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"MY MOTHER TONGUE, MY IDENTITY"

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ABSTRACT

Mother tongue is an important chapter in human life. Excluding that chapter, the real taste of life remains incomplete. The word 'mother' fills the mind. The 'mother' to whom we can speak openly is the mother tongue.

*I think in this mother tongue we can express our thoughts in a beautiful, easy way, but not in other languages. Similarly in the case of education and 'mother tongue' is everywhere. Teaching and learning can be in any language. But in any other language, it is as easy to get the desired result as in one's own mother tongue. That is why Rabindranath said –
"Mother tongue in education is like mother's milk"*



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INTRODUCTION

A special set of sounds uttered with the help of human vocal cords is called 'language'. Every human being is entitled to any language in his birth formula. No matter where he is born, the language he hears from his parents and relatives is his 'mother tongue'. People learn different languages to increase their store of knowledge. But just as a person can express his thoughts and feelings spontaneously in his own language, it is not possible in other languages. From the womb of the mother, this mother tongue becomes one with the whole life of man. So this 'mother tongue' is not only a means of human expression, the mother tongue is the absolute relative of the human soul. The importance of this mother tongue in the education of every human being is immense. Because just as a child cannot grow up without the help of its mother, so a child cannot think and develop without the help of his mother tongue. In the case of education and the mother can teach or explain the child in her own language as well, it is not possible for any teacher. Herbert says:

"A good mothers worth a hundred school masters."

Therefore, it is not possible to abandon the mother tongue, whether it is for the sake of learning science or for the sake of luxury. So we have to remember one thing -

"Different languages of different countries

What is the hope of meeting the native language without it?"

Importance of mother tongue:

The medium of human communication is 'language'. About language. SunitikumarChatterjee says, -

"Language is a set of words used in a particular society, individually located, or used in a sentence, which are performed by the sounds uttered by the vocal cords to express the thoughts of the mind."

This 'language' becomes 'mother tongue' only when it is uttered by a mother. After the child is born, the child learns what the mother teaches, and reveals it to others. This is why the mother tongue is called the first language. This mother tongue is the greatest medium for the child's self-expression. In the case of education, this mother tongue should be chosen as the first vehicle. Students will be able to express their intelligence only when they are proficient in their mother tongue. Because no matter what a person does, he thinks about it in his mother tongue. At first he thinks in his mother tongue, then he changes it to another language. Just as breast milk is necessary for the development of the child, so is mother tongue necessary for the development of the imagination of the students. By learning through the mother tongue, students can speak and write the content better. On the other hand, if teachers teach in their mother tongue, students can easily accept it. And they can express their views to the teacher in a simple way. The only mother tongue is the language that can harmonize the student's language and thinking.

Many scholars and commissions have acknowledged the importance of mother tongue in teaching and learning through mother tongue.

➤ Michael MadhusudanDutt in his poem 'Bangabhasha' has praised the mother tongue-
'O Bengal, there are various gems in the store;
Ignore it, (I am ignorant!),
After- wealth- intoxicated with greed, Karinu travels
Later in the country, begging was practiced in Kukshan'

Poet Michael MadhusudanDutt at first thought that he would earn respect through foreign languages. But in the end he realized that his 'mother' is actually his own, and the next 'mother' is after him. So Madhusudan came back to his homeland, Bengal, to increase his knowledge through his mother tongue.

➤ The novelist Sarat Chandra Chattopadhyay and his essay 'Mother Tongue and Literature' have acknowledged the importance of mother tongue-

"Today, I would like to remind you, in particular, that the mother tongue does not differ in meeting the true independent and fundamental thought, but through the door of the mother's house to collect the fruits of the right great thought."

➤ If education system is introduced in mother tongue, linguistDr.SunitikumarChattopadhyay in his essay 'Bangla Language Education and Bengali Language Practice' acknowledges the importance of mother tongue in education -

"If we learn in our mother tongue, we will benefit now - it will be easier for ordinary boys to acquire knowledge, it will soon open the minds of boys. There will be no deception in education through mother tonguetheir way of thinking will be elegant, they will get the joy of education, they will be able to fully assimilate education, education will truly feed their minds".

❖ **Opinions of various commissions on mother tongue education-**

- Saddler Commission (1918-1919) - This commission proposed mother tongue as a medium of instruction in the secondary level curriculum - the commission said, "The mother tongue ought to be given a place as the medium of instruction throughout the high school stage."
- Mudaliar Commission (1952-1953): The Mudaliar Commission recommended the medium of mother tongue in all aspects of education. This commission says - "Mother tongue or the regional language should generally be the medium of instruction throughout the secondary stage" and also says, "Mother-tongue or regional language would have been the medium of instruction at all stage of the educational ladder. "

In the opinion of the various scholars and commissions mentioned above, we can be clear about the importance of mother tongue in education. All education systems are developed using the mother tongue. So the importance of mother tongue in education is infinite.

CONCLUSION:

The language heard in the mother's mouth since childhood is 'mother tongue'. The language that has the power to express itself to others. So, not by neglecting this mother tongue, but by keeping this mother tongue at the primary level of education, appropriate results are obtained.

"My Mother Tongue, My Identity" is an initiative to make every member of the society aware of their own 'mother tongue' so that the masses consider the foreign language as a language of luxury, without abandoning their mother tongue. Because no foreign language will be mastered properly unless we are proficient in our mother tongue.

After reading my article in simple language about the importance of mother tongue, the students will be interested to choose their mother tongue as a medium of education.

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