

# THE IMPORTANCE OF STUDYING AND PRESERVING THE LANGUAGES OF DAGESTAN

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**Introduction.** The Republic of Dagestan is a multinational region with more than 60 nationalities, 30 of which are indigenous. Dagestan is a treasury containing dozens of languages. This is a place where in the neighboring villages, the distance between which does not exceed 10 km, people will not be able to understand each other's language.

**Aim.** The aim of the research is a description of the diversity and uniqueness of Dagestan proverbs.

**Materials and methods.** The main research methods are: linguistic observation and description method, component analysis method, conceptual analysis and the cognitive method.

**Results and discussion.** Before the Russian-Caucasian War, the official language in Dagestan was Arabic. It was used for religious education, and literary works were created. The Kalmyk language played the role of the main language of everyday communication. As a rule, the Dagestanis knew the languages of those people who were directly in the neighborhood. Today, the state languages of the Republic are Russian and 13 languages of Dagestan people, which have the Writing. The emblem of Dagestan depicts an eagle with seven feathers on its wings, symbolizing 14 peoples and 14 languages. But, according to the new legislation, the number of state languages should be doubled from 14 to 28 units. The native language will be studied in schools obligatorily.

**Conclusions.** The Lezgin language, along with all its dialects (Gunev, Kurakh, Yarkin, Akhtyn, Fiy, Cuban) belongs to the Dagestan group of the Iberian-Caucasian family of languages. Until 1928, the Lezgins, like other people of Dagestan, used a writing system based on an Arabic script called "ajam." Linguistic scientists Professor Yarali Yaraliev and Joanna Nichols say that the grammar of the Lezgin language is taken as a key to decipher ancient letters. The wisdom and traditions of each nation are reflected in its language and preserved by proverbs. I would like to demonstrate a few Lezgin proverbs. Proverbs with Arabic motives: Proverbs with matches in Russian language; Lezgin. If there is a literature (and there is a very rich literature in the languages of Dagestan people), if there is a folk memory, then the languages will be remained, even if the range of their use is limited. The language will not die; it will simply remain a sleeping language.