

Study on Anthropogenetic Traits in a Caste Group of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT The present study reports the anthro-pogenetic traits such as tongue rolling and tongue folding of the Vannekula Kshatriya caste population of Andhra Pradesh in a sample of 125 male and 90 female subjects aged over 20 years. The frequency distribution of tongue rolling and tongue folding is lower than non-rolling and non-folding. The proportion of rollers and folders among males are much less than their female counterparts. These traits fail to establish statistically significant bisexual variation. There is no significant association between the combinations of tongue rolling and tongue folding. The Vannekula Kshatriya caste population shows significantly lower frequencies of tongue rolling as well as tongue folding with majority of the neighbouring populations of the state.

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