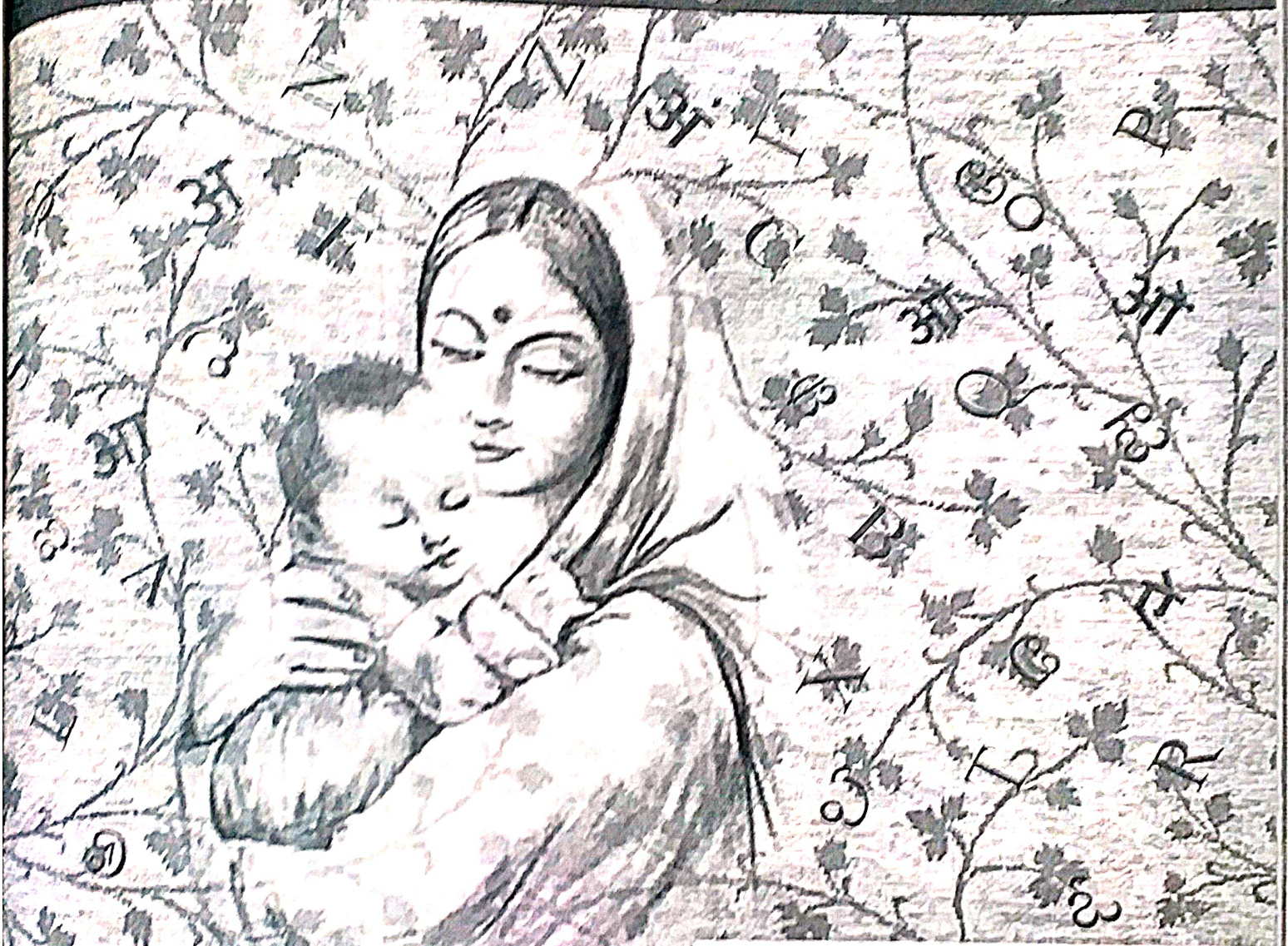


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IMPORTANCE OF MOTHER TONGUE

Better Education is very necessary for all to go ahead in the life and get success. It develops confidence and helps building personality of a person. School Education plays a great role in everyone's life. It helps to face many challenges in our life. Mother tongue is very important for a child's overall development. "Kids fare better when taught in Mother tongue" – Times of India. Mother tongue is the language that we are used to, it is commonly used at home. Mother tongue usually depends on the location. Language differs from one place to another. Under the new DepEd law, mother tongue has become part of the curriculum that is to be taught in the elementary or primary years of the children. Learning the lessons in mother tongue will help the students to appreciate their native language including the proper use of it. Studying mathematics scores of the same set of kids in multiple round of tests, a researcher has concluded that kids learn better in their mother tongue. Kids attending Telugu medium schools data was gathered in Andhra Pradesh "On average perform significantly better as compared to English medium students" Once factors such as native ability, house hold characteristics and parental aspirations are considered and controlled for.

Research indicates that having a strong mother tongue foundation leads to much better understanding of the curriculum as

well as a more positive attitude towards school. When children develop their Mother tongue, they are simultaneously fostering a whole host of other essential skills, such as critical thinking and literacy skills. Language and mother tongue play a huge role in the development of personal, social and cultural identity. Mother tongue is useful in communication especially with the children. Since the child's own language enables her/him to express him/her self easily, then, there is no fear of making mistakes. It encourage active participation by children in the learning process because they understand what is being asked of them. They immediately use their mother tongue to construct and explain their world, articulate their thoughts and add new concepts to what they already know. The first language is significant and builds the basis for all later language progresses. Parents, family members and early childhood professionals have very important role on the development and maintenance of the first language. Home language is particularly important for the child's development of a positive self - concept and well- being.

Children who have a strong foundation n their home language are more successful at school and enjoy a greater feeling of self worth and identity (UNESCO) Mother tongue is one of the most powerful tools used to preserve and convey culture. Jim cummine said ‘‘When parents are able to spend time with their children and tell stories or discuss issues with them in a way that develops their mother tongue vocabulary and concepts, children come to school well prepared and

succeed educationally.” Mother tongue develops a strong foundation for learning additional languages. Children are capable of learning multiple languages while young.

Nelson Mandela said “Talk to a person in their language, and it goes to their heart.” Language is deeply connected to native of culture and identity and the language children are taught in can after reflect boarder social inequalities. Being taught in a known language is a key component of quality education for all learners from the very early stages right through to adulthood.

UNESCO has encouraged mother tongue instruction in primary education since 1953 and UNESCO highlights the advantages of mother tongue education right from start. Children are more likely to enroll and succeed in school, If the language of instruction is the same the child’s mother tongue as the medium of instruction. Recent research has shown that students who are taught in the same language spoken at home and the community for the first eight years of their lives, develop better language abilities in other languages and even do better in other in other areas of study, leading some scientists to hypothesis that it might have to do with overall brain development.

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