

NATIVE LANGUAGE - THE MIRROR OF THE NATION

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Abstract

My mother tongue, flowing through our being, stirring in our veins every moment, and influencing our hearts through words. My mother tongue, bringing people closer and widely spreading the seeds of love. As we all know, every nation in this world has its own mother tongue. Language is a part of a nation's identity. It is not only the pride and honor of the entire people, but also a high distinction. Language is not only a means of communication, but also the culture, customs, lifestyle, and history of a nation.

Introduction

It is precisely because of language that humanity lives with pride in belonging to this or that nation. Therefore, we undoubtedly cannot deny how fluent our mother tongue is, how it stands out from other languages with its beauty, how much meaning is hidden in a single word, and its rich vocabulary. It should be noted that granting the status of a state language to the Uzbek language was one of the important steps towards achieving national independence. Therefore, the Uzbek language was granted the status of a state language on October 21, 1989. This became an unforgettable, historical event in the life of our country and our compatriots. During the years of independence, significant changes have taken place in the development of our language, as in all spheres of our country. For the past century, our language has never disappeared among our people; it has been preserved. Our great ancestors Abdurauf Fitrat, Abdulla Avloniy, and others spared no effort in ensuring that our language remained among the people. As an example, we can cite the words of Abdulla Avloniy in the following lines: "The mirror of life that shows the existence of every nation in the world is its language and literature."

It is known that the realization of self-identity, the expression of national consciousness and thinking, and the spiritual connection between ancestors are manifested through language. All good qualities are instilled in the human heart primarily through a mother's lullaby and the unique charm of the mother tongue. Mother tongue is the soul of the nation. If a person in this life does not know three or four or even more languages, but does not know their mother tongue, they are a spiritually impoverished person. We cannot say without hesitation that the feeling of patriotism is high in such a person, because the lack of knowledge in this area becomes a barrier. To prevent this barrier, a person must first of all know their mother tongue well, which is their national pride. However, unfortunately, there are those among us in society who diminish the charm of our language, carelessly adapt it, and use it with rude words. But they do not realize that they are undermining the prestige of their mother tongue, which is their pride.



The Uzbek language, one of the ancient and rich languages of the world, is a symbol of national identity and independent statehood for our people, an invaluable spiritual treasure, and a great value that occupies an extremely important place in the political, social, spiritual, and educational development of our country.¹ Indeed, the Uzbek language has bravely traversed a historical path of many millennia to this day. Scientific, literary, spiritual, and educational sources created from the Orkhon-Yenisei inscriptions to the present day can provide comprehensive and reliable information about the formation and development trends, literary expression, semantic layers, and vocabulary of the Uzbek language. At the same time, representatives of the next generation, luminaries of the 20th and 21st century enlightenment and literature, linguists, and literary scholars are also making an unparalleled contribution with their artistic, creative, and scientific activities to the literary, spiritual, and educational enrichment and elevation of the Uzbek language, and its gradual refinement and perfection. Among the languages of the world, the Uzbek language, with its meaningful facets, subtleties of expression, and literary regularities, possesses a special dignity and charm, captivating scholars, intellectuals, and leaders of enlightenment. Nevertheless, today we observe instances of indifference towards our national state language among some segments of the population and youth, and all such cases indicate the existence of a number of problems that need to be urgently addressed for the stability and elevation of the national language. I think that every person in life should first of all develop such an understanding: how much am I able to show the attractiveness of my language to others in every aspect, or am I showing the opposite? We know that people have different opinions and understandings regarding their national language. These understandings reflect the attitudes and respect within a person. For example, if we take this as an example, it begins to manifest in how a citizen of a certain country behaves and interacts when they go abroad, and in this way, they also begin to influence those around them externally through their language. This influence comes from two sides, positive and negative, because the more politely, ethically, and sonorously that citizen expresses themselves in their own language, the better impression they can leave on others about their mother tongue. If the opposite happens, it is also a decrease in the prestige of that nation.

Therefore, language is the mirror, pride, and source of thought of a nation. To lose the national language is to lose the soul of the nation. Preserving languages is the preservation of the culture, customs, and traditions of that people. Because the fate of a people is directly related to the fate of their language. Language is the core of every culture. For this reason, the preservation of language determines the development and future of the people. Language unites, educates, teaches, and preserves the customs and traditions of the people. Therefore, each of us is responsible for raising the international prestige of our mother tongue and including it among the developed languages based on national and universal concepts. In conclusion, we urge every compatriot, who is the main promoter and protector of the state language, to be our partner and like-minded person. Indeed, strength is in unity, elevation is in unification, development is in solidarity, and prosperity is in cooperation.

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