

**A LINGUISTIC ANALYSIS OF THE SPOKEN TAMIL  
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## **Abstract**

The primary objective of this dissertation is to present a linguistic analysis of the Spoken Tamil used in Alampil in Mullaitivu District, Vanni, Sri Lanka, based on the methodology described in Structural Linguistics.

This dissertation consists of an introduction, five main chapters and a vocabulary. The introduction is a short discussion of Sri Lanka Tamil, Sri Lankan Tamils, Vanni region and Mullaitivu district. It includes information related to geography of the region, life style of the people, belief, customs, cast system, culture, economy, as well as proverbs and specific words used by farmers and fishermen of this area.

To begin with, the first chapter introduces the phonemic system of this language. Phonetic variations, their distribution, phonemic contrasts and syllable structure is given in the subsequent sections of this chapter.

Morphological categories of this language is described in the second chapter.

Sandhi and morphonemic variations are discussed in chapter three.

Syntactic categories such as nouns, verbs and inflections / conjugations are explained in chapter four.

Finally, special features found in this dialect is illustrated in chapter five.

It is my belief that the findings of this research may help to the people belong to different ethnic groups in Sri Lanka to understand each other and to improve linguistic knowledge of the people who are interested in language studies. Further, this would also be a contribution to linguistics and a helpful source to the researchers in language and linguistics.