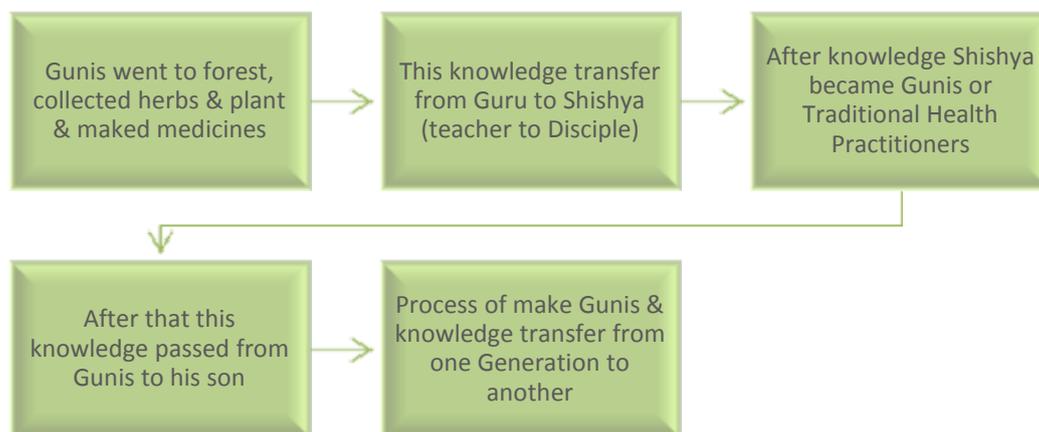


c. Gunies &herbal Plants:

The relationship of gunis with herbal plants in forest goes back to times immemorial. These vaidyas went to forest collected herbs and prepared medicines for the people. This knowledge flows among various ethnic communities. The transference of knowledge related to medicinal plants goes orally from one generation to another from guru to shishya (teacher to disciple) or from guni to his son. The shishya when attained the knowledge, he/she became guni or traditional health practitioners (THP). This culture is now extinct which in turns facilitate in the vanishing of this knowledge due to modernization, dependency on allopathic, lack of market opportunities of herbal medicines. On other hand, the knowledge of traditional health practices is very well encashed by the big companies. The benefits are going to big companies than real person i.e. Guni (Traditional health practitioners). The knowledge holder of these i.e. gunis have not been given due place in terms of either social or legal recognition. The official health policy does not include effective actions to involve local health cultures to achieve Health for All.

- Gunis have knowledge of all the parts and uses of medicinal plants.
- Guni knows in where the medicinal plants grow, in which season they grow and what environment the plants require. Together with this, they also have knowledge how to grow and harvest medicinal plants.
- Gunis have knowledge of which part of plants to use and for which disease.
- Gunis can identify symptoms of disease and also in which season it occurs.
- They have the quality of preparing medicines, packing and preserving.
- They have knowledge about the quantity of medicine to be taken of various diseases.

2. Source: Rapid Village Survey to identify Traditional Health Practitioners and streams of their practices
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Medicine Preparation / manufactured:

Very few of the respondent under the above survey (around 12-16 percent) of the Sarada and Girawa blocks of Udaipur district prepare the homes remedies herself/himself and dispense rest of the big number of the both block THPs were not Preparing the homes remedies herself/himself. Very few of them were providing & manufacturing one or two medicines such as Ayurveda, Unani, Siddha, Gsorigpa, Homeopathy and Allopathic medicines during the treatment. Rest of the huge number of the respondent of the both blocks respondent not providing any kind of medicine.²

Prepare Home Remedies by THPs in Sarada & Girawa Block Udaipur

■ Prepare Home Remedies ■ Not Prepare Home Remedies

