

## **Incidences of Consanguineous Marriages Among Telugu-speaking Populations of Kharagpur, West Bengal**

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**ABSTRACT** High frequency of consanguineous marriages occur in each of the five major endogamous populations directly studied and a similar phenomenon can be inferred for the other 22 populations studied through the mixed sample, who are migrated largely from Srikakulam and Vishakhapatnam district Andhra Pradesh to Kharagpur town of West Bengal. The estimated frequencies of consanguineous marriages in the present study populations occupy a position near the middle of the range of frequencies so far reported from all Telugu-speaking populations. However, the frequency of consanguineous marriages in the local Teluga (T) population, whose ancestors have emigrated mostly from Srikakulam district, appears to be greater than that reported in the Telega (T) samples from Vishakhapatnam and East Godavari district of Andhra Pradesh.

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