

PM Modi's message on Teacher's Day

Dear Teacher,

Teachers' Day greetings to you, and the entire fraternity of hardworking teachers educating millions of young minds across India.

A grateful nation pays tributes to Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, our former President and a distinguished teacher as well as academic, on his birth anniversary today.

If there is one role that shapes society most profoundly, it is that of the teacher's. This is both a great privilege as well as a responsibility and I am happy that our teachers are fulfilling their duty with boundless dedication.

As teachers, you inspire as well as inform, educate as well as enlighten. Your influence on the life of a student is tremendous. The values inculcated by teachers stay with the students for life. No wonder the great Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam said, "Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, calibre and future of an individual."

The 21st century will be shaped by societies that accord topmost importance to education, research, and innovation. Needless to say, this makes the role of our teachers extremely vital.

In a rapidly changing world, the boundaries of necessary knowledge are ever-expanding and the role of technology is growing by the day. I am sure you are keeping up-to-date with the latest advances in technology and further connecting your students with the technological trends.

The Government of India is undertaking numerous efforts to bring a paradigm shift in the education sector. Thanks to the monumental efforts of teachers like you, the focus has successfully shifted from outlays to outcomes, from teaching to learning. The emphasis on skill development has received a significant push due to the Atal Tinkering Labs. Numerous universities are being set up across India so that no youngster is denied the joys of quality education.

On 2nd October, we mark the start of the 150th birth anniversary celebrations of Mahatma Gandhi. It would be wonderful if the teaching community takes the lead in furthering the thoughts and noble ideals of Bapu in an innovative manner, among the students. Here, I would like to appreciate the stupendous role of the teaching community in strengthening the Swachh Bharat Mission. I am sure you will continue this great work in the times to come as well.

In the year 2022, we mark 75 years of freedom. Let us devote the coming four years towards fulfilling the dreams and vision of those who gave their lives for our freedom. I urge you to focus on any issue close to your heart, mobilise local communities and make a positive difference in the lives of those around you. This would be a fitting tribute to our freedom fighters and further the resolve to build a New India.

Once again, on Teachers' Day, I wish all the teachers in all roles - teachers in schools and universities, coaches and mentors, managers, leaders and even Mothers - a very happy Teachers' Day. We are proud of you for everything you do!

Yours,
Narendra Modi