

# **Mid Day Meal Programme : Implementation in Tribal Areas of East Godavari District**

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## **ABSTRACT**

Mid Day Meal programme was implemented by the Government of Andhra Pradesh in schools since 2003 in 22 districts to provide nutrition and encourage education to children. A survey was conducted to study the implementation of mid day meal in tribal areas of East Godavari district using observation checklist and interview schedules. The results have shown that the mid day meal programme is properly implemented in tribal areas. All the children are covered under the programme in majority of the schools. The quality of food provided for children is not good. Milk and fruits are totally omitted in mid day meals. The nutritional status of the tribal children studied is much below the reference value.

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