ABSTRACT (in English)

The diploma work deals with the hindu funeral rite. The thesis is based on the study of original Indian resources in Hindi and Sanskrit, as well as on treatises on this topic in English, German and Czech. The main part of the thesis consists of description of the last rite in the life of Hindus - the last samskara, known as antyeshti. The description of the funeral rite is made from structural and also historical point of view. The description of the structure of funeral rite is based on complex study of all resources, and translation of Paraskara grhyasutra is added as an attachment. This basis allows following development of the rite and its possible changes in modern India.