

A study of morbidity of pre-school children

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■ **ABSTRACT** : It is increasingly being recognized that good health is an important contributor to productivity as economic growth. In a poor country like India, there the only asset most people have is their body's health assumes even greater significance. Good health and its natural defense against illness are fundamental to every man, woman and child not only for their wellbeing but also for their survival. India in the past few decades, has witnessed rapid progress in terms of industrialization and agricultural production. Yet malnutrition especially under nutrition continues to be a major problem of public health significance in the country. It is a major contributor to high rates of childhood mortality, maternal mortality and morbidities in the community. Though poverty is a major underlying cause, scores of other factors such as socio-demographic, socio-economic, socio-cultural and lifestyle practices contribute significantly to the problem of malnutrition.

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