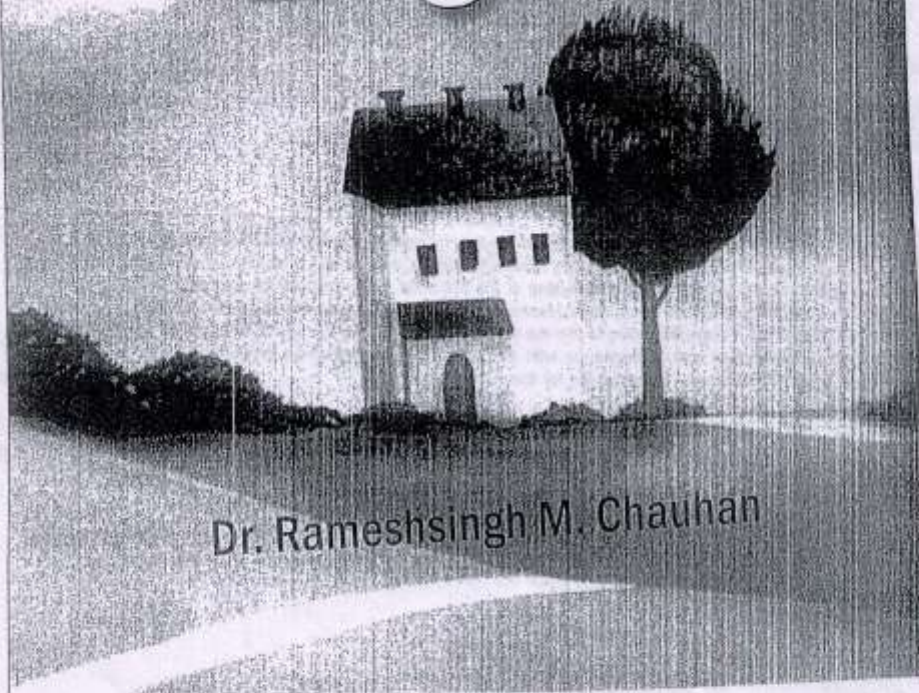




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ENGLISH LANGUAGE AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT: ISSUES AND CHALLENGES

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Abstract:

The pace of technological advancement in India, compared to that in the other parts of the world seems to be quiet slow for various reasons. Financial constraints, traditional mindset and the lack of talented and dedicated researchers may be cited as major hindrances which maintain the status quo. I have endeavored to analyze the problem, to find out as many factors as I could, lying behind the sorry state of affairs.

The paradigm of English language teaching has observed a considerable change in the last few decades. The education is now being imparted with the state of the art technologies. There are many devices and software available in the market which can facilitate the teaching process. With the invention of new academic tools like IWB, the method of black board teaching has become almost obsolete. Archana Sharma states that the interactive white board serves lot of purposes as,

- ? Present digital recourses
- ? Graphics can be used for the exercise of data interpretation
- ? Reading comprehension text can be presented in one click
- ? Story writing exercise beautiful pictures or drawings can be projected at once

- ? Now a days many companies offer readymade curricular materials
 - ? Students' works can be shared and discussed
 - ? Videos and audios can help in listening and dialogue formation. It is really fun.
 - ? Maps, encyclopedias, dictionaries, etc., can be used on the spot through internet access.
 - ? Movies and cartoons may help in listening and in comprehension.
 - ? Grammar based games impact a lot rather than simple exercises in the book.
 - ? Real situations like TV reports, live telecast of contemporary issue will make them good competent.
 - ? It encourages participation of students in a learning activity.
 - ? It increases peer activity.
 - ? It engages students.
 - ? It fascinates students so grab their attention and bring their attention in the class.
 - ? With its peripherals it allows watching a video and playing with it. It may be paused many times for stressing on a topic and then re-played again.
 - ? Contents for reading can be presented on one click, so it saves time.
 - ? It can remove the content in another click.
- Now a days there are many readymade software which teach grammar with lots of examples. Internet is also playing a very crucial role in the emerging academic scenario. It is a reservoir of knowledge. Everything under the sun is available on the internet. Now we can't imagine the world without the words like Google and Wikipedia. According to Huw Harvis,
- "Technological innovations have gone hand-in-hand with the growth of English and are changing the way in which we communicate, work, trade, entertain and learn and it is non-native users of English, frequently from Asian countries, who