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Diabetes hits young women due to sedentary lifestyle: Study

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Younger women in the age bracket of 30-35 years are prone to diabetes because of sedentary lifestyle and wrong eating habits, according to a study.

Population in Western India tends to eat fried food and no fruits, due to which several people are seen to be at higher risk of diabetes and obesity.

Diabetes risk levels have been observed to be high among men and women in the age bracket of 45-50 years, an Indus Health Plus report said on Wednesday.

As per the International Diabetes Federation, India is the diabetes capital of the world, with 40 million people living with diabetes. About 371 million people suffer from diabetes across the nation and half of the cases are undiagnosed.

The report released on the eve of World Diabetes Day which falls on November 14, revealed that in Maharashtra, sugar levels were found to be high, surprisingly among youth, especially in the age group of 25-35 years of age.

The study observed that consumption of oil, ghee, butter is high and a cholesterol rich diet increases obesity and hypertension, fuelling chances of getting diabetes.

Amol Naikawadi, Joint Managing Director, Indus Health Plus said, "Our Abnormality Report validates the rapid growth of diabetes which is not only prevalent in adults but is beginning to affect the younger generation, especially women in India. Lifestyle characterised by unhealthy nutrition, reduced physical activity and tobacco consumption has increased the risk factor of diabetes."

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