Chapter 2

Review of Literature

Like many other tribal languages of Northeast India, Anal do not have vigorous written literature. Likewise, they do not have their indigenous script as well to represent their language in written form. Due to lack of their own script, they used to adopt Roman script for representing their language with some modifications. Consequently, the available literature in the language is scanty which includes Grierson-Konow's (1903) ***Linguistic Survey of India, Vol. III part II,*** Calcutta, Gangumei, Kamei's (1988) ***Anal: A Trans-Border Tribe of Manipur***, Mittal publication, New Delhi. In his ***Linguistic Survey of India, Vol. III part II*** Grierson described the grammatical sketch of Anal with a list of annotated vocabularies. However his work did not give a systematic and comprehensive study of the overall structure of the proposed language in the light of descriptive framework. Conversely, Kamei made his effort to show the socio-cultural perspectives of the Anal tribe from the historical background of the Indo-Mongoloid tribes. Besides this, Rajendra's book ***"The Anals of Manipur"*** is also one of the major works on Anal community. In his book, he explores who are Anal, how they are originated, and what is their custom, tradition, religion etc. Moreover, he simply highlighted about the language without pertaining the modern linguistic framework. Furthermore, he has mentioned that the Anal people used Roman script to write their language.