

MY UZBEK LANGUAGE – THE PRIDE OF MY NATION

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Abstract

This article analyzes the role of the Uzbek language in the life of our people, its invaluable significance in expressing our national values, and its place in the development of society. Our mother tongue is highlighted not only as a means of communication, but also as an important factor in preserving spiritual heritage, understanding national identity, and transmitting cultural wealth to future generations. In recent years, discussions have been based on reforms in language policy and the education system, government programs, and scientific research aimed at developing the language. The impact of modern technologies, electronic dictionaries, linguistic platforms, and information systems on the process of language learning is also examined. Special attention is paid to raising the prestige of the Uzbek language worldwide, expanding its scope of use in the international arena, and promoting it widely in scientific and artistic literature.

Keywords: Uzbek language, national values, language policy, development of the mother tongue, cultural heritage, educational process, linguistic research, electronic dictionaries.

Introduction

The mother tongue is the spiritual pillar of every nation, a priceless treasure that defines its uniqueness. The Uzbek language has always been a powerful means of expressing our people's historical memory, culture, and national pride. Since independence, the legal status of our language has been strengthened, and as the state language, it has been widely used in various fields. In recent years, large-scale reforms have been carried out to improve language policy, enhance the prestige of the Uzbek language, and promote it internationally. In the context of globalization, the preservation and development of national languages is of particular importance. From this perspective, studying the Uzbek language in depth, implementing it widely in science, education, and technology, and creating opportunities for the younger generation to receive quality education in their mother tongue are among the essential requirements of modern development. The role of electronic resources, online dictionaries, modern linguistic programs, and digital platforms in language development is invaluable.

Thus, the topic 'My Uzbek Language – The Pride of My Nation' is of great importance not only for linguistics but also for spirituality, pedagogy, and social life. This paper highlights the role

of the Uzbek language in social life, its influence on understanding national identity, and issues of language development in the context of modern reforms.

MAIN PART

In recent years, large-scale practical work has been carried out in the Republic of Uzbekistan to develop our mother tongue and strengthen its status in state and public life. In particular, on the initiative of the President, the 31st anniversary of the adoption of the 'Law on the State Language' was widely celebrated in October 2020, and special attention was paid to promoting the Uzbek language internationally. As part of this event, new standards for official documentation in the state language were developed, and the gradual introduction of full documentation in Uzbek in government institutions began.

In 2021, the Department for the Development of the State Language was established under the Cabinet of Ministers. Its main task was to consistently implement language policy, expand the practical use of the Uzbek language, and introduce high-quality language services in various fields. This created opportunities for our mother tongue to be used not only as a spiritual value but also in all areas of daily life.

From 2022, new textbooks, electronic manuals, and online platforms for in-depth teaching of the Uzbek language were introduced in schools and higher education institutions. In particular, the widespread use of electronic dictionaries, mobile applications, and interactive learning programs created great opportunities for young people to master the language. That same year, for the first time, the 'Uzbek Language Day' was celebrated at the national level, becoming an important event in the spiritual life of our people.

In 2023, linguists began work on improving spelling rules and creating a new orthographic dictionary. This process sparked wide discussions in society and contributed to the development of our language in line with modern requirements. At the same time, the complete transition to document exchange in Uzbek through information systems in government agencies became a tangible result.

Today, these measures are bearing fruit. The number of scientific studies, educational textbooks, and modern literature in Uzbek is increasing; official documents in public administration are fully maintained in our mother tongue; and international interest in learning Uzbek is growing. Most importantly, our language has become a source of pride and honor in the minds of young people, serving as a factor of national unity and spiritual growth.

Expansion of foreign languages and vocational training programs in education. From the 2024/2025 academic year, experimental 'Advanced Subject Learning' programs were introduced in schools, where students in grades 10–11 study a second foreign language along with vocational and business directions.

Through this, it is expected that students' knowledge of languages and professions will increase, their language skills will improve, and their adaptability to qualification requirements will be enhanced.

Financial incentives for Uzbek language teachers. From February 2025, teachers of the state language (Uzbek) in general education institutions who hold a national certificate will receive an additional allowance equal to 50% of their base salary.

Obligation to pass exams in the state language. In February 2025, it was established that 11th-grade graduates from schools where the language of instruction is not Uzbek must also pass the final state exam in the subject of the state language (Uzbek).

Encouragement for success in national certificate exams. From the beginning of 2025, the state will fully cover the exam costs for young people who achieve high scores in national certificate exams held in 2024.

Expansion and improvement of schools and educational institutions. In 2025, the construction of new schools was planned, the number of classes teaching a second foreign language increased, and vocational training programs expanded.

Joint educational programs. In 2025, joint undergraduate and master's programs were established in cooperation with countries such as Germany, the Czech Republic, Latvia, and Malaysia, with Uzbek as the language of instruction alongside German or English.

Year	Practical work	Result and effectiveness
2024 (October)	New standards for official documentation in the state language were developed	Documents in government agencies are gradually being maintained exclusively in Uzbek
2024 (January–May)	Projects to teach Uzbek through electronic dictionaries, mobile applications, and online platforms were expanded	Opportunities for young people and teachers to learn the language became much easier
2024 (September)	Teaching Uzbek was deepened in schools alongside a second foreign language	The quality of teaching improved, and students learned to communicate fluently in Uzbek
2025 (February)	An additional allowance equal to 50% of the base salary was introduced for Uzbek language teachers	Teacher motivation increased, and lesson quality improved
2025 (February)	Final state exams in Uzbek were made mandatory for 11th-grade graduates of schools where the language of instruction is not Uzbek	Interest in the Uzbek language increased, and knowledge levels were checked across all regions
2025 (January–June)	The state began covering exam costs for those who achieved high scores in national certificate exams in Uzbek	Encouraged youth to learn the language and strengthened support for talented individuals

CONCLUSION

Today, the Uzbek language is not only a symbol of our national identity but also firmly established as an integral part of state governance, education, science, and culture. The practical measures implemented in 2024–2025, such as the development of standards for official documentation in the state language, the introduction of in-depth teaching of the mother tongue in schools, the national certification system, and financial incentives for teachers, have significantly strengthened the role of the Uzbek language in social life. Currently, the quality of teaching in the state language is improving, the mandatory state exam in Uzbek for graduates is increasing interest in learning the language, and modern electronic platforms are making it easier to master. All of this contributes to raising the international prestige of the Uzbek language and fostering a sense of loyalty and pride in the mother tongue among young people.

Thus, thanks to ongoing reforms and innovative approaches, the Uzbek language is becoming not only a means of communication for today and future generations, but also a symbol of national unity, spiritual heritage, and progress.

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