

Prevalence and status of attention deficit hyperactivity disorder among primary school children

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■ **ABSTRACT** : This is an attempt to adjudge prevalence and status of attention deficit hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD) among primary school children. The sample comprised of 26 (20 boys and 20 girls) ADHD children from eight Government Kannada medium schools situated in Dharwad city of Karnataka state. The children age ranged between 10 and 12 years. Diagnostic and statistical manual –IV was used to identify ADHD children by the class teacher. The result revealed that prevalence of ADHD among the children ranged between around 3 to 13 per cent and an average prevalence was 6 per cent. The prevalence of ADHD among boys was higher than girls and ratio was 3:1.

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