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**Significance of Reading Skills for the Development of Communication Skills among
Engineering Students of Andhra Pradesh**

Abstract

This research examines the present situation of teaching reading skills of English, the problems students encounter during reading an English text and the learners' proficiency level of reading skills when they are at the Engineering level in Andhrapradesh. "This research

investigates an important area of English language teaching and learning. It also examines the reading syllabus and reading materials used at the Engineering level in Andhrapradesh. The study discusses the recent developments in reading strategies. It also presents an evaluation of teaching the different sub-skills of reading and then through an empirical study examines whether both higher and lower order sub-skills are covered in the reading syllabus, and taught properly in the country. The investigation examines whether the modern methods of reading pedagogy are used in teaching reading in Andhrapradesh. The methods for teaching reading skills and investigation in the study include students' and teachers' questionnaire survey, students and teachers' interview, classroom observation and administering reading tests." Reading components of the syllabus and the reading materials are also evaluated.

Key words: Reading skills, communication skills, syllabus, Methodology, Evaluation.

Introduction

In the globalization world English language has recognized as most important language in many fields such as academically, socially and professions, especially engineering and medicine, nationally and internationally. Because it is an international link language, this is used in several ways.

"Professionally engineering is huge fields of study and many of the works of research and academics are recorded in English language.. It is easy to engineering students to understand the concepts, without facing difficulty, when they have language fluency. Also, there are several modules in engineering course require writing academic reports. Hence, a good fluency and grasp of English language is necessary "According to NS Prabhu English language plays key role professionally, academically and socially. This research will investigate the importance of

reading skills in language teaching and learning, engineering students of andhrapradesh. Reading skills are more essential to comprehend the text, the materials and approach will test the students' proficiency status in target language, it also evaluates the issues facing by learners.

The present teaching syllabus and materials used for engineering students will be evaluated. The research will discuss present strategies 'in reading skills. This research also conducts a pilot study through testing and evaluation of teaching materials. The strategies of reading skills will be implemented. The designed materials will be tested how far covered target levels of readings kills, sub-skills. The designed materials are very important to overall improvement of language skills. This study examines in language teaching what are the modern methods are usage in Andhra Pradesh Engineering colleges. The learners should overcome the proficiency by reading the materials by applying this approach.

Literary reviews:

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Research Problem:

English language has become most significant in the Globalization world, professionally it play key role. "Engineering students need efficient communicational skills to get succeed in academics and their profession as well as.

- What are the needs of the engineering student's in language learning context of academically and professionally in Andhrapradesh?
- How far are the engineering students prepared for international standard language?
- Does the English language syllabus meet the engineering students' academic and professional needs?
- Which aspects of present English language course in engineering colleges of Andhrapradesh need to be modified to meet the engineering student's communicative needs to apply it in real life situations?

The need for effective communication tends to be increasing due to globalization, science and technology. The proficiency of English language is very low to the engineering students in Andhra Pradesh.

English is a second language to the participants'. Students need to access the prescribed English text books of the state. "The syllabus should read thoroughly, but the students not able to read. They do not have required proficiency in English language to read the text book. Most of the students reading their mother tongue books as, it bring difficulty in vocabulary and syntax aswell. The engineering students are not able to read the books. Few of the students are reading the books but cannot understand concepts. Therefore, and the lot of resources like books in the libraries being in English remain unutilized. "As a result, in most cases, higher education in Indian country suffers miserably; especially in Andhra Pradesh it brings the language standard gap. There is more variation between international English language standard and present level of the students.

Language learning is most important; at the school level they are not following strategies. It becomes difficult to read and understand the text, that's what people students memorizing words and sentences. Not able to read grammar books, there are several books to read but not getting interest, lack of vocabulary in language. The designed text books are mainly focusing question to answer, not fulfilling students' needs. The teachers are not teaching well based on their needs. The materials prescribed are not designed well. Materials have lot of issues. The analysis interpreting, it is not in the scientific way.

Students are not able to get the concepts, because of teachers also not well trained. Teachers must trained based the needs, they should not neglect the classroom teaching, academics are very important; it is a strong platform to enter into professional life. The attitude is most important to teaching and learning, when they have positive attitude, they will get basic proficiency. It is required to approach new way. But they are focusing only exam point of view.

Students are getting failure in academics as well as in profession; main reason is lack of vocabulary, they required lot of reading to get succeeds in both academic and professionally. Some time they are trying to read but glossary words and even basic vocabulary meanings are not able to understanding. Some time syntax also problematic, it is long sentences not able to understanding the meaning the context. They are trying to read but facing the problem to understand the meanings. They are using dictionary and getting meaning, but several time opening dictionary and getting meaning, it is making lose interest. The students finally losing patience and interest, they are giving up readings. They need lot of motivation and basic

proficiency to reach target level. Text itself should provide meanings to understand in the easy way.

The engineering students are facing various problems like basic motivation to study and not providing practical tasks and excises. Classroom activities and outside activates also should be communicative way to reach target language. They also face problems with understanding text organization. English language researchers from Andhra Pradesh found that students' proficiency level in reading is very poor, to target level.

The approaches and methods are using for Engineering students not brings the best results. According to (NS prabhu) Communicative approaches methods are bring best results for the students. Communicative approach is very important but lack of knowledge on this approach; teachers are using traditional approaches in the country. The focus of reading tests, not conducted based on need of students. Teachers also not well trained in Andhrapradesh according to global needs. To fulfill all these needs materials and methods should be replaced and to improve the situation in the country, need based materials and methods approaches has to use.

Research Methodology:

The study would examine the recent developments in the teaching approaches and methodology for the teaching of reading skills and its implementation in the academic setting of Andhrapradesh. "It seeks to outline the problems students face in reading English. It would recommend measures to overcome the problems of the teaching of reading skills prevailing at the engineering levels.

The research methodology will conduct as following for the study

- To find out the engineering students academic and professional needs at various engineering colleges in andhrapradesh.
- To examine and analyze the problems faced by engineering students while their reading,
- Examine the approaches recently developed in reading skills,
- Evaluate the complete syllabus and the English language tasks,
- To examine materials, methodology in reading skills presently used in the country,
- To recommend measures to improve the present condition to develop language skills,
- To testing and evaluate the existing English syllabus currently taught in the engineering colleges of Andhra Pradesh English syllabus, how far they meet the student's communicative needs.
- “To propose modification and revision in the excising currula so that the communication needs of different learners groups are fulfilled.”
- Questioners will be given to teachers and students, classroom observation sheets also given to them”.

Hypothesis of the study:

“In a related study, Gilbert, Goodwin, Compton, & Kearns (2013) investigated whether morphological awareness is essential to reading comprehension. Recent studies suggested that word reading and vocabulary knowledge may facilitate a connection between morphological awareness and reading comprehension. According to the lexical quality hypothesis”

This materials and methods may bring engineering students from proficiency level to advanced standard level; they may become efficient in communicative skills.

Conclusion

“English language is the most important hub for globalization world, currently it is a lingua franca to the international business, technology, aviation, diplomacy, banking computing medicines engineering and tourism especially in Andhra Pradesh. 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 is 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. English plays an important role in the world.”

English is a second and foreign language in India, “it is very important for Andhrapradesh to produce graduates of an international standard in today’s globalized world; it is necessary to improve students’ reading proficiency in English for that. Though it will take time to bring about changes in the present state of teaching and learning reading skills, it is not altogether impossible. If communicative methods and approaches are used, proper way in the classroom teaching academically and professionally.”

Need based Materials are required, and tests are designed, to change the status from present to target level .It will improve significantly. “This study, therefore, will prove very useful for the andhrapradesh as well as to the country. The importance of reading in Andhrapradesh cannot be denied. To make the students fit nationally and internationally, their reading skills must be of an advanced level. If reading skills are improved, learners will be able to utilize maximum resources for acquiring knowledge and information, and it will change the whole educational scenario of the country.” So, the present study on Significance of Reading Skills for the Development of

Communication Skills among Engineering Students of Andhra Pradesh has more importance to prepare Engineering graduates to international standards.

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