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# **Caste Contaminated Language: A Study of Select Languages of India**

# Caste Contaminated Languages.

- Bronislaw Malinowski observes : language functions as a link in a concerted human activity , as piece of human behaviour . It is a mode of action not an instrument of reflection.
- Grierson conducted first survey in 1889 on Indian languages , published in 1903 , comprising of 800 pages.

- Prof. Ganesh Devy took a survey People's Linguistic survey engaged 4000 volunteers who are non academic persons .The project will publish findings in 37 volumes in 2020.
- David Harisson describes India as a land of language diversity ,but lacks proper documentation..

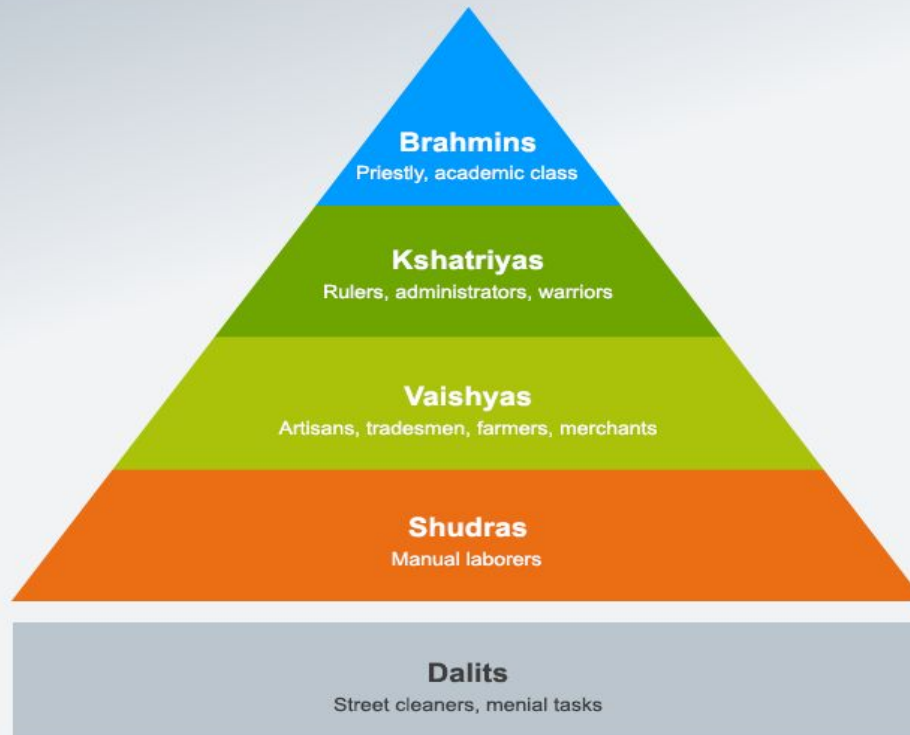
- Indian Constitution has provision for language – Eight schedule article 344, 351
- Article 351 promulgates the true spirit of language diversity .
- Eight Schedule includes 22 languages

- M.A.K Halliday holds opinion there is a strong link between languages
- Many of Indian languages bear insignia of upper caste by perpetuating the propaganda of ruling class .
- Language is also culture specific.

- Praxis of caste system is very important .
- `Caste` Spanish word means breed or lineage.
- In Sanskrit caste is Varna , meaning `colour`
- Since Vedic era , Hindu society is categorized under four broad division

## India's Caste System

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- Hudson views , “ Linguistic inequality can be seen as cause , along with many factors of course , of social inequality , because language is one of the most means by which social inequality is perpetuated from generation to generation.”
- There are two types of linguistic inequalities- Subjective Inequality and Linguistic Inequality.



- Here I would like to explore how Sanskrit , Hindi, Bengali, Oriya and Tamil , along with other languages dehumanized sudra community.
- As most of languages of India is derived from Sanskrit , it was language of upper caste , and they embossed their own view .



- Beder tol , bengali phrase , meaning primary school of snake charmer indicates chaos.
- Santhal er moto dekhte , looks like Santhal , a tribe , indicating ugliness
- Chori chamari mat karna , Hindi word , meaning do not steal like chamar , unfortunately the very act of stealing at par with chamar , blacksmith community

- Bangi jaisa chal – meaning style like bhangi ,indicating cheap style.
- Chandaler moto rag – violent like chandal , a dalit community.
- Kaha gangu teli kaha raja bhoj.

Thank you