

# Assessment of food safety practices followed by street food vendors

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Now-a-days the changing life style has changed the way people eat, they are tending towards eating out which is more inclined towards street vendors as they provide quick and affordable meal. But this indirectly invited food borne illnesses which are caused by contaminated food. So, the present study was conducted with the aim to assess food safety practices of street food vendors in Udaipur city. For this purpose, 100 respondents were investigated using a structured questionnaire. The results stated that 70 per cent vendors were following poor food safety practices with mean  $27.24 \pm 3.17$  while none of them followed good practices. Majority clean their work place only one in a day and even have habit of chewing tobacco. The use of protective clothing was also poor. This depicts that vendors do not provide safe food and there is an urgent need to educate them.

■ **KEY WORDS**: Street vendors, Food safety, Eating out, Protective clothing

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