youth are significantly more rigid than non-tribal youth. This may be due to the fact that most of the tribals are conservative, respect established ideas and are tradition-loving people.

Comparison of Tharus and Their Non-Tribal Controls:

Comparing the means of Tharu and non-tribal youth, following differences have been noticed. The analyses and interpretation of personality characteristics between Tharu and non-tribal youth show that Tharus and non-tribals differ significantly on all the personality factors except Factor - Q2 (Group-dependent vs. Self-sufficient). This shows that Tharu youth are significantly more reserved, emotionally stable, humble, sober, conscientious, shy, tough-minded, suspicious, practical, shrewd, placid, conservative, controlled and relaxed than their non-tribal counterparts.

Authoritarianism among the Tharu and non-tribal youth was measured by the Indian adaptation of California F-scale. The mean of the Tharu youth on F-scale is 150.67, as compared to the mean of 149.51 of the non-tribal youth. The mean of the Tharu group is higher than the mean of non-Tharu group. However, the means of two groups do not differ significantly (F = 0.43; df = 1/198; not significant). It is clear that Tharu youth and their non-tribal counterparts do not differ significantly so far as authoritarianism is concerned.

Both the groups of Tharu and non-tribal youth were compared on rigidity as measured by Hindi version of Rigidity Scale. The mean of the Tharu youth on this scale is 18.57, as compared to the mean of 13.44 of the non-tribals. Mean of the Tharus is significantly higher than the mean of the non-tribals (F = 290.47; df = 1/198; p < .01). This shows that Tharus are more rigid than their non-tribal counterparts. It may be due to the reason that Tharus are conservative, respect established ideas and are tolerant of traditional difficulties.

Comparison of Gonds and Their Non-Tribal Controls:

The analyses and interpretation of personality characteristics between Gonds and non-tribal youth show that Gonds and
non-tribals were found to be significantly different on 13 out of 15 personality factors. They, however, do not differ significantly on the remaining two factors: I (Tough-minded vs. Tender-minded) and Q3 (Undisciplined Self-conflict vs. Controlled). This shows that Gond youth were found to be significantly more reserved, emotionally stable, assertive, happy-go-lucky, conscientious, shy, suspicious, practical, forthright, apprehensive, conservative, group-dependent and relaxed than their non-tribal controls. In other words, non-tribal youth were found to be significantly more outgoing, emotionally less stable, humble, sober, expedient, venturesome, trusting, imaginative, shrewd, placid, experimenting, self-sufficient and tense than Gond youth.

The mean of the Gond youth on Indian adaptation of California F-scale is 155.29, as compared to the mean of 132.35 of the non-tribal youth. The mean of the Gonds is significantly higher than the mean of non-tribals (F = 267.65; df = 1/198; p < .01). Results indicate that Gonds are significantly more authoritarian than their non-tribal counterparts. It may be due to reason that Gonds have joint family system and are dependent on others.

The mean of the Gond youth is 16.68, as compared to the mean of 14.20 of the non-tribal youth on Rigidity scale. The mean of Gonds is significantly higher than the mean of non-tribal youth (F = 28.84; df = 1/198; p < .01). This clearly indicates that Gonds are significantly more rigid than their non-tribal counterparts. This may be due to the fact that Gonds tend to oppose and postpone change and inclined to go along with traditions and are more conservative in the matters of religion.

**Comparison of Tharus and Gonds**

One of the objectives of the present investigation is to study inter-tribal differences between Tharus and Gonds. The analyses and interpretation of data show that Tharus and Gonds were found to be significantly different on 11 out of 15 personality factors under study. They were found to be significantly not different on 4 personality factors: A, L, Q2, and Q4. This clearly
reveals that Tharus are significantly more emotionally stable, humble, sober, conscientious, shy, tough-minded, imaginative, shrewd, placid, experimenting and controlled than Gonds. In other words, Gonds were found to be significantly more affected by feelings, assertive, happy-go-lucky, expedient, venturesome, tender-minded, practical, forthright, apprehensive, conservative and self-conflicted than Tharus. It may be due to the reasons that Tharus are more backward educationally, economically and socially than Gonds. It may be further noted that Tharus and Gonds have different cultural practices, traditions, geographical conditions and child-rearing practices.

The mean of the Tharu youth on Indian adaptation of California F-scale is 150.67, as compared to the mean of 155.29 of the Gond youth. The mean of Tharus is significantly lower than the mean of Gonds ($F = 26.03; df = 1/198; p < .01$). The higher mean of Gonds indicate that they are significantly more authoritarian than Tharus. There are several anthropological and sociological studies which reveal that Gonds are aggressive and authoritarian and they instil in their children excessive dependency. Due to over-dependency they assume a facade which we call authoritarianism.

The mean of Tharus on Rigidity Scale is 18.57, as compared to the mean of 16.68 of the Gonds. The mean of Tharus is significantly higher than the mean of Gonds ($F = 30.83; df = 1/198; p < .01$). Higher mean of Tharus indicates that Tharus are significantly more rigid than Gonds. The reasons for the higher degree of rigidity among Tharus are educational backwardness, traditional way of life, and lack of open-mindedness. In other words, Tharus have a tendency to persist in responses that may previously have been suitable in some situation or other, but that no longer appears adequate to achieve current goals or to solve current problems.
CHAPTER VI

PRINCIPAL FINDINGS

On the basis of analyses and interpretation of data (Chapter V), the following conclusions may be drawn. The main objectives of the present study are to study comparatively the personality characteristics of (i) tribal and non-tribal youth, (ii) Tharus and their non-tribal controls, (iii) Gonds and their non-tribal controls, and (iv) Tharus and Gonds.

Comparison of Tribal and Non-Tribal Youth:

The analyses and interpretation of data show that tribals and non-tribals were found to be significantly different on 13 out of 15 personality factors under study. However, they were not found to be significantly different on 2 factors: F and N. The tribal youth were found to be significantly more reserved, emotionally stable, humble, conscientious, shy, tough-minded, suspicious, practical, apprehensive, conservative, group-dependent, controlled, and relaxed; while non-tribal youth tend to be more outgoing, affected by feelings, assertive, expedient, venturesome, tender-minded, trusting, imaginative, placid, experimenting, self-sufficient, self-conflicted and tense.

The mean of the tribal youth on Indian adaptation of California F-scale is 152.98, as compared to the mean of 140.93 of the non-tribal youth. Mean of the tribals is significantly higher than the mean of non-tribals ($F = 94.41; df = 1/398; p < .01$). The higher mean of tribals clearly reveal that tribals are significantly more authoritarian than their non-tribal counterparts. It may be due to the reason that tribals have larger joint families and are more dependence-prone.

Mean of the tribal youth on Rigidify scale is 17.62, as compared to the mean of 13.82 of the non-tribal youth. The mean of the tribal group is significantly higher than the mean of non-tribal group ($F = 179.18; df = 1/398; p < .01$). This shows that tribal