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ABSTRACT

This thesis is basically a study of English code mixing in hospitals. The main objectives of the study are to find out the mixed code i.e. English words in Nepali discourse in hospitals and to find out the event-wise, word-wise, frequency-wise, sex-wise and word class-wise trend of mixing English words in hospitals. The sample population consists of those participants involved in 100 different speech events in hospitals. The researcher collected that data from the reputed hospital, Gandaki Hospital which is also known as regional, zonal and district hospital. The total percentage of Nepali and English words were attempted to mention in different tables. The researcher used random sampling procedure to collect the data for the research. The researcher went to the spot himself and started his research by recording and observing the speech in different events. At that situation, the researcher tried to display his intuition obediently and wisely in this very research. There are few researches in this area to see the features of English / Nepali code mixing though this research that I presented is quite different from others. The major finding of this research is that in public place like hospitals, code mixing is the regular and natural phenomenon. Most of the mixed words are from the content words and everyone who visits hospital are familiar with those mixed words because it is the medical field that every words are from English language.

This thesis contains four chapters. The first chapter deals with the introductory part where general background, definition of code mixing and code switching, types of code mixing, difference between code switching and code mixing and reasons for code mix, review of related literature, objectives of the study so on. Chapter second deals with methodology. It includes sources of data, population of the study, sample population, tools for data collection, process of data collection and limitation of the study. Chapter third consists of analysis and interpretation of required data. It consists of three parts i.e. part one involves in the description of Nepali and English words; part two deals with the analysis

and interpretation of the most frequently mixed words and the last part consists of word class-wise analysis and interpretation in the trend of mixing English words. The data are analyzed on the basis of percentage and they are presented in the table.

Chapter forth presents the wholesome summary of findings, pedagogical implications and recommendations for further researches. This very research study reveals that the greatest and the least number of words of both languages occurred according to the situation, mood of the speakers, their performance level, linguistic background, age, sex and so on. However, I find the word level switching/mixing rather than beyond word level in the hospitals

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

| | |
|--------|----------------------------|
| A. D. | Anno Domini |
| Abb. | Abbreviation |
| Adv. | Adverb |
| B. S. | Bikram Sambat |
| e. g. | exempli gratia for example |
| et al. | and other people |
| etc. | et cetera |
| i. e. | That is to say |
| Viz. | Namely |
| V. | Verb |
| NP | Noun Phrase |
| N | Noun |
| S. N | Serial Number |
| B. P. | Blood Pressure |
| PNC | Prithvi Narayan Campus |
| LMP | Last Menstruation Period |
| USG | Ultra sonogram |
| ECG | Echocardiography |

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| UNO | United Nations Organization |
| WHO | World Health Organization |
| USA | United States of America |
| UNESCO | United Nations Educational Scientific Cultural Organization |
| ICU | Intensive Care Unit |
| OPD | Out Patient Department |
| RFT | Renal Function Test |
| LFT | Liver Function Test |
| TC | Total Cost |
| DC | Different Cost |
| TT | Tetanus Toxide |
| OT | Over Time |
| ML | Milliliter |
| OK | Okay |
| TU | Tribhuvan University |
| KM | Kilometer |

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