

Inbreeding Among Sunni Muslims of Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT The study was carried out among 410 couples of the Sunni Muslims of Anantapur, Andhra Pradesh, to ascertain the prevalence of consanguinity and coefficient of inbreeding. Sunni Muslims of Anantapur showed a high incidence (16.34%) of Matrilateral (MBD) cousin marriages over other types of marriages. The co-efficient of inbreeding among Sunni Muslims is low (0.015) and the report is in agreement with other studies on Muslims from Andhra Pradesh.