

Secular Growth Trend in Western Orissa

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ABSTRACT The assumption was that the positive secular trend of growth cannot be a universal phenomenon also not of the same rate in case of men and women. To measure the validity of this assumption four selected somatometric measurements were taken on “father-son” and “mother-daughter” pairs of Jharua Brahmin and Agaria population of western Orissa. It is an inter-generational study of growth in similar ecological setting of two endogamous populations. There is variation in the positive secular trend of growth and also there is bisexual variation due to pattern of food sharing in traditional society.

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