

ALCHEMILLA PUROHITII, A NEW NAME FOR *A. SOJAKII*
K.M. PUROHIT & PANIGRAHI (ROSACEAE)

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Abstract. The new name *Alchemilla purohitii* Lakshmin., Bandyop. & Chand. Gupta (Rosaceae) is proposed to replace the later homonym *Alchemilla sojakii* K.M. Purohit & Panigrahi.

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Plocek (1986) validly published the name *Alchemilla sojakii* Plocek for a species native to Malá Fatra mountain area of Slovakia. Perhaps, unaware of the existence of the preceding species name, Purohit and Panigrahi (1991) published a new species from India under the same name.

The late Dr. Gopinath Panigrahi was known for his nomenclatural expertise and had contributed in some ways to the revisions of the *International Code of Botanical Nomenclature*. Therefore, the nomenclatural error committed by Purohit and Panigrahi (1991) may be attributed to the non-availability of the Plocek's 1986 publication to them. Furthermore, prior to 2001, for verification of published seed plant names, botanists relied upon the then existing *Index Kewensis* and its supplements. In this case, *Alchemilla sojakii* Plocek was included in the *Index Kewensis* Supplement XIX, dated 1991, which was likely not available to Purohit and Panigrahi prior to their 1991 publication.

According to the International Code of Nomenclature (Art. 53.1; Turland et al., 2018) *Alchemilla sojakii* K.M. Purohit & Panigrahi is an illegitimate later homonym. The replacement name *Alchemilla purohitii* Lakshmin., Bandyop. & Chand. Gupta is, therefore, proposed here.

Alchemilla purohitii Lakshmin., Bandyop. & Chand. Gupta, *nom. nov.*

Replaced name: *Alchemilla sojakii* K.M. Purohit & Panigrahi, *Fam. Rosac. India* 1: 218, t. 69, f. 74. 1991, *nom. illeg.*, non *Alchemilla sojakii* Plocek (1986). Fig. 1.

TYPE: INDIA, Jammu & Kashmir, Amarnath on way, 3700 m, 27 July 1966, *N.C. Nair* 37046 (Holotype BSD00008326, image!).

Eponymy: The specific epithet is given in the honour of Dr. K.M. Purohit, who made significant contribution to the taxonomy of Indian Rosaceae

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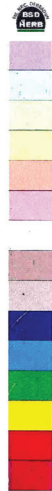
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HOLOTYPE
Alchemilla sojakii K.M. Purohit & Panig
ROSACEAE

BOTANICAL SURVEY OF INDIA

Flora of KASHMIR. No. 37046

Family Rosaceae

Name *Alchemilla vulgaris* Linn.

Local Name _____ Locality Amarnath on way

Date 27 July, 1966 Altitude 3700 m

Remarks Stem with procumbent branches, fls. greenish yellow.

Coll. N.C. N.S.

FIGURE 1. Holotype of *Alchemilla sojakii* K.M. Purohit & Panigrahi (BSD). Botanical Survey of India, Kolkata.®