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## ABSTRACT

The present study entitled Subject-Verb Agreement in English and Achhami Dialect of Nepal was intended to show the comparison of subject-verb agreement system between English and Achhami dialect. I carried out my research using non-random purposive sampling procedure and fifty informants of Tikapur Municipality of Kailali were taken as sample. A set of questionnaire was prepared as a research tool for the elicitation of the required information for the study. Though there are differences between English and Achhami some similarities are also found. Both English and Achhami verbs agree in the categories of number. Tone is raising in yes/no questions in both languages. Both languages have three person system i.e. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. Similarly, there is difference in the basic word order between two languages. English follows SVO pattern and Achhami follows SOV pattern. There is no difference between simple past and present perfect in Achhami but there is difference in English. Achhami verbs and adjectives also agree in the categories of gender which is not found in English. Achhami verbs agree with the honorific subjects but it is not found in English.

This thesis is divided into four main chapters and other sub-chapters. The first chapter deals with general background, the English language, Linguistic Scenario of Nepal, dialects, a short introduction of Achham District and Achhami dialect, CA analysis, subject-verb agreement system of English, review of the related literature; and objectives and significance of the study. The second chapter is concerned with the methodology used in the study. It includes sources of data, population of the study, sampling procedure, tools for data collection, process of data collection and limitations of the study. The third chapter provides the comprehensive picture of the analysis and interpretation of the data. It includes subject-verb agreement system of Achhami dialect with examples and its comparison with that of the English language. The final chapter lists the major findings and recommendations of the study.

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## LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Aux	:	Auxiliary
CA	:	Contrastive Analysis
CAH	:	Contrastive Analysis Hypothesis
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
coor	:	Coordinator
F	:	Feminine
H	:	Honorific
ibid	:	Ibidem
L1	:	First Language
L2	:	Second Language
M	:	Masculine
pl	:	Plural
PRM	:	Progressive Marker
pt	:	Past Tense
QM	:	Question Marker
S	:	Subject
sg	:	Singular
S-R-R	:	Stimulus-Response-Reinforcement
TL	:	Target Language
V	:	Verb
QM	:	Question Marker
1	:	First person
2	:	Second Person
3	:	Third Person