



**MORPHOLOGY OF THE ADI LANGUAGE
OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH**

ABSTRACT

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Adi is a language spoken by the Adis, one of the largest hill tribes of Arunachal Pradesh. Though they were formerly known as Abors, their tribe name as per the census records is Adi. The Adis are sub-divided into different sub-tribes. Among them are Padam, Minyong, Pangi, Shimong, Ashing, Pasi, Karko, Bokar, Bori, Ramo, Pailibo, Milan, Tangam and Tagin. The Padam and Minyong are the largest groups.

The total population of the Adis according to the 1991 census is 1.2 lakhs, and they constitute the largest tribal group in Arunachal Pradesh. The Adis spread over in the East, West and Upper Siang Districts of Arunachal Pradesh. The Adi-inhabited area is about 21,229 sq. kms. excluding the areas in the Dibang and Subansiri valley.¹

Statement of the Problem

The proposed study is entitled 'Morphology of the Adi Language of Arunachal Pradesh'

The need for the study arises from the various problems being faced. At the outset, there is no proper linguistic description on the Adi language. The linguistic descriptions done so far are very scanty. Proper morphological descriptions have so far been lacking, although there have been brief attempts.

¹ Sachin Roy. 1966. *Aspects of Padam – Minyong Culture*. P. 1.

