

FROM THE EDITOR.....

The language of English, the most universally accepted international communication mode is a powerful tool. How this particular language got this prominence and acceptance, or rather grudging acceptance in some circles, is amply explained if one cares to browse through the world history in the second millennium AD. However, as usage enriches and sharpens any language, English has now become the communication medium of choice for Engineering, Medicine, and many other professional fields.

In the context of eastern countries like ours, where in many aspects, well enriched and longer standing native languages are there English still is valued as a useful bridging language. In fact, this aspect is enshrined even in the constitution of our country.

However, it is dismaying to note that some circles in the society still consider English as an exclusive elitist domain of their class, or rather the lack of a class. This is amply portrayed in public writing of some so called professionals by their use of colloquial jargon to project an exclusive mastery of the English language. As Engineers we should be precise in what we convey, so much so that we should refrain from such abuses of the English language as respectful professionals.

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