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Dr. Dinakhel has been as a faculty member at Area Study Centre (Russia, China and Central Asia) University of Peshawar, Pakistan since March 2018. He conducted his PhD research work at the Department of Central Asian Studies of the Humboldt University Berlin in 2016 and got PhD in 2017. His research interest area is Pashto language. Linguistics, literature and Pashtun culture. He has written his PhD dissertation in Pashto language, the title is “Cultural and Civilizational Study of the Pashto Literature in Swat: from Beginning to 2012”.