# PROGRESS OF TAMANG STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH

A Thesis Submitted to the Department of English Education In Partial Fulfilment for the Master of Education in English

> Submitted by Harsha Lal Tamang

Faculty of Education
Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur
Kathmandu, Nepal
2012

# PROGRESS OF TAMANG STUDENTS' ACHIEVEMENT IN ENGLISH

A Thesis Submitted to the Department of English Education In Partial Fulfilment for the Master of Education in English

Submitted by
Harsha Lal Tamang
Faculty of Education
Tribhuvan University, Kirtipur
Kathmandu, Nepal
2012

Second Year Examination Thesis Proposal: 2066/10/22

Roll No.: 280316/2065 Date of Submission: 15/03/2012

#### RECOMMENDATION FOR ACCEPTANCE

This is to certify that **Mr. Harsha Lal Tamang** has prepared this thesis entitled '**Progress of Tamang Students' Achievement in English'** under my guidance and supervision.

I recommend the thesis for acceptance.

Date: 15/03/2012 Dr. Anjana Bhattarai (Guide)

Reader

Department of English Education

Faculty of Education

T.U., Kirtipur, Kathmandu

Nepal

### RECOMMENDATION FOR EVALUATION

This thesis has been recommended for evaluation from the following Research Guidance Committee.

	Signature
Dr. Chandreshwar Mishra	
Professor and Head	Chairperson
Department of English Education	
T.U., Kirtipur	
Dr. Anjana Bhattarai (Guide)	
Reader	Member
Department of English Education	
T.U., Kirtipur	
Mr. Tara Datta Bhatta	
Reader	Member
Department of English Education	
T.U., Kirtipur	

Date: 30/03/2012

### **EVALUATION AND APPROVAL**

This thesis has been evaluated and approved by the following Thesis Evaluation Committee.

	Signature
Dr. Chandreshwar Mishra	
Professor and Head	Chairperson
Department of English Education	
T.U., Kirtipur	
Dr. Anjana Bhattarai (Guide)	
Reader	Member
Department of English Education	
T.U., Kirtipur	
Mr. Tara Datta Bhatta	
Reader	Member
Department of English Education	
T.U., Kirtipur	

Date: 30/03/2012

### **DECLARATION**

I hereby declare to the best of my knowledge that this thesis is original; no part
of it was earlier submitted for the candidature of research degree to any
university.

Date: 15/03/2012 Harsha Lal Tamang

### **DEDICATION**

Dedicated

To

**PARENTS** 

Who made me feel the world,

**TEACHERS** 

Who made me learn the world.

#### **ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS**

First of all, I would like to express my profound gratitude to my thesis supervisor **Dr. Anjana Bhattarai**, Reader, Department of English Education, T.U., Kirtipur, for her constant guidance and supervision from the very beginning to the completion of this research work. I would not have been able to present this thesis in this form without her co-operation, encouragement and invaluable suggestions.

I am extremely grateful to **Dr. Chandreshwar Mishra**, Professor and Head, Department of English Education, T.U., Kirtipur, for providing me with innovative ideas and the opportunity to carry out this research work.

I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude to **Dr. Jai Raj Awasthi**,
Professor of English, for his help and suggestions. I am deeply indebted to **Prof. Dr. Shanti Basnyat**, **Prof. Dr. Govinda Raj Bhattarai**, **Prof. Dr. Tirth Raj Khaniya**, **Prof. Dr. Anju Giri**, **Dr. Bal Mukunda Bhandhari**, **Dr. L.B. Maharjan** and **Mr. Tara Datta Bhatta**. I am grateful to **Mr. Prem Bahadur Phyak**, **Ms. Madhu Neupane**, **Ms. Saraswati Dawadi**, **Ms. Hima Rawal**, **Mr. Bhesh Raj Pokhrel** and other faculty members of the Department of
English Education, T.U., Kirtipur, for their inspirations.

I am very much indebted to my dearest mother Mrs. Dhana Maya Tamang, Seti Devi Secondary School, Syaule VDC and Ban Devi Secondary School, Chautara VDC of Sindhupalchok district for their remarkable help in collecting the data.

Finally, my special thanks go to my friends Miss Kalpana K. C., Ms. Sita Pradhan Shrestha, Ms. Rasmi Yonjan, Mr. Jasman Tamang, Mr. Sanjaya Tamang, Miss Mina Tamang, Mr. Bhim Bahadur Ghale, Mr. Surendra Tamang and other Tamang informants for their encouragement and appreciation which helped me to verify the data collected.

#### **ABSTRACT**

This research work entitled 'Progress of Tamang Students' Achievement in English' aimed to identify the Tamang students' development and to ascertain the achievement level in English. The data were collected from both the primary and secondary sources. The primary sources were the forty Tamang students of Grade-7 from two public schools Seti Devi Secondary School, Syaule VDC and Ban Devi Secondary School, Chautara VDC of Sindhupalchok district and the secondary sources were the different books, journals, magazines, research reports, theses and other materials which were related to the present study. The informants were selected on the basis of purposive sampling procedure representing both male and female. Tests were the major tools for the collection of data. The finding shows that most of the Tamang students are very poor in their English learning and they possess very normal in progressive achievement in English.

This research work consists of four chapters. The first chapter deals with general background, review of the related literature, objectives of the study and significance of the study. The second chapter includes sources of data, population of the study, sampling procedure, and 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.

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page No.
Declaration	i
Recommendation for Acceptance	ii
Recommendation for Evaluation	iii
<b>Evaluation and Approval</b>	iv
Dedication	v
Acknowledgements	vi
Abstract	vii
Table of Contents	viii
List of Tables	xi
List of Symbols and Abbreviations	xii
CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION	1-21
1.1 General Background	1
1.1.1 Sociolinguistic Situation of Nepal	2
1.1.2 The Language Family	4
1.1.2.1 The Indo-European Family	4
1.1.2.2 The Sino-Tibetan Family	5
1.1.2.3 The Austro-Asiatic Family	6
1.1.2.4 The Dravidian Family	6
1.1.3 The English Language	6
1.1.3.1 The English Language in Nepal	8
1.1.4 An Introduction to the Tamang Language	9
1.1.4.1 Distribution of Tamang Population	11
1.1.5 Language skills	11
1.1.5.1 Listening	11

		1.1.5.2	Speaking	12
		1.1.5.3	Reading	12
		1.1.5.4	Writing	13
	1.1.6	Testing		13
	1.1.7	Achieve	ement Test	15
	1.1.8	Statistic	al methods of analysing data	16
	1.1.9	The Eng	glish Curriculum of Nepal	17
1.2	Rev	iew of the	e Related Literature	19
1.3	Obj	ectives of	the Study	21
1.4	Sign	nificance	of the Study	22
CF	IAPT	ER TW	O: METHODOLOGY	23-25
2.1	Sou	rces of D	ata	23
	2.1.1	Primary	Sources of Data	23
	2.1.2	Seconda	ary Sources of Data	23
2.2	Pop	oulation o	f the Study	23
2.3	Sar	npling Pro	ocedure	24
2.4	Too	ols for Da	ta Collection	24
2.5	Pro	cess of D	ata Collection	24
2.6	Lin	nitations o	of the Study	24
CF	IAPT	ER THI	REE: ANALYSIS AND INTERPRETATION	26-33
3.1	Sta	istical Ar	nalysis of English Result	26
	3.1.1	Analysis	s of Central Value of English Exam Result	26
		3.1.1.1	School wise Comparison of the Students' Achievement	28
		3.1.1.2	Gender wise Comparison of the Students' Achievement	30
		A. (	Gender wise Achievement of Seti Devi Secondary School	ol 30
		В. С	Gender wise Achievement of Ban Devi Secondary School	ol 31

	3.1.2	Correlation Analysis of Students' Past and Present Achievement	32
CI	HAPT	ER FOUR: FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS 34	-37
4.1	Fine	dings	34
4.2	Rec	commendations	36
D.	£	20	. 11
Ke	References 39-4		-41
Aŗ	Appendices 42		-67

## LIST OF TABLES

		Page No
1	Mean and Median of Previous and Present Test	27
2	School wise Comparison	29
3	Gender wise Achievement of Seti Devi Secondary School	30
4	Gender wise Achievement of Ban Devi Secondary School	31
5	Comparison of Correlation Values	32
6	Distribution of Tamang Population	65
7	Students' Previous and Present Achievement Marks	66

#### LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

CDC : Curriculum Development Centre

Dr. : Doctor

EFL : English as a Foreign Language

ELT : English Language Teaching

etc. : Etcetera

i.e. : That is

no. : Number

p. : Page

Prof. : Professor

S.N. : Serial Number

T. U. : Tribhuvan University

VDC : Village Development Committee

viz. : Videlicet; namely