

# *Naravelia zeylanica* (Linn.)DC.

**Family** : Ranunculaceae

**Parts Used** : Whole plant

## **Vernacular Names**

English : Naravelia

Malayalam : Vatakkodi, Talavedanavalli

Sanskrit : Dhanavalli

Kannada : Neendamalli

Tamil : Vatamkolli, Nintavalli



**Distribution and habitat:** Found throughout India.

**Botany:** A scandent or climbing shrub with tuberous roots, wiry stem and strong tendrils.

• **Leaves:** 3-foliolate, opposite, terminal leaflet modified in to a 3-branched tendril, leaflets ovate-lanceolate, serrate or crenate, prominently nerved.

• **Flowers:** Yellow, fragrant, in axillary or terminal panicles, sepals downy, petals linear-clavate, elongate.

• **Fruits:** Aggregate of achenes, ending in twisted feathery tails.

**Chemical constituents:** It contains alkaloids, flavanoids, tannins and glycosides.

**Properties:** The plant is astringent, bitter, sweet, anthelmintic, depurative, anodyne, anti-inflammatory and vulnerary.

**Uses:** It is useful in helminthiasis, dermatopathy, leprosy, rheumatism, odontalgia, cephalalgia, colic, inflammations, wounds and ulcers.

## **Agrotechnology**

Propagation: Tip or middle portion of the stem having 15-20 cm length and 3-4 buds

Planting: 60 day old rooted cuttings are planted at a spacing of 1 m x 1m.

