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THE TWO STREAMS OF INDIA'S INDIGENOUS MEDICAL HERITAGE

ओषधीर्नामरूपाभ्यां जानते ह्यजपा वने
अविपाश्चैव गोपाश्च ये चान्ये वनवासिन:

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Knowledge of medicinal plants and their identification should be gained with the help of cowherds, hermits, hunters, forest-dwellers and those who gather plants of the forest for food".

FOLK - ORAL PRAKRIT STREAM

- Emperical and practical knowledge (vyhar).
- Based on local observations and simple inferences.
- Ethnic community and ecosystem specific, oral transmission.

INDIAN MEDICAL HERITAGE CLASSICAL CODIFIED SAMSKRIT STREAM

- Universal knowledge with underlying principles (tatwas), science (shastra) and practices (vyavhar).
- Based on direct observations (pratyaksh), inference (anuman), experiments (yukti), testimony of seers (apta) and sophisticated logic (nyaya).
- Documented in thousands of medical manuscripts.
- Codified traditions use darshanas, like sankya, yoga, nyaya, vaisheshika, vyakharan, Mimamsa, to view and explain changes in nature holistically.