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Anthroposcopic Variation among Sub Tribes of Mali from Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT The present paper reports the distribution of twelve anthroposcopic characters among two sub tribes of Mali viz., Manzai Mali and Bod Mali. Majority of Mali people are dark brown coloured and possess straight eye slits, straight nasal breadth and horizontal nasal septum. The forehead among majority of Malis is straight with medium height and breadth. Usually, the lips are medium sized and the prominence of chin is medium to receding. Dimple is seen among a very few. Majority of people possess attached ear lobes and men exhibit hypertrichosis. Regarding body built, men are athletic whereas women are asthetic. Bisexual differences are noticed for majority of character among Manzai Mali rather than among Bod Mali. The variation between two sub tribes in worth mentioning, since nine out of fifteen characters exhibited significant differences. This may be due to their varied socio-economic conditions, in addition to the genetic isolation.