

» **English proficiency at IIT**

It has been highlighted that 31 per cent students of IIT-Gn failed in English proficiency test (AM, Jan 5). IITians generally have outstanding brains, are known for excellence in engineering and hence focus on science subjects. English might be mandatory in college, but lack of English language skills does not become an impediment to their careers. Prima facie MNCs generally select candidates on merit of technicalities, English is a secondary requirement. Proficiency in English can be developed with regular practice. Anyway, it is our education and political standards that needs to be improvised. It is our hard luck that illiterate MLAs/MPs represent constituencies and lead India nationally and internationally. Some of them are in policy-making positions where they have the power to affect lakhs of students in the country.

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