



IMPORTANCE OF MOTHER TONGUE AND IT'S PURPOSES

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ABSTRACT

The creation (Srusti) as it is created by Creative God (Brahma), it is base for its various living creatures. It is compulsory that living creature depends on other in its daily life. So it is very common to have a close relationship between living beings. This relationship which is very natural in living creatures only depends on 'Gestures' which are created by them. There is no chance for relationship among living creatures with out the said gestures. A man is also one living creature among so many, he also created the 'Signs' to maintain the relationship with others. As per the Evolution Theory of Darwin, the primitive man who is in the shape of monkey, gradually reformed as a Man with so many evolutionary changes in his physical shape and his mental powers. Among these revolutionary changes the birth of language is one and vital. Once the man as other living creature, also used the signs for his needs and gradually with using of his mental power(Mind), he created 'Language Symbols' for needs. And thus these oral symbols are called as 'Sound Symbols'. And next the man with using his mental capacity he created written symbols in the place of oral symbols in order to standardise them. Thus these written symbols are called 'Alphabets'. The person using of his inner mental power in next generation, created the 'words' with adding of one alphabet with other and gradually by using of 'Case markers', he created the 'Sentences' with adding of one word to another. Then the entire language system is created by the person to use for his daily life and to maintain relationship with other which is very different from otherman in this creation. That is why linguists define the language that "The language is a structure of oral and written symbols to express the thoughts and grasp the feelings for relationship and for daily life and life business among the persons". As the entire world is different by its Geographical conditions, religious aspects, regions, cultures and traditions, customs and life styles - so many languages are established in the primitive society to maintain relationship and daily life. Simply these languages are called as "Mother Tongues". The Mother Tongue has patronised a vital role in education and society with so many its purposes. It occupied a high position in the society.

Mother Tongue :

The language is derived from the latin word 'Lingua'. Even in Sanskrit and Telugu the word 'Bhasha' is paralally used. The word lingua means 'Tongue'. Just as there is no 'Tongue' there is no language so as, there is no Lingua, there is no language. It is impossible to speak anybody without Tongue. If the Tongue is bulky, the voice cannot be

clear. Therefore if the Tongue is bulky 'Saraswathi' (Education means word) can not be possible. Any how so as to speak any language Lingua is part playing a vital role in the language. But it is said that the Indians are only speak in, the language (BhashyataltiBasha) speaking means talking. Though the language is base to speak any language, our people have given importance to its work

(Bhashinchadam) and called it with the very same name.

Any where and any time in the world in any religion and region mother is introducing her child to the creation. After that she is becoming responsible to the physical and mental development of the child in the initial stage. Therefore when the child is being brought up at the mothers lap, the baby is imitating naturally all her mother. In the process of this imitation, the child at the inception is learning certain signs, gestures and thus the language. The process of learning the language from the mother is called 'Thalli Bhasha' or 'MatruBhasha' but in english it is called 'Mother Tongue'. In the process of imitation of the language the child is learning very naturally and easily besides learning Foreign languages also. Therefore this mother tongue (MatruBhasha) derived as follows.

The definition of Mother Tongue :

"The language that the child is learning with out taking any risk but learning very naturally and the very language is playing a role in the foreign language learning is called Mother Tongue".

In the above reason, the infant is learning the Mother Tongue, very naturally from the parents. But in some extraordinary cases when the child became faraway from parents and brought up by some other people, she is accustomed to learn the language of other people. Then that very language becomes the Mother Tongue of that child (person). Hence the Mother Tongue is learnt depending on the environment but not the hereditary. But 99% of infants are learning the language from their parents itself. Therefore the word Mother Tongue is established.

But the autherGodaparthiSuryanarayana is of the opinion that the infant who expresses his emotions and feelings and implements the same from his infancy is become his Mother Tongue.

The importance of the Mother Tongue :

When compare to other languages the infant can easily learn his Mother Tongue with out any trials. The role can also be helpful to learn many other foreign language (Para Bhashalu). The Mother Tongue only will help the person to express his feelings. In the same way to grasp the meaning of the Mother Tongue helps with immediate effect to understand the meaning. In acquiring the knowledge the Mother Tongue stands prior in the

medium of instruction. It has great importance in understanding the conversation between persons. The Mother Tongue is only the base to represent the race and the culture, customs and traditions of any nation in its own Mother Tongue. It has also great importance in acquiring the joy and happiness in its own Mother Tongue. The Mother Tongue is a great weapon to continue the life of the race by means of idioms, phrases, proverbs and the thoughts of the primitive man.

The purposes of the Mother Tongue :

- 1) It can easily be learnt.
- 2) It can make the communication very easily.
- 3) It improves mutual understanding power.
- 4) It preserves the nationality.
- 5) It saves the culture and traditional conventions.
- 6) It enables the foreign language learning.
- 7) The Mother Tongue will mainly help to understand the other languages.
- 8) To reach the goals, the Mother Tongue helps a lot as the medium of instruction.
- 9) It will help to express the feelings very easily to man to man.
- 10) It will help to communicate very easily with the people living afar places.
- 11) It will help for standard of people living.
- 12) It improves the self respect and self dignity to the people.
- 13) It will flourish the glorious thoughts among the people.
- 14) It will create the love, affection and friendship between the person to person.
- 15) It improves respect on the nation.
- 16) It works as a guide to the mansion of building of knowledge.
- 17) It improves intellectuality very quickly.
- 18) It improves the power of translation.
- 19) It improves the skill of creativity.
- 20) It will make the persons as the best ones.
- 21) It will make the person experience the joy of authership.

Thus the Mother Tongue which has very vast importances and purposes has occupied a great place in the Society as well as in the Education filed as under.

1. The place of Mother Tongue in the Society :

The Mother Tongue is placing a vital role by being sowed a seed of society and growing it in

understand and in relationship among the people so that it is improving for the growth of the society offering the Kama (Lust), Moksha (Heaven) by means of just, the Mother Tongue only stopping the unjust rationalities like Lewdness, Anger, Libidinous and Malignity but leading the society in the right direction (path). The Mother Tongue also fills the society with the joy by teaching in the form of literature. The Mother Tongue is greatly contributing to the common man to acquire knowledge and wisdom and enabling him to grow. The Mother Tongue is giving directions and taking the common man to the goals and bringing him about the good manness in terms of literature. It also sets the goals to the common man and helps him to develop good conduct and good behaviour. The Mother Tongue is preserving the Personality Development of any individual in its own image. Thus the individual is developing himself by the breast feeding of Mother in one way, and is developing the will power on the other.

2) The place of Mother Tongue in the Education System :

The main aim of Education is nothing but acquiring the knowledge. This kind of education does not belong to any one religion or community but belongs to universal for all and all times which is printed in the form of a book. To understand this Mother Tongue, the language is formed in the mode of letters, the Mother Tongue is only the way to grasp. Therefore it is divided into two ways as language and non language features. In this the Mother Tongue plays important role. In short, the teaching of education starts in that Mother Tongue. Therefore, the Mother Tongue becomes the beginning of the Education. The importance of the Mother Tongue is clearly explained as follows.

When a student enters into a school from outward world, he might have acquired some knowledge in his Mother Tongue with this known understanding in his Mother Tongue, the unknown teaching of education is started. After that with the help of this Mother Tongue, other non Mother Tongue teaching also be taught. Then after, based on the Mother Tongue other language characteristic features can also be taught in the education. This is actually the right method. Because based on the known thing, the unknown thing and based on the easy method, the difficult one is only the right way

of acquiring the education. The difficult and different things are possible only when the Mother Tongue is known as to learn or to understand or to clearly teach the Mother Tongue is one which enables to learn easily. The cultures and customs of any nation or individual are centralised (established) in his Mother Tongue only. As this is the main and basic thing in the education, one has to surely approach his Mother Tongue. In the same way besides the life style of a nation and in order to know the joyous life of any individual is important issue and so we should depend on our Mother Tongue. The ultimate goal and aim of education is to chisel an individuals as Poets, Authors, Philanthropists, Good Orators, Social Reformers, Good Sociologists, faithfulLovers and Friends,Behaviourists, with good conduct etc. The great exercise is but the education alone makes it possible by Mother Tongue as there are many stars in the sky, the brightness belongs to the moon, so there are many knowledgeable hubs, the real knowledge belongs to Mother Tongue.

Hence "Woods Report" in 1854 "Woods and Abbat Report" in 1937, Gandhiji's "Fundamental Education" in 1938, Three Languages Formula" in 1962, "Kotari Commission" in 1966 are clearly Witten about the importance of Mother Tongue.

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