

AFFIXATION AND COMPOUNDING AS TWO MAJOR PROCESSES OF WORD FORMATION IN BODO LANGUAGE

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ABSTRACT

Bodo is one of the languages of Tibeto-Burman branch of Sino-Tibetan language family. The speakers of this language are concentrated mostly in the Brahmaputra valley of Assam as well as more or less in the border areas of Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland and Meghalaya of North-East India; North Bengal of West Bengal and the Nepal. There are many processes of word formation in Bodo. But the present study will highlight only affixation and compounding as two major processes of word formation. In Bodo, the prefixes and suffixes take very important role in the process of affixation of word formation. In compounding, root words like noun, verb and adjective take important role which will be highlighted in the paper.

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