joints
Swelling Characteristics	Feels like an air-filled bag (Vatapurna driti)	Bulbous, resembles jackal's head	Severe, a migrating, generalized edema	Localized, nodular, highly inflamed

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Pain Quality	Pain exacerbated by flexion and extension	Constant, deep, excruciating pain	Severe, sharp, resembling a scorpion sting	Intense burning, pricking, rat-bite like
Systemic Features (Fever, Ama)	Absent; completely free from systemic Ama	Absent; strictly localized to knee joint	High presence of Ama, high fever, anorexia	Mild to moderate fever, burning sensations
Targeted Joint Profile	Major weight-bearing joints (Knee, Hip)	Exclusively confined to the Knee joint	Symmetrical, starts in multiple big/small joints	Starts in small peripheral joints (Great toe)
Primary Relieving Factor	Warm, unctuous therapies (Ushna, Snigdha)	Unctuous yet cold applications	Dry, hot fomentation (Ushna-Rooksha)	Blood-letting (Raktamokshana), cold compresses

● **Sadhya-Asadhyata**

Sandhigatavata is universally categorized as *Kashtasadhya* (difficult to treat or manage). This challenging prognosis is governed by three classical parameters: first, it primarily afflicts elderly individuals during *Vardhakya Kala*, a phase of life where physiological tissue depletion (*Dhatukshaya*) is naturally progressive. Second, the disease is located within the *Madhyama Roga Marga* and involves vital joints (*Marmasthana*), which are inherently deep-seated. Third, when the pathology involves advanced stages of bone and marrow depletion (*Asthi-Majja Gata*), it becomes chronic and manageable but not fully curable (*Yapya*), requiring life-long therapeutic maintenance to stave off total functional disability.

● **Chikitsa Sutra**

The core treatment principle is defined as '*Vighatana of Samprapti*' (the systematic deconstruction of the pathogenesis). *Acharya Charaka* identifies that all *Vatavyadhis* are driven by two main mechanisms: *Srotorodha* and *Dhatukshaya*. Therapeutic protocols are structured around the patient's metabolic state: *Shamana* (pacification) is deployed for

moderate conditions, whereas *Shodhana* (bio-purification) is preferred for advanced, deep-seated conditions, provided the patient has sufficient vital strength. Crucially, if the condition is in a *Samavastha* (associated with active undigested Ama toxins), standard *Vata* therapies will aggravate the condition; therefore, interventions must initially focus on clearing *Ama*, transitioning to classical *anti-Vata* therapies only during the *Nirama* state.

1. Purvakarma

Before executing bio-cleansing therapies, two essential preparatory steps must be strictly implemented to mobilize deep-seated toxins:

- a. *Snehapana* (Internal Oleation): Involves the systematic, escalating oral administration of pure medicated lipids (typically Guggulu-tiktaka Ghrita or plain Cow's Ghee) on an empty stomach. Administered for up to seven consecutive days, the dosage is titrated daily until the patient exhibits signs of optimal internal oleation (*Samyak Snigdha Lakshana*), such as unctuous skin and soft stools. This procedure successfully lubricates micro-channels and loosens lipid-soluble toxins.
- b. *Abhyanga* (External Oleation): Regular localized or full-body massage using Vata-pacifying herbal oils (e.g., Mahanarayana Taila) acts directly as an anti-aging (Jarahara) and degenerative-arresting therapy. The physical qualities of the medicated oils—unctuous (*Snigdha*), heavy (*Guru*), and soft (*Mridu*)—directly counteract the dry (*Ruksha*) and rough (*Khara*) attributes of the vitiated *Vata*.

2. Comprehensive Core Modalities

Acharyas Sushruta and Vagbhatta detail a highly specialized array of localized and systemic procedures to arrest joint degeneration:

- a. **Virechana (Therapeutic Purgation):** The administration of customized herbal decoctions to induce therapeutic purgation via the intestinal tract. It cleanses the core gastrointestinal tract (*Koshtha*), clears systemic *Ama*, down-regulates inflammatory markers, and balances the primary seat of *Vata*.
- b. **Upanaha (Medicinal Poultice):** A highly effective form of sudation where a hot medicinal paste prepared from *Vata-shamaka* roots, blended with herbal oils and salt, is thickly applied over the knee joint. The joint is enveloped in medicinal leaves and firmly

bandaged for 12 hours. This process increases local blood circulation, relaxes periarticular muscles, and relieves deep stiffness.

c. **Agnikarma (Thermal Cautery):** The application of localized therapeutic heat using specialized materials like herbal oils, honey, or jaggery. *Dalhana* highlights that *Agnikarma* performed on the overlying muscle tissue successfully treats deep-seated disorders of the ligaments and bones. Crucially, *Bhadrasaunaka* states that conditions resolved via *Agnikarma* exhibit a remarkably low rate of clinical relapse.

d. **Bandhana (Therapeutic Bandaging):** Therapeutic bandaging of the joint using *Vata-alleviating* leaves. Firm bandaging provides structural stability, prevents *Vata* from inflating the joint space, and reduces the 'bag of air' swelling (*Vatapurna driti sparsha*).

e. **Basti and Matra Basti (Medicated Enemas):** Because *Sandhigatavata* resides in the *Madhyama Roga Marga*, *Basti* is recognized as the supreme treatment of choice. Given the advanced age and tissue depletion of these patients, *Matra Basti* (low-dose oil enema) is highly favored. Administered per rectum using 50-60 ml of warm medicated lipids (such as *Guggulu-tiktaka Ghrita*), it can be safely conducted on an outpatient basis. It directly nourishes the colon wall, pacifies *Vata* at its root locus, stops bone tissue erosion, and promotes long-term mobility.

f. **Janu Basti (Localized Knee Therapy):** A highly specialized localized therapy for knee osteoarthritis. A leak-proof circular boundary constructed from black gram flour dough is secured over the affected knee. Warm medicated oil is poured and held within this reservoir at a constant temperature for 30-45 minutes. The continuous thermal and pharmacological action ensures deep tissue absorption, resolves localized toxins, restores synovial fluid volume, and relieves chronic pain.

3. Holistic Pathways: Yoga and Rasayana

a. Yogic Management

Psychological stress, fatigue, and erratic sleep patterns impair core digestion and aggravate *Vata*. Regular, gentle yogic practices provide a holistic pathway to sustain joint kinetics without introducing mechanical wear. Controlled body movements synchronized with rhythmic breathing enhance blood, oxygen, and energy circulation. Strength-building

postures reinforce the quadriceps and hamstring muscle tone, providing dynamic stability to the underlying joint. Recommended practices include Shavasana for deep neuromuscular relaxation and energetic, warming Pranayama techniques (e.g., Kapalabhati and Ujjayi) to burn metabolic toxins. Specific low-impact joint stabilizing postures include Virabhadrasana, Parshvottanasana, Vrikshasana, and Utthita Trikonasana.

b. Rasayana (Rejuvenation Therapy)

The integration of *Rasayana* (rejuvenating herbs) matches the modern clinical approach of utilizing vitamins, minerals, and bone-modulating agents. Several classical plants contain rich profiles of naturally occurring phytoestrogens, vitamins, and minerals that counteract age-related tissue breakdown without adverse secondary effects. Administered in their whole, natural matrix, these plants provide a multi-targeted rejuvenating effect across all *Dhatus*. Key examples include Amalaki (*Emblica officinalis*) for powerful antioxidant protection, Shigru (*Moringa oleifera*) for rich mineral supplementation, *Shatavari* (*Asparagus racemosus*) for its potent phytoestrogenic, bone-preserving properties, alongside *Kaidarya* (Curry leaves) and *Agasthya* (*Sesbania grandiflora*).

● **Pathya-Apathya (Dietary and Lifestyle Guidelines)**

To prevent further *Vata* provocation and protect the joints from excessive structural stress, patients must strictly adhere to the classical guidelines of *Pathya* (beneficial) and *Apathya* (detrimental) factors compiled from the general treatment of *Vatavyadhi*.

8.1 Recommended Food and Lifestyle (Pathya)

Category	Beneficial Dietary and Lifestyle Interventions (Pathya)
Annavarga (Grains)	Godhuma (Wheat), Masha (Black gram), Raktashali (Red rice), and Kulattha (Horsegram).
Dugdhavarga (Dairy)	Fresh Cow's milk (Gau-dugdha), Goat's milk (Aja-dugdha), pure Ghrita, and Cream cheese (Kilatam).
Phala & Shaka (Fruits/Veg)	Draksha (Grapes), Badara (Jujube), Amra (Mango), Patola (Wild snake gourd), Shigru (Moringa), Rasona (Garlic), and Jivanti.

Category	Beneficial Dietary and Lifestyle Interventions (Pathya)
Jala & Rasa (Fluids/Tastes)	Ushna Jala (Warm water), Shritashita Jala. Diets dominated by Sweet (Madhura), Sour (Amla), and Salty (Lavana) tastes.
Mamsavarga (Meats)	Soups prepared from Kukkuta (Cock), Tittir (Partridge), and wild or aquatic animals (Jalachara Mamsa) to provide intensive nourishment.
Vihara (Lifestyle)	Atapa Sevana (controlled sun exposure), Mridushayya (comfortable bedding), and Ushnodaka Snana (bathing in warm water).

Prohibited Food and Lifestyle (Apathya)

Category	Prohibited Dietary and Lifestyle Interventions (Apathya)
Annavarga (Grains)	Yava (Barley), Kodrava (Millet), Shyamaka, Nivara, Chanaka (Chickpea), and Kalaya.
Phala & Shaka (Fruits/Veg)	Jambu (Jamun), Kramuka, Kasheruka, Lavali. Vegetables like Kumuda, Kamalanala, and Palakya.
Rasa (Prohibited Tastes)	Excessive intake of Pungent (Katu), Bitter (Tikta), and Astringent (Kasaya) tastes.
Jala & Madhya (Fluids)	Cold water (Shita Jala), river water, fresh un-aged wine (Navamadya), and excess alcohol intake.
Mamsavarga (Meats)	Kapota (Pigeon), Shuka, and Shushka Mamsa (dry, dehydrated flesh).
Vihara (Lifestyle Actions)	Chronic worry (Chinta), sleep deprivation (Jagarana), natural urge suppression (Vega Sandharana), fasting (Anashana), excessive walking (Chankramana), sleeping on hard surfaces (Kathin Shayya), and aggressive jumping/exertion.
Aushadha (Contraindicated)	Strong Vamana (induced emesis) and unchecked, excessive Raktamokshana (blood-letting).

● Conclusion

Sandhigatavata is a multi-layered degenerative disorder that mirrors the modern pathology of Osteoarthritis. *Ayurveda* provides an exceptionally deep understanding of its etiopathogenesis, classifying its progression into *Dhatukshaya* and *Avarana* pathways. By targeting both the localized structural degeneration within the joint capsule and the global systemic imbalance of *Vata Dosha*, the treatment principles offer a comprehensive therapeutic model. Combining preparatory internal oleation (*Snehapana*) with powerful localized treatments such as *Janu Basti*, *Upanaha*, and *Agnikarma*, alongside systemic colon-targeted *Matra Basti*, effectively arrests further cartilage degradation. When integrated with regular low-impact *Yoga* and tissue-rejuvenating *Rasayana* herbs, this classical framework provides a highly effective, safe, and sustainable methodology for restoring mobility and improving the quality of life in patients suffering from *Sandhigatavata*.

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