

## **Birth Spacing among Rural Population of West Godavari District, Andhra Pradesh**

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**ABSTRACT** This paper reports on the practice of birth spacing, and socio-economic and demographic factors associated with birth spacing among rural population of West Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh, India. The data for the study were obtained from 214 households, through in-depth interviews. The result so that thirteen percent of couples adopted different methods to space births, and out of these methods, use of condom is predominant followed by oral pills. Some socio-economic and demographic characteristics of the household such as occupation, income, mother's educational status and mother's age at marriage associated significantly with the practice of birth spacing. The paper discusses the problems in introducing non-terminal methods of family planning and other associated factors that influence the acceptance of these methods.