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Kinematic Analysis of Folds Within the Chail Rocks of Garhwal Himalaya (India)

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The rocks of the Chail Group consists of schists, metabasics and migmatites in Pokheri area of the Garhwal Himalaya 15 tectonically bounded by the Jutogh Thrust (MCT II). The rocks exhibit F_1 , F_2 and F_3 folds formed by D_1 , D_2 and D_3 phases of deformation respectively. The flattening percentage, homogeneous strain ratio, shortening percentage and relationship of wavelength/amplitude ratio of these mesoscopic folds were determined with respect to the Jutogh Thrust (MCT ID. The kinematic analysis of mesoscopic folds demonstrates that the amount of flattening of F₂ folds was maximum near the thrust but it gradually decreased away from the thrust.

The Fg (syn-tectonic) folds developed near the Jutogh Thrust (MCT II) were marked by higher values of flattening from 50 to 85%, shortening from 50 to 70%, apparent strain ratio from 0.1 to 0.25 and low attitudes of quarter wavelength/amplitude ratio from 0.26 to 0.40. Whereas away from the thrust the flattening ranges from 20 to 50%, shortening from 30 to 45%, apparent strain ratio from 0.25 to 0.65 and quarter wavelength/amplitude ratio from 1.25 to 2.25. Fg folds produced due to Dg phase (syn-tectonic) show higher intensity of deformation than F₁ and F₃ folds produced by D₁ phase (pre-tectonic) and D₃ phase (post-tectonic) of deformation. The Dg phase of deformation was related to formation of the Jutogh Thrust (MCT II).

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