

**ECONOMIC AND EDUCATIONAL IMPACTS REGARDING
THEREMOVAL OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE AS AN OFFICIAL
LANGUAGE IN PAKISTAN:**

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ABSTRACT

This paper examines the definite impacts of English language's removal as an official language in Pakistan as well as analyzes critically whether the timing of the decision is a sane motive? English surely is the lingua franca and educational language in the world possessing the prime status regarding international communication. Scholastic development as accepted by globalization has shifted the character of the English language. Whereas English has turned out to be an essential means increasing attractiveness in international arena, as the top developing countries are emphasizing more and more on English language to be universalized in all fields. Although the local languages do have their importance and may not be discarded to be used as official languages. The findings of this study reveal the possible economic impacts and common realism of different linguistic development as well as strategy creativities in the country as well as to recommend the better policies and planning for the actual use of local as well as English language.

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INTRODUCTION:

Keeping in view the words of Alia, as she speaks about the history of Pakistan, “The country achieves its independence from the British on 14th of August, 1947. Pakistan used to be the part of British India with present day Bangladesh as well as India before its independence. Divided into two areas, i.e. (1) Eastern Pakistan, (Bangladesh) breaking away from Pakistan in the year 1971, and (2) Western Pakistan, which is known as modern-day Pakistan.

Currently in Pakistan there are four Subas (provinces), having their own local languages known as, Panjabi, Pashto, Balochi, as well as Sindi. English is the official language of Pakistan utilized in main seats of Government, the Judiciary, the Armed forces, Commerce as well as Higher Education. The country’s constitution has been codified in English. Urdu as well as Pakistan has been related on the basis of Nationalism by the Constitution, so for the obvious reasons, Urdu owns the status of national language of the country.

Alia, further mentions, “Pakistan is a multilingual State where bilingualism (multilingualism) is a usual matter even in the life of an average student. In Pakistan, the medium of instruction at higher education is exclusively through English.” (Alia, 2008)

SUPREME COURT OF PAKISTAN DECIDES TO REPLACE ENGLISH WITH URDU AS OFFICIAL LANGUAGE:

Social life surely contains such a significant tool in the shape of language or communication. Right from the word go, people interacted from dawn to dusk in any present time community and communication or language performs such a crucial part in their daily communications. Not only being a way of message also it’s a significant source of thinking

and individualism. According to the present constitution of the country as it sets strong stress over the usage of Urdu language as an official language within 15 years of time (in 1988), though, till today no real concrete plans were adopted, and still English remains the official language in Pakistan.

In recent days, Pakistan's Epic Court took notice of the issue, and commanded existing administration adopting Urdu language in correctness. As a result of this decision by the Epic Court, a nationwide language plan argument has started in the country, having the argument either sticking to English which remains a global language or enforcing Urdu in all offices which remains common lingua franca, and also an icon of nationwide identity in the country.

IS THE TIMING OF THE DECISION A SANE MOTIVE?

Changing of the language might create a problem regarding fair operation of all organizations, as English is utilized as a global lingua franca in several states globally, and even in Pakistan up to present times the official language is English from last sixty years. Though English is not the first language in the country, it is still utilized as well as understood through the literate masses. Nearly all the ads are in English in posh parts of main towns, and road signs are in both English and Urdu. In Pakistan, the English language, simply is very much part of the verbal settings. Rendering to the stated details over Pakistan on the CIA website, Urdu is the first lingua franca of around 8 percent of the inhabitants, particularly the settlers from what is now India and their offspring, coming from the time of partition of India way back in 1947. Panjabi remains the most utilized lingua franca, being the mother language of almost half (45%) of the masses. If Urdu is to be compared with other

vernaculars, it's relatively fresh and still it does not contain rich verbal means as compare to English. Removal of English language as an official language in Pakistan surely could create severe problems in the country.

For obvious reasons, English stands as the language for science as well as technology, also it is very difficult to be translated completely in Urdu. Undoubtedly it could create severe problems for the authorities when it comes to interpret the whole language from English to Urdu. Similarly, with the passage of time numbers of words from English language have been merged into Urdu language, and have become common words to be used regularly in Urdu language.

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ENGLISH URDU ISSUE IN PAKISTAN:

Language plays such crucial part when it comes to all the schooling as well as informative strategies since it's the major source as well as means regarding the transfer of knowledge and information. Language is utilized for the education also imparting the guidelines at all disciplines, subjects as well as stages of education (Basic, secondary, Higher etc.) is known as Medium of instruction. The medium of instruction is a debatable matter at any phase, particularly in the Pakistani culture where several types of teaching prevailing.

There are many choices of Medium of Instruction in Pakistan. Chief local vernaculars of Pakistani society are Panjabi (Provincial local language spoken in Panjab), Pashto (Provincial local language spoken in K.P.K), Sindhi (Provincial local language spoken in Sindh), Baluchi (Provincial local language spoken in Baluchistan), Sara-e-ki and few

more dialects for example Kelash, Burrushaski, Shinna, Khowaar, Waakhi or Xiikworas well as Bengali etc.

The official source of communication in Pakistan is English also Constitution of the State is written in English. Pakistani education system is very gloomy. There are 3 equivalent methods of teaching: i.e. Deenni Madrasas (Religious schools), Urdu, as well as English Mediums. The sorrows of informative method in the country surely being the dissimilar methods of teaching institutes which are clearly producing to distinct as well as dissimilar groups in the culture of Pakistan. Surely these present the most dreadful image of the entire learning organism. Each group could find a distinct system of teaching for their children. Middle class, Upper middle class as well as Upper class could spend higher costs regarding the education of their children, so that they have English medium schools. The lower-middle and working classes of Pakistan have Urdu medium institutes for their children because they could spend as much money on their children as the middle, upper-middle and upper classes could spend. Deprived as well as very religious individuals refer their children in Madrassas, (Religious Schools).

Undoubtedly, it's just the homicide of the state integration and uniformity. Nation is divided into diverse systems of schooling. In order to understand the current position of the matter medium of instruction in Pakistan it's precisely essential having a rich background regarding the past of medium of instruction in Pakistan in different ages. Right from the year of 1947 when the country had gotten its freedom the official functioning of the state determinedly continued in English, as it was before in the English era in subcontinent. At that time Urdu was accepted as the national language of the state.

CONSTITUTION OF PAKISTAN 1973:

According to all of the 3 constitutions of the country, it is clearly stated regarding the language plan of the country. 1973 constitution, mentions regarding the language policy as:

(1) “The National language of the country is Urdu and plans shall be carried out to be utilized regarding official as well as other purposes inside 15 years of time with the commencing time.

(2) For the official matters the English language may be utilized till plans are carried out regarding to be replaced by Urdu.

(3) With no partiality to the position of the National language, a Provincial Parliament may be law prescribed actions for the education, promotion as well as usage of a local language in addition to the national language.”

Before choosing a language as medium of instruction, there are some facts which should be kept in mind:

1. Medium of instruction should approve the understanding of students. (The most important point to be kept in mind)
2. It is not essential that which language, we are picking as medium of instruction, but the essential thing is the complete knowledge upon that language and sureness to use that language on both sides (teachers as well as the students)
3. Particular Medium of instruction should assistance in raising the reasoning aptitudes of the students as well as growth of students' independence.
4. It should not make the sense of dominance or lowliness amongst the students.

5. It should aid the students in theoretical creation in its place of compelling them just rote memorization of the written text.

IMPORTANCE OF ENGLISH LANGUAGE:

1. English language was the medium of instruction before the formation of Pakistan.
2. Official language of the country is English, and is utilized in all areas of authority, Administration, Establishment, Army, Courts, Business, Mass media, Teaching as well as Researches at Higher level.
3. Lingua franca of the globe is English language.
4. English contains thousands of Word Phrases.
5. It is the language of Science and Technology.
6. Job opportunities are more for English medium students.
7. English is essential regarding the use of Computers as well as Internet.
8. English is considered to be the access to Higher Learning.
9. All the important books are available in English language at higher level.
10. All the major newspapers, magazines, research papers etc. of foreign writers and researchers are available in English language.

PROBLEMS REGARDING THE REPLACEMENT OF ENGLISH WITH URDU:

1. Urdu is not as strong as English; also it's not as perfect as English in terms of strong vocabulary.
2. Students of Urdu Medium schools aren't capable enough to comprehend regarding modern developmental Research Activities.

3. There is paucity of research work in Urdu language.
4. Students of UrduMedium have strong sense of inferior complexion.
5. There are no good Jobs Available for the Students of Urdu Medium Schools.
6. The Students of English Medium are sharp and bright enough omprehendingmoderndevelopmentalinformation.
7. English has one of the strong tools in terms of modernResearch as well asLiterature.
8. There are Thousands of Word Phrases in English.
9. English is known as the Lingua Franca in terms of Science and Technology.
10. All the Job opportunities are available for the Students of English Medium Schools.
11. Without being familiar with Language of English, it is very hard to use computer or internet.
12. English is the entrance to Higher Education. (Saira, 2011. Pp. 66-75)

ENGLISHAS A GLOBAL LANGUAGE IN ECONOMIC PERSPECTIVE:

As far as English is concerned, globally 1.75 billion people speak the English language at a valuable phase that is one in every four. It is predicted that two billion people would be utilizing or learning the English language by the year 2020.

Also, it's the economically vigorous, the cream of the crop, the commercialplanners, the youth, and theinstigatorscontemporary and prospectthat are studyingas well aslearning English. They talk to each

other growingly as English stands the 'functioning method' of that worldwide communication.

In Britain, there are thousands of researchers or students from all over the world who visit to Britain to study English, contributing approximately £2 billion yearly to native as well as local economies across the state. Many of them continue to more and higher studies, continuing to do not stop over schooling due also in residing there. As a result of that, they create individual, qualified as well as commercial relations by persons as well as groups in the Britain which will last once they reach toward governance ranks in their individual states. English is playing the key role in this regard. However the Economy of England has been enhanced to a great extent by language of English. Investigation displays in what way a decent knowledge of English can not only improve a person's financial visions but also donate to state development as well as keenness. A research carried out by the E.I.U in the year 2012, revealing that about 70% of officials stated their staff will want to master English to understand business growth tactics, then a Quarter stated that majority of their entire staff would want English's capability. English surely is turning out to be an essential standard in decisive employment. Early adopter's rewards are slowly disappearing also are being swapped through financial difficulty for individuals who do not use the English. Individuals who are not connected or cannot use English are gradually lagging. English creates a momentous influence to maintainable worldwide progress. It eases craft amidst states that not sharing a shared source of communication. English being utilized as a source of suitability, easing discourse as well as to build faith where an understanding of varied ranks is vital particularly in diplomacy as well as encounter resolve,

where armed forces and other uniformed facilities progressively say to each other in English. A reasonable, wealthier domain is a harmless and safer realm, and English is progressively the language that grasps equally the global communication and discussion in extents like climate change, violence as well as human rights. It surely is the treasure trove gift to the world and the world's common language.

ENGLISH AND ECONOMIC GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT

Regarding the emerging as well as the developing States, there is huge call as well as necessity for English in community schooling methods boosting steadiness, occupations as well as success.

The effect of globalization as well as economic growth has turned the English language of opening also vigorous sources to improve person's views for well-aid service. Developing States and emerging economies progressively distinguish the financial price to produce big quantities of capable alumnae able to talk in English. Occupations, economic opening as well as capital formation are critical to firmness. States having a little ability in English have consistently low stages of trades per capita. An emphasis upon better language abilities, assimilating the language in the prospectus with the main or rather pre-school ages, aids sentence overseas venture, more attracting the necessity regarding English talkers; also a robust trade area in services aids creating a Middle Class, consolidation, expenditure as well as rising the State Economy. In industrialized as well as emerging states alike, regarding the stakeholder, the educational, the public servant, the Teacher, the Performer, the legislator, the Secretary, the representative, the Activist, the student, English makes opening or else unmanageable.

SKILLAS WELL AS PACE OF REVOLUTION:

If English established owing to the significant issues of skill, domain, services and manufacturing force in past periods, expertise has permitted it jumping the barrier also thriving with no corporeal interaction which had beforehand been required.

The development of English as well as the advent of the internet as a worldwide communiqué network is equally strengthening tendencies. This absence of limits is significant. Before, the extent of language was administered through individual's corporeal meetings, then through the movement of printed resources, and transistor, TV, films as well as new Mass Media. The influx of the Internet as well as Social means, by the capacity for even broader grasp, has doomed that those dialects by the utmost impetus also the most striking features as well as qualities, like extensive practice, instant applicability, well-regarded national diplomats or available schooling as well as knowledge, have developed the most fruitful networks of connected communiqué also exchange. The rapidity of change making it exceptional.

Deviations, venalities also modifications happened in the past, presently happen in moments. In June 2012, almost 300 new words have been added by the Oxford English Dictionary. Could this pace of change be engrossed by English keenly, or would it in some way lose Veracity? Its development is difficult to guess. Borrowed expressions as well as disparities to construction have been inspirational regarding the dialect for the past 1,500 years that much is not novel. Language of English has continuously progressed and that is its huge forte. The amazing development and step of diverse joined communiqué, shared by the development of worldwide English diversities, is making a fresh vernacular of

language regarding the network shall be called as English 2.0, the informal dialect of the internet. Now, the instructions of the dialects are stress-free, linguistics as well as operational clarity have developed extremely of little significant than elasticity and directness to alteration, and novel borrowed expressions are placed to instant and worldwide usage. Individuals utilizing it could be directly perceived, understood, declaim and understood through far better figures than ever before.

ECONOMIC BENEFITS:

A combined currency or a real free skill contract could aid business, so a united dialectal program, or at least a shared language, could help discourse, comprehension, faith and the brokering of contracts. Worldwide English, or access to one of the many worldwide 'Englishness' is an extremely treasured practical ability.

It could be a requirement regarding numerous global rankings, strength in international relations, foreign relationships as well as progress, and an ID to progression in the worldwide means, performing and economic realms. Joachim Gauck, President of Deutschland, spoke about the future of Europe calling for English to be declared the dialect for the E.U. (pleading the Britain staying inside European Union). "Prime difficulties we own to build a new united Euro society", stating, "is insufficient communication inside Europe". Encouraging a huge wisdom of unity, he said, Europe desired a mutual language and to encourage multilingualism. 'I am sure that, in Europe, both could reside shoulder to shoulder: the logic of being at home in your mother language, by all its rhyme, and practicable language for life time situations and all age classes.'

ENGLISH AND DIPLOMACY, COMMERCE, MEDIA, ACADEMAI AND IT:

The commercial incentive learning English is persuasive. A growing extent of businesses Nokia, SAP, Heineken, Samsung as well as Renault among them have known the lasting rewards to output as well as progress that accepting English as a communal business language can own.

In the words of Loren Griffith, who is the Executive of the International Strategy team at Oxford University, stating as, “We must accept the fact that all the top institutions of higher education are in English-speaking states, having the key factor to be successful in all walks of life comparing with rest of the world. English has turned out to be the language of university.

This huge upsurge in British academies’ aptitude attracting the world’s finest for education as well as research, also to cooperate with the finest positioned round the globe. Further global scholars learn at British academies than any place but the America. 3 major causes are our practice of hard exercise in how to ponder well, the chance to contribute in world-leading research, and the point that this education as well as research takes place in English.’ Other academies methods admit the importance of English.

According to the opinion of Jean-Loup Salzman, Chairman of the Conference of French University President, saying that, “English is used by the majority of individuals in all French medicinal labs. All the research activities, as well as European schemes are in English. All the Scholars around the world come to our universities; we use English language for communication”.

Once a Libyan activist was asked about choosing the English language instead of Arabic language, and he replied in plain and simple words that “English is the sole language to be used influencing the world”.

A dedicated and motivated Chinese Educator revealing his interests to learn English, stating as, “Chinese people want to speak English just the way they speak their own language in their own country.” In coming days it will be imperative to take the radical steps influencing the trade, policymaking, mass media as well as global culture.

Prime focus should be to link with the global world utilizing all the technological means. To achieve all that significant goals, English is the source to pave the way.

CONCLUSION:

English has massive commercial importance for the developing countries; it supports Business as well as trades round the globe. It delivers a momentous competitive benefit in all aspects of soft power to trade, to the means, to academies as well as university; and provides a complete as well as rising worldwide market for the developing states' inspiring national businesses.

It's a grave constituent regarding faith constructing also, in line, employment as well as success. Globally there is huge demand as well as necessity regarding English in the country and community schooling schemes, particularly in emerging markets. For example, Britain is exclusively positioned supporting the growth of extraordinary Standard English education. This is the correct thing to do supporting better visions for states as well as people in poor states, but also in the long term it would aid building strong relations with the Britain and raising the market for British goods and services. It is need of the hour

that we should react to this worldwide demand through appealing rather more of our positive as well as a paramount youth keen onto teach English in our country and globally. But we must not stop there. We must always realize that English is not sufficient regarding the Pakistan's young individuals as well as the using of other local languages must be a much higher importance in the upcoming days. If we are to uphold our status at the core of the worldwide system and as a main national as well as commercial existence, a lesson ought to be learnt by, plus shared more and more with, other nations as well as States. Taken together, and associated to current provision regarding the modest fortes of our schooling organism and our national as well as inventive division.

Finally, it must be realized that removal of English language as an official language in Pakistan, surely not going to solve our problems, as English has become such important source for economic development and growth around the world. Although the local languages do have their importance and may not be discarded to be used as official languages.

It must be noted that there is nothing wrong with the Supreme Court's decision regarding the removal of English language as an official language in Pakistan. The problem is actually the timing of the decision i.e. it should have been implemented about 60 or 65 years ago, soon after attaining the freedom from Britishers. At this particular time, this decision seems really insane motive because this strategy and judgment could take the country of Pakistan 180 degree opposite from the rest of the world, where English is a main medium of communication. Almost all towns in the country have private English medium schools, and these modifications would influence those institutes also. By the removal of English language wholly, individuals may not spend higher dues sending their children to

these institutes. These private institutes are run by dedicated and qualified English educators. These institutes provide job opportunities to a large number of English educators; therefore, this decision must influence their income. We can conclude that, the language policy plan must be carried out with step by step procedure in order to avoid the possible economic and educational impacts regarding the removal of English language as an official language in our country.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Because of low literacy ratio in the country, Urdu is not used by the majority of the people. Therefore, Urdu and some other local languages should be declared as official languages. It certainly would aid enabling more involvement via the public especially those who are not familiar with English; therefore, it would be conducive to make the administrative matters more comprehensive. Already the typical source of communication in the State is Urdu which is spoken by the common people; also it is capable absorbing other words from diverse languages, which we speak regularly with no sense that we are utilizing words of any other language. Already 93 percent of Pakistani media is Urdu, thus to promote an already general language must influence worldwide extent of our scholars. Therefore, the need of the hour is to create a proper as well as gradual and stable method adopting Urdu as an official language. We cannot discard English language because it is an international language to play crucial part in terms of economic and educational benefits in the world of globalization.
2. As this language strategy modification possesses huge importance, to promote the common language of the country, however more steps are required making this modification an actuality in upcoming days. This

fresh linguistic strategy calls on strategy makers as well as linguistic specialists to:

3. Interpret the significant official expressions from English to Urdu
4. Inspire English medium institutes laying compact basics of their school children in Urdu language in order to compete in different competitive exams
5. Offer short term crash paths to key personnel accountable for nationwide as well as global communication
6. Offer economic help to language professionals in order to spend their time as well as vigor translating or improving fresh Urdu dictionaries replacing English words
7. We should distinguish the important impacts of English language's dynamic as well as economic benefits around the world and plans must be carried out to do more supporting its development. A planned as well as mutual method to market growth and intellect, connecting government and the private sector, must be encouraged.
8. We must utilize the means strengthening the proper methods of teaching the English language in the country at all levels, improving the quality of English language.
9. Inspire as well as assist the finest youth in the country exploring prospects teaching English language in the country.
10. There is a crucial requirement to create a slow and step by step plan in order to remove English language as an official language in Pakistan by improving the standard of Urdu language to replace English.

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