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This thesis entitled "Verbs of Harvesting and Wedding ceremony in Nepali, Awadhi and English" makes a comparative study of the verbs used to refer to pre-harvesting and harvesting, and pre-wedding, wedding and post-wedding in the Nepali, Awadhi and English languages. All the data were collected through informal talks, unstructured interviews and focused group discussions (FGD) with the native speakers of all three languages. Altogether 80 informants were used for the study. The main finding of this study is that there were the highest number of verbs in the Nepali language in all activities and the least verbs were found in the English language but Awadhi had more verbs than English and less than Nepali.

This thesis has four chapters: Introduction, Methodology, Analysis and Interpretation, and Findings and Recommendations. The first chapter contains general background, review of related literature, objectives of the study and significance of the study. Likewise, the second chapter includes sources of data, population of the study, sampling procedure, research tools, and process of data collection and limitations of the study. Similarly, the third chapter consists of the analysis and interpretation of the data obtained. Lastly, the fourth chapter comprises of findings and recommendations of the study.

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#### ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS

- : Absent/ not found

\* : Not recorded in the census

CBS : Central Bureau of Statistics

e.g. : For example

ELT : English Language Teaching

et al. : And other people or things

etc. : Et cetera/ and so on

F. : Female

FGD : Focused Group Discussion

i.e. : That is

ibid. : In the same book or piece of writing as the

one that has just been mentioned (from Latin *ibidem*)

M. : Male

No. : Number

O : Object

OALD : Oxford Advanced Learners' Dictionary

p. : Page

S : Subject

S. N. : Serial Number

UN : United Nations

UNESCO : United Nations Educational, Scientific and

**Cultural Organization**