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## **Abstract**

The present study has made an attempt to find out the kind of language used in political news stories in terms of sentence types, tense, aspect, voice and vocabularies with their word-class and frequency. Non-probability judgmental sampling design had been applied to collect the data in the study. The data was taken from the three English national dailies published in Nepal. In this study, complex sentence, past tense, simple aspect and active voice were found to be maximally used in the political news stories of all three newspapers published from Nepal. The progressive aspect in TKP has not been found. Perfect-Progressive sentences have, also, been used less frequently in comparison to other aspects in all newspapers. The special vocabularies found in the newspapers under study were ninety one in total. All abbreviated and peculiar words were found to be used in the politics and among the major-word-class, nouns have been used maximally and adverbs have not been found at all.

This thesis comprises of four chapters. The first chapter deals with general background of the study, varieties of linguistic code, mass media and their impact in society, news, newspapers, introduction to politics, review of related literature, objectives, significance of the study and definition of terms used in the study. In the second chapter, it includes the methodology applied in the study. It comprises sources of data, sampling procedure, tools of data collection, process of data collection and some important limitations of the study. Similarly, the third chapter displays analysis and interpretation of the collected data for the study using simple statistical tools like average and percentage. The comparison has been made, mainly, between the three Nepali-English newspapers viz. THT, TKP and TRN in terms of frequency. Lastly, the fourth chapter of this thesis presents the findings and some recommendations based on the analysis and interpretation of the available data. At the end, the references and appendices along with some samples of political news have been included.

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## ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

per	Percentage
&	And
Avg.	Average
CA	Constituent Assembly
CBES	Chure Bhabar Ekta Samaj
CPN Unified	Communist Party of Nepal-Unified
CPN-Maoist	Communist Party of Nepal-Maoists
CPN-UML	Communist Party of Nepal-United Marxist and Leninist
CS	Compound Sentence
CUP	Cambridge University Press
CXS	Complex sentence
DJP	Dalit Janajati Party
e.g.	Exempli gratia, for example
FDNF	Federal Democratic National Front
Freq	Frequency
FRNFN	Federal Republican National Front Nepal
i.e.	That is
JP	Janata Party
MJF	Madhesi Janadhikar Forum
NJD	Nepal Janata Dal
NLSD	Nepal Loktantrik Samajbadi Dal
No.	Number
NPD	Nepal Pariwar Dal
NRP	Nepal Rastriya Party
NWPP	Nepal Workers' and Peasants' Party
OUP	Oxford University Press
Perf.	Perfective

Perf-prog.	Perfect-Progressive
Prof.	Professor
Prog.	Progressive
RJP	Rastriya Janashakti Party
RPP-Nepal	Rastriya Prajantantra Party-Nepal
RPP	Rastriya Prajatantra Party
SN	Serial Number
SP	Sadbhawana Party
SS	Simple Sentence
THT	The Himalayan Times
TKP	The Kathmandu Post
TMDP	Tarai Madhes Democratic Party
TRN	The Rising Nepal
TU	Tribhuvan University
ULF	United Left Front
Viz.	That is to say; in other words