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## Assessment of physical features of rural kitchen in Kanpur Nagar

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■ABSTRACT: Present study on assessment of physical features of rural kitchen was conducted in Kalyanpur and Chaubepur block of Kanpur Nagar. Two hundred forty respondents having compact kitchen were purposively selected from randomly selected Hindupur and Dharampur village of Kalyanpur block and Hridaypur and Kishunpur village of Chaubepur block. Tool used to gather information was an interview schedule and personal interview method was used for data collection. Analysis of data reveals that majority of respondents were using enclosed veranda as a kitchen with east or west orientation. Sitting type Kachcha kitchen with mud floor, wall and thatched roof was common feature. Majority were having one wooden door and only 25.83 per cent were having window and 23.75 per cent ventilator. Majority were having open built in shelf, kuchcha uncovered drain and throw garbage in backyard. Traditional chulha was a source of cooking for 95.83 per cent and 99.25 per cent had no smoke outlet. Cow dung cake, field waste and firewood was major fuel used by them and kitchen was also used as dining area by majority.

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