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Adoption of traditional knowledge about processed food by Banjara community

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SUMMARY: The investigation was carried out to identify the processed foods prepared by the Banjara women. The adoption practices for preparation of these foods were also documented. The study was carried out in Pusad Panchayat Samiti of Yavatmal district of Maharashtra State. For the study 4 villages were selected *viz.*, Gunj, Gajipur, Wadsad and Savangi. Many Banjara tandas are situated in these villages and they are scattered. Totally 120 Banjara women veterans (old age women) were selected for the study. After identification of the practices the inventory was made to document the traditional food practices. Kdav, Sukaldi, Tuvali, Churmo, Goal Batti, Malli Batti, Amboli, Malap, Nareja, Kharya, Khichdo, Movdalapsi, Malpoli and Rotiya were the traditional processed foods identified. In the second instance, the traditional food processing practices of the Banjara community were identified and documented.

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