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Population Structure and Genetic Demography Among the Ahalehadie-A Muslim Population of Visakhapatnam, Andhra Pradesh, India

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ABSTRACT Demographic data on 240 ever married women of the Ahalehadie muslim population from Visakhapatnam district, Andhra Pradesh are presented, The population structure designates the Ahalehadies as potentially young and growing or expanding population with varied infant mortality. High frequency of cross – cousin marriages in consanguinity in the present study show deviation from North Indian Muslims but closest with Hindu castes in Andhra Pradesh, South India. In reproduction, both fertility and mortality are higher in consanguineous than non-consanguineous thereby provide moderate opportunity to Natural Selection to play through mortality component.

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