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Economic Determinants of Linguistic Behaviour: A Socioeconomic Analysis of Assamese Language Evolution

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Introduction

Language is not merely a medium of communication but a dynamic social institution that adapts to cultural, political, and economic transformations. As societies undergo economic development, linguistic behaviors evolve to reflect new social realities. Language serves as both a mirror and a catalyst for socioeconomic change. The evolution of vocabulary, syntax, semantics, and speech patterns often reflect the economic forces that shape people's lives and work. In multilingual regions like Assam, the interplay between economic development and linguistic practices becomes especially prominent. The Assamese language, historically grounded in agrarian culture, has undergone noticeable changes in vocabulary and discourse patterns due to industrialization, urbanization, and digitization. This paper explores how economic transformations in Assam contribute to the modernization and hybridization of the Assamese language.

Literature Review

The intricate relationship between language and society has been a focal point in sociolinguistic and anthropological studies. Scholars like William Labov (1972) and Peter Trudgill (2000)

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ABSTRACT

Literature represents language, culture, tradition and knowledge of a particular community . It is literature which is used to make a child learn and to be educated in his first school days. Children start their formal learning in schools with literary text books which starts with alphabets and continue with poetry and prose. Biodiversity is the variety of life on Earth; it includes all organisms, species, and populations. We the human being and all other species need biodiversity to fulfill our basic needs like food, drinking water, fuel, shelter, and medicine. To save the earth and human itself, mankind must protect the endangered biodiversity. Literature can be used as an instrument to prepare human to save biodiversity in various ways. This paper examines the issue related to conservation of biodiversity and literature.

Key Words : Literature, Learning, Biodiversity, Conservation

Now, rather than human development occurring in a matrix of natural landscape, natural areas occur in a matrix of human dominated landscape.

— Harris and Scheck

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Abstract

Tiwamese is a pidgin spoken in Kamrup (M), Nagaon, Morigaon and West KarbiAnglong districts of Assam. This very pidgin from time unknown co-exists with Assamese dialect of middle Assam and the language Tiwa (a Tibeto-Burman language spoken by Tiwa tribes of middle Assam). Tiwamese originates as a result of long standing co-existence of both the languages i.e. Tiwa and Assamese and their mutual influence. This paper examines both the spoken Assamese language of Morigaon and the 'Tiwamese' in order to determine the influence of one another.

Keywords: Tiwamese, Tiwa, Assamese, Influence.