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Significance of English language for progress of Indian development

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Abstract

It is an admitted fact that English is the most widely spoken language in the world. Therefore, its significance in the modern world is very high and cannot be underestimated. Among all language spoken in word, the English is only language which is predominately spoken and officially approved by 31 sovereign states of 54 nations. The maximum of nations where English is widely spoken were British Empire territories. It is frequently believed that English is difficult to learn which is perceived due to its fluent, proficient and reading. English is found challenging to learn as a result of this sort of behaviour. The grammatical faults are most common in Asian people while writing English and most students learn English to prepare only for tests. Therefore, thus unable to produce even one sentence that is devoid of grammatical faults and mistakes. Further, people from India do not get enough practice in speaking English language and only way to advance in language is by development and advancement in life either through education or through business. Further, English language is very much significant as a window in the contemporary era of development.

Keywords: Language, English, modern society, India, nation, skill, economics

Introduction

The Association of Southeast Asian Countries (ASAC) and the Commonwealth of Nations have English as their national language spoken widely, and accepted as well (GIS, 2009) ^[14]. For development prospective it is particularly true in developed nations who have opened their borders to the hiring of technically skilled individuals at higher salaries who are very much fluent in English language (Official language Act 1963) ^[1]. Only those scholars and educated persons are hired who have a solid command of the English language both in speaking, understanding and writing. In India, the English is one of the most crucial things for scholars to master in this day and age (CIA, 2009) ^[14]. Further, the importance of reading literacy and writing English is further demonstrated by the importance of reading and choosing as a subject in schools, colleges and universities and in the UGC-India curricula (Appel 1984) ^[3]. In Asian countries the reading literacy is of high importance in the context of self-improvement, development, business, personal branding, personality development, learning skills, computer learning, soft skill learning, online business, professional progress, formal and informal education, and an overall national development. Therefore, one of the important bottlenecks in the nation progress and development is illiteracy which works as a major fault to nation progress at multiple fronts (Rintaningrum, 2019 Annamalai, 2006) ^[27, 2].

Status of English in India

Indian English is a group of English dialect spoken in many states, and even became the official language of the some states in republic Dominion of India (Berns and de Bot 2005) ^[4]. After independence from British the Republic of India in 1947 used English for communication. According to one survey less than 0.1 percent of Indians comprised of few hundred thousand people speak English as their regular language. Whileas, more than 30% of Indians communicate in some English. (Chelliah 2001) ^[5]. In another report, more than 12.18% of Indian citizens speak English in addition to their own language (Driessen *et al.*, 1989) ^[7].

Nearly, 200 thousand people have their language as English as their first language. Whileas, for 86 million people it is their second language (Driessen *et al.* 2000) ^[8]. For rest of 39 million people English is their 3rd language, used not regularly compared to first language

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speakers. It is found that a collection of English dialects commonly called as Indian English (IE) is spoken everywhere and throughout in the India and among the Indian Diaspora (British reside in India). The Indian constitution is very well versed and rich and accordingly permitted for using both Hindi and English for communication in office as well in international matters (Edward 2012; Extra, G and Gorter 2001) ^[9, 10]. In India, the English is considered as second official language in many states, and in one union territory. Further, English is used as an official language in seven states and seven union territories in India, in addition to their local language (Hindi) and Urdu (Fishman 2001) ^[11]. Further, it is mandatory that the state governor or legislature mandates and permits for the use of a regional language. Further, the President of India approves the use of local, regional, or some borrowed languages in courts. However, the English is the only official language of the Indian judiciary, which is especially due to British influence in post-independence era which has got inherited in judiciary (Gombos 2002) ^[13].

As per Government Information Service (Barbados) GIS (2009) ^[14] among all Europe Sovereign states, only Puerto Rico employs a language other than English. Thus the principle and main working language of the Puerto Rico is Spanish. Despite the fact that English is not de jure an official language at the national level in the United States. In Indian, the English is the official language in the many of states and territories within the country and its influence is increasing and in future more states are moving towards same (Hicks 2003) ^[15]. In world the English is the most extensively and widely used foreign language, first and foremost, with greater number of people involved as well as largest amount of data available (Teunissen 1986) ^[15]. The large mass of literature is widely communicated and written and published in English, which means that it is widely accepted, used and written as a common language by speakers from different non-speaking nations such as Sri-Lanka, Brazil and Middle Eastern nations. Realizing the importance of English, the learning of this language is a must to communicate in different forms with people around the world. Speaking English enables the nation to interact with speakers of other languages as well as English speakers and which overall widens the new developmental ways and channels (James 2012) ^[17]. According to British Council, the estimated more than two billion people studying English globally by year 2020-23, as it enables to communicate easily with individuals from all over the world therefore, learning, studying and teaching English is most essential for progress of nation.

Importance

In the twenty-first century (21st), the progressing and establishing educational institutions and as well as new education systems are under tremendous pressure by increasing and constantly expanding requirements of society and people (Indian English Literature 2002) ^[16]. The scientific acknowledge has huge significance once delivered in English which is of higher need for ICT in education system in general. Studying country's political, cultural, geographical, and economical evolution is a key component of major, development studies in the 21st century. During the late 20th century, the influence of third-world economies trying to establish and settle them in the postcolonial era intensified, it became an academic issue worldwide and the

gaps need to bridge. For the developmental studies, the English is of high significance and it is a crucial thing too. The official visits, businesses, political organizations, or even math or engineering firms, we might be able to comprehend the value of English, otherwise the confusion and quos will ruin our time and lead to waist of overall ability and efficiency.

Now days, it is very common that important and high significant organization hire its professional staff after confirming the candidates' English-language proficiency and fluency. Only candidates who prove to be fluent in English and have strong writing, reading, and pronouncing skills are found to have good education by businesses that want to function on a worldwide basis. Those who want to operate and work in a worldwide industry must at this point at least be conversant in English. Because the dominant business language is English and without it the business would not widen its wings. A survey was conducted and it was found that around the world, English is the language of choice for cross-border commercial communication. Further, most international organizations demand that their staff members speak the language fluently and also understand and write as well. Therefore, for scholars and students the learning of English is crucial for studying development studies as it offers so many advantages and generates diverse opportunities. At the current and for future employment and for many other personal reasons learning and studying English language is must.

Role of English language in India

Languages have a crucial role in the culture of any country. A social group's members require language to communicate with one another for all social objectives, including government administration, business and industry, education, and so forth. Our nation has a diverse, multicultural, and pluralistic environment (John 1990) ^[18]. The best way to achieve social ambitions is to allow them to operate through their mother language. Therefore, it is common sense which makes it consider choosing the school or education system of their mother tongue while discussing schooling. English as a subject is present in all education curculio and it is still very important to learn English and also it is very necessary to communicate in a common language (MacKenzie 2013) ^[19]. The English language is a potent force, make customers an easy way out, and understandable all dealings for mutual respect and advancement and overall development of economics, business, and trade. The English language is evolving and its users are increasing with that the more communication and trade is done (Lalmalsawma 2013) ^[20].

The English is a good medium and a best tool for providing learner an easy and excellent learning opportunity to increase its vision and gain more knowledge via literature and knowledge available in English (Lambert 2018) ^[21]. In world, almost all universities and institutions from nations teach in this language as well, provide degrees, courses and conduct exams and interviews. Further, the in the current situation, improving and sharpening the English abilities which is necessary in order to find employment in private as well as in government sectors (Mukesh 2002) ^[22]. The basic need of today's world, having an understanding of every subject except English subject is no longer an essential requirement for employment in India. It means that English is most important for country and if you are willing to go

outside of your own country for work or school, you must be able to converse in English. Further, the basic and strong command on English language is a prerequisite for getting job and for expanding global development. For Indian, the English is a foreign language (Official language 2009) [24]. But still being foreign language, it has held a important and essential place in the Indian educational system and curriculum. English remained a superior language in all others spoken and this significant language has respectable status in our society even after independence. In the pre-independence era the British has high influence on language spoken and society as well (Nishanthi 2018) [23].

The aim of the current review for purposing this chapter is to draw attention to the function of English in modern society of India. Further, it also helps to evolve more demands of some skill course such as English Language Teaching and Learning in India (Ovington 1969) [25].

In the Indian educational system which is changing very fast that language has much importance. Especially in India the English hearing and speaking are given top emphasis and short to long course, skill programs, symposium and seminar are being help to help in overall language improvemen (Pingali 2009) [26]. English is top language among all which is since centuries regarding as a major factor which promotes upward economic and social mobility. This is the reason the upper society in India sends its children to English-medium schools. Also, even poorest community also strives to get their kids same language facilities (Rintaningrum 2019a) [27]. Language speaking is a tough work and it is one of the hardest skills for bingers and illiterate people. Therefore, people who gain masters in language even don't have full grip on speaking language (Rintaningrum, 2019b) [28]. Despite this, it has very common everywhere and in institutes as well that English is must to learn. In almost all education departments since very past historically it been found that English professors spend maximum of their class time attempting to teach pupils how to write, read, and occasionally even listen (Shapiro 2012) [29].

Among all skills which are of huge significance, but the speaking English is typically seen as being the most crucial among students and all learners. This ability is the most difficult for non-native speakers. Since most non-native speakers must understand both the other speakers are trying to convey and extra options English being common and it is being learned from very beginning, so, it makes life easy especially when one is moving outside country for job. Contrary to popular assumption which is most common 'English language is tough'. The learning of English as a foreign language involves more than just speaking it well because writing, pronunciation and interpretation is very important. Earlier it was assumed that learning, writing and reading is sufficient but now the teaching profession has taken a while to give English listening instruction the weight it high and as it deserves when it comes to learning second (mother language, or any language in course) and foreign languages. The English listening has been given much importance now a days and recent emphasis is given to comprehension in the field of language teaching. The only single language people of whole world can understand, learn and speak is English. This is only language which educated people worldwide and nationwide and can understand is English. Further, it is necessary and important for daily life to speak and learn English. This helps in identification of

speakers and of different languages of same county or overseas (Tübingen 1997) [31].

Conclusion

It is known that English is most widely spoken and learned language. It is an influential language and is universal. Every corner is affected by this language and it is important for development of nations. It is impossible for individuals to fully disregard as it is involved in multiple ways of life. English language is beneficial to users all over the world. It has a bright future and has good prospects as well as it allows connecting people at global scale. It helps us with both our personal and professional lives. Even though it may be challenging and time-consuming, studying English is useful and can lead to a variety of opportunities.

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