

A Descriptive Study of Kuchak

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ABSTRACT

The paper is based on a field survey done on Kuchak, a language spoken in Haryana and explicates on the unique linguistic features along with the socio-linguistic issues of the community. Based on the data obtained on the basis of the questionnaire developed by (Abbi 2001), the paper argues that Kuchak should be considered a separate variety which is distinct from the neighboring languages Haryanvi and Punjabi despite shared lexical and syntactic properties with these languages.

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1. INTRODUCTION

The paper probes into some of the morpho-syntactic properties of the Kuchak language spoken in Haryana and tries to argue that the language is currently under threat. The threat is due to the dominance of Haryanvi and Punjabi on the one hand and the loss of this language in the various domain (Holmes 2008). Kuchak needs to be considered as a minor and endangered language of the region. The paper begins with an introduction of the language and the community. The methodology of data collection has been illustrated in Section 4. Subsequently, the morphological properties and syntactic properties are described in Section 4 and 5. The comparative study is illustrated in Section 7 while the conclusions are noted in Section 8.