

ADVANCEMENTS OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE IN THE FIELD OF TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND CURRENT JOB SCENARIO

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Abstract:

English is the most common language which connects people from different parts of the world. Globalization has made a drastic change in the modern communication and nurtured domestic companies to think beyond their nations. All the Organizations has taken up this challenge to think globally for their benefit and hence it affects the current job scenario. In countries where English is not the mother tongue the education system focuses on their Language development to make them Industry ready so that they can handle their International clients as well.

As the private sector companies are becoming more employable and more competitive due to changed world economy, the employees are always at a risk of losing their job. Only about 25% of Indian graduates are considered employable by the organized sector.

The ability to use a language efficiently both in terms of reading and writing is very much required to remain employable. So, in order to prove his/her efficiency an employee should take care and brush up the skills of Technical Communication for one's professional growth and to maintain a good career.

So it's very important for one to start nurturing their Communication and Language skills apart from the technical skills so as to have a good and bright future. Being at par with other countries India should also opt some educational advancements and strategies widespread to make this happen, so that the individuals don't lose their jobs.

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Introduction:

With the increasing modernization and globalization, the importance of English language is increasing at a brisk rate. It shows us the advantages of learning English which is not only a key language of international business but also different job sectors. We must aim at the process which will allow English learning by the students from rural areas by integrating different methods of language acquisition .Importance of English language English language is the current lingua franca of the international business, technology, aviation, diplomacy, banking, computing, medicines, engineering and tourism. About one fifth of people all over the world know more or less about English. It is spoken by 1.8 billion people in the world and the number still increasing. Almost every single university in the world are conducting scientific studies in English. Total 60% of radio programs are broadcast in English, more than 70% of the content or address of mailing letters are written in English. In India, English holds a very respectable position. English has undoubtedly emerged as one the most common languages in the world, especially in the job market. It is an essential language of communication. Fluency in English language is a must to succeed in today's business environment.

History Of English Education In India

History of English Education in India can be traced back to the advent of British colonial rule in India. English education was introduced into India because the British East India Company needed clerks and translators. From 1813 the Company set aside some money for education of the Indians in English. After the Charter Act of 1833 English became the official language. In 1844 Lord Hardinge announced that English-educated Indians would be given preference for government appointments. It is of importance to note here that even before the British Government decided to sponsor English education, the Hindu College was set up in India by some Indian gentlemen. Opened in 1816, Hindu College was designed to prepare young Indian men for lucrative positions with the East India Company. In the first three decades of the twentieth century Hindu College and similar schools throughout British India depended on the patronage of wealthy Indians and were in direct competition with traditional schools teaching Sanskrit, Persian, and Arabic languages. As economic patterns changed, patronage for traditional schools disappeared. At about the same time, bright young men decided to study English. In contrast to support for boys' schools, there was little interest in the education of girls. The colonial government, despite pressure exerted by missionaries and liberals, was unconcerned with female education. The missionaries were interested in female education and schools for girls because, they argued, women needed to be brought into the fold to make conversions permanent. However, since men made the decisions, female education was given secondary importance. After Indian Independence in 1947, Hindi was declared the first official language, and attempts were made to declare Hindi the sole national language of India. Due to protests from Tamil Nadu and other non-Hindi-speaking states, it was decided to temporarily retain English for official purposes until at least 1965. By the end of this period, however, opposition from non-Hindi states was still too strong to have Hindi declared the sole language.

However still we consider English as the official language of India.

Advancement Of English In Daily Basis

- The British Council claims that 25 percent of the world's population has some understanding of English. However, this statistic does not differentiate between fluent or native speakers and those who only understand a few simple phrases.
- A study published in Science estimates 9 percent of the world spoke English as a first language by the middle of the 19th century.
- The same study believes only 5 percent of the world will speak English as a first language by 2050.
- It is estimated 372 million speak English as their first language, while 611 million speak English as a second language.
- More than 70% of the content or address of mailing letters are written in English.
- 10 % of Indians can understand English and can speak English in everyday situations with limited proficiency.
- Over 400 million people use the English vocabulary as a mother tongue, only surpassed in numbers, but not in distribution by speakers of the many varieties of Chinese.

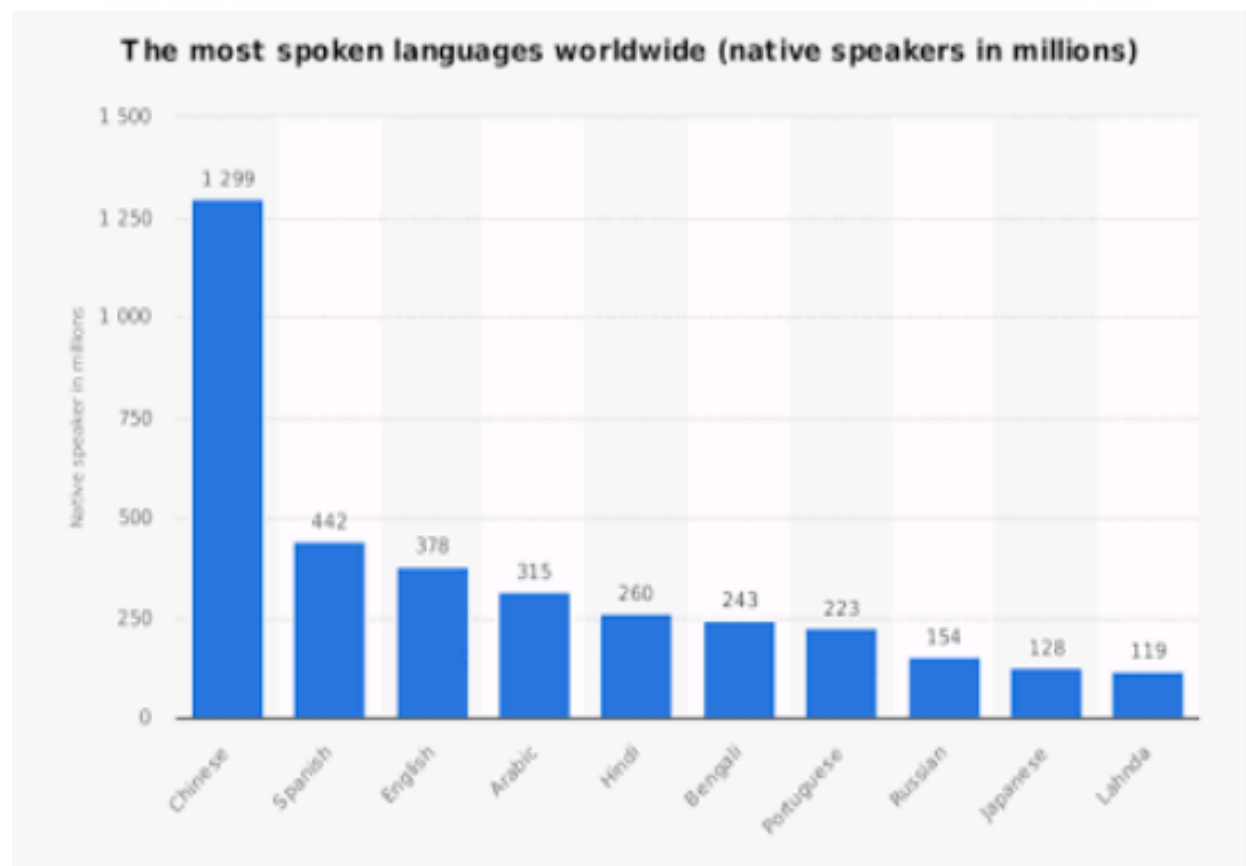
Importance Of English Communication For Engineering Students

Engineering is considered as one of the most difficult fields of education nowadays. Hence English language is considered to be one of the most important medium of communication in this field. Since most of the theories in engineering are taught in English it makes the students

necessary to have good English communication competence. In academic life, engineering students have numerous tutorials, labs, project reports and papers and presentations which are to be presented or prepared in English. Most of engineering professors in various universities throughout the world also conduct lectures in English. During Campus Placements it's extremely important for a student to be fluent English so that he can clear the GD and PI rounds. In corporate Communications also English acts as a principal language also it plays a vital role in global communication. Hence, English communication plays an important role in the academic life and career of engineering students.

Description

We can say that English Language is one of the oldest languages and most important MODERN LANGUAGE known to humankind. It's the 3rd most spoken language in the world after Chinese and Spanish. Now most of the NATIONAL/INTERNATIONAL companies use English as their official language for their means of transactions. It has become one of the most important language used in modern world for all international and national transactions.



The Current Job Scenario also emphasizes on these qualities because Language plays a vital role in communication. That's why it has been more emphasized for recruitment procedures in various organizations

And despite having a HUGE Technical Knowledge aspiring candidates are rejected and with Globalization at rise there is an rapid increase in competition the Job Market, the number of job

seekers to number of jobs available has rapidly increased that's why getting a good job is very tough. In this scenario English Language plays a vital role in assessing the abilities of a candidate. The expression and the hand language plays an important part in the selection procedure. English is the only sphere which can separate two candidates.

The Countries where English is not the mother tongue of the people, many of them face different communication barriers while talking to foreigners. So English acts as a Medium of communication between them. So, it's very important to concentrate on an Employee's English Speaking and Understanding skills so that he/she never faces a problem while communicating with foreign delegates and can make the transactions fluent and easy. Fluency in English allows one to get easy attention and treatment.

In countries like India which has a vast population these skills are difficult to find these days and the jobs available to job aspirants ratio is also huge and more than that of many other countries so that's why the Job Scenario is decreasing in recent days. Eminent Scholars those who are highly educated move to other countries like U.S., U.K. etc. to find better job opportunities but most of them are average students so they try for jobs here. Even for a start-up /Entrepreneurship people need to have a good knowledge of English to fetch clients. Researchers say that only 7% of Engineering Graduates are employable and the number is decreasing day by day over 70% of the Indian. Youngsters are jobless and this is completely due to the lack of additional skills like Confidence, English Speaking skills etc. which an interviewer wants in an employee. So, this is a serious issue in the current times.

So to overcome this problem people (irrespective of whichever country they belong to) needs to be made conscious about these additional skills and training should be started from basic grassroots level i.e. from school level onwards. Youngsters should build these skills in themselves to make themselves fit for being hired for a job. Widespread Educational initiatives should be made to reach out maximum number of people for teaching them English language properly. Also the government and regional universities of a particular area should take this initiative to nurture E.L.T. (English Learning and Teaching) skills in that area to reach out more number of people easily. If these points are kept in mind. Job Scenario would certainly improve.

Types Of Communication

Communication in English Communication takes place in two ways; verbal and nonverbal. Verbal communication takes place with the usage of words. Non-verbal communication refers to expression of ideas through gestures, eye contact, postures and body movements. Verbal communication constitutes written and oral form of communication. Oral communication skills include the ability to speak effectively, frequently, listen actively and respond efficiently according to the situation. It helps in oral presentation, telephonic conversation, meeting, interviews etc. Effective verbal or spoken communication is dependent on a number of factors and cannot be fully isolated from other important interpersonal skills such as non-verbal communication, listening skills and clarification. Clarity of speech, remaining calm and focused, being polite and following

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Written communication skills refer to the ability to write and read and understand the language used for communication. If a person is labelled as good communicator in English, he is supposed to be master in oral as well as written form of English and it enhances skills of a person.

English Language Training

Due to the emerging demand for communication skills in English and the remarkably poor level of English taught in the regional medium schools in India, the students constantly try to get outside help in the form of spoken English classes, training programs, and finishing schools. The number of such institutions is mushrooming due to the increasing market demand. But unfortunately, many training centres don't have proper language teachers. So students don't get what they expect to get. But, whatever is the result of teaching; such institutes have become good money-making entities. These organisations survive on the sentiments and insecurity feeling of the regional language medium students. In order to promote the English learning, the introduction of Employment Enhancement classes has been made in different colleges which teaches students the core of English language which is extremely useful for them.

In order to cater to the demands of regional language medium students in their efforts to get good jobs in the corporate world, governments should bring changes in the English language syllabus at least in graduation level.

Problems Faced By Engineering Students of Rural Areas

In our country, about 75% engineering students are from rural areas and most of them are coming through regional language medium schools. In most of the cases the students are highly talented and have extreme knowledge but problem lies in conveying them i.e. they are not efficient in English so this becomes a major problem for them. Also in future during campus placements they will suffer. So it's a major cause.

- **Socio Economic Background Of Family**

Every school contains students from different background of our society who has different kind of power and knowledge within them and English communication competence. It is found that the English communication competence of the students whose parents are literate belongs to higher middle class is better than that of the students whose parents are illiterate and belong to lower middle class. The fact for this situation is the literate parents can provide more exposure to their child to English as they are aware of the importance of English competence. They consult the teacher about child's progress and guide him/her at home to perform better. In fact it never happens with the second group as they lack parental supervision and guidance from to the higher education.

- **Modernisation And Systematic Growth In Knowledge System**

The other important factor is the traditional education system which affects English language learning and acquisition. Basically it requires four skills i.e. Listening, Speaking, Reading and Writing (LSRW). Our students are being trained in reading and writing for

long ages and listening and speaking skills are being neglected and ignored which are very important. Learning is the one basic skill which makes speaking possible. Learning language is possible only through active listening. we can take an example of language acquisition by a baby , it starts speaking the words which it listens frequently. Our education neglects the importance of listening which results in lack of skill of speaking. Lack of modern and advanced technology in the process of language learning also affects the language acquisition. e.g. use of computers and internet, PowerPoint presentation etc.

- **Lack of Efficient And Knowledgeable Teachers Who Are Always There To Help The Students.**

The education system and lack of efficient teachers is one of the major problem. Most of them are untrained and ineffective and they are unaware of the current trends and advanced techniques of English Language teaching (ELT).The regional medium as well as the English medium primary, secondary and higher secondary schools in village or sub urban areas are also facing the same problem . Again teaching–learning process is much examination based and they test the memory power alone. We find that the parents are interested in marks than knowledge. As a result, the teachers train them accordingly and the students try to memorise everything and vomit it in the question paper which makes it difficult for them to understand anything from the core of their heart. The students decide to go for the technical subjects forgetting the importance of English language. Thus, our ELT chapter aims to educate the teachers from different spheres of world and spread the English knowledge around the world into remote areas. They also aim to make English a subject of interest.

Conclusion:

So, in today's world, not only knowing English but also having a good skill in reading, writing and speaking English is very important to make oneself employable or marketable. We know India is a developing country, But we have not got any mark of becoming a developed country. This is because of illiteracy of a large percentage of people. Development of a country also depends on the progress of the industries. While considering the employment of the engineers, we can say that it is very important for the companies to have employees knowing good English because of the essential communication especially for the interaction with foreign industries. To get success in the race of industries in this twenty first century, every company needs efficient workers to keep themselves in the globalisation race. And in the current job scenario we can say that efficiency can be defined in both technical and communication skill. The high demand of English learning and communication skill is because it the universal language for communication. So it's advisable and preferable for a student to have a good hold on English Language for shaping his/her future brightly.

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