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Trends in English Language  
& Literatures in English



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English Language and literature is one of the most significant areas in the research. Language and literature interacts with every aspects of human life in society and both can be understood only when they are considered and applied in relation to the society. Language is a mode of communication through which we can transmit ideas, information, emotions and messages one to another whereas the literature is representation of contemporary human life in to the society which imitates quotidian way of life, ethics and moral values of humans. Now a days, the impact of new technology and digital social media in language and literature each corresponds between an author and reader, simplify the lucid way of accession and understanding of language and literature by students, researchers and readers. The new technological innovations arise in language and literature so we can easily teach and learn language and literature in online mode. The present edited book offers an insightful emerging issues of scholarly research chapters of researchers in English language and literatures in English.

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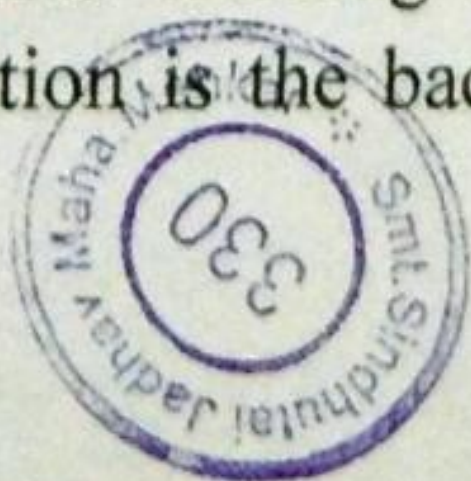




## 26. A Perspective on Teaching-Learning English Language

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In this era of globalization, tremendous changes are taking place in each and every field. English language is no exception. People from all strata of life are learning English language. This language has been called a lingua-franca of the world. More languages are studied than ever before and methods of learning them are changing rapidly. The goal of the past usually limited to contact with selected item of literature have broadened to include spoken communication with an understanding of native speakers on the widest range of human interest. Now a day's proper education plays an important role. IT is rapidly drastically changing. The growth of a nation is depend on its education. Language is a means of imparting educating communicaton and disseminating information for effective education. We need excellence of teaching and learning of English language. In Indian perspective, English comes to our door steps a master in the guise of trades-man's language at bout three centuries back. Today English language has reached in each and every corner of the world. It I the official language of most of the countries. It is an international language. It is no longer the language of the elite and the educated but has gone beyond that. Market demand in this era of globalization, people who can communicate, who can interact effectively with people understand, people get work done effectively. Fluency in English language becomes magic wand in your hand. You can use it to attain the pinnacle of your career. Speaking fluent English is therefore the need of time. Today English occupies the most prestigious place in every walk of life. Now a days we see that the role of teaching and learning of English language has got its significance not only in sophisticated classes or well learned, but at graduate level students also. Today, teaching and learning of English language has become vital. Good communication is the backbone of teaching and learning. Today





communication through English language is the most wanted asset of the present time. This paper aims at close study to examine the different methods, changes and techniques at teaching and learning English language.

### Teaching English Language

The study of English has assumed great importance. Hence added attention need to be paid to the teaching and learning of English. In the opinion of experts, English should be taught in future as a language and not as a literature. Today English is regarded as a tool, a vehicle for ideas and a gateway to what is happening in the world-wide. Fields like software industry, aviation industry and call centers demand growing number of professions equipped with the sound knowledge of English. The use of innovative methods of teaching English would expedite the process of training the masses in English. Hence the teaching of English through literature should be discouraged. Rabindranath Tagore, the great educationist said that the use of literature for teaching the fundamentals of language is like trying to use the sword for shaving. "It is bad for the sword and harmful for the chin". So the teachers of English must change their habits of thinking a methods of teaching. They should avoid a sentimental or emotional approach to English literature.

As advised by I .V. Chalapati Rao, the registrar of CIEFL in his 'Handbook for College Teachers and Administrators' the teacher of English should stop thinking that there is no English without Shakespeare and Milton. Instead of romanticism and rhapsodizing on their favourite poets of England, they should turn their attention to functional writing- simple and business like prose avoiding words of learned length and thundering sound" Teachers at different levels need to change their method and perspective of English language. Especially they are teaching in multilingual nation. Language teaching and language learning are fields of activity which are engaging a great and growing amount of human attention and energy.

Teaching English language has become significant when the whole worl is engrossed with ideas of development and competitive market. A teacher today along with traditional job of teaching must fulfill the market expectations. As our education should be related to the life, needs and aspiration of the people and it should be utilized as a powerful instrument of social, economic and cultural transformation necessary for





realizing national goals. Basically what we need is 'Holistic. Along with learning English- teaching of thi language has become more significant. During the process of teaching –learning, teacher face many difficulties. It can be because of lck of proper exposure of the students or the lack of proper educational atmosphere. Hence the teacher hs to follow many modern techniques and strategies for making the language interesting n easy.

It I the need of time that there should be a good interaction between teachers and students along with teaching. Group discussion should help in removing the unnecessary fears of the students and to gain enough proficiency of English language. In today's scenario English teaching is important from the point of view of industrial development, IT revolution and commercial development. Apart from the theoretical knowledge of English language in teaching, a teacher would be able to give proper exposure, encouragement, help to improve fluency in English language. Thus English language teaching performs the most important role today to bring prosperous future of the students for good career opportunities.

There is need to introduce the Cafeteria system- i.e. introducing the range of varieties of English catering to the specific needs of the learners. For example- Functional English, Business English, Communicative English, English for different professions like law, medicine, agriculture, engineering etc.

### Learning English Language

As the present scenario is totally changed nd developed, the students go through the tough competition. In this socio traditional situation for today's students, they must learn English. A communicate fluently if they want to survive. As English is the language of survival, students need to learn their language to fulfill their dreams. Now a day's students need not to learn English or a language only but they must take it from serious point of view. As English is global language today, is the only language today with which ones knowledge would be expressed to the world or to any corner of the world. Traditionally a student is not expected to learn English language only through the literary pieces and express it in examination. The students must not learn this language through literacy pieces for a long time but they must go for something





better. They must learn it with a new attitude to bring themselves different occupational choices and employment opportunities .As English language today become the language of business world , so there are different business opportunities waiting for the better career , apart from traditional jobs . With the help of modern technologies the process of learning a language becomes more interactive. Even the students has to change his learning approach, as the world is changing with different revolutionary changes. Technology in today's world become the central factor of the human life. In thi modern revolutionary world English language learning becomes most important.

English language today plays a significant role in socio-economic, political, industrial and cultural sectors at the international level. Even the teaching English language has become important along with this changed the face of the world. The teacher with great enthusiasm will try to create the great insight among the students to create good career opportunities in their lives. He students, while learning English have change their insight with great technological development in this world. The teacher, while teaching provide the equal opportunities to the students to be the part of the same stream or the process of teaching and learning English language. At the same time the students must get the advantage of the modern technology, while learning English language. Thus, both the process of teaching and learning English language has become important in the developed scenario of the world.

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