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ABSTRACT

The thesis entitled 'Cases in English and Jhangar' is the first research work on the case system of the Jhangar language. It strives for listing all the Jhangar cases and for comparing and contrasting them with those of the English language. The researcher collected data from both the primary and secondary sources. Sixty people were selected as sample population exploiting stratified random sampling procedure, particularly the disproportionate type from three VDCs of Sunsari district. The structured interview was exploited to collect the data. The main findings of this research work are: (a) Jhangar has less number of cases than English but the Jhangar cases are more complex in nature than the English ones. (b) Jhangar does not have any common cases but English has a significant number of common cases.

The thesis comprises of four chapters. The first chapter deals with general background, introduction to the Jhangar language, concepts of case grammar, its marking system, English cases, review of related literature, objectives of study and significance of study. Similarly, the second chapter deals with the methodology which encompasses sources of data, sample population, sampling procedure, tools and process of data collection and limitations of the study. Likewise, the third chapter incorporates analysis and interpretation of the data. The researcher has used the descriptive style to present the Jhangar cases and he has compared and contrasted the Jhangar and English cases with examples. Finally, the last chapter consists of findings, recommendations and pedagogical implications of the study.

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ABBREVIATION AND SYMBOLS

: Dental

~ : Nasalized

A : Agentive

ABL : Ablative

ABS : Ablative

CA : Contrastive Analysis

COM : Comitative

CBS : Central Bureau of Statistics

DAT : Dative

Def. : Definite

DIST : Distal

EXCL : Exclusive

Fem : Feminine

GEN : Genitive

Indef. : Indefinite

INCL : Inclusive

INS : Instrumental

IV : Intransitive Verb

Mas. : Masculine

Neu : Neuter

NOM : Nominative

NP : Noun phrase

Obj. : Object

P : Patient

PAR : Participle

Pl : Plural

PROX : Proximal

S : Single argument

Sg : Singular

Sub : Subject

TV : Transitive Verb

VDC : Village Development Committee

1 : First Person

2 : Second Person

3 : Third Person

/τ/ : Retrosflex Flap

/x/ : Velar Fricative

 $/\phi/$: Zero Morph