

1d. International Literacy Day - September 8th

International Literacy Day, observed September 8 and at events throughout the week, focuses attention on worldwide literacy issues and needs. It is estimated that 860 million of the world's adults do not know how to read or write (nearly two-thirds of whom are women) and that more than 100 million children lack access to education. Progress is being made, but slowly, and the advent of new technologies means that the gap between rich and poor countries is growing wider.



Each year on the February 21st, FLI folks along with other language, cultural and literary societies arrange the International Language/Mother-Tongue Day. The speakers of the lesser-known languages show a great enthusiasm in participating in these events. The purpose of these celebrations is to create awareness among the common masses and pass the message to the government to take the initiatives to preserve and promote the lesser-known languages of Pakistan.

The mother tongue literacy programmes are still a dream in this country but some communities in NWFP's Swat and Chitral districts have started the pilot projects in their own mother-tongues. These celebrations also support the wish of the people of the 26 Languages spoken in the northern parts of Pakistan with literature and high literacy rates among population.

For more details click the link below:

[International Mother-tongue Day \(21st February, 2005\) celebrated in Peshawar, Pakistan](#)