

IAL: Current News

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Cycle #7 Underway

It's the new year and we are excited to welcome nine new trainees into our Linguistics Core Module. This course will run from 6 January through 1 May.

These nine trainees represent six different languages! Dhatki, Gurgula, Marwari, Punjabi, Sansi and Thradhri. They have completed Research Methods, Basic Computer Skills, and Phonetics [fo.nɛ.tɪks]. Currently they are studying Phonology. The students will explore the sound systems of Korean and Arabic. Once they have collected their data, they will analyze it and describe their findings. Good luck!

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CORE MODULE

Began in January 2020,
ends May 2020

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TRANSLATION MODULE

Coming in June 2020

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LITERACY MODULE

Coming in September
2020

Your Language Matters!

Why should our languages be developed?

There are over 77 languages in Pakistan, and millions of speakers interact with each other daily. By emphasizing each language community's importance in building a strong Pakistan, we are bringing unity through diversity to the communities around us. Your language matters, you deserve to have your stories preserved, your language written down, and your culture honored through developing orthographies, advocating for Mother Tongue Based Multilingual Schools, and your literature translated.

How can I get involved?

Join us in our training cycles (offered biannually), volunteer as an intern, advocate for your language, and take pride in the rich heritage of your culture! Find us on Facebook and make your voice heard.

The IAL Board of Trustees meets semi-annually. Have a suggestion? Write us and we will discuss it at the next meeting!



“IAL has changed my perspective on reading, research, and observing the world around me!”

At the bazaar for some research practice on participatory observation, one trainee, Tariq Tufail, shared with Zubair, ‘Sir, you have changed my perspective on reading and research, and how I see the world! Now I notice all sorts of things as a participatory observer.’ This will continue to help Tariq as he explores his language, culture, and community in promoting his language, Punjabi with those he works and lives.



GET TO KNOW OUR ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR

Matthew joined the IAL team in early 2019. He is a Marwari speaker who seeks to see his own mother tongue used in schools throughout the Sindh and in the Punjab. Formerly, he worked as a coordinator at a different organization but has been with IAL for over a year! Matthew is also currently attending the IAL training cycle to better equip himself to serve communities better. Matthew and his family live in Ratanabad, Mirpur Khas.