



REPORT ON MID-DAY MEAL PROGRAM (MDM)

Date of Survey: 26.04.2022, 17.05.2022, 14.06.2022, 12.07.2022, 20.09.2022, 22.11.2022, 13.12.2022, & 10.01.2023

Survey Area: Daspur-I and Daspur-II block

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Organized by: Department of Physiology in collaboration with IQAC, Narajole Raj College

Name of the Schools:

Sl. No.	Participating School
1.	Brindabanpur S.S.K
2.	Ramchandrapur SPL Primary School
3.	Balitora Primary school
4.	Nimtala Primary school
5.	Barasimulia Primary School
6.	Khatbarai Primary School
7.	Tearberia Primary School
8.	Sarberia Primary School

Description:

The Mid-Day Meal Scheme (MDM) is one of the most well-known schemes initiated by the Government of India. MDMS, launched in 1995, seeks to address the issues of hunger and education in schools by serving hot cooked meals and improving the nutritional status of children, enrolment, attendance and retention rates.

The Department of Physiology of Narajole Raj College organized an extension program to survey on mid-day meal in eight schools in Daspur-I and Daspur-II block. The survey program was successfully carried out along with the NSS volunteers of Narajole Raj College.

Aims: The aim of the survey is

1. to study of impact of Mid-Day Meal Scheme on School enrolment and retention.
2. to give knowledge to the students on Mid-day meals, diet, nutrition and health and hygiene.



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Extension Activity Cell

Objectives: The specific objectives of the survey program were to encourage poor children belonging to disadvantaged sections of the society to attend school more regularly and help them concentrate on classroom activities.

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Name of the participating students: Anupam NAYek, Arupriya Singha, Koyel Mondal, Deblina Kar, Ranu Panja, Sathi Jana, Priyanka Manna, Suparna Dutta, Manas Sing, Oishi Jiti, Akash Dey, Alpana Maity, Arupriya Singha,

Outcomes:

We visited eight different primary schools in Daspur-I and Daspur-II block of Paschim Medinipur District of West Bengal. We had conducted our survey by questionnaire method with Head master, Teacher in Charge and randomly selected students to know about mid-day meal scheme on those schools. Though the participation in the survey is entirely voluntary, they were actively participated and also informed all about mid-day meal of their schools. After discussing with teachers and students we knew that mid-day meal is provided in every school timely. Mid-day meals provided in the schools are in good quantity and good quality. Admission of students has increased after implementation of the mid-day meal scheme in the schools. The student's attendance and student's performance have also increased for this scheme in the schools. The dropout ratio is decreased. Clean and filtered water facility is available in the school campus to prepare mid-day meals. Head master and Teacher in Charge have never received any complaints of children's health problems due to mid-day meal scheme in the school. Head master and Teacher in Charge have suggested that the fund provided for mid-day meal scheme should increase for improving the nutritional status. The Government should recruit a clerk for this scheme. Students have participated mid-day meal in the school every day. The kitchen store is clean and adequate for cooking. Students wash their hands with soap before taking the mid-day meal. Students feel full stomach after mid-day meal.

The enrolment is now near universal but the learning outcomes are still far from satisfactory.



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