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ABSTRACT

This research work entitled 'Pluralization in English and Tamang' aimed to identify the pluralization system in Tamang and to compare and contrast it with that of English. The data were collected from both the primary and secondary sources. The primary sources were the eighty Tamang native speakers of Chautara VDC of Sindhupalchok district and the secondary sources were the different books, journals and theses. The informants were selected using snowball sampling procedure. Interview schedule and questionnaire were the major tools for the collection of data. The finding shows that singular nouns in Tamang are pluralized by adding the suffixes like *-dugu/-jugu*, *-gaade/-kaade*, *-na/-ni*, *-uttu* and *-bagal* to them. Similarly, singular personal pronouns are pluralized using the suffixes like *-na/-ni* and *-gaade/-kaade*.

This research work consists of four chapters. The first chapter deals with general background, review of the related literature, objectives of the study, significance of the study and definitions of the specific terms. The second chapter 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, which is the core of this research, is concerned with the analysis and interpretation of the data. The collected data were analysed and interpreted descriptively with illustrations. The fourth chapter is related to findings and recommendations of the study.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CA	:	Contrastive Analysis
CBS	:	Central Bureau of Statistics
CL	:	Classifier
CN	:	Countable Noun
ELT	:	English Language Teaching
etc.	:	Etcetera
Fig.	:	Figure
i.e.	:	That is
L1	:	First Language
L2	:	Second Language
MIT	:	Massachusetts Institute of Technology
N	:	Noun
No.	:	Number
NP	:	Noun Phrase
p.	:	Page
PL	:	Plural
PM	:	Plural Marker
SG	:	Singular
SM	:	Singular Marker
S.N.	:	Serial Number
TG	:	Transformational Generative
UN	:	Uncountable Noun
VDC	:	Village Development Committee
Viz.	:	Videlicet; namely
/	:	Or
*	:	Asterisk
ϕ	:	Zero