

Cross Cultural Diversity and Globalisation in Language Teaching

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Introduction

Oversimplifying and making caricatures of cultural traits are the results of attempts to characterize national traits in order to compare and contrast civilizations. Conflicts between the students may arise from time to time as a result. People may become irritated, anxious, and tense when they are unable to complete all of the tasks, they are used to doing on a daily basis. Students from diverse cultural backgrounds, for instance, could struggle to adjust to the activities, traditions, rituals, and customs taught in English courses; as a result, they might feel tense, anxious, and unsatisfied. Additionally, students frequently experience cultural shock, which seriously impairs their capacity to achieve. Cognitive dissonance, ambiguity, unfulfilled expectations, and ego-identity dissociation and dwindle are the factors that cause worry, stress, and the thoughts, feelings, and behaviours that follow. Our identities are rooted in the distinct social and physical contexts of the civilizations of our ancestors. We also leave behind the pillars that support and feed our personalities when we leave that specific nexus of physical and sociocultural environmental elements. The conflict between a person's perception of themselves and the outside world is known as cognitive dissonance.

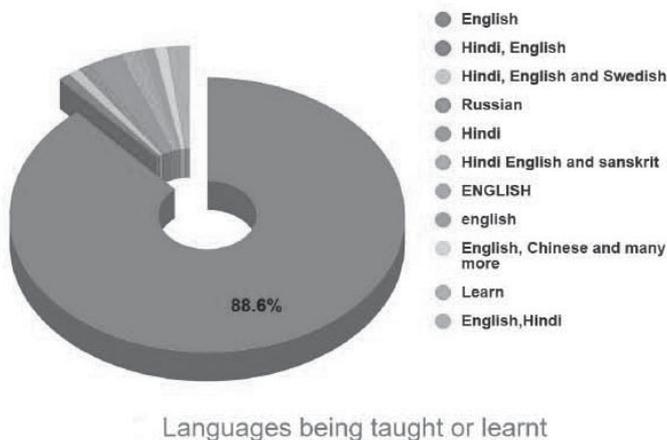
Objective of the Study

Culture has elements that are both flexible and unchangeable, yet it is also subject to change. One of the main objectives of multicultural education is to teach children about other national or ethnic customs.

Additionally, it helps children learn that there are different cultures, languages, countries, and viewpoints. Positive emotions must also be connected to cross-cultural encounters in order to help pupils feel valued, accepted, and respectful of those from different ethnic and cultural backgrounds. As barriers between cultures and countries have decreased, communication bridges have been built across continents and oceans. Most people use English as their primary language of communication these days.

English Language as Lingua franca

Pie Chart 1.:88.6% English Language Learners: The environment in which students learn English in a TEFL class is different from their own culture. In other words, students are receiving an international education. Globally, the English language is considered the lingua franca, and its literary and cultural accomplishments are valued and honoured. Students learn about the distinctive contributions that many ethnic groups have made to society through multicultural literature



Methodology for Collection of Primary Sources

This research paper is based on a research study that was carried out through a structured review of various public/institutional documents available in archives and several libraries for data collection. As the world becomes more interconnected, the importance of globalization

and cross-cultural variety in language instruction has grown. Given the increasing multiculturalism of classrooms and the need for global communication, it is critical to comprehend how these factors interact within language pedagogy. Nevertheless, despite the topics' crucial significance, there is still a significant research vacuum that fully examines the ways in which globalization and cross-cultural diversity affect language teaching methods and student learning outcomes. The survey questionnaire was circulated to each stream of faculty members, students Language instructors of technical and educational institution in the district of Arrah, students with variegated part of societal strata and stream, for more comprehensive study and exposure.

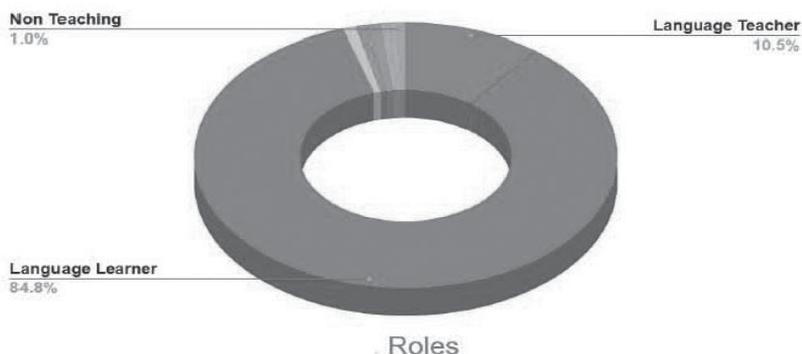
Additionally, grey literature was employed. To find and search for precise data to be monitored and assessed, a methodical structure was implemented. Electronic databases and manuals were used to access the literature required for the study. Google Scholar journals, recommended books, and periodicals were searched using the following search engines. The initial search was conducted using the following keywords: *Lingua-Franca*, globalization, TEFL, cultural boundaries, and cross-cultural awareness

Exclusion Criteria and Research Gap

The following criteria were developed for gathering primary resources:

- Literature and data that were not pertinent to the research were excluded;
- Data that were not prioritized
- Because the study's main focus was on teaching and learning English in modern India, basic literature was selected.
- To determine the degree of discrepancy in various states and worldwide counterfeit, comparative literature was used.
- Getting feedback from local students, teachers, NGOs, and families

Survey Questionnaire prepared with relevant question regarding Language learning and cross- cultural diversity.



Pie Chart 2: The ratio of language learners to language teachers in the isolated areas of the Arrah district, as well as in and around Indian institutions, was thoroughly examined using the survey questionnaire method

Literature Review

As Lee and Barnett has stated that the goal of cultural education aims to assist second language learners in developing the ability to use the target language in culturally appropriate ways for the specific purpose of empathizing and interacting with speakers of the target language.

Another point of view based on Edward Hall's thesis states that culture is something we do and something that binds us together as a society, as opposed to language, which is a tool used to communicate culture.

Schumann points out the crucial fact that people who live in a language and cultural environment that is significantly different from their own may experience the stress and anxiety symptoms known as culture shock.

According to Claire Kramsch, "culture in language teaching is an expendable fifth skill, so to speak, to the teaching of speaking, listening, reading, and writing." (Kramsch, 1993p. 26;).

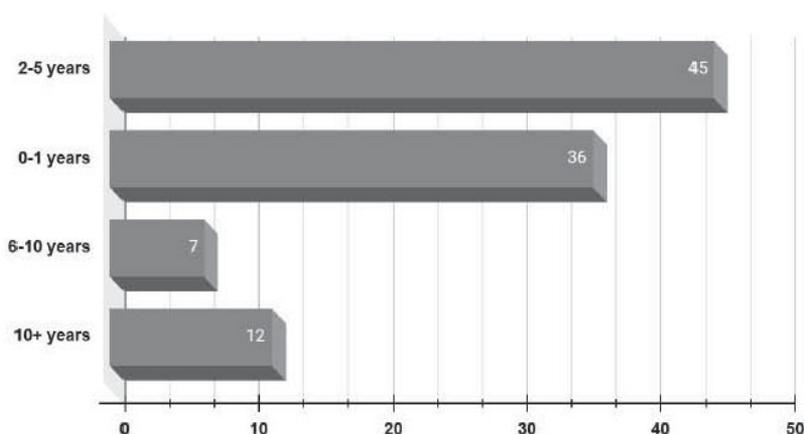
In recent decades, the world has been greatly impacted by the globalization movement. It has impacted a number of fields, including literature, education, health, social media, business, communication, and information. It has been employed as the source of information and

knowledge transformation. Digital technological advancements have aided in the rapid expansion of world culture and civilization.

Bridging Borders

The target of communication is to transfer ideas and information from one entity to another. The first step in communication is input; someone has to say something and have someone else understand it.

The communication loop is deemed successful when the recipient demonstrates that they have understood what was spoken. Communication inside an organization might be hindered by a variety of factors. These barriers include those related to the labour, environment, language, technology, and culture. For the purposes of this model, culture refers to the customs and practices that are prevalent in the country in which an organization is headquartered. These customs and conventions have an impact on the policies and procedures of businesses.



Years of experience in language teaching/learning

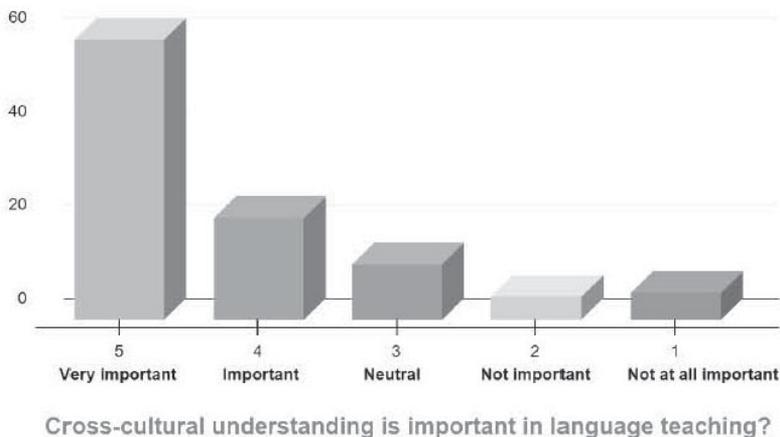
Bar Graph 1: Language Teachers in the range of 5-10 years can easily adapt to the new strategies as Language instruction is changing significantly pertaining to globalization and cross-cultural variety. Teachers must accept these shifts and modify their curricula and methods of instruction to accommodate a wide range of student requirements. 10+ can enhance the classroom with the experience and adaptability to new technology

In a nutshell, technology is the use of instruments for communication such as text messaging, email, the Internet, and cell phones. Businesses may rely on antiquated methods that other businesses deem inadequate because they lack familiarity with a particular technology. The spoken language of the country where the business is located is referred to as language.

For e.g. If two businesses speak different languages, either a new language must be created or one of them must learn the other's language. The workforce is the term used to describe the internal organization of the company, which consists of managers, organizational leaders, and employees. The "environment" refers to the external elements that affect the business. For example, the economics may have a detrimental effect on a business and act as a barrier to intercultural communication.

Cross Cultural Diversity

Globalization and cross-cultural variety are causing significant changes in the domains of education and language instruction in a world that is becoming more interconnected by the day. These occurrences have an impact on language instruction, acquisition, and comprehension. This paper examines how globalization and cross-cultural variety affect language instruction, emphasizing the potential and challenges for teachers and students. It highlights the value of cultural competence, inclusive teaching methods, and collaborative learning while examining a variety of pedagogical approaches and strategies that can improve learning results in classes with cross-cultural diversity. Higher education institutions place a strong emphasis on teaching English as a foreign language in order to prepare students for a global workforce. We need people who can see and understand their surroundings with objectivity. They must also possess the appropriate information, skills, and attitudes. They need to be aware of and take advantage of cultural differences in order to thrive in the contemporary multicultural, global workplace.



Bar Graph 2: 60% respondents agreed that incorporating cross-cultural knowledge into language instruction improves language learning while preparing students for interactions in a variety of contexts

Case Study-I

Here, I discuss my personal experiences at EFLU, Hyderabad and the second are collection of my nieces' experiences after over five years in the United States. In actuality, female students at EFLU never favoured sitting with male students, and I, as a professional, never adhered to this social norm.

"How do you define freedom?"

During the first few hours of my studies at English and Foreign Language University Hyderabad, I was asked to comment on this first issue. This exercise served as both an initiation and a culture shock for me as the sole Bihari in a class of South Indians. According to my cultural perspective in Bihar, South Indian students seemed reluctant to express their ideas. Instead of voicing their own beliefs, they would wait, pose some oblique questions to the instructor, and then talk about their reactions to his responses or viewpoints. Because of their reverence for the teacher, classmates quickly silenced any students who dared to

voice thoughts that differed from hers. I felt that this setting was constrictive, which is the exact opposite of the flexibility of the conversation topic! Comparatively speaking, I would not have had the same group conversation in the US in this manner. Before expressing their own opinions, pupils in the US would not consult their teachers. A student would not be silenced and the teacher would not be treated disrespectfully if they expressed a viewpoint that was different from their own. There would frequently be a constructive discussion or even dispute about differences of view. The mentors would gather us for group talks following each of our teaching sessions and unbiasedly point out the shortcomings in our methods.

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Inter-Cultural Communication

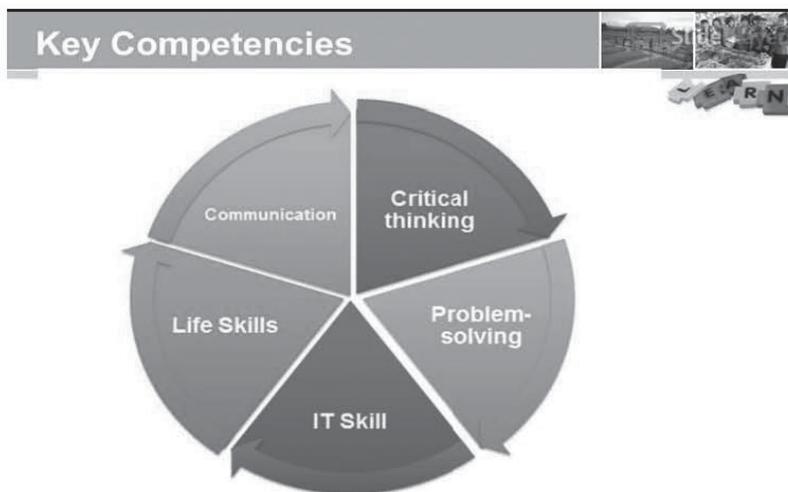
Language instructors can establish inclusive and dynamic learning settings by encouraging cultural awareness, developing intercultural competency, and utilizing technology. Developing global citizens who value and interact with the diverse range of human cultures should be the ultimate aim of language instruction, in addition to teaching language proficiency. In this sense, teaching languages can help create a world that is more understanding and connected. Educational environments are become increasingly diversified in a time of globalization and growing cultural interconnectedness. Fostering an inclusive learning environment that honours and celebrates the diverse cultural origins of students in various settings requires effective pedagogy.

Case Study: I

I was worried about the language and culture being kept in focus in case I offended anyone when I visited Bangkok, Thailand, early this year for an international conference. When I arrived in Bangkok, I discovered that everyone there did not speak English, with the exception of a few words like 'Help', 'passport', 'subway', and 'taxi.' It was necessary to speak slowly and use hand gestures to accompany the words. As time went on, I realized how much people adored Indian films and actors. Still, the conversation halted at the following points: passport, room key, check-in, room number, etc., at the hotel, but the hotel reception desk managers understood. The bellhop was familiar with the check-in and direction-giving procedures. At the locations we visited, the majority of our encounters during my tour amounted to a single word exchange accompanied by hand gestures. Even making any gesture that might be inappropriate in a cultural setting made me nervous.

In Thailand, learning English is becoming more and more crucial for a variety of reasons, such as high social standing, career advancement, and the growth of the tourism sector. Additionally, it is anticipated that Association of South East Asian Nations will adopt English as their official language. As a result, the Thai government is working to increase Thai citizens' fluency in English. The issue is that, despite spending twelve years studying English in elementary and secondary school, Thai students have extremely poor marks on national and international English language exams.

When I visited the many Wats in Bangkok and Phuket, I noticed that the schools there had different curricula for the kids, with a greater emphasis on Thai culture and customs, which are very similar to those of Indian Buddhism. In order to investigate this phenomenon and try to uncover issues with English language instruction at different educational levels in both Thai and global contexts, it was determined that it was essential to examine the perspectives of both teachers and students.



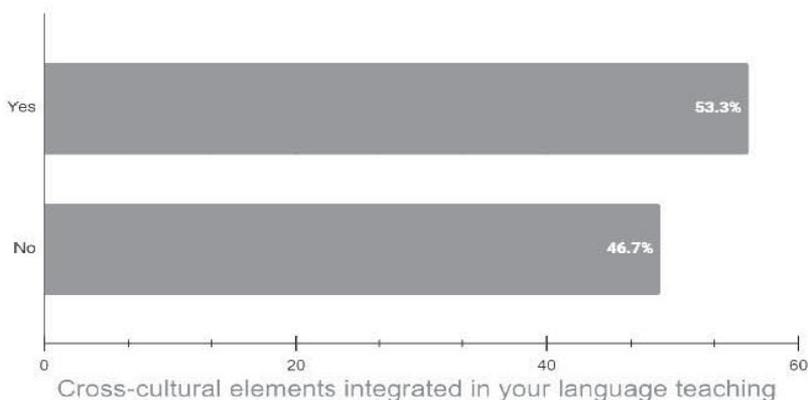
Source: Google.co.in: Key Competencies in Education in Thailand

But the language barrier was the major concern. English Communication and Language learning has been through several obstacles of policy changes pertaining to changing monarchs and Thai government different policies and economic strategies.

Strategies for Embracing Cross Cultural Diversity

The term "cross-cultural diversity" describes the coexistence of several cultural viewpoints in a single educational environment. This variety enhances the learning process in language courses, but it also presents difficulties. Teachers need to be aware of and respectful of the many cultural origins of their pupils, as these factors impact their motivations and processes for learning a language. Globalization and cross-cultural diversity are essential to teaching languages in the modern world. By promoting cultural competence, modifying curricula to reflect a range of viewpoints, and utilizing inclusive pedagogical practices, educators must accept these dynamics. Understanding the nuances of language in a globalized world, educators can design engaging learning experiences that equip students to communicate effectively in a multicultural setting.

In order to promote comprehension and cooperation in a globalized society, the incorporation of globalization and cross-cultural variety will be crucial as language education develops.



Bar Graph 3: There are a number of challenges when teaching English as a lingua franca in the cross-cultural context of globalization, and 53.3% of respondents agreed favourably with the inclusion of cross-cultural components in language instruction because many students do not speak it as their first language. Increasing intercultural understanding is one of these concerns. Some strategies for reducing their harmful effects have been explored in this work. On the other hand, 46.7% disagreed, citing time constraints and inadequate resources as key factors

1. The Impact of Globalization on Language Teaching

Unprecedented interaction between individuals from many cultural origins has been made possible by globalization. Due to the increased need for multilingualism, educational institutions have had to modify their language curricula. It is clear how important English is as the universal language, yet this fact also presents a number of difficult problems. Language instructors have to handle the cultural quirks that accompany language acquisition in addition to its linguistic components.

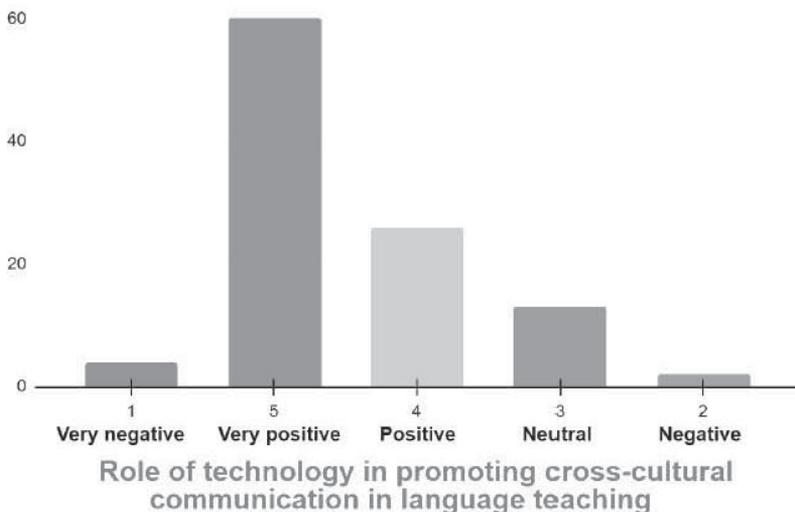
2. Curriculum Development

As a result of globalization, curricula must change to become more

inclusive and represent the cultural backgrounds of a varied student body. In order for students to understand the sociocultural contexts in which languages are employed, language programs must incorporate cultural elements that enhance the educational process.

3. Technological Use

Language instruction has changed as a result of the emergence of digital communication platforms. Social media, language exchange programs, and online resources offer chances for immersive learning experiences that cut across national borders.



Bar Graph 4: 60% of respondents agreed strongly acknowledged technology as a positive catalyst that teachers can now improve authentic language learning by connecting with native speakers throughout the globe, while 25 % agreed, 10 % Neutral (from different stream), while 3% disagreed strongly. 2% stayed negative.

I. Cross-Cultural Diversity in the Classroom

When it comes to teaching languages, cross-cultural diversity offers both benefits and challenges. Students from diverse cultural origins are increasingly present in classrooms, each contributing their own viewpoints and learning preferences. implementing effective pedagogy in cross-

cultural diverse classrooms is fraught with challenges, including understanding cultural differences, overcoming language barriers, accommodating varying educational backgrounds, and developing culturally responsive teaching strategies. Educators must be proactive in addressing these challenges through continuous professional development, innovative teaching practices, and a commitment to building an inclusive and supportive learning environment. By doing so, they can create a classroom where all students, regardless of their cultural background, have the opportunity to succeed and thrive.

Cultural Sensitivity

To establish an inclusive learning environment, language instructors need to develop cultural sensitivity. Teachers can effectively adapt their teaching strategies by having a thorough understanding of the cultural backgrounds of their students. For example, certain cultures could value collectivism more than individuality, which could affect participation and classroom dynamics.

Misunderstanding and Conflict

Misunderstandings and confrontations can also arise in diverse classes. Language instructors need to be prepared to handle these problems by promoting candid communication and motivating pupils to discuss their cultural experiences. This fosters empathy and a respect for diversity in addition to improving language proficiency.

Teaching Strategies: Adaptive pedagogical strategies are necessary for effective language instruction in varied contexts. Project-based learning, culturally relevant resources, and cooperative learning can all help students become more involved and better grasp language in context. Teachers should encourage students to use their native languages and experiences to enhance conversations by utilizing their cultural backgrounds as learning tools.

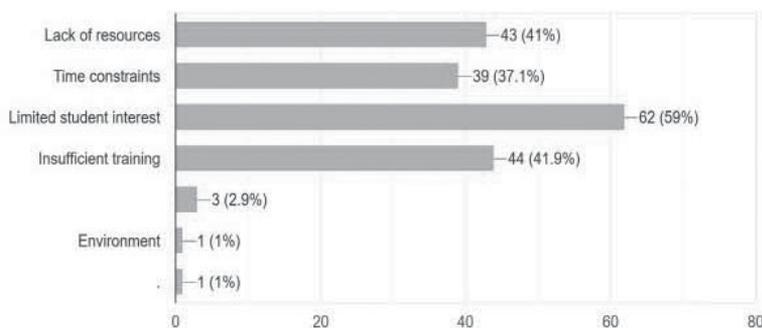
Being Aware of Cultural Disparities

Students with diverse cultural backgrounds bring different values,

attitudes, and learning methods to the classroom. Teachers need to understand that cultural norms regarding engagement, participation, and polite behaviour can vary greatly. For example, whilst some cultures place more value on individual success and competition, others may place more value on group learning and cooperation. The difficulty is in striking a balance between these disparate viewpoints in order to establish a harmonious learning atmosphere where each student feels appreciated and understood.

Barriers Caused by Language

In diverse classes, language barriers can significantly affect understanding and communication. Non-native speakers of the language of instruction may find it difficult to comprehend lessons, communicate their ideas, and take part in class discussions. Feelings of loneliness and dissatisfaction may result from this. To close this gap, educators must use techniques like visual aids, language simplification, and student peer support. These methods, however, call for extra instruction and materials, which aren't always easily accessible.



Challenges faced in incorporating cross-cultural aspects into your teaching

Bar Graph 5: Collaboration with cultural specialists and ongoing professional development can assist educators in creating inclusive curricula that represent the variety of their student body

Diverse Educational Experiences

Before entering the classroom, students from diverse cultural backgrounds can have experienced a range of educational experiences. While some may be used to open dialogue and critical thinking, others may have grown up in institutions that prioritize rote memorization. Because of this discrepancy, students may have differing expectations for cooperation and contribution in group projects. Teachers must evaluate their students' educational backgrounds and use differentiated instruction to meet the demands of a wide range of learners.

Case Study II

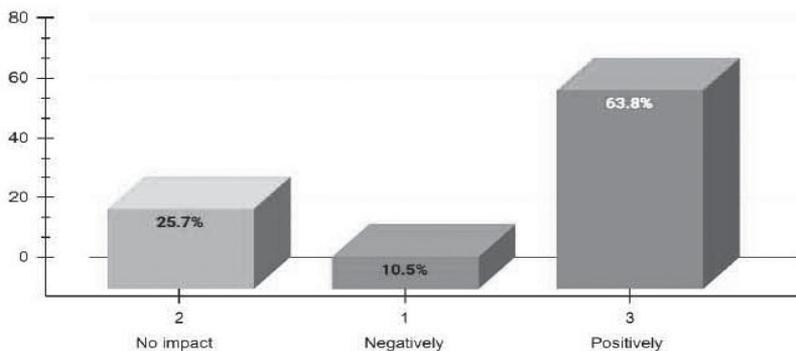
Korean language Centre in Bhojpur, Bihar

Jagjiwan College, Ara, Bhojpur, Bihar, in collaboration with the King Sejong Institute of Korean Study, Patna, opened a Korean Language Centre in 2019 to teach students in Shahabad and Bhojpur, Bihar, in response to contemporary demands. To date, no institution in the province has provided this course. With this MOU, the College and the University added a feather to their caps. The first group of 70 eager language learners was registered as an intermediate class. Ms. Grace Lee, the Patna Centre facilitator instructor, came to teach at the college. Due to the devastating effects of COVID-19, the government announced physical segregation in March 2020, which unfortunately harmed the contact classes. To maintain the course, the faculty facilitator implemented online classes, but there was a drop in attendance and Grace Lee, the Korean language instructor, contracted COVID-19, which caused the entire programme to stall.

Challenges and Barriers

It is nevertheless true that students were not interested in finishing the course, and internal faculty did not offer to learn the language because of time constraints. The facilitator insisted that the students finish the course at the Patna core centre, which was against the students' rights.

that educators lack the tools, knowledge, or experience necessary to successfully integrate cultural components into their lessons. They also need to be careful not to generalize or stereotype cultural characteristics because this might reinforce prejudices and cause misconceptions.



Globalization impacted your language learning or teaching experience

Bar Graph 6: 63.8% respondents were positive while 10.5 respondents marked negative. Most interesting is the 25.7% Neutral response when questioned about the impact of globalisation in language learning-teaching process

Developing Trust and Relationships

Effective learning requires that students from different backgrounds build strong bonds and trust with one another. Cultural differences, however, may make it more difficult for these partnerships to establish. For instance, whilst some students may be more talkative, others may be more quiet and less inclined to participate freely in class discussions. Teachers need to establish a friendly, safe space where all students can freely express their ideas and experiences. To promote involvement from every student, this calls for tact, endurance, and proactive tactics.

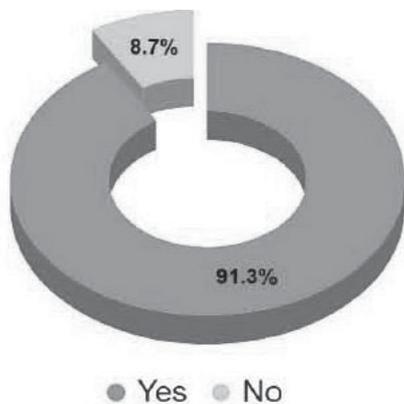
Challenges in Assessment and Evaluation

There are extra difficulties when evaluating student performance in a classroom with a varied population. All students' knowledge and abilities might not be fairly represented by traditional evaluation techniques,

especially those from diverse cultural backgrounds. Alternative assessment methods, including project-based exams or portfolios, that accommodate a range of understanding manifestations must be taken into account by educators. This strategy necessitates thorough preparation and a mental adjustment about what qualifies as reliable learning evidence.

III. Teachers' Role in a Globalized World

In order to successfully navigate the challenges of cross-cultural diversity and globalization, teachers are essential. They must be cultural mediators who help students from diverse backgrounds understand one another in addition to being language teachers.



Globalization has increased the demand for learning certain languages?

Pie Chart 3: 91.3% respondents agreed that language learning has been impacted by globalisation

Professional Development

Teachers must continue their professional development in order to be up to date on cultural dynamics and global trends. Workshops, seminars, and cooperative projects can give teachers the tools they need to successfully handle the difficulties of a diverse classroom.

Encouraging Intercultural Competence

The development of intercultural competence should be given top priority in language instruction. While teaching about different cultures, educators might include exercises that inspire students to consider and investigate their own cultural identities. This method equips pupils to communicate in a multicultural society and cultivates a feeling of global citizenship.

An unexpected or amusing situation that causes misunderstanding and misinterpretation usually arises when communication lacks in the proper cultural context. Understanding the subtleties of the target culture's language is essential for successful language acquisition. The cultural sensitivity of language learning and teaching is therefore considered to be one of the numerous paradigms in this intricate global perspective. No English instructor will condone cultural miscommunications. However, teaching English in a cross-cultural setting presents a number of difficulties, and it has long been important to investigate these difficulties and possible solutions in order to assist students in strengthening their areas of weakness. In this sense, learners who do not speak English as their first language are known to face certain challenges which needs eradication with proper support.

1. **Contextual Learning:** Culture and language are closely related. Students who comprehend cultural settings are better able to understand idioms, humour, and subtleties that are frequently missed in the absence of cultural awareness.
2. **Communication Skills:** To communicate successfully, language learners must understand cultural customs and conventions. This entails being aware of social cues, gestures, and formality levels.
3. **Motivation and Engagement:** Students' learning can become more interesting and relevant when teachers include cultural components in their sessions. Additionally, it cultivates a deeper understanding of the language.
4. The development of cross-cultural awareness aids pupils in becoming more conscious and sympathetic global citizens in an increasingly interconnected society.



Essential skills for language learners in a globalized world

Pie Chart 4: For a number of reasons, cross-cultural comprehension is important in language instruction, and respondents agreed on several aspects of language proficiency that are necessary for language learners. Language proficiency was emphasized by 5.8% of respondents, whilst critical thinking was the only focus of 11.6%. 8.1% of respondents agreed with adaptability, whereas 26.7% of respondents responded favourably to cross-cultural communication. 44.2% of respondents strongly agreed with collusion and the inclusion of all elements, whereas 3.6% of responses overlapped excluding few components

5. Preventing Misunderstandings: Cultural differences may cause offense or misunderstandings. Educating people about these distinctions fosters polite relationships and helps avoid misunderstandings.
6. Critical Thinking: By exposing children to diverse cultures, they are prompted to consider their own cultural presumptions and prejudices, which results in a more comprehensive education.

Assessment and Evaluation

The language and cultural competencies of different learners may not be sufficiently reflected by traditional assessment techniques. In order to promote a more equitable evaluation process, language teachers should take into consideration various assessment procedures that take into account the diverse backgrounds and experiences of their pupils.

IV. Pedagogical Strategies for Cross-Cultural Diversity

Teachers need to use a range of pedagogical techniques that encourage inclusivity, participation, and critical thinking in order to teach in cross-cultural diversity environments.

Culturally Relevant Pedagogy

This method makes learning more relatable and significant by tying the curriculum to students' cultural experiences. Teachers can confirm students' identities and increase their participation by using a variety of viewpoints and resources that represent the backgrounds of all pupils. For instance, incorporating literature from many cultures into reading assignments enables students to delve into topics that speak to their personal experiences.

Discernible Instruction

In a diverse classroom, it's critical to acknowledge that students learn differently and at various rates. Adapting teaching strategies to different learning styles, aptitudes, and interests is known as differentiated education. In order to provide students a choice in how they learn and show what they understand, teachers can provide a variety of engagement, representation, and expression opportunities.

Collaborative Learning

Peer learning and cultural exchange are fostered when students from diverse cultural backgrounds work together. Cooperative activities, group projects, and conversations not only improve language proficiency but also promote respect and understanding between people. By organizing these exercises, educators may guarantee that everyone's opinions are heard and establish a secure environment for discussion.

Critical Learning

Students are encouraged to confront and question society conventions and power systems through the use of critical pedagogy. Critical pedagogy can assist students in identifying and resolving racial, ethnic, and cultural injustices in a cross-cultural setting. Teachers enable students to become active learners and social change agents by including them in conversations about their social reality.

V. The Role of Educators in Promoting Cultural Competence

The ability to comprehend, interact, and communicate with persons from different cultural backgrounds is known as cultural competency. Teachers are essential in fostering cultural competency in the classroom. As classrooms across the globe become increasingly diverse, educators are tasked with the challenge of implementing effective pedagogical strategies that accommodate students from various cultural, linguistic, and socioeconomic backgrounds. While the integration of cross-cultural diversity into education offers significant benefits-such as promoting empathy, critical thinking, and global citizenship-it also presents a myriad of challenges. This essay explores the key obstacles educators encounter when implementing effective pedagogy in cross-cultural diversity classrooms, including resistance to change, cultural misunderstandings, resource limitations, and the need for ongoing professional development.

Self-Reflection

To identify their own cultural prejudices and presumptions, educators need to practice self-reflection. Teachers can approach their students with empathy and openness when they are aware of their own cultural lens. Cultural competence-focused professional development programs can give educators the skills they need to successfully negotiate diversity.

Engaging Families and Communities

Learning is enhanced when families and communities are included in the educational process. Teachers might lead community projects that celebrate diversity, invite speakers, or plan cultural celebrations. In addition to improving students' learning, these programs improve the bond between the family and the school.

VI. Challenges in Implementing Effective Pedagogy

Teachers must overcome certain obstacles when implementing good pedagogy in cross-culturally diverse classrooms in order to provide a welcoming and productive learning environment. Cultural differences, language obstacles, a range of educational backgrounds, and the necessity of culturally responsive teaching practices are the main issues of exploration of these difficulties. There are omnipresent difficulties in teaching in cross-cultural diversity classrooms, despite the fact that there are many different approaches. Resistance to change, cultural misconceptions, resource constraints, and the requirement for continual professional development are just a few of the difficulties that come with implementing effective teaching in classrooms with cross-cultural variety. A coordinated effort by educational institutions, legislators, and educators themselves is needed to address these challenges. Through cultivating a culture of adaptability, offering tools and instruction, and encouraging cultural competency, educators may establish inclusive classrooms that value diversity and improve

Resistance to Change

Teachers' own aversion to change is one of the main obstacles to adopting good pedagogy in classrooms with cross-cultural diversity. Many educators could be wary of implementing new, culturally sensitive teaching strategies since they are used to traditional, teacher-centred forms of instruction. A lack of training or expertise with a variety of teaching styles may cause educators to be resistant to implementing new pedagogical approaches. Support and professional development are crucial for motivating educators to adopt cutting-edge methods.

Comfort with Familiarity

Teachers frequently turn to tried-and-true methods that have previously worked for them. This ease of use may cause people to be reluctant to investigate cutting-edge teaching strategies that might work better in classrooms with a diverse student body.

Fear of Inadequacy:

Teachers may also worry that they don't have the abilities or know-how to instruct a diverse group of students. Avoidance of culturally responsive pedagogy may result from worries about their capacity to meet the particular requirements of pupils from diverse backgrounds.

Institutional Barriers

Administrative assistance and school policy are important factors that influence instructional strategies. Teachers may find it difficult to adopt new teaching practices if educational institutions do not emphasize or encourage diversity initiatives.

Stereotyping and Prejudice

Ineffective education might be impeded by misconceptions about cultural groupings. Teachers need to actively work to dispel misconceptions and encourage students to think inclusively. Bias-challenging activities and candid conversations can help achieve this.

VII. Cultural Misconceptions

Another major issue in cross-cultural diversity classes is cultural misconceptions. Teachers must understand that students bring a variety of values, attitudes, and communication styles to the classroom and negotiate complicated cultural dynamics.

Stereotyping and Bias

Teachers may unintentionally harbour preconceived notions about particular cultural groups, which can affect how they engage with pupils. These prejudices may cause students' involvement, behaviour, and academic achievement to be misunderstood.

Communication Barriers

Teachers and students may find it difficult to communicate effectively due to language barriers. Even fluent English speakers may find it difficult to completely express themselves in a second language, which can cause dissatisfaction and disengagement.

Different Learning Style

Learning preferences can be influenced by cultural backgrounds. Students from collectivist cultures, for example, might value teamwork and group projects, whereas students from individualistic cultures might perform better on their own. Students may get alienated if these differences are not acknowledged and accommodated.

VIII. Resource Limitations

Schools in diverse communities may encounter resource limitations that restrict access to culturally accessible. Effective pedagogy implementation in classrooms with cross-cultural diversity frequently calls for resources that aren't always easily accessible in educational settings. The creation of a responsive and inclusive learning environment can be severely hampered by a lack of resources.

Lack of Culturally Relevant Materials

Effective cross-cultural education requires having access to a variety of instructional materials, including books, multimedia, and cultural artifacts. Teachers' capacity to develop a rich, varied curriculum may be constrained by schools' lack of funding or means to purchase such materials.

Inadequate Professional Development and Training

Many teachers do not have access to training courses that address diversity issues and culturally relevant instruction. Teachers may find it difficult to put good techniques into practice and stay up to date with the latest cross-cultural education best practices if they do not receive continual professional development.

Large Class Sizes

Teachers may find it difficult to give each student the individualized attention and support they need if there is a high student-teacher ratio. Large class sizes can be a barrier in diverse classes where students may have differing degrees of language competency and cultural

knowledge. Normal classrooms in the United States typically have 20-25 students, while language programmes have a limit of 15 students and are mentor-guided.

The objectives of the course and the resources at hand can affect the optimal class size. Smaller courses of 15 to 20 students, however, are frequently thought to be the best for more individualized attention and successful language acquisition.

IX. The Necessity of Continual Professional Development

In order to give teachers, the abilities and information required to instruct in classrooms with a cross-cultural diversity, professional development is essential. The absence of continuous training, however, poses a serious problem.

Static Training Programmes

A lot of professional development courses are one-time affairs that don't give teachers the ongoing assistance they require to successfully use new techniques. Long-term success requires ongoing training that takes into account the requirements of instructors and their experiences in the classroom.

Limited Focus on Cultural Competence

Cultural competence and the unique difficulties of teaching in varied environments are not sufficiently covered by many professional development programs. It is crucial to receive training that prioritizes cultural sensitivity, awareness, and effective communication techniques.

Time Constraints

Because of their extensive workloads and administrative duties, educators frequently struggle with time limits. It might be difficult to find time for professional growth in the face of these obligations, which can prevent participation in continuing education possibilities.

Observations and Suggestions

- **Interdisciplinary Approaches:** To gain a deeper understanding of the intricacies of cross-cultural variety and globalization in language instruction, future study should embrace interdisciplinary viewpoints, integrating knowledge from sociology, anthropology, and education.
- **Longitudinal Research:** Important information about the effects of globalization on language acquisition may be obtained from long-term research that monitor the effects of various cultural influences on language learning over time.
- **Global Case Studies:** Comparative research conducted in many global contexts can shed light on how different educational systems address the benefits and problems presented by cultural diversity and globalization.

Conclusion

The objective of teaching intercultural languages is to combine linguistic, sociolinguistic, and discourse competence with foreign knowledge, skills, attitudes, and critical cultural consciousness under the general heading of intercultural communication competency. Its objective is to help students avoid communication breakdowns in both the classroom and the workplace. Since students will require this skill for cross-cultural conversations where they may run into linguistic and cultural difficulties, it is imperative that they develop it in addition to verbal competency. In reality, "intercultural competence" refers to the capacity to interact appropriately in a range of contexts and communicate effectively across cultural borders. Because of this, international competency needs to be seen as a broad talent. Role plays are an effective teaching method for languages, especially when considering globalization and cross-cultural diversity. They give students the chance to improve their empathy, practical communication skills, and cultural knowledge. Language teachers must use cutting-edge teaching strategies that equip students for successful communication in a variety of contexts as the world

changes. Teachers may create a generation of language learners that are more inclusive, sympathetic, and culturally aware and prepared to succeed in a globalized world by including role plays into language courses.

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