

## **A Study of Socio-economic and Nutritional Status of the Tribal Children**

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**ABSTRACT** Tribes are at risk of under nutrition due to poverty and improper health seeking behaviour. Therefore the study was undertaken to assess the socio-economic and nutritional status of the tribal children. A total of 149 tribal children were included for the study. Questionnaire was used to collect data on socio-economic, anthropometric measurements, food intake, clinical signs and symptoms. The results revealed that most of the Velala tribals lived in small size families, belonged to Low Income Group and they were illiterates. Mean height, weight and food intake of the selected tribal children were found to be significantly less than reference values. Their food intake was lacked in many nutrients. Majority of the Velala tribal children had brownish hair and carries tooth. Moreover scaly skin and hypo pigmented Vitamin A disorder were seen between 16 and 18 years. The magnitude of tribal children was suffered from the maladies of malnutrition.