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ABSTRACT

This research entitled **Pluralization of Nouns in English and Doteli** aimed to identify the pluralization processes in Doteli and to compare and contrast them with those of English. The data were collected from both the primary and secondary sources. The primary sources were 60 (sixty) Doteli native speakers of Mahendranagar municipality of Kanchanpur district and the secondary sources were different books, journals and theses. The informants were selected by using stratified random sampling procedure on the basis of age (above 15), sex (male and female) and educational background (illiterate, literate and educated). Interview schedule and questionnaire were the major tools for the collection of data. The finding shows that singular nouns in Doteli are pluralized by adding the suffixes 'an / in / un' to them and verbs are also pluralized along with nouns; such as if a Doteli noun ends with a/o then the suffix 'an' is used to pluralize it for example keto /keta:n/. Likewise, if in case of 'I' the suffix becomes 'in' eg. /gai:/ becomes /gai:n/ and so on.

The thesis consists of four chapters. Chapter one deals with the introduction of the study. It consists of general background, review of the related literature, objectives of the study, significance of the study and definitions of specific term. Chapter two deals with methodology. It consists of sources of data, sample population and sampling procedure, tools for data collection, process of data collection and the limitations of the study. Chapter three present the analysis and interpretation of the data. It deals with the pluralization of nouns and compare the processes of pluralization in Doteli with those in English. Chapter four is related to findings and recommendations of the study.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

CA	Contrastive Analysis
DC	Dative Case
e.g.	For Example
Edu.	Educated
F	Female
FG	Feminine Gender
Illit.	Illiterate
Lit.	Literate
M	Male
MG	Masculine Gender
N	Noun
No.	Number
NP	Noun Phrase
Pl	Plural
PM	Plural Marker
PN	Plural Number
SLC	School Leaving Certificate
SN	Singular Number
SVO	Subject Verb Object
Viz	Such As
*	Asterisk (It indicates unacceptable form)