

Use of ICT in Teaching and Learning English Language and Literature

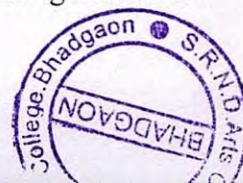
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Abstract

The present research paper tries to show the importance of ICT tools in teaching and learning English language and literature. The present world is the world of information and communication technology. Now a day's information and communication technology matter a lot in human life. It plays an important role in teaching and learning English language and literature. It becomes teaching and learning more effective and easier. We can create interest among the students learning as non-native learner of English language. It is very beneficial for even slow learner students. The students can be more attentive if a teacher teaches by using ICT in the classroom. It helps in better understanding the topic being taught in the classroom. It is also useful to teach a number of students across the geographical boundaries. It can make teaching interesting and entertainment full. It can also save the energy of a teacher as par as the teaching is considered. In this ICT based teaching and learning students even understand difficult and hard topic in an easy manner. There are some tools such as CALL, PPT, Internet, Multimedia, Language Lab, Email and Distance Learning used in teaching and learning English language and literature. With the help of these tools we can overcome some barriers in learning and teaching process. Immediate feedback is possible in learning & teaching.

Keywords: Information and Communication Technology, PPT, Internet, Multimedia, Language Lab, Email, Distance Learning.

We know that ICT means information and communication technology. Today, it is the world of information and communication technology. Information and communication technology plays an important role in teaching and learning English language and literature as well. It makes teaching and learning more effective and interesting. It is a revolutionary thing as par as the world of teaching and learning is considered. The traditional way of teaching on the black-board along with the use of ICT in teaching and learning makes it



more understandable. It makes teaching more appealing to students. There are some tools which are required in ICT teaching are either computer or laptop, OHD projector, Pen Drive (P.D.) and computer connected with internet.

It can be helpful in remembering the contents of teaching as we know that audio and visual communication appeals more than just oral communication. The students can be more attentive in learning by using information and communication technology. The students can understand even difficult terms and concepts in learning by using ICT. At home students can even search on Google the topic being taught by using internet. It is supplementary to traditional way of teaching on the black-board. We can even include the students with disability in our pedagogy by using ICT and different kinds of software helpful for them.

To learn English language is considered as a difficult one for some students. But we can teach them in a simple manner by using ICT tools which is the urgent need of the present hour.

Different Activities (tools) useful in English language and literature teaching are as follows.

CALL - The full form of CALL is Computer Assisted Language Learning. It is defined in a work by Levy (1997) as “the search for and study of applications of the computer in language teaching and learning” CALI could not succeeded because it is related with teacher centred approach. CALL is very helpful in the language learning process.

The next activity useful in English language teaching is MS PowerPoint program. It is an important program not only for teachers but also for students. We can present any issue or subject effectively and informatively with the use of PowerPoint program as par as teaching and learning of English language and literature is considered. The topic or subject that we want to present can be teach through pictures, charts, diagrams, graphs etc. Eg. If we want to teach the Romantic Criticism, we can make slides comprising beginning, major thinkers and their literary works. We can make difference in hard and easy points through PPT. It makes teaching more understandable.

Internet is another tool useful in teaching and learning of English language and literature. There should be connectivity (available network) to computer. We can search live in the classroom anything related to topic. Eg. If a teacher of English Literature wants to



teach a poem entitled “Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening” he can visit the website poetry foundation. There are some websites helpful to teach English language and literature.

Another important tool in teaching and learning is multimedia. It comprises of different forms such as text, audio, images, animations and video. We can record any video, audio through multimedia. It can be played and displayed in the classroom. Eg. We can download a play entitled ‘Macbeth’ by William Shakespeare and show it to the students later on in the classroom. It is very helpful in understanding and creating interest among the students.

The use of Information and Communication Technology in teaching and learning literature is more effective and helpful to the students. We can show some plays to students by using You Tube or ICT tools. We can show to the students some movies like ‘Kai Po Che!’, ‘3 Idiots’ based on the novels in the classroom. It helps to the students in remembering well just like a movie. It can be explained well. If a teacher of English wants to teach a poem entitled ‘Ozymandias’, he can visit website poetry foundation by using ICT tools. The students can listen the audio record of the poem. It will be just like singing a song. It makes teaching more interesting and innovative.

Language lab is a lab for language learning. The students of English can listen how the word is pronounced by using ICT tools. It is very beneficial for students in creating an interest and understanding in Phonetics. The difficulties of learning Phonetics faced by non-native learner can be overcome by using ICT tools in the language lab.

Email means an electronic mail. A teacher of English language and literature can send assignments to students through using email. It can make the communication fast and time saving. A two-way communication can be possible in teaching and learning process by using ICT tools.

Now a days a new way of learning through keeping distance has flourished in the world that is distance learning. In such type of learning a teacher of English and literature can teach to many students at the same time. The use of ICT is very valuable in teaching and learning process. It can be two-way response. It helps in educating numbers of students through distance learning.

To conclude we came to know that the use of ICT in Teaching and learning of English language and literature makes it enjoyable. Though it needs some cost to organize it but it is



more effective and helpful in learning English language and literature. With the help of advanced modern technology we can use ICT tools even at a remote place as there is availability of networks. It makes teaching more enhancing and joyful. Teaching by using ICT tools can be helpful and supporting to slow learners as well. The teaching by using ICT is concerned with student centred approach. It

might be due to ICT that students can participate in learning process more attentively. It is really a revolutionary thing in the field of teaching and learning is concerned. The use of ICT in teaching English language and literature along with traditional way of teaching can make it easy. It can make students attentive and active in teaching and learning process.

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