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ABSTRACT

This thesis entitled "**Pluralization in English and Limbu**" has tried to find out the processes of pluralization in Limbu, and compared and contrasted those with that of English. The data were collected from the forty native speakers of the Limbu language by using snowball sampling procedure. The processes of pluralization found in Limbu are the dual number suffix '**-si**' and the plural number suffix '**-ha**'. Similarly, some cardinal numbers and the plural marker are identified in Limbu. The comparison justifies that the process of pluralization system in Limbu is more easier than that of English.

This thesis consists of four chapters. The first chapter deals with general background, linguistic situation of Nepal, an introduction of the Limbu language, script of the Limbu language, a brief introduction of pluralization, importance of CA, importance of grammar, an overview of translation theory, pluralization and introduction and classification of nouns.

The second chapter is related to the methodology applied to carry out the research. It deals with the source of data, sampling procedures, tools for data collection, processes of data collection and limitations of the study.

The third chapter deals with the analysis and interpretation of the data. The researcher has used descriptive style to present the Limbu pluralization processes and he has compared and contrasted the Limbu and English pluralization processes with examples.

The fourth chapter deals with the findings and recommendations made in the light of analysis and interpretation. On the basis of the findings, some recommendations have been made for pedagogical implication as well.

ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

An	:	Animate
Anan	:	Ananimate
App	:	Appendix
CA	:	Contrastive Analysis
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
DN	:	Dual Number
etc.	:	Etcetera
excl	:	Exclusive
F	:	Female
i.e.	:	That is to say
incl	:	Inclusive
KM	:	Kilometre
L1	:	First Language
L2	:	Second Language
M	:	Male
N	-	Noun
NLRC	:	National Language Recommendation Commission
No.	:	Number
NP	:	Noun Phrase
PM	:	Plural Marker
PN	:	Plural Number
S.No.	:	Serial Number
SN	:	Singular Number
SVO	:	Subject verb and object
V	:	Verb
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
Viz	:	Namely
/	:	Or
—	:	No form of Number
*	:	Asterisk (It indicates unacceptable form/expression)

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