

Ethnobiological Studies from ‘Manusmruti’: V. The Concept of ‘Somarasa’ and Dictum against ‘Suraa’

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ABSTRACT Drinking of ‘somarasa’ (Juice of plant ‘Soma’) was an uncommon sacrificial practice of ancient people while consumption of ‘Suraa’ (spirituous liquor) was a sinful deed of lower social status, as evident from ‘Manusmruti’.