

# **Study on Implementation of Anganwadi Curriculum in Tribal Areas of Visakhapatnam District**

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## **ABSTRACT**

The study was designed to assess the implementation of Anganwadi curriculum in tribal areas of Visakhapatnam district. The sample consisted of 30 Anganwadi Workers (AWWs) and 30 Anganwadi Helpers (AWHs) who were selected from thirty Anganwadi centers using random sampling method. Questionnaire on knowledge levels of Anganwadi workers and Anganwadi helpers along with an observational checklist was developed for assessing the performance of AWWs on implementing the curriculum. Data was collected by interview method and observation method. The results revealed that majority (86.70%) of Anganwadi workers had average knowledge level on preschool curriculum. Among the different areas of curriculum majority of Anganwadi workers were not capable to perform activities related to cognitive development (75.90%) & language development (62.50%). Maximum percentage (70.00%) of Anganwadi workers conducted the preschool curriculum activities effectively. The Performance levels of AWHs showed that all the Anganwadi helpers (100.00%) were maintaining good level of personal hygiene. Similarly in child care and storage area component the Anganwadi helper's (93.00%) level of performance was found good. Majority of the AWWs (90.00%) attended job course training and refresher trainings which helped them in developing their knowledge and skills related to preschool education. The results of the study revealed that the implementation of preschool curriculum by Anganwadi workers in cognitive and language development area needs improvement for optimal growth and development of children. The major constraint of Anganwadi workers for implementing preschool curriculum was extra workloads. Anganwadi workers must be reduced in order to performed better on preschool education component and focused more on the performance of the prescribed curriculum.

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