



A Comparative Study of Physical Growth of Primary School Going Santhal Boys and Girls (6 to 10 years) of Paschim Medinipur, West Bengal

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ABSTRACT The study of growth and physical development is very important as it provides valuable information about the overall health of the children as well as their community and country. This cross-sectional study was conducted to understand the physical growth condition of Santhal children. The present study also tries to depict the gender disparity in the physical growth of the study children. A total of 300 Santhal children were studied (150 Boys and 150 girls). Interview, Schedule and Observation method and standard anthropometric measurements were used to collect the data and measure the participants. It was observed from the result that Santhal boys and girls show similar physical growth in most of the age-sex groups which indicate gender equality in physical growth. But the overall growth condition of Santhal children was below the satisfactory level.