

**Multilingualism, it's advantages,
and as a resource in classroom**

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INTRODUCTION

- Language across curriculum is a modern approach that language learning should be occurred throughout the school hours in language classrooms as well as other subject classrooms.
- The goals of LAC are – simply speaking – to support language development in each and every child, in all domains of language use, in each learning activity in school. This implies to reflect about the strongly language-mediated evaluation criteria for success in academic learning, in passing tests and in getting good marks.
- So the overall goal is not just developing Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency, but “Conceptual Literacy”
- LAC has been embraced by a number of academic institutions nationwide and is a readily identifiable means to indicate a student’s ability to engage in multilingual learning in preparation for the workplace.



MULTILINGUALISM

➤ Multilingualism is a powerful linguistic phenomenon, which evolves from the need to communicate across speech communities. Multilingualism is the ability to speak in more than one language either by an individual speaker or by a community of speakers.

■ Multi-lingual Person :

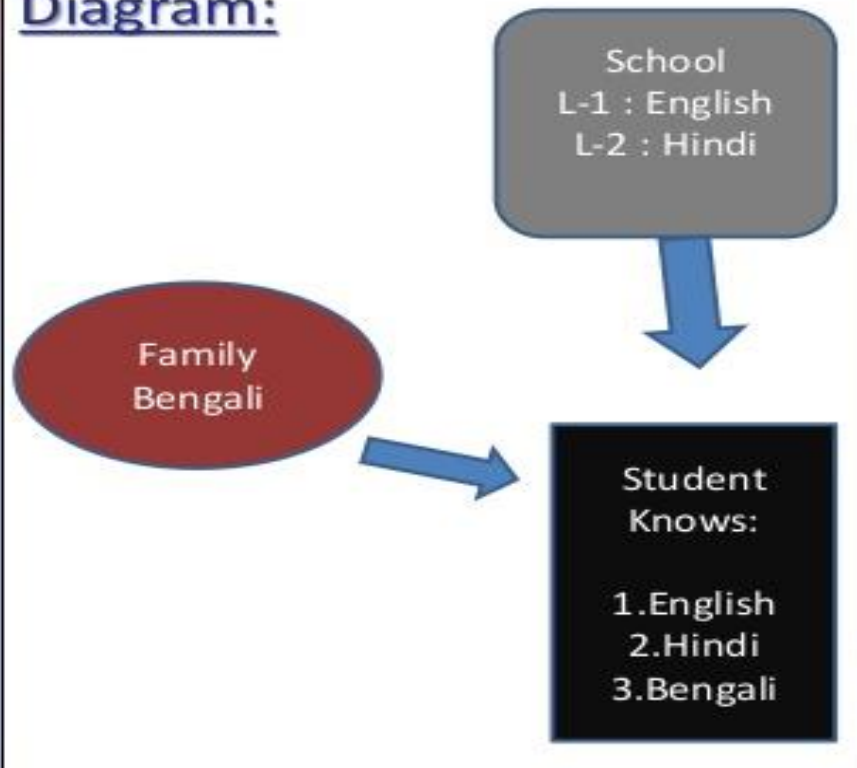
- ❑ A multilingual person is one who can communicate in more than one language, be it actively (through speaking, writing, or signing) or passively (through listening, reading, or perceiving).
- ❑ A multilingual person also known as a "polyglot" [Poly means "many" and glot means "language"].



EXAMPLE:

- A student belongs to a Bengali family but living in Delhi .
- In school , his first language is English, second language is Hindi.
- In family, he talks in Bengali .
- So the student deals with three languages (which is known as trilingual's) with almost equal efficiency,
- In that way, the student becomes a multi-lingual person .

Diagram:



NEEDS OF MULTILINGUALISM :



ADVANTAGES OF MULTILINGUALISM :

- I. **Personal and social benefit** : It helps to gain recognition and status in eyes of society . Also in a multilingual country like India , characterized by tantalizing cultural diversity multilingualism helps to access the social network among different linguistic communities. It also helps to connect the social sites and keep us in touch with people of all parts of the world.
- II. **Cognitive and academic benefits** : It helps to understand the reading process through multilingual interpretation in a better way. Multilingual proficiency increases one's prospect of higher education. Also multilingual person have enhanced executive function and better at some aspects of language learning compared to monolinguals.
- III. **Economic benefits**: It enhances one's competitive skill in global perspective. those people who are engaging in the tourist or BPO ,they have to deal with people belonging to so many linguistic background so here multilingualism plays a vital role . It is also important for those people who give essential services like free legal or medical help , rights of the consumers etc.

USING MULTILINGUALISM AS A RESOURCE IN THE CLASS :

According to National curriculum Framework (NCF) 2005, ' the multilingual characteristics of Indian society should be seen as a resource to promote multilingual proficiency in every child, which includes proficiency in English..Reading and writing , listening and speech, contribute to the child's progress in all curricular areas and must be the basis for curriculum planning “

- Different language of different students will be used creativity in classroom. Students will have exposure to different languages and their sound system , phonological pattern at the same time.
- Student will learn about rules of different languages that will help to sharpen their skills of observing , deducing and reasoning and also enhancing their linguistic and cognitive faculty.
- The multilingual environment itself will act as a motivation to learn English as the common means of communication. So the ESL (English as second language) that will ultimately turn the ESL classroom into a socialized community.
- The ESL teacher may use first language of the pupils that may appear to be a benefactor in fostering a positive affective environment to restore student's feeling of security and creates cognitive atmosphere in a large classroom .

USING MULTILINGUALISM AS A RESOURCE IN THE CLASS:

- The level of involvement and participation will increase if the students are asked to contribute by sharing language data of their mother tongue.
- The amount of data which will be generated from within the classroom could turn out to be better than any standardized text.
- By giving space and scope to our students to participate and contribute , we will help them to boost up their confidence.
- Teacher becomes a learner and reflective teacher who will continuously reflect on students experiences and evolve classroom practices that will help their linguistic competence .
- Teaching – learning process will revolve around functional proficiency in target language rather than developing only academic skills.
- Student will understand that all languages unique and all of them are rule governed and patterned. Their mother tongue is neither superior nor inferior compared to any other language. They will realize that every language is equal and they can have legitimate pride on their mother tongue.

CONCLUSION :

- Language is the most important medium of communication and education , its development occupies an important place in the National Policy on Education and Programme of Action.
- The one and only way to introduce multilingualism through a formal system of education , is to make provision for the study of several languages in the school curriculum.
- So we know of the positive relationship between multilingualism , cognitive growth , and educational achievement, there is every need to promote multilingual education in schools.
- Curricular achievement is increased through such education. It helps students to achieve their self esteem, confidence, their own ability and potentiality and curricular success.
- Be a multilingual person has a huge scope in the aspects of Job. It also helps to understand of history and heritage , of traditions and cultures and territory.

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