February 21st was proclaimed by UNESCO as the International Mother Language Day. The day has been observed worldwide every year since February 2000 to promote linguistic and cultural diversity and multilingualism.

The Tri-City area enjoys a rich multi-cultural diversity with more than 30 different language speaking groups. Celebrating this day with participation from different language groups will promote this diversity and multilingualism within the community. Search For My Tongue ...

It grows back, a stump of a shoot grows longer, grows moist, grows strong veins, It ties the other tongue in knots, The bud opens, the bud opens in my mouth, It pushes the other tongue aside. Every time I think I've forgotten, I think I've lost the mother tongue, it blossoms out of my mouth.

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