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"Why Bengali Medium Only?"

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I fully agree with the writer on the points expressed in his letter published in your esteemed daily on February 17, 1991 under the above heading. The Awami League chief, in her manifesto expressed that she would introduce Bengali at all levels including schools and colleges if voted to power. And yet, it is very surprising that her own son is studying in a foreign country in an English medium.

I agree that we should have respect for our own mother tongue and should also have a good command over it, but does not mean that we should reject English totally and completely from all spheres of education. We all know that nowadays, wherever one goes for jobs, one has to be fluent in English and foreign degree is always preferred.

Some students who study mainly in Bengali medium, can't even speak some basic English when they face interviews for a job.

The economy of our country depends mostly on foreign aids and most of the projects are being carried out with foreign collaboration. The foreigners working here always prefer people with good command over English. They even want their drivers and peons to know how to read, write and communicate in English.

Let us take a look at our neighbouring country, India. To my knowledge, most of Indian schools and colleges are in English medium. In some states, in India, people have accepted English as their first language. The people of different states communicate with each other in English and not in their mother tongue, Hindi, since many of them don't know it. The people of India know that without English, there wouldn't be any development in their country. Whether one likes it or not, one has to agree that people who have studied in foreign countries and hold foreign degrees, occupy most of the top professional positions in our country. So if education in English medium is stopped totally in our country, the development of our country would eventually come to an end.

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