

Surname Repetition in Three Population Groups of Andhra Pradesh: Kolam, Koya and Kuruma

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ABSTRACT The studies on surnames give information regarding origin, migration, evolution and variation within and between populations. Lasker (1988) noted that the distribution of surnames reflects the effect of mate choice on a population's genetic structure. The present study on surname repetition is done with the aim of assessing genetic homogeneity/heterogeneity among the Kolam (primitive tribe), Koya (tribal group) and Kuruma (Caste group) population groups of Andhra Pradesh. The Repeated-Pair (RP) value is found to be very high as compared to random Repeated-Pair (RPr) in all the three populations studied, reflecting a reduction in genetic variability and shows inclination towards genetic isolation.