

Jatropha gossypifolia Linn.

Family : Euphorbiaceae

Parts Used : Leaf, Seed, Bark

Vernacular Names

English : Tua-tua

Malayalam : Chuvannakadalavanakku

Bengali : Rangakalo.

Tamil : Adali, Kattamanakku, Simaiyamanakku

Telugu : Nepalemu, Simanepalemu



Distribution and Habitat: A native of Brazil; Naturalized in many parts of India.

Botany: A shrub, 0.9-1.8m,

• **Leaves:** Palmately 3-5 lobed leaves, easily recognized by the stipitate, yellow viscid glands, which cover the leaf margins, petioles and stipules,

• **Flowers:** Small red flowers in glandular corymbose cymes. Stamens 10-12.

Properties: Emmenagogue, purgative, emetic

Chemical constituents: Jatropholones A & B

Uses: It is used in cancer, boils, carbuncles, eczema, and itches

Propagation: By seeds

