

like pronouns, pronominal terminations, kinship terms, address terms, requesting pattern and exercising authoritativeness in relation to the varying statuses of the participants. The objectives of the research are as follows :

1. Study of variations in the use of pronouns and pronominal terminations in kin and social network levels and correlation of those variations with the social parameters concerned.
2. Study of kinship and address terms in the kin and social network levels and correlating them with the social parameters.
3. Semiotic study of the address terms
- and 4. Study of the modes of request expressing politeness and authoritativeness in the social network level and correlating the variations with the social parameters.

1.3 Scope of the Study

The present study has chosen a rural sector as its field of study. An attempt has been made to study the relationship between linguistic behaviour and social structure. The variations attested in the use of second person pronouns and in the use of person-number-gender markers have been studied. The use of first person and third