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A STUDY TO ASSESS THE KNOWLEDGE OF PRIMARY SCHOOL TEACHERS REGARDING FIRST AID MEASURES FOR THE SCHOOL CHILDREN AT ANAGAPUTHUR, CHENNAI

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ABSTRACT

First aid can be defined as the immediate treatment necessary for the purpose of preserving life and minimizing the consequences of injury or illness until expert medical assistance can be obtained. It also includes the initial treatment of minor injuries which will not need treatment by a medical practitioner. Children are more active, competent, adventurous and vulnerable to injuries and accidents that may occur in schools such as injuries, eye injuries, nose bleeding and epilepsy.

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INTRODUCTION

First aid can be defined as the immediate treatment necessary for the purpose of preserving life and minimizing the consequences of injury or illness until expert medical assistance can be obtained. It also includes the initial treatment of minor injuries which will not need treatment by a medical practitioner.

First aid has been given to wounded and sick people since ancient times. The idea of first aid was conceived by General Smirch, a famous German surgeon, formation of St. John Ambulance Association in 1877 was the beginning of an organized worldwide organization. Red Cross Society of India was established in 1920. It has achieved a great improvement in health and prevention of disease.

METHODOLOGY

Sri Balaji nursery school is selected for the study. It is situated at Anagaputhur. 30 samples were collected randomly. The sample was selected on the basis of convenient sampling that fulfilling the criteria set by the investigator. Descriptive study was adopted.

TOOL 1- Socio demographic data sheet of the study participants

TOOL 2- self administered questionnaire regarding knowledge of primary school teachers on first aid measures.

Data Collection Procedure

The primary school teachers were questioned individually. The brief introduction was given how they have to answer the question. Adequate explanation was given for each primary teacher.

The time taken for questioning each teacher is 15-29 minutes

Criteria for Scoring

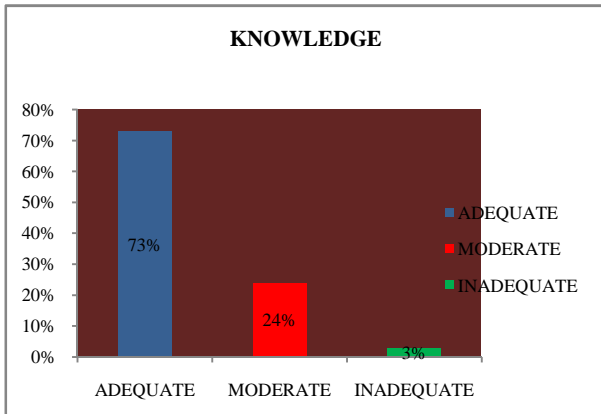
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RESULT AND CONCLUSION

The study findings revealed that

- 13(43%) of them belongs to 20-25 years, 10(33%) of them belongs to 26-30 years, 6(20%) of them belongs to 31-35 years, 1(3%) of them belongs to 36-40 years
- Majority 26(86%) of them Hindus, 4(14%) of them are Christians
- Majority 22(73%) of them under graduates, 8(27%) of them post graduates
- Majority 13(43%) of them from Tv/Magazine, 9(27%) of them from health educator, 7(17%) of them from Newspaper, 1(3%) of them from relatives
- Majority 24(80%) of them married, 6(20%) of them unmarried
- 22(73%) of primary teachers had adequate knowledge and 7(24%) of primary teachers had a moderate knowledge, 1(3%) of primary teachers had inadequate knowledge

Percentage Distribution of Knowledge



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