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Jam Today: Managing Large Manuscript Traditions with Digital Humanities Tools

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The editor of an Indic text is faced with several serious challenges. First, there are large numbers of manuscripts; second, Indic texts are often very long; third, few people understand why textual criticism and editing are necessary; fourth, work is slow and funding is hard to get. How can the newly-emerging tools of Digital Humanities help us to overcome some of these problems?
I will discuss these issues and give examples from two text-critical projects: the *Rasendramaṅgala* and the *Suśrutasaṃhitā*. Special attention will be given to the concepts of open data and rapid publication.

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