

Habits and Reproductive Performance in a Food Gathering Tribe of Andhra Pradesh, India

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ABSTRACT Fertility, mortality and habits like smoking, tobacco chewing and alcoholism are studied for 247 couples of Chenchu Tribe of Andhra Pradesh. An increase in Reproductive Wastage i.e., Still Births and Abortions and decrease in fertility are evident indicating the dearth of much data on other populations on this line.

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Table 2: Reproductive performance in relation to habits

S.No.	Variables	<i>Alcoholism</i>		<i>Tobacco Chewing</i>	
		<i>Wife</i>	<i>Both*</i>	<i>Wife</i>	<i>Both*</i>
1	Pregnancies	6.75 ± 0.36^1	4.67 ± 0.41^3	$4.98 \pm 0.29^{2^*}$	4.69 ± 0.74^4
2.	Live Birth	6.50 ± 0.42^5	4.52 ± 0.43^7	4.79 ± 0.30^6	4.62 ± 0.77^8
3.	Still Births	—	0.66 ± 0.04	0.08 ± 0.03	—
4.	Abortions	0.25 ± 0.13^9	0.12 ± 0.06^{11}	0.12 ± 0.04^{10}	0.08 ± 0.07^{12}

* Includes husband are wife

t – test values

1 x 2 = 3.833** 5 x 6 = 3.29 ** 9 x 10 = 0.9
 3 x 4 = -0.02 7 x 8 = -0.11 11 x 12 = 0.44

** Significant at 5% level.