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## RETAIN ENGLISH AT ANY COST

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"Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, former Law Minister of India, has pleaded for the retention of English as the medium of instruction in colleges and universities at any cost.

In an interview, Dr. Ambedkar remarked that English was the richest of all languages and said: "I do not believe any other language in India including Hindi can be used instead of English in schools and colleges."

Dr. Ambedkar, who is the founder-chairman of the People's Education Society in Aurangabad, said that he would not allow either Hindi or the regional language to be the medium of instruction in the Aurangabad College. English, he added, would be the medium of instruction.

Talking of Indian languages, Dr. Ambedkar said that no other language could take the place of Hindi. He explained they had selected Hindi because of the fact it could expand.

However, he said, Hindi lacked "literature and depth," both of which the English language possessed.

To enrich Hindi, Dr. Ambedkar said, a Hindi Academy consisting of eminent men should be started and a vocabulary should be prepared.—UPI."[1]

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[1] : The National Standard, dated 4th July 1953.