

ABSTRACT

The present research, Structure and Use of Pronouns in Malaysian Spoken Tamil – A Sociolinguistics Study focuses on ‘language structure, (LS) and ‘language use’ (LU) and tries to accomplish an adequate description of the pronoun system that includes different types of pronouns, their alternants, their distribution, functional importance, grammatical relationships established, occurrence of pronoun forms in phrases and sentences, etc. The research also brings out the functional importance of pronoun forms-their grammatical occurrences in larger constructions. Pronouns, apart from their role established through different structures found in language, do have socio-cultural significance when they are used in different contexts, situations, etc, both in the formal and informal domains of social activity.

So, this study tries to explain the use of pronouns (with all its variants) not only in varying linguistic environments (in morphological, phrasal, syntactic constructions) but also in varying socio-cultural environments. Pronouns occur not only as subjects but also occur in noun and verb predicates, performing different grammatical functions. Pronouns occurring with other parts of speech are used as reference terms, politeness expressions, expression of power and solidarity, expression of respect, honour, etc. This research also tries to identify the free variation in the use of pronouns and their socio cultural values. Based on the analysis made, the present study highlights the findings and observations made, and suggests a set of follow- up activities for future research in the area of Tamil linguistics in general and that of Tamil sociolinguistics in particular.

ABSTRAK

Penyelidikan ini adalah tentang Penggunaan Kata ganti nama yang memberi tumpuan kepada 'struktur bahasa (LS) dan 'penggunaan bahasa '(LU) dalam bahasa pertuturan Tamil Malaysia yang mencukupi sistem gantinama yang merangkumi pelbagai jenis kata ganti nama, alternants mereka, pengedaran mereka, betapa pentingnya fungsi, hubungan tatabahasa ditubuhkan, kejadian bentuk ganti nama dalam frasa dan ayat, dan lain-lain penyelidikan juga membawa keluar kepentingan fungsi kata ganti bentuk-mereka kejadian tatabahasa dalam pembinaan yang lebih besar. Ganti nama, selain daripada peranan yang ditubuhkan melalui struktur yang berbeza yang terdapat dalam bahasa mereka, mempunyai sosio-budaya penting apabila ia digunakan dalam konteks situasi, yang berbeza, dan lain-lain di kedua-dua domain formal dan tidak formal aktiviti sosial.

Kajian ini cuba menerangkan pelbagai jenis kata ganti nama dalam frasa bahasa lisan Tamil Malaysia. Kajian ini juga menunjukkan kepentingan bentuk ganti nama, fungsi serta kedudukannya dalam ayat dan frasa. Selain daripada peranan yang ditetapkan dalam pelbagai jenis struktur bahasa, kata ganti nama juga mempunyai ciri-ciri kepentingan sosio budaya apabila digunakan dalam pelbagai konteks sama ada dalam pelbagai aktiviti yang formal dan tidak formal

Jadi, kajian ini cuba menerangkan penggunaan ganti nama (semua variannya) bukan sahaja dalam pelbagai persekitaran bahasa (dalam morfologi, pembinaan, phrasal sintaktik) tetapi juga dalam pelbagai persekitaran sosio-budaya. Ganti nama bukan sahaja digunakan sebagai subjek tetapi juga sebagai predikat kata nama dan kata kerja melaksanakan fungsi

tatabahasa yang berbeza. Kata ganti nama yang terdapat dalam struktur bahasa dengan bahagian lain bersuara digunakan sebagai rujukan, ungkapan kesopanan, ungkapan kuasa dan perpaduan, ungkapan rasa hormat, kehormatan, dan lain-lain. Kajian ini juga cuba mengenal pasti perubahan bebas dalam penggunaan kata ganti nama dan nilai-nilai sosio budayanya. Berdasarkan analisis yang dibuat, kajian ini memaparkan penemuan dan pemerhatian yang dibuat serta mencadangkan satu set aktiviti susulan untuk penyelidikan pada masa depan dalam bidang linguistik bahasa Tamil secara umum dan Tamil sociolinguistik khususnya

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