

Problematizing English in India

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The role of English in India is paradoxical. Although extremely important for higher education and upward social mobility, English in general plays a very small role in the domain of hearth and home. *Problematizing English in India* provides a fascinating collage of strikingly different opinions about the place of English and its future role in India. Based on a substantial study, this book critically examines the status, roles, and functions of English in present-day India from a historical and sociopsychological perspective. Authors R. K. Agnihotri and A. L. Khanna analyze the attitudes and stereotypes of English and English-speaking Indians, patterns of motivational orientation, parental encouragement, and levels of classroom anxiety in different parts of India. As well as the historical, social, and political aspects of English, the book surveys the extant literature on the subject. One recommendation the authors make is that the materials and methods used to teach English be radically modified in tune with the multilingual and multicultural ethos of India. *Problematizing English in India* provides valuable information for students and researchers in sociolinguistics, applied linguistics, English language teaching, and related fields.

What is Indian English? How does it differ from British English or American English? Guest writer Jovana Genejas explains. When it comes to words, English spoken in India has been under the very strong influences of the native languages of the subcontinent, which is reflected in its lexicon. Many words from Indian native languages have been introduced into the global English language spoken worldwide; some notable examples being jungle, bungalow, punch, shawl, and veranda. And just as is true with American and British English, there are some words which are unique to speakers from India and instances of misunderstanding are not uncommon. BY SAHITH AULA - Many states have attempted to make English the medium of instruction for all schools in an attempt to assuage the demands of the poor--however, the shortage of teachers who can even speak English is surreal. All of this while the vast majority is able to communicate in their respective mother tongues. Language: English. ISBN-10: 0803993757. ISBN-13: 978-0803993754. The East India Company was an English private company owned by stockholders and reporting to a board of directors in London. It was formed to trade with the East Indies (presently maritime Southeast Asia). While it started as a monopoly on trade institution, the powers of the Company quickly rose to be a de facto government with its own army and legal system. The English language is not the only thing that the British left in India. Cricket is India's national sport. (by Aravindan Ganesan). After years of controversies and political unrest regarding the status of Hindi as sole official language, the Indian parliament decided to amend the Constitution to allow English to be used after the 15 years limit and it ratified the Official Languages Act of 1963.

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