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Top row: Folio from *Jasaharacariu* by Raidhū depicting Yaśodhara and sacrificial animals in front of the Goddess; Folio of *Abhidhāna-cintāmaṇi* by Hemacandra with the commentary by Śrīvallabha, the *Nāmasāroddhāra*.

Bottom row: Folio of a manuscript; Folio of *Kalpasūtra* manuscript depicting King Siddhārta at the court.

Centred: Wooden cover of *Navagrahakundalakṣaṇa* manuscript.

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