

SIGNIFICANCE OF LITERATURE IN ENHANCING CRITICAL THINKING IN ENGINEERING STUDENTS

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ABSTRACT

Education has always been a pervading factor and mankind's quest for knowledge enabled it to have a dialogue even with the universe. However, the true spirit of education preached by great teachers of yester years got vaporized in the fumes of modern mundane existence. In the process of paving a well heated high way in academic arena, English literature is carefully sidelined and substituted by lessons about technology in the Engineering curriculum. Despite many arguments on this issue Literature remained unappealing to technology driven world. In fact to reduce the complexity and demystify the knowledge of engineering, the modern student requires language and literature to compete with the challenges not just of advanced tests and courses but also of life. Keeping this in view this paper stresses the importance of literature in language acquisition and critical thinking ability especially in technical institutions. This approach certainly brings out an interesting teaching-learning process that unburdens the technical students from mere parroting the words.

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