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ABSTRACT

This article attempts to look at various dimensions of problems of tribals in India with health being in focus. Mental health of tribals is a least explored area of study. The physical health of tribes is subject to their environmental conditions. Tribes see disease as a result of the ire of supernatural spirits. The tribes do not trust the qualified medical professionals when faced with a health problem. They resort to faith healing practices and appeasement of evil spirits through unqualified quacks.

Keywords- Mental health, supernatural spirits, medical professionals, faith healing, evil spirits.