Nutritional Status of The Nicobarese Tribal Children of Harminder Bay, Little Andaman

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ABSTRACT The present study throws light on nutritional status of 104 Nicobarese tribal children of Haminder Bay, Little Andaman. Age-independent indices derived from anthropometric measurements such as height reveal that boys in all age groups have ‘poor’ or ‘weak’ or ‘very weak’ body build and are categorized under ‘distinctly low’ or ‘mild undernutrition’. However, girls in the age-group of 11 – 13 years and above 14 years have ‘average’ or ‘good’ body build and are categorized under ‘normal’ state of nutrition. Interestingly none of the boys are found to be ‘obese’ or ‘stud’ whereas 3.51 percent of girls are found as ‘stud’.