

linguistically. The reflection of the social structure in the use of kinship terms has also been analysed in this study. The variations found in the three communities have also been discussed and presented.

The seventh chapter namely, Use of Address Terms discusses the use of address terms and reference terms. This chapter describes the address pattern existing in the three communities and the variations in the address pattern have also been discussed.

The eighth chapter entitled Semiotic Study of Address Terms discusses the relationship between the non-verbal behaviour and the verbal behaviour. The role of non-linguistic factors such as physical space, observance of silence, eye movement, facial expressions and gestures in communication network have been discussed.

The ninth chapter The Modes of Request and Exercising Authority discusses the requesting pattern of individuals as attested in the social network level. The politeness as well as authoritative features used in requests have also been presented. The variations in making the request on two aspects, namely, (1) requesting an individual to give a particular thing and (2) requesting an individual not to do a particular act have been presented elaborately.