

**ABSTRACT ON
SOCIO-ECONOMICS & RELIGIOUS ASPECT OF HEALTH CARE AMONG
THE RURAL PEOPLE OF INDIA: A STUDY IN SOME SELECTED VILLAGES
OF BOLANGIR DISTRICT, ORISSA.**

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Health in broad sense is a quality of life, which is a complex, dynamic, equilibrium, which stems from entire socio-economic conditions. The social environment play an important role in causation of health & disease which includes a complex interplay of factors & conditions i.e.-economics, cultural realms, customs, beliefs, attitude morals, religion, education, occupation standard of living community life etc.

Objectives of the study

The present study intends to find out the socio-economic determinant of health care and the religious beliefs & practices affecting the health care of the people of that area, and also identify their knowledge on modern medical practices & it's utilization in their own life.

Methodology

A sample of 120 respondents from different socio-economic category and also various caste, age, and sex group has been taken from three villages of Bolangir one of the poorest district of KBK regoin, Orissa, India. Data has been collected with the help of semi-structured interview with informal interview Schedule.

Findings

The findings of the study shows that the caste and income wise prevalence rate of illness for different diseases are OBCs 20.26%, STs 49.49%, Scs 30.25% .it was also found that still the practice of magico-religious belief in health care system is prevalent in this area as rate of 63.28% where as only 23.04% people preferring modern medical treatment measures. Lack of knowledge & awareness regarding the modern health care facilities among the people of that area are low.