INDIGENOUS MEDICINAL PRACTICES OF TRIBAL COMMUNITIES AND ITS INFORMAL CONTRIBUTION HEALTH EDUCATION OF INDIA

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Abstract

The medicinal practices of tribal people still have not decoded to put to use in the main practice of medication as in English medicine practice. In Pre modern period the tribal settlements were completely disconnected from the main society, and hence they were stick on to their indigenous medication practices by using flora and fauna resources in their region without destruction of natural resource. But in the post modern periods, especially in India, most basic service were tried to provide for tribal people, in which government medical service is also one, but it has not utilized their indigenous medicines skills. Since the English medication is not effective for them in many ways their health care system and their health life totally disturbed.

The major tribal group is who dwell in forest also has no proper infrastructure in terms of housing, portable water, transportation and communication. In this condition people of this region are living in a miserable condition. The tribal people collect honey, gum traditional medicinal plants and use the technique of using medicinal practices of tribe which is vanishing in the present days is one of the significant aspect to be considered to protect them. To integrate in the main stream of Health Education of India.

Key words: Indigenous Medicine practice, Health care, Government health service, Tribal health services.