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Ashwagandha (withania somnifera) is an herbal shrub, the roots and berries of which are used for medicinal properties. The herb has been

revered by practitioners of Ayurvedic medicine for ages. The following are some of its common usages: Ashwagandha is known

to relieve stress and anxiety. It is considered to be an adaptogen -- a substance which helps the body cope with stress.

Consumption of the herb may help increase muscle strength. The herb may also enhance athletic performance during exercise.

It may reduce symptoms of mental health conditions like depression. Some found ashwagandha to be helpful in reducing blood sugar levels and triglycerides, thus helping diabetes patients keep sugar in

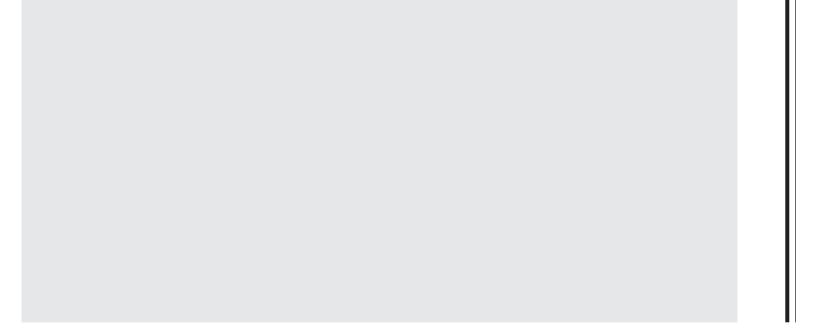
control. The herb may help sharpen cognitive ability, focus and memory.

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