

## **A Linguistic Analysis of Selected Hindi Proverbs**

### **ABSTRACT**

Proverbs are employed as a means of explaining the Hindi language. By using proverbs in presenting the language, it renders liveliness and a natural quality. The Hindi language consists of grammatical morphs, sama:sa, sandhi (compounds), proverbs, similes and idiomatic phrases. Proverbs may be identified as a mode of presenting language in an indirect way. Therefore, the topic of this dissertation is “A linguistic Analysis of Hindi Proverbs”. Native speakers of the Hindi language are capable of using proverbs according to the context. However, in Sri Lanka, the students who study the Hindi language face difficulties in understanding the deep meaning of proverbs. If a surface-level idea is presented in front of a native speaker, it would cause harm. The first chapter of this dissertation discusses about language. It clearly describes the problems in using proverbs with the procedure and the aim of studying them. The second chapter considers the definitions of proverbs and describes the features of proverbs. The content of the third chapter deals with the structure of Hindi proverbs. Accordingly, the exact nature of the proverb can be understood. The pragmatic situation in which the proverb is used, is given consideration in the fourth chapter. The fifth chapter includes the conclusion and areas for further studies.

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