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**PREFACE** 

The title of the research topic is A STUDY OF NOMINALIZATION IN BODO. This

study holds significant academic and linguistic value for the language. It explores all

possible processes of derivational noun formation and structures. This study is carried

out based on data from both primary and secondary sources.

The first chapter deals with the brief notes on Bodos and their language and its

development, noun, pronoun, nominalization, literature review, problem statement,

aims and objectives, significance of the study, area of the study, hypotheses,

methodology and source of data.

The second chapter involves the discussion of derivational noun word formation

through different affixation processes especially prefixation and suffixation from

different lexical categories i.e., verb, adjective and noun. The formation of naming

words of body parts of human, animal, insect, and tree are also realized in the

prefixation process.

The third chapter mainly deals with the new noun word formation by compounding

process. The study is done on formation of new noun by different types of compounding

like semantic classification, structural classification and formal classification. The

formation of name of animal, bird, fruit, fish also involves in this chapter. The

formation of kinship term also realized in this chapter. This chapter also involves the

reduplication of noun for different purposes, echo formation of noun and onomatopoeic

nouns.

The fourth chapter studies about the noun phrase, its structure or components and

functions. This chapter also involves the study of noun clause and its function.

The fifth chapter is concluding chapter, so, this chapter deals brief summarization of all

chapters.

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### **ABBREVIATIONS**

ABL Ablative Case

ACC Accusative Case

Adj. Adjective

Adj.QW Adjective Question Word

Adv. Adverb

ALDS Also Denoting Suffix

APSC Assam Public Service Commission

BLT Bodoland Liberation Tigers

CAUS Causative Clf. Classifier

DEF Definite Denoting Suffix

Dist.Dem. Distal Demonstrative Pronoun

DTC Dative Case

EMP Emphatic Particle

Fin. Finite Verb

GNT Genitive Case

H Head

HAB Habitual

Hon. Honorific

IFT Immediate Future Tense

IM Imperative

INF Infinitive

INS Instrumental Case

IPA International Phonetic Alphabet

IPT Immediate Past Tense

LOC Locative Case

Mdf. Modifier

MIL Modern Indian Language

N. Noun

NE North East

Neg. Negative

Neg.P. Negative Particle

NOM Nominative Case

NOMZR Nominalizer

Non-Fin. V. Non-Finite Verb

NP Noun Phrase

Nrl. Numeral

NRRC Non-restrictive relative clause

Obj. Object

PCT Present Continuous Tense

Pfx. Prefix

PG Post Graduate

PIT Present Indefinite Tense

PL Plural Suffix

POSS Possessive Case

Prox.Dem. Proximal Demonstrative Pronoun

PSLR Passivalizer

QP Question Particle

QW Question Word

R Rounded

RED Reduplication

RFT Remote Future Tense

RPT Remote Past Tense

RRC Restrictive relative clause

S Sentence

Sub. Subject

Sfx. Suffix

SUB Sfx. Subordinate Suffix

UPSC Union Public Service Commission

UR Unrounded

V Verb

Vd Voiced

Vl Voiceless

VP Verb Phrase

# **SYMBOLS**

- // Phonemic brackets
- / Or, alternately
- + indicates combination of two linguistic elements
- > leads to, means or result
- varies (indicate approximate meaning)
- use before suffix and after prefix
- ø zero suffix