**National-Language Orientation in Teaching The Russian Language to Foreign Students at a Medical University**

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**Abstract:** The article deals with the problem of intensifying the process of teaching foreign students the Russian language at the pre-university stage through the use of a nationally oriented methodology for teaching Russian as a foreign language, relying on the native language as a way to improve the quality of teaching the Russian language.

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Nevertheless, as many years of experience in teaching Russian to foreign students shows, the use of nationally oriented teaching methods in the process of teaching Russian to foreigners, relying on their native language, to a large extent contributes to the intensification of the process of teaching Russian as a foreign language, especially at the pre-university stage.

Currently in Uzbekistan, in particular at the Samarkand State Medical University, there is a tendency to increase the number of students from Pakistan and India. Geographical proximity to Uzbekistan, traditional economic and cultural ties between our countries make it attractive to get higher education in Uzbekistan for citizens of these countries. Often those graduates who did not pass the competition in Pakistani or Indian universities, as well as students who cannot pay for education in the USA or Europe, go to our country to study. As a rule, such students have an extremely low general educational level, in particular, the level of theoretical knowledge about their language. As practice shows, the majority of students from Pakistan and India do not speak English well or do not speak it at all, which makes it impossible to use an intermediary language or textbooks for English speakers in this audience.
Students from these countries find themselves in a more difficult position compared to students from other regions due to the large discrepancy between the phonetic and intonation systems of languages. Therefore, in the pronunciation of students there are errors that are uncharacteristic of other foreigners.

Russian intonation also causes great difficulties for Pakistanis and Indians. In Russian, it is very important to change the tone in the into national center of a phrase, which distinguishes between a declarative and an interrogative phrase. The article deals with the problem of intensifying the process of teaching foreign students the Russian language at the pre-university stage through the use of a nationally oriented methodology for teaching Russian as a foreign language, relying on the native language as a way to improve the quality of teaching the Russian language.

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