

## **Effects of Consanguinity on Fertility and Mortality among the Sayed Muslims of Assam**

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**ABSTRACT** In the total 141 marriage studied in the Sayed Muslims of Assam, 67 are consanguineous with a percentage of 47.52. The effects of consanguinity on different measures of fertility and mortality has also been investigated. The mother of the consanguineous union register higher fertility and pre-reproductive mortality as against non-related couples. The present sample of Sayed displays a good amount of agreement with results of contemporary studies conducted elsewhere.