

Original and Inherent Name of a Kashmiri Dialect

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Abstract

There is variety of dialectic difference in the society of Peer Panchaal area of J&K State. This can be traced by means of communication with the people of this area. Khah is a Kashmiri dialect spoken in district Ramban. This district has various dialectical difference because of different languages are spoken and different community. Khah is one of the Kashmiri dialect which has been given various names unknowingly. The most frequent language spoken by the people of this area is Khah which is the mother tongue of the people of tehsil Banihal, tehsil Khari and tehsil Ukerhal. The name Khah is merely used by some people, unfortunately it is named differently like pogali, pugili, paheri, kohistani, panchali, banihali, khah and kushali. The aim of this research paper is to provide the implicit view of a language regarding its status and original inherent name. Khah is the name which is given since its birth and people spoken this dialect are being called Khah lok by Kashmiri language users. The purpose of this research paper is to explore the originality and historic part of a dialect which is untouched and yet to discovered.

Key words: Dialect, District, Different, Names, Tehsil, Khah, Implicit, Mere, People, Inception.

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Introduction

The study is to examine the different names of a dialect given by the people of different communities for the purpose of connivances in the society. Dialectic difference is found everywhere even among the family members. But creating differences on the status of name of a dialect does not deserve for its existence. Such linguistics differences must be explored and deconstructed for proper understanding of the people. This study is an attempt to make the clear understanding about names given to this dialect on the basis of area, professions, and on prior efforts made by some writers. This research paper is clear picturing of a dialect its original and inherent name given by the speakers. The study brings the factual position in and around the areas where this dialect is spoken.

Banihali

Banihal is a name of Tehsil in District Ramban of the state Jammu and Kashmir located in the lap of pirpanchal area. People reside in this area speaks Kashmiri language. In the revenue record of the government of J&K Davgool is the ancient name of Banihal and the people live there are called Banihali so banihali is not a dialect or any name of a dialect.

Pogali

Pogal is a village in Tehsil Ukerhal name pogali has been given by some writers who have first started writing for this dialect. We cannot find any relevant and authentic data about this name of a dialect. This is originally a village consisted of some population.

Pehari

In the State of J&K people live on mountains they have different dialects. The maximum area of the state is mountainous and the people are called pehari because they live on mountain. Therefore Perhari is not a dialect they are people speaking different dialects but live on upper reaches of the state.

Kohistani

The word Kohistan is derived from Urdu language which means mountain. Kohistani are the people they live on mountainous areas and the dialects they use in their areas are called kohitani dialect. This is Urdu name for the people living on mountainous area in Jammu And Kashmir State.

Panchali

Panchal is the name of a village in Panchayat Pogal Tehsil Ukerhal District Ramban. The word panchali is used by some people who reside at village panchal and write some local folk tales. They have given this name because of their writings not on the basis of any authentic sources.

Kasha

The word Kasha is being used mistakenly in spite of Khah. Originally it is Khah dialect only which is used by the people of above all mentioned areas and people.

Khah

Kah is the only authentic name of this dialect which had / has been used by original inhabitants of this population residing in Perpanchal area of Chenab Valley in J&K.

SAMPLE

- . Fifteen people (sample) from tehsil Banihal over 60 years old.
- . Fifteen people (sample) from tehsil Khari over 60 years old.
- . Fifteen people (sample) from tehsil Ukerhal over 60 years old.
- . Fifteen people (sample) from tehsil Ramban over 60 years old.

Table

S NO	TEHSILS	Total Sample	Banihali	Kohistani	Khah	Pehari	Panchali	Pogali	Puguli	Khasha
1	Banihal	15	Nil	1	12	1	Nil	1	Nil	Nil
2	Khari	15	Nil	Nil	15	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
3	Ramban	15	Nil	1	11	1	Nil	2	Nil	Nil
4	Ukerhal	15	Nil	Nil	11	Nil	Nil	4	Nil	Nil

Conclusion

In the conclusion, we come to know that out of (60) sixty samples (49) forty nine people believe that the original and inherent name of this dialect is Khah and is mother tongue of the people residing in mountainous areas of this district, only some people on the basis of their personal and self perceptions have given different names. It means that the total 82% of the samples believed that the name of this dialect is Khah which is original and inherently historic in its proper context, spoken by people of the areas as it is proved through this research method. All the samples have been taken to make an effort to prove that the authentic name of this dialect is spoken in the areas of district Ramban State of J&K. The inference of this research paper is to prove that the name Khah had been given by its speakers since the inception and usages of this dialect and the people, they have been using it as mother tongue. The purpose of this research paper is to provide authentic picture of this dialect to the readers in order to understand the real and historic background of the name of this dialect. This dialect is frequently used by the people of district Ramban of Chenab valley as mother and is a dominant spoken dialect of this area.

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