

**Ethnobiological Studies from *Manusmriti*: X.
The Pioneer Concept of Binomial Nomenclature**

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ABSTRACT The system of nomenclature adopted in ancient India, as depicted in *Manusmriti*, was binomial in nature and based on phylogenetic principles with social and ecological implications. Comparison between the binomial nomenclature principles as followed by Linnaeus and *Manusmriti* is highlighted in this paper.