

Demographic Profile of Yadavas – A Backward Caste Population of Andhra Pradesh

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ABSTRACT The Yadava is a backward caste population found distributed in a number of villages in Chittoor District of Andhra Pradesh practicing their traditional occupation of cattle herding. In the present paper an attempt has been made to unravel demographic profile of the Yadava pertaining to ages at menarche, marriage, first conception, menopause and outcome of pregnancy. The data were collected from a total of 300 ever married Yadava women. Average fertility and average offspring mortality per women and the percentage of different types of offspring mortality as well as co-efficient of inbreeding were calculated. The findings were discussed in the light of earlier works on Andhra populations.