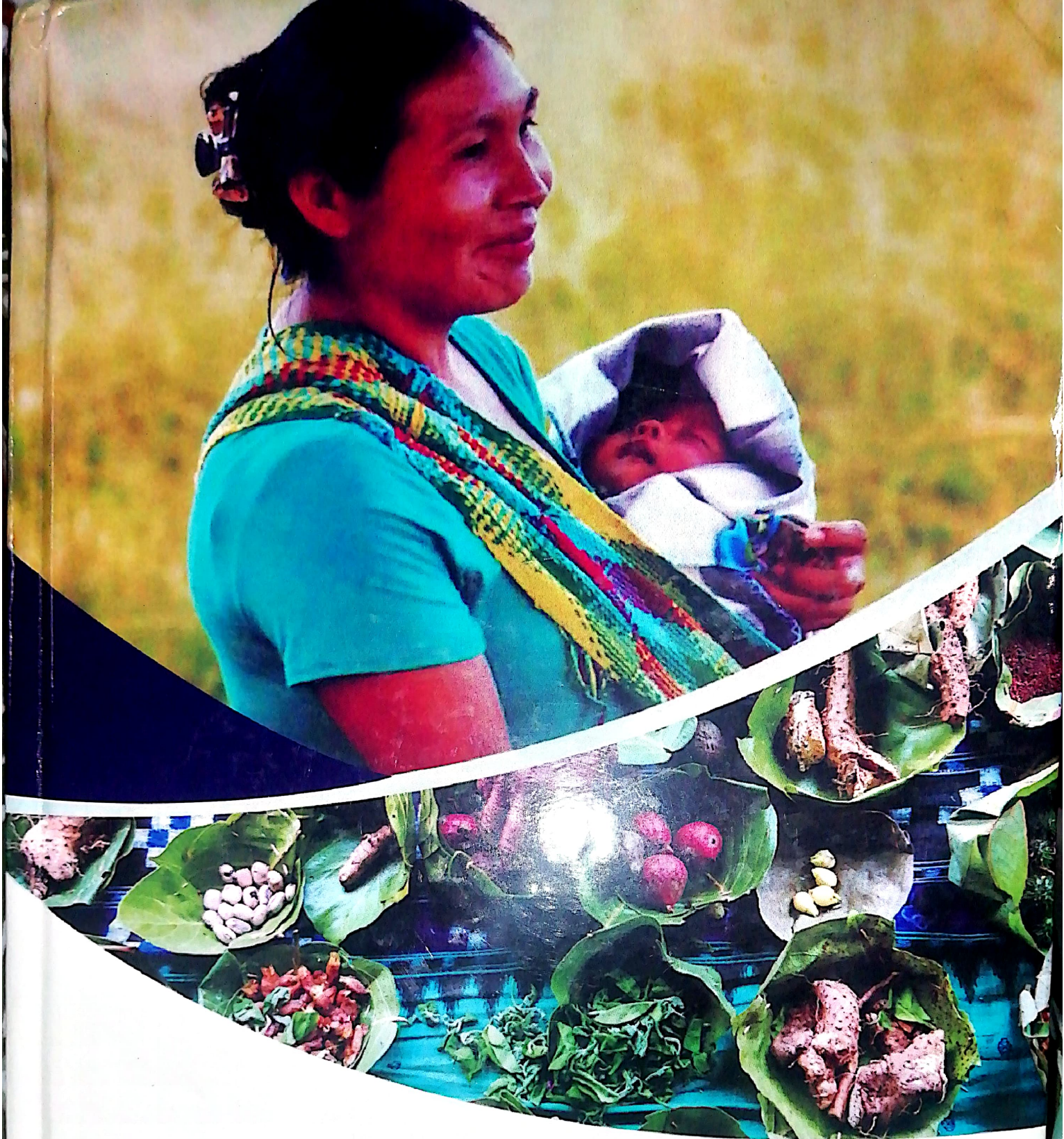




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Disparity in Physical Growth & Nutritional Status among Tribal Children of Four States of India

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Introduction

Globally, India stands second with a population of 1.25 Billion, out of which 8.6% (over 104 million) of the total population are scheduled tribe (Census 2011). The Scheduled tribes are also known as Adivasi, Vanabasi, Girijan or Janajati are among the poorest, vulnerable and most marginalized groups of the country. Numerically, the highest tribal concentration is in the state of Madhya Pradesh, which is 14.7% of the total tribal population of India. All the tribal populations are suffering from poverty, food insecurity and backwardness. They are lagging behind in socio-eco-demographic indicators as well as health and nutritional status. Genetic disorders, communicable viral and bacterial diseases as well as non-communicable diseases are the major cause of high mortality and morbidity. Recent findings revealed that tribes are also susceptible for physiological and lifestyle diseases