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Abstract

The survival of the Maithili language depends on the attitude of the speakers` ethnic commitment and social integration from within the community and research by linguists and language planners. The research provides important background information and introductory analyses on the distinctive features of the language based on authentic data, fact and minute observations rather than superficial observation and hearsays. This small-scale sociolinguistic survey will enable us to develop informed conclusion about the use of the Maithili dialect, attitude of the native speakers towards Maithili language, their attitude towards other language and similarities and differences in lexical and syntactic, structures across the Terai region Nepal. Thus, the focus-of the present study has been, both to display the reality concerning the Maithili language and to provide at least some-ground work for further studies.

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Abbreviations

M	Maithili
N	Nepali
M&N	Both Maithili and Nepali
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
Honor.	Honorific
Non-honor	non-honorific