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ABSTRACT

The present study entitled "Techniques in Translation of Cultural Terms: A Case of Novel 'SIDDHARTHA' was an attempt to find out the techniques and their frequencies employed in translating cultural terms. The main purpose of this study was to identify and categorize the basic features of cultural terms and point out the techniques and their frequencies. The data for the study were collected from the novel 'Siddhartha' and its translated version 'Siddhartha'. In this research work one hundred and fifty cultural terms were identified and those terms were categorized into five categories as ecology, material culture, religious culture, social culture and organization and conceptual terms. Findings of the study show that ten different techniques were found to have been employed in translating cultural words of the novel 'Siddhartha'. In this study different techniques such as: literal translation, borrowing, substitution, claque, deletion, blending, paraphrasing, addition, sense translation and mistranslation have been applied in translation of cultural words. Among them, literal translation was the most frequent one which covered 41.33% and blending was the least used one which covered only 0.67% of the total cultural words.

This study is divided into four chapters. Every chapter consists of necessary headings and subheadings. Chapter one introduces the study in terms of general background, review of the related literature, objectives and significance of the study. Chapter two deals with the methodology under which sources of data, process of data collection and limitations of the study are presented. Chapter three is the core of the study, which presents statistical analysis and interpretation of the data. Descriptive and analytical approaches are used to analyze the data. Chapter four discusses the findings of the study. On the basis of findings, some recommendations and pedagogical implications are suggested. The references and appendices are the concluding parts of the study.

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LIST OF SYMBOLS AND ABBREVIATIONS

% : Percentage

CUP : Cambridge University Press

OUP : Oxford University Press

ELT : English Language Teaching

p. : Page

pp. : Pages

SL : Source Language

SLT : Source Language Text

TL : Target Language

TLT : Target Language Text

T.U. : Tribhuvan University

M. Ed. : Master in Education

No. : Number

B. S. : Bikram Sambat

Prof. : Professor

Ph. D. : Doctor of Philosophy

i.e. : That is

http : Hyper Text Transfer Protocol

www : World Wide Web