

Existing drying practices of fresh vegetables in rural areas of Hisar district

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■ **ABSTRACT** : The study was conducted in Hisar district of Haryana state to know the existing sun drying practices of fresh vegetables among rural households. Two villages from Hisar district *i.e.* *Kaimeri* and *Harita* were selected with a sample of 100 women respondents (50 from each village) who were drying vegetables at home, purposively which were within 25 km from CCS Haryana Agricultural University, Hisar, for easy accessibility. Data were collected with the help of a pre-structured schedule personally by the researchers. It was found that majority of respondents were drying fenugreek leaves (66.00%), followed by *kachar* (53.00%) and red chillies (49.00%) in the months of Nov.-Jan. in the quantity of 3-4 kg and up to 6 months.

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