

Blood Group and Sickle Cell Haemoglobin in Kapu Chakali – A Caste Population of Andhra Pradesh

G.V. Ramana and S. Narahari

*Department of Anthropology, Andhra University, Visakhapatnam 530 003,
Andhra Pradesh, India*

KEYWORDS Blood Groups. Sickle Cell Haemoglobin. Kapu Chakali. Caste

ABSTRACT The Kapu Chakali, an endogamous caste population of Andhra Pradesh was studied for ABO and Rh (D) blood groups and sickle-cell haemoglobin. A preponderance of blood group A over B and a low frequency of Rh (D)-ves were observed. The sickle cell trait was observed with a frequency of six percent which is high compared to other caste populations of Andhra Pradesh.