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## **Consanguinity and Its Effects on Fertility, Mortality and Morbidity in the Indian Region: A Review**

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**ABSTRACT** In this paper, a reappraisal of published studies from the Indian region on incidence of consanguinity and its effects on fertility, mortality and morbidity has been attempted. Also, various reasonings behind the practice of consanguinity and its temporal changes have been discussed.