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Epistemology of indigenous healing practice: A micro sociological perspective

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The present study has focused on epistemological and culturlogical discourse of indigenous health, medicine and wellbeing of tribal people. It seeks to explore the intuition, willingness and stock of knowledge of tribe's and to help to define their own understanding of health and illness. The main objectives of this study are; to explore the indigenous system of healing practice through externalization and internalization process of knowledge creation; to identify the intellectual tradition of subaltern healing practice (Tribal people) and its existing strength and weakness of system. The study has used the published work related to indigenous medicine of tribal people and focus on qualitative methodology mainly micro-sociological approach, specifically phenomenological method for critical interpretation cum analysis. Findings of the study shows that the medicine and health has deeply embedded in tribal society, proving the significance of knowledge related to health and medicine. It suggested that discourse of indigenous healing system needs to be engaged critical ramification of its independent status rather merge with dominant medical system.

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