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Prior to discuss the findings of the study on “Impact of ICDS on the nutritional status of children belonging to age-group (3-6 years)”, it is essential to sketch briefly the salient features of the subject area.

District Moradabad

The area covered by the present district Moradabad lay, in early times, in the north western part of what was known as the country of Panchala, which is said to have extended from the Himalayas in the north to the river Chambal in the south. Later, when Panchala was divided into two parts, this area was included in north Panchala which had its capital of Ahichchatra (in the Bareilly district. a few kilometers from the eastern border of the Moradabad district). On the west of the district, across the Ganga, lay the country of the Kurus, the close allies of the Panchalas, with their capital at Hastinapur (in the Meerut district). In the closing centuries of the first millennium of the Christian era the entire region including the Moradabad district (which lies west of Awadh between the Himalayas and the Ganga) came to be known as Katehr, a name replaced only towards the middle of the eighteenth century by the term of Rohilkhand, the district forming the west-central portion of the region so designated.

Climate

Climate of the district is hot in summer season and much cold and dry in winter season because it lies in the tarai region of Himalayas.
Area

Out of the total geographical area of 5,96,700 square meter, agriculture is being done on only 4,87,243 hectare. Normally, in 3,10,086 hectare area Kharif, in 3,97,070 hectare area Rabi and 25,441 hectare area Zaid crops are grown. Purely irrigated area in the district is 3,92,000 hectare. Irrigation is done through canals, government and private tube wells.

Paddy, jowar, bajra, mung, urd, arhar in Kharif and wheat, barley, gram and pea is cropped in Rabi season in the district. Sugarcane, potato and mentha is grown as cash crop. In Amroha, Kans, Chandausi area mostly the cash crops are being taken and sent to the markets at Delhi.

Population

Population of the district Moradabad is 1415424 males and 1231867 females as per the 2001 census and the selected tehsil Chandausi the total population is 234084 in which there are 126816 males and 107298 are females.

Selection of Aanganwadis

A total number of 2951 aanganwadis in the entire district. Whereas, total 165 aanganwadis are in tehsil Chandausi. In the present study 10 aanganwadis were selected randomly in Chandausi tehsil. These are Malagar I, Malagar II, Malagar III, Kethal IV, Kethal V, Kethal VI, Kethal VII, Gumthal I, Gumthal VI and Gumthal V.