

ETHNOMEDICINE : AN INVITING AREA OF RESEARCH**

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Ethnomedicines may be broadly classified, on the basis of source of information, into the following three categories (i) Tribal medicines (ii) Folk medicines and (iii) Textual medicines. With the progress of modernisation and urbanisation, the tribal communities and rural societies are liking to depend on allopathic medicines and hence the sources of information about these two categories of ethnomedicines may be obliterated before long. Therefore, comprehensive studies in these areas should be initiated jointly by industrialists and scientiests, with a view to producing modern medicines with locally available resources. Similar efforts should be made to secure information from non-Ayurvedic texts too.