

Dermatoglyphic Variation in The Mali : A Small Tribe from Andhra Pradesh, India

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ABSTRACT Finger and palm print data on a total of 343 Malis from 10 villages of Visakhapatnam district Andhra Pradesh are presented. Palmar quantitative characters exhibited inter difference between the two Mali sub – groups – the Bodo Mali and Sung Mali suggesting the operation of micro-evolutionary forces, especially keeping in view the small population size of the Bodo Mali. This corroborates the work of Malhotra et al. (1974, 1981) on the Nandiwalla.