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 Dr. Muhammad Ali Dinakhel has also remained a visiting researcher in 2016 and 2019 in the department of Central Asian Studies, Humboldt University Berlin. He is PhD in Pakistani Languages and Literature with Specialization in Pashto Language and Literature. He has published three articles on the Pashto manuscripts housed in State Library Berlin Germany. He has edited and published one of these manuscripts titled as “Majma’ ul ash’ar”in 2021. He has published another book titled “Da Swat Pashto Adab aw Saqafat” (Pashto Literature and Culture of Swat) in 2020 published by Academy of Sciences Kabul, Afghanistan. He has also translated a book on genealogical study of Pashtuns into Pashto, published in 2022. His research interest areas include Pashto language, literature, linguistics, Pashtun culture, Central Asian literature and Area Studies (Central Asia).