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ABSTRACT

The present thesis entitled "Pronominals is English and Bote" endevours to show similarities and differences between the pronominals in the English and Bote language. The researcher collected data from both primary and secondary sources. He selected 80 Bote native speakers belonging to Bamgha VDC of Gulmi district as the primary sources. There were equal number of male and female. Data for the English language were taken from secondary sources i.e. "English Syntactic Structure", "English Grammars" etc. The researcher utilized purposive/judgemental sampling procedure to sample the population. To collect the data a set of questionnaire was prepared and the data were analyzed to derive findings. The findings of the study show that both the Bote and English language have more or less similar number of pronominals, except for a few words in the Bote language. Both the English and Bote languages have singular and plural first person personal pronominals. Bote second person personal pronominals are more in number than those of English. The English language has different forms in singular and plural reflexive pronominals but there is only one term in the Bote language. Both English and Bote relative pronominals are more similar in forms because these two languages have one to one correspondent relative pronominals. The Bote language has more interrogative pronominals than English. The Bote language has two alternative pronominals for English interrogative pronominals "when" and "how". But it has only one interrogative pronominal *Kuncha* for English "who" and "which". The English language has "no one" and "no body" inindefinite pronominals but the Bote language has only one for these words *Kohipani*.

The thesis consists of four chapters. They are introduction, methodology, analysis and interpretation and findings and recommendations. Chapter one contains general background, an introduction to the English language, the linguistic scenario of Nepal, an introduction to the Bote people and language, Bote in statistics, script of the Bote language, culture and traditions of Bote people, pronominal and its type, contrastive analysis, review of the related

literature, objectives of the study and significance of the study. Chapter two deals with methodology. It encompasses sources of data, sample and sampling procedure, tools for data collection, process of data collection and limitations of the study. Chapter three is the most important chapter which is related with the analysis and interpretation of the obtained data. The data were presented, analyzed and compared descriptively with the help of tables and illustrations.

Chapter four presents the findings and recommendations of the study.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

BS. - Bikram Sambat

CA - Contrastive Analysis

CBS - Central Bureau of Statistics

Dist. - Distance

Dr. - Doctor

ed. - Edition

e.g. - For example (Latin exampli gratia)

et al. - And other people or things (Latin etalli/ alia)

etc. -That are other things that you could have mentioned (et cetera)

i.e. - That is to say/ in other words (Latin idest)

L1 - First language

L2 - Second language

Ltd. - Limited

M.Ed. - Masters in Education

No. - Number

NP - Noun Phrase

Plu. - Plural

Prox. - Proximity

Sing. - Singular

T.U. - Tribhuwan University

VDC - Village Development Committee

viz. - that is to say; in other words (Latin videlicet)

1st - First

2nd - Second

3rd - Third