

## **English Language Teaching**

### **"Place of ENGLISH in India"**

Language is a medium to communicate. In India, several languages are used, English being one of them. English has got a significant place in Indian society. It is the language of the elite class. Generally, English is used in official communication in the country. It is the language of research and advancement. It is the language of computer and Internet. It is therefore, that English has been retained as Associate National Language.

In India a child starts his/her education in English medium. It is a view among the citizens that a child's bright future lays in good knowledge of English. All the standard texts and study materials are available in English. An English speaking person is regarded as a scholar and an intelligent person. There are several institutions where subjects are taught only in English. The importance of English is increasing day by day. English readership is increasing. It shows aptitude for English knowledge. People prefer English to other languages. It is accepted as an international language. It is seen as a symbol of elegance and smartness. English speaking is a sign of status. It adds to the personality of a person. Its place in India is momentous.

English is becoming popular every day. There is a craze for English in Indian society. In this age of information technology one cannot think of making progress without the knowledge of English. There is an awakening in society towards the learning of English. Our government too has awakened to the importance of English in education curricula. English has been introduced in syllabi right from the early stage. More and more institutions have been opened in for English teaching and learning. English medium schools are thriving even in backward parts of the country. They are exploiting this rising popularity of English. They are making good money. Today, even a low income family seeks to educate its children in an English medium school. We cannot think of success at the cost of ignoring English. The key to success lies in English learning. Even at higher level English is the medium of instruction. English is the medium of the research and technology. All the research and studies are done in English. Whether it is defense, aviation, airlines, research and technology, institutions of higher studies or foreign affairs, the medium of learning and instruction is English. So English plays a vital role in India.