

Age at Menarche in Three Caste Populations of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT In the present paper menarcheal age in three endogamous Vysya populations, Arya Vysya, Thrivarnika and Kalinga Vysya is reported. It has been observed that there is a decrease in mean menarcheal age with moving down in social hierarchy. Further, among the three population groups of Andhra Pradesh which have been studied at different times, decrease in mean menarcheal age has been found which show a secular trend.