

## BIO DATA

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Shafiq Butt was born in Lahore and grew up while living at different places of Punjab. He holds Masters' degree in Philosophy. His political activism started during his student life. From last 12 years he has been associated with two organizations named Punjab Lok Sujag/Punjab Lok RaHS both struggling for Punjabi language and culture rights but with different medium. These two groups have earned respectable status among "Development Community" for linking development paradigm while recognizing indigenous language and cultural rights. Their passion is to strength Punjabi language movement among all domains of power in Punjab. Punjab Lok Boli Mela (Peoples' Language Festival); a mega cultural event, is annually organized in rural areas of Punjab to strengthen the pride of language and cultural identity among Punjabis.