

DEVELOPING INTERPERSONAL COMMUNICATION SKILLS OF ENGINEERING STUDENTS THROUGH POETRY

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ABSTRACT

Developing the Interpersonal Communication (IPC) skills of the students has become one of the main goals of engineering education especially in a developing country like India. To enhance and enrich the employability of the millions of students entering the global job market at the end of every academic year, the need and importance of developing the interpersonal communication skills of the students at under graduate level and the viable ways to integrate interpersonal communication skills in the English language curriculum are widely recognized and accepted by all academicians. This paper proposes a novel and dynamic approach to develop the interpersonal communication skills of the students using 'poetry' as a potential tool. It explores the field of communication studies, highlights the 'interpersonal relationship' in the process of all contexts of communication and emphasizes the role and significance of interpersonal communication skills. It shows poetry as a prospective genre to be used in the interpersonal communication skills development classes as a teaching material and guides in identifying the methods to adopt a poem to achieve the objectives of teaching and learning process. It provides a sample followed by analysis that proves the proposition. It also enlists an array of poems that can be used to develop interpersonal communication skills of the student fraternity.

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