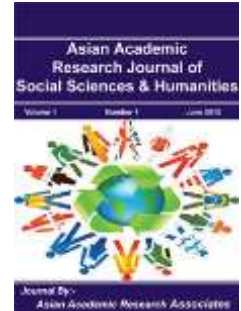




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**DETERMINANTS OF BOTTLE FEEDING PRACTICES IN SOLIGA TRIBE OF  
MYSORE DISTRICT, KARNATAKA, INDIA**

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**ABSTRACT**

**Background:** Exclusive Breast Feeding for first six months of life followed by safe and adequate complementary feeding together with continuous breast feeding is recommended by WHO to achieve optimal growth, development and health of young children. Despite this, bottle feeding in infants is still practiced across our country due to various socio-cultural reasons. Tribal communities having less access to the correct health messages together with the tendency to mimic urban counterparts encounter such incorrect feeding practices resulting in high childhood morbidity and mortality.

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