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Zipf's law, the coherence of the urban system and city size distribution:
Evidence from Pakistan

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Highlights

- Zipf's law is examined at national and four provinces-level for Pakistani cities.
- City size distribution does not follow Zipf's law at national-level.
- City size distribution is more likely to follow Zipf's law at four provinces-level.
- Findings are explained based on the coherence property of the urban system.
- Urban systems are more coherent in terms of common language, culture and rules at province-level.

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