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Abstract

The RanaTharu belongs to a group of languages usually called the Indo-Aryan languages. The Indo-Aryan languages are the subgroup of the Indo-European family of languages. Neither the Census (2001) has shown the varieties of Tharu language nor had the Census (2012) differentiated any varieties of Tharu spoken in Nepal (CBS2001, CBS2012). The census, thus, fails to differentiate the varieties of Rana and Dangaura Tharu in kailali and Kanchandpur. The population of these two dialects of Tharu is lumped together without showing the precise distinction between them

Rana Tharu has grammatical gender and two number system, i.e., singular and plural. It has morphological causativization in which affixation and phonological processes are used.

RanaTharu contrasts between past, present, and future tense. The past and future tenses in Rana Tharu are both morphologically and periphrastically expressed whereas present tense is only morphologically.

There are two types of aspects of a verb: lexical and grammatical aspect, There are some grammatical aspects that are found in Rana Tharu. They include present habitual and progressive.

There are six types of moods in Rana Tharu, They are imperative, prohibitive, hortative, optative, conditional and injunctive. Similarly in this language I have find two types of modality: epistemic and evaluative.

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2	Second person	IPFV	Imperfective
3	Third Person	NEG	Negative
ABIL	Ability	NH	Non-honorific
ACC	Accusative	OBLG	Obligation
ARG	Agreement	OPT	Optative
Aux	Auxiliary		No marker
CERT	Certainty	PASS	Passive
COND	Conditional	PCPL	Participle
DAT	Dative	EPRF	Perfect
DUR	Durative	PFV	Perfective
EMPH	Emphatic	PL	Plural
FUT	Future	PRES	Present
GENT	Genitive	PROG	Progressive
Gloss	Glossary	PST	Past
H	Honorific	TNS	Tense
HH	High Honorific	TR	Transitive
IMP	Imperative	V	Verb