

A Study of Physical Growth Among Jatapu Tribal Boys of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT A cross-sectional study was undertaken among Jatapu tribal boys in rural schools situated in the Seetammampeta mandal of Srikakulam district of Andhra Pradesh (South India) during April, 1992 to September 1993. The sample consisted of 341 healthy boys aged 6 to 18 years. In this paper, data on height, body, weight, upper arm circumference, calf circumference and skinfolds at biceps, triceps, subscapular, medial calf, forearm and suprailiac sites presented, including patterns of change in these physical traits with advancing age. It has been observed that there is an increase in all the dimensions with increase in age except skinfolds. Analysis of the data reveal that the all the dimensions exhibited the maximum mean annual increments between 12 and 15 years. There exists a second peak velocity in some of the measurements between 15 and 17 years. These body are shorter and heavier than the National Standard (ICMR, 1984). The findings of the study can be used as a reference material for Jatapu tribal boys.