01. Ayurvedic Cosmetics for Anti-Ageing

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Below are **7 classical or classical-inspired preparations** that target fine lines, loss of firmness, dullness, and agerelated dryness. Each recipe is scaled for a single 50 g batch of face product (adjust freely), uses **food-grade or pharmacopeial herbs**, and follows low-heat, small-equipment methods suitable for a clinic, spa back-bar, or artisan lab.

	Formulation	Brief Purpose	Key Classical Roots*
1	Kumkumādi Taila (Saffron Facial Oil)	Landmark anti-ageing & complexion enhancer – firms, brightens, supports collagen	Aṣṭāṅga Hṛdaya, Bhāvaprakāśa
2	Nalpa-Manjishtha Cream	Intensive night cream for wrinkles & photodamage	Based on Nalpāmarādi taila & Manjishthādi gana
3	Triphala Ghṛita Balm	Anti-oxidant barrier balm for Vata- dry mature skin	Caraka – Rasāyana adhyāya
4	Licorice-Shatavari Hydro-Gel	Cooling gel for Pitta-sensitive ageing skin	Kāyatārāva Tantra teachings on yashtimadhu
5	Rakta-Chandan Collagen Lepa	Weekly mask tightens & boosts glow	Śārṅgadhara Saṃhitā -
Raktacandana yoga			
6	Brahmi-Aloe Eye Serum	Targets periorbital lines, puffiness	Kerala Vaidya eye-cosmo recipes
7	Ashwagandha-Sesame Abhyanga Butter	Neck-décolleté & body firming butter	Suśruta - Vāta-hara sneha

^{*}Classical roots are cited for lineage orientation; exact modern adaptation steps below.

1. Kumkumādi Taila (50 g)

Intro: A revered saffron oil for fine lines, tone, and subtle glow.

Ingredient	Botanical	Qty (g)
Saffron filaments	Crocus sativus	0.3 g
Red sandalwood fine pwd.	Pterocarpus santalinus	1.5 g
Manjishtha pwd.	Rubia cordifolia	1.5 g
Laksha pwd.	Laccifer lacca resin	0.5 g
Yashtimadhu pwd.	Glycyrrhiza glabra	1 g
Goat-milk decoction	_	15 g (water phase)
Sesame oil (cold-pressed)	Sesamum indicum	30 g

Method

1. Prepare a **kwatha**: simmer goat milk + 60 ml water with powdered herbs 20 min; reduce to ½ (≈15 g).

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- 2. Filter; combine filtrate + sesame oil in a thick-bottom pot (sneha-pāka).
- 3. Low-heat till water evaporates (no more bubbling).
- 4. Cool to ≤40 °C; macerate saffron 5 min, strain if silky texture desired.
- 5. Bottle in amber glass.

Indications: Fine lines, uneven tone, post-sun ageing.

Contra-indications: Active pustular acne, known sesame or saffron allergy.

2. Nalpa-Manjishtha Night Cream (50 g)

Intro: Emollient cream merging Nalpāmarādi quartet (Ficus barks) with manjishtha for firming & brightening.

Phase	Ingredient	Bot. name	Qty
Oil	Nalpāmarādi taila base ¹	_	18 g
Oil	Wheat-germ oil	_	2 g
Water	Manjishtha decoction (2 %)	Rubia cordifolia	25 g
Emulsifier	Beeswax	_	3 g
Actives	Vitamin-E (tocopherol)	_	0.2 g
Preservative	Geogard ECO	_	0.6 g

¹Traditional sesame oil processed with barks of Ficus religiosa, F. benghalensis, F. racemosa, F. glomerata.

Method

- 1. Separate oil and water phases; heat to 70 °C.
- 2. Homogenize; cool to 45 °C; add vitamin E & preservative.
- 3. Pot in sterile jar.

Indications: Loss of firmness, photodamaged skin.

Contra-indications: Raw eczema; sap (latex) allergy to *Ficus* spp.

3. Triphala Ghrita Barrier Balm (50 g)

Intro: For severely dry, mature Vata skin—locks moisture, anti-oxidant shield.

Ingredient	Botanical	Qty
Clarified cow ghee	_	35 g
Triphala coarse pwd.	Terminalia chebula, T. bellirica, Emblica officinalis	3 g
Amla juice swarasa	E. officinalis	8 g
Rose hydrosol	_	3 g
Beeswax (Cera alba)	_	1 g

Method (Ghrita pāka - madhyama)

- 1. Boil amla juice + rose hydrosol + triphala till ¼ volume.
- 2. Add ghee; simmer low till watery phase evaporates.
- 3. Strain, blend in beeswax at 65 °C. Cool & pour.

Indications: Vata wrinkles, wind-chapped cheeks. Contra-indications: Very oily/comedo-prone skin.

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4. Licorice-Shatavari Hydro-Gel (50 g)

Intro: Pitta-calming, hydrating gel for fine dehydration lines.

Ingredient	Botanical	Qty
Aloe vera gel (fresh)	Aloe barbadensis	30 g
Licorice cold infusion	Glycyrrhiza glabra	15 g
Shatavari extract	Asparagus racemosus	2 g
Xanthan gum	_	0.4 g
Potassium sorbate sol.	_	0.6 g
Rose oil (trace)	Rosa damascena	2 drops

Method

- 1. Bloom xanthan in licorice infusion; add aloe gel slowly.
- 2. Stir in shatavari extract, preservative, rose oil.
- 3. Jar; refrigerate use within 4 weeks.

Indications: Sensitive, redness-prone ageing skin; hot climates.

Contra-indications: Aloe or licorice allergy.

5. Rakta-Chandan Collagen Lepa (Single-use Mask, 20 g)

Intro: Weekly tightening & glow mask; mild resurfacing.

Ingredient	Botanical	Qty	
Red sandalwood powder	Pterocarpus santalinus	4 g	
Wild turmeric (kasturi)	Curcuma aromatica	0.5 g	
Manuka honey (raw)	-	8 g	
Gotu kola micro-powder	Centella asiatica	1 g	
Rose water (g.s.)	-	≈6 m	ı

Method

Mix powders; blend into honey; thin with rose water to paste. Apply 12 min; mist to keep moist; rinse.

Indications: Dull, lax skin; pre-event glow.

Contra-indications: Turmeric staining on very pale skin; test patch.

6. Brahmi-Aloe Eye Serum (15 g)

Intro: Lightweight roll-on for crow's-feet, puffiness.

Ingredient	Botanical	Qty
Aloe juice (cold-pressed)	A. barbadensis	10 g
Brahmi CO ₂ extract	Bacopa monnieri	0.15 g
Caffeine (natural)	_	0.1 g
Fractionated coconut oil	_	4.5 g
Ecogel emulsifier	_	0.25 g

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Method

Low-shear emulsify oil into aloe juice with ecogel; fold in caffeine & brahmi; package in roll-on.

Indications: Fine peri-orbital lines, morning puffiness.

Contra-indications: Active blepharitis; sensitivity to caffeine.

7. Ashwagandha-Sesame Body Butter (100 g)

Intro: Lux body butter for mature neck, arms—promotes firmness & reduces crepe texture.

Ingredient	Botanical	Qty
Sesame oil infused with ashwagandha	Withania somnifera	40 g
Kokum butter	Garcinia indica	30 g
Shea butter	Vitellaria paradoxa	25 g
Vitamin E	_	0.5 g
Lavender EO (<0.5 %)	Lavandula angustifolia	0.25 g
Natural preservative	_	0.5 g
Arrowroot	_	4 g

Method

- 1. Melt butters + infused oil to 70 °C.
- 2. Cool to 35 °C; add vitamin E, preservative, lavender.
- 3. Whip until fluffy; fold arrowroot for non-greasy feel; jar.

Indications: Crepey arms, neck laxity, post-weight-loss skin. Contra-indications: Nut or lavender allergy; active dermatitis.

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