

A study on personal hygiene of street food vendors of Raipur city

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Street food popularly known as ready to eat food is ubiquitous these days. The foods are prepared bad, sold at vending places. The present study aimed to observe the personal and environmental hygiene of the vendors and its surrounding. A total of 200 street food vendors were selected from different areas of Raipur city. Demographic profile of selected vendors, their personal hygiene and environmental hygiene were recorded using pre-formatted questionnaire. All the results were statistically analyzed using SPSS software. The result revealed that, 76 per cent vendors were found neat and clean. Only 3.5 per cent vendors were observed using gloves, where as we didn't find any vendor using head gear (cap). 74.5 per cent stalls were close to open drainage line, in 84 per cent cases there were insects around the stalls. Only 54 per cent stalls had open dust bins. It can be concluded, that personal hygiene of vendors and environment of the surrounding was unsatisfactory. Awareness programmes at regular intervals are the need of recent times for healthy society and clean environment.

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