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This book, **Silent Talk : Nonverbal Communication**, by Dr. M.S. Thirumalai, Professor-cum-Deputy Director, CILL, discusses the aspects of nonverbal communication and links the same with social and psychological factors as well as verbal communication. The study of nonverbal communication always formed part of Indian traditional grammars. Grammar, then, was seen as a study of the comprehensive phenomenon involving both verbal and nonverbal elements. Modern linguistics courses, however, have not adequately focussed upon aspects of nonverbal communication and the inter-relationship between verbal and nonverbal communication processes. Study of nonverbal communication will be found highly useful for culture analysis and description, sociological analysis, for language teaching and learning, for therapy purposes and for literary analysis, among others. I do hope and wish that, with the publication of this book, the students of linguistics and related disciplines will show a greater interest in the study of aspects of nonverbal communication.

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