ABSTRACT

Lexicography is a scientific practice or as an activity of writing or compiling dictionary. Now it has been recognized by the linguists as a discipline of language study. We use a dictionary for many purposes such as checking correct spellings, pronunciations of words to learn more about words and their meaning and usage in the process of language learning and comprehending a text, etc. Therefore a dictionary preparation should take care of the expectation of the end users.

This study on Persian lexicography is based on three factors viz., purpose, methodology and the uses. The study deals with the following aspects also: the structural study of writing lexicons, different methods of writing lexicons, functions of lexicons in linguistics studies, the roles and functions of lexicography in the growth and development of Persian language and literature. The details of the research study presented in five chapters.

Since, this research has a historical and documented research approach the required information has been collected by referring to previous and available resources from library and other places and also from second hand books viz., journals, magazines and scientific periodicals and many other written articles presented in the seminar and conferences volumes were also referred for collection of data for the study.

However, due to the wider scope of the lexicography, the study has been limited to the monolingual lexicons in Persian language in Iran. This study has also described the difficulties based by the lexicographers in the development of Persian Lexicography in connection with various aspects of dictionary making. At the end of the study some suggestions are also presented for the considerations of current Lexicographers. The lexicographers have to pay attention to the dynamic, living and changing language situations and take account of recording contemporary spoken words and expressions in their work. Now they have more facilities and accessibility to technology, especially computers and the compilation of dictionary can be more easier and viable.