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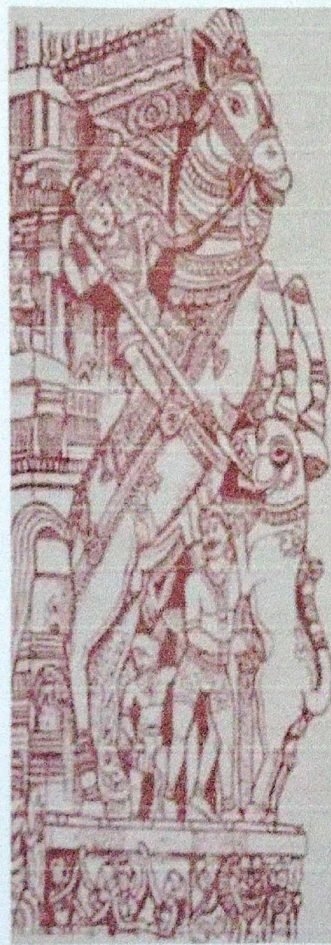
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Meaning of Guru in Indian Mythology




Meanings of 'Guru': 1/33

“one who swallows
ignorance”

गिरति अज्ञानम् इति गुरुः

Source: Vachaspatyam dictionary


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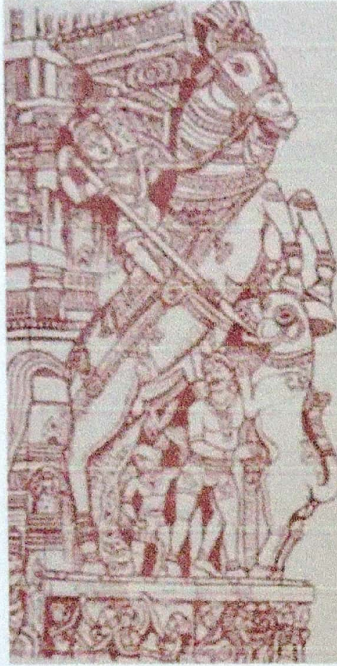
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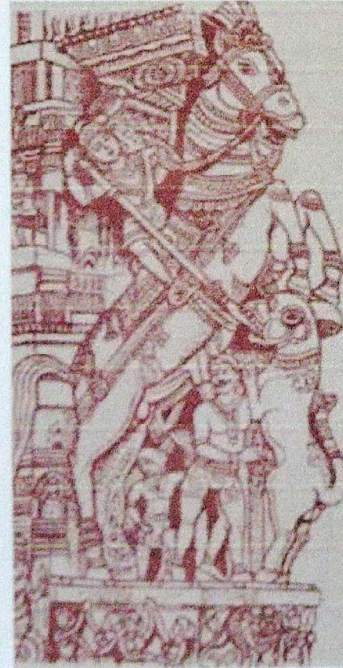


Meanings of 'Guru': 2/33

**“one who teaches *dharma*
and scriptures like Veda-s”**

गृणाति उपदिशति धर्मम् वेदादिशास्त्राणि वा इति गुरुः

Source: Shabdakalpadruma, Vachaspatyam dictionaries



Meanings of 'Guru': 3/33

**“one who is praised by gods,
gandharva-s, humans, etc.”**

गीर्यते स्तूयते देवगन्धर्वमनुष्यादिभिः इति गुरुः

Source: Shabdakalpadruma, Vachaspatyam dictionaries


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Meanings of 'Guru': 4/33

**“one who destroys darkness
with brilliance”**

गुकारश्चान्धकारो हि रुकारस्तेज उच्यते ।
अज्ञानग्रासकं ब्रह्म गुरुरेव न संशयः ॥

Source: Guru-gita in Skanda Purana



Meanings of 'Guru': 5/33

**“one who removes the
disease of worldly existence”**

गुकारो भवरोगः स्याद्गुकारस्तन्निरोधकृत् ।
भवरोगहरत्वाच्च गुरुरित्यभिधीयते ॥

Source: Guru-gita in Skanda Purana

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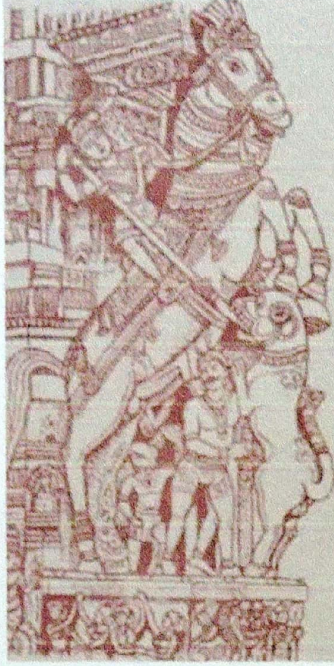
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Meanings of 'Guru': 6/33

“one who is beyond [three] qualities and form”

गुकारश्च गुणातीतो रूपातीतो रुकारकः ।
गुणरूपविहीनत्वाद्गुरुरित्यभिधीयते ॥

Source: Guru-gita in Skanda Purana

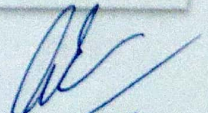


Meanings of 'Guru': 7/33

“one who releases from the bondage of *maya*”

गुकारः प्रथमो वर्णो मायादिगुणभासकः ।
रुकारोऽस्ति परं ब्रह्म मायाभ्रान्तिविमोचनम् ॥

Source: Guru-gita in Skanda Purana


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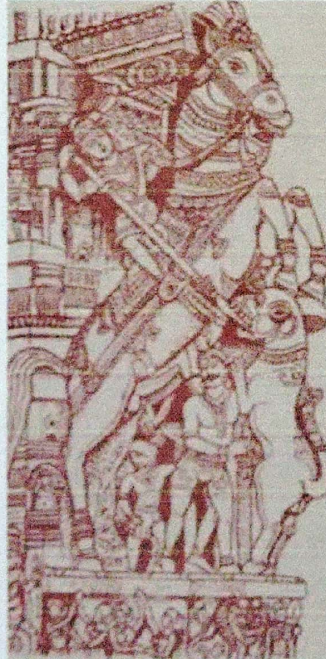


Meanings of 'Guru': 8/33

“Brahma (the creator)”

गुरुः ब्रह्मा

Source: Shabdakalpadruma dictionary

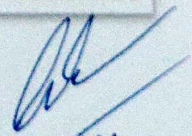


Meanings of 'Guru': 9/33

“Vishnu”

गुरुर्गुरुतमो धाम सत्यः सत्यपराक्रमः

Source: Vishnu-sahasranama in Mahabharata


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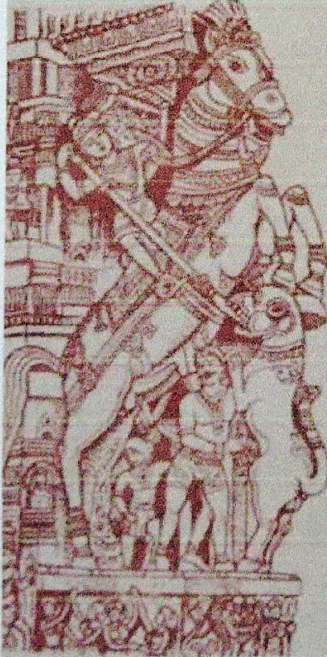


Meanings of 'Guru': 10/33

"Shiva"

सहस्रमूर्धा देवेन्द्रः सर्वदेवमयो गुरुः

Source: Shiva-sahasranama in Mahabharata

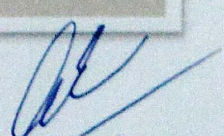


Meanings of 'Guru': 11/33

"Supreme Brahman"

गुरुः परमेश्वरे

Source: Vachaspatyam dictionary


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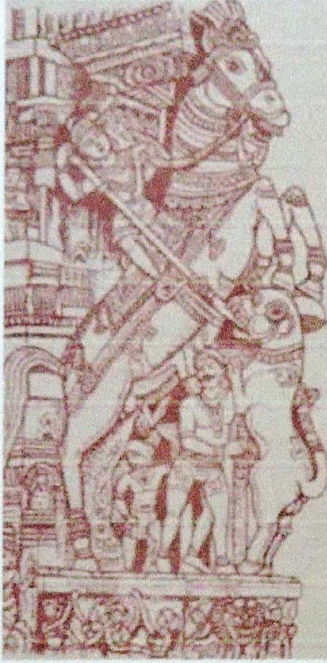
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Meanings of 'Guru': 12/33

**“Brihaspati, the teacher of
the gods”**

बृहस्पतिः ... गुरुः, गुरुः ... पुमान् ... सुरमन्त्रिणि

Source: Amara-kosha, Medini-kosha

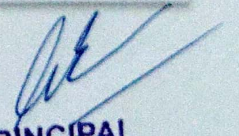


Meanings of 'Guru': 13/33

**“Prabhakara, the teacher of
Mimamsa philosophy”**

गुरुः प्रभाकराख्ये मीमांसकभेदे

Source: Vachaspathyam dictionary


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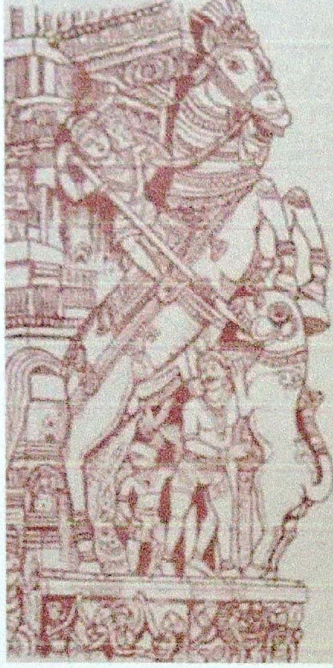
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Meanings of 'Guru': 14/33

**“Drona, the teacher of the
Pandava-s and Kaurava-s”**

गुरु: द्रोणाचार्ये

Source: Vachaspatyam dictionary



Meanings of 'Guru': 15/33

**“one who performs *nisheka*
rituals (*garbhadhana* etc.)”**

स निषेकादिकृद् गुरुः, , गुरुः ... पुमान् ... निषेकादिकरे

Source: Amara-kosha, Medini-kosha

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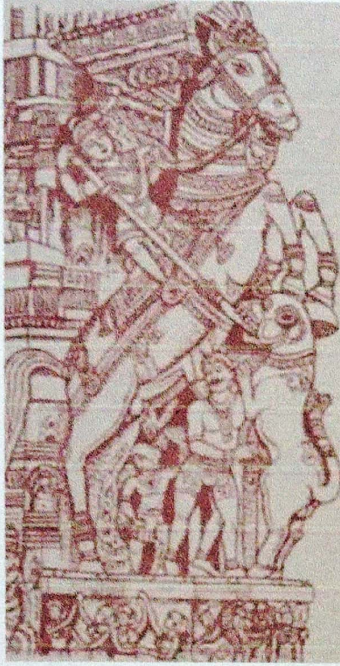
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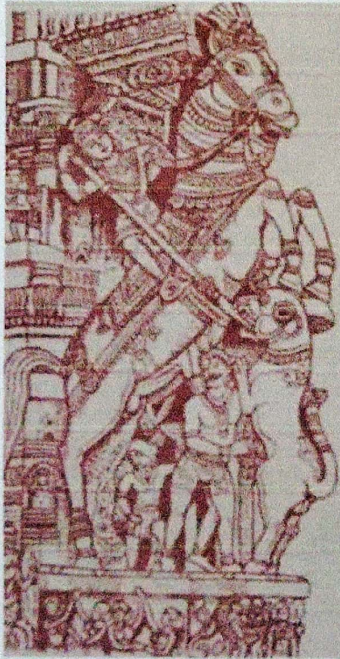


Meanings of 'Guru': 16/33

“one who gives a *mantra*”

गुरुः मन्त्रदाता, गुरुः तान्त्रिकमन्त्रोपदेष्टरि

Source: Shabdakalpadruma, Vachaspatyam dictionaries

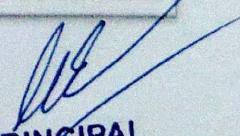


Meanings of 'Guru': 17/33

“the father”

गुरुः पितरि

Source: Vachaspatyam dictionary


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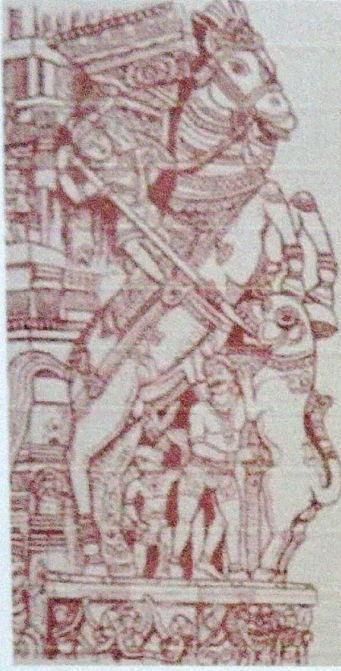
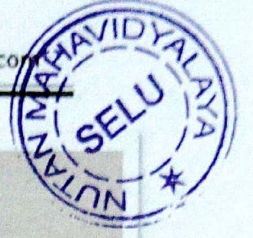
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Meanings of 'Guru': 18/33

“any of eleven male elders”

(teacher, father, brother, maternal & paternal uncles, maternal & paternal grandfathers, father-in-law, protector, king, an elder of the same *varna*)

गुरुः एकादशसु आचार्यादिषु

Source: Vachaspatyam dictionary



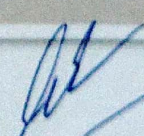
Meanings of 'Guru': 19/33

“any of the elders”

(teacher, parent, elder sibling, uncle/aunt, parent-in-law, grandparent, protector, midwife, king, etc.)

इत्युक्तो गुरुवर्गोऽयं मातृतः पितृतो द्विजाः

Source: Kurma Purana


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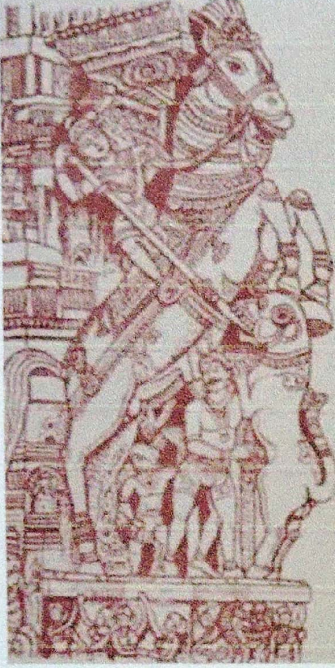
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Meanings of 'Guru': 20/33

“one who is great”

गुरुः महति, गुरुः महान्

Source: Shabdakalpadruma, Vachaspatyam dictionaries



Meanings of 'Guru': 21/33

“one who is ageless”

गुरुः दुर्जरा लघुनोरपि

Source: Medini-kosha

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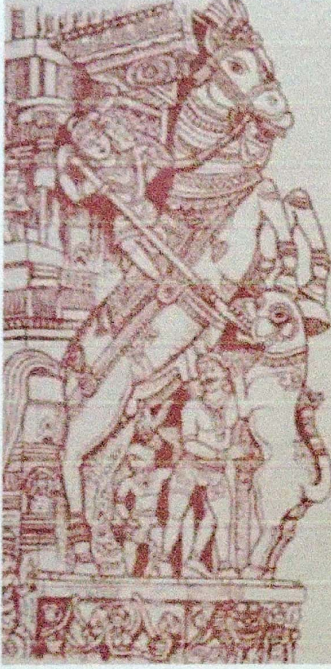
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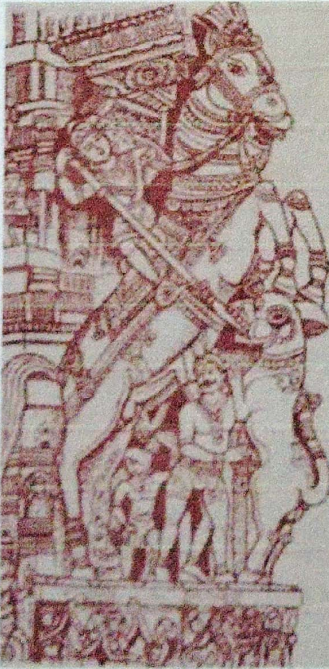


Meanings of 'Guru': 22/33

“one who is large”

गुरुः दुर्जलघुनोरपि

Source: Medini-kosha




Meanings of 'Guru': 23/33

“one who is powerful”

गुरुः बलवति

Source: Vachaspatyam dictionary


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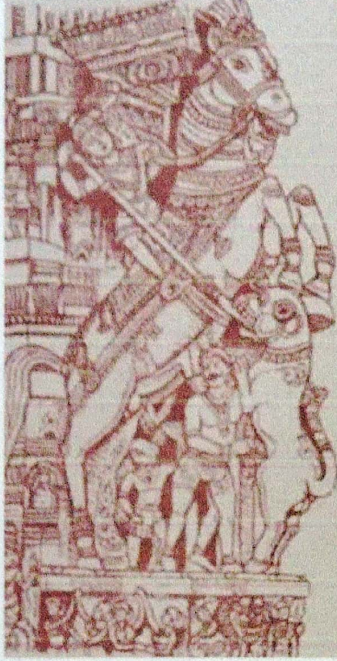
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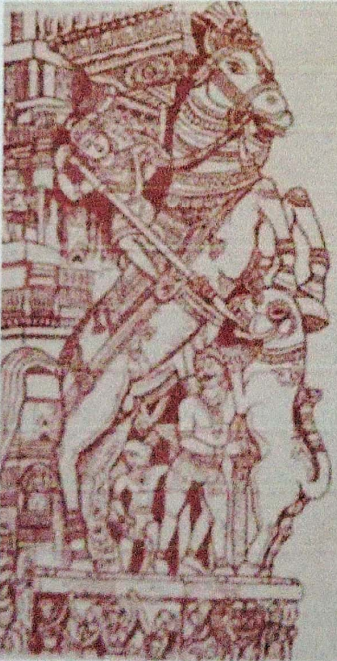


Meanings of 'Guru': 24/33

“one who is honourable”

गुरुः पूज्ये

Source: Vachaspatyam dictionary

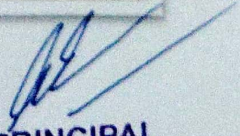


Meanings of 'Guru': 25/33

**“one whose speech has
profound meaning”**

गुरुः गम्भीरार्थे

Source: Vachaspatyam dictionary


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Meanings of 'Guru': 26/33

"heavy"

गुरुः भारायमाणः

Source: Shabdakalpadruma dictionary



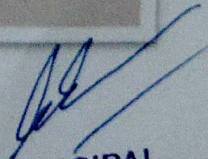
Meanings of 'Guru': 27/33

**"Shiva, who grants *siddhi-s*
and burns sins"**

गकारः सिद्धिदः प्रोक्तो रेफः पापस्य दाहकः ।

उकारः शम्भुरित्युक्तस्त्रितयात्मा गुरुः स्मृतः ॥

Source: Agamasara, cited in Shabdakalpadruma dictionary


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Meanings of 'Guru': 28/33

**“the illuminator of truth who
bestows oneness with Shiva
for the attainment of *jnana*”**

गकारो ज्ञानसम्पत्त्यै रेफस्तत्त्वप्रकाशकः ।
उकाराच्छिवतादात्म्यं दद्यादिति गुरुः स्मृतः ॥

Source: Agamasara, cited in Vachaspathyam dictionary

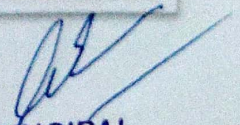


Meanings of 'Guru': 29/33

“abundance”

गुरुः अतिशयः

Source: Shabdakalpadruma dictionary


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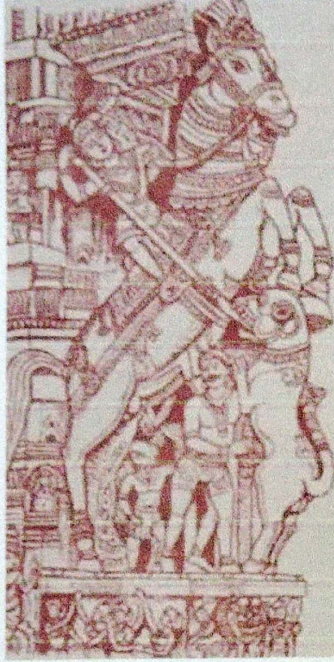
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Meanings of 'Guru': 30/33

“a long syllable”

गुरुः दीर्घवर्णादौ, गुरुः द्विमात्रः

Source: Shabdakalpadruma, Vachaspatyam dictionaries



Meanings of 'Guru': 31/33

“the *pushya* constellation”

गुरुः पुष्यनक्षत्रे

Source: Vachaspatyam dictionary

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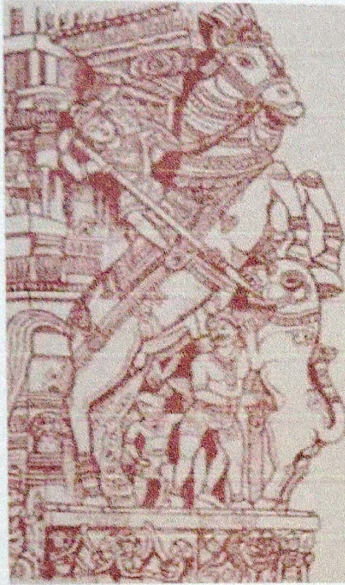
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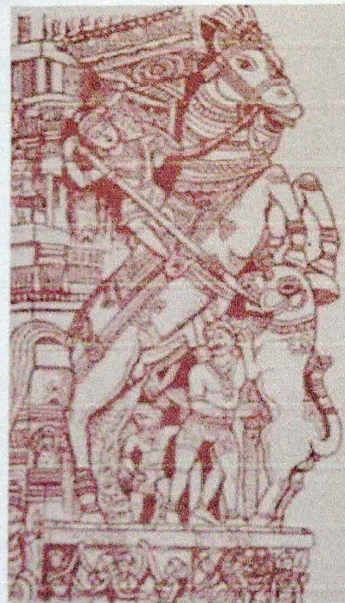


Meanings of 'Guru': 32/33

**“the velvet bean creeper
(*Mucuna pruritus*)”**

गुरु: कपिकच्छुवृक्षे, गुरु: कपिकच्छः

Source: Shabdakalpadruma, Vachaspathyam dictionaries



Meanings of 'Guru': 33/33

**“the foxtail millet grass
(*Panicum italicum*)”**

गुरु: दुष्पाके

Source: Shabdakalpadruma dictionary

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