

## **Consanguinity Among Rellis of Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh**

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**ABSTRACT** Consanguinity has been studied in two endogamous subgroups of Rellis, a Scheduled Caste population of Visakhapatnam of Andhra Pradesh. The frequency of consanguineous marriages is higher in Relli-II (42.27%) than in Relli-I (39.90%). The coefficient of inbreeding values for autosomal ( $F_i$ ) and sex linked ( $F_x$ ) genes among two subgroups of Rellis record relatively lower values when compared with other caste populations from Andhra Pradesh.