

Message

Dear friends,

Happy teacher's day!

I feel immensely pleased to convey my best wishes to the teaching fraternity on the occasion of teacher's day.

Friends, you should really feel blessed to be a teacher because in Indian culture and ethos, the teacher holds a very exalted position and revered as "Guru", not merely as someone put to transact a given curriculum and conduct examinations.

In fact, the word teacher itself appears to be an acronym of the tasks cut out for a teacher: **T**each, **E**xperiment, **A**dapt, **C**hange, **H**armonise, **E**xcel and **R**each out.

Doubtlessly, a teacher has to **teach** with utmost commitment and integrate professionalism in the process. Teaching is the means and source of our daily bread and there never should be even a drop of dilution in the quality of work a teacher has to turn out.

Experimentation is one crucial component which makes the job a teacher endlessly exciting which gets translated into innovative pedagogical approaches resulting in effective learning.

To **adapt** oneself to the novel and emerging technology trends in educational methods and instructional strategies is the secret of successful survival in the fast changing scenario of globalization. It is needless to say that only fittest survive.

Change is inevitable and the obligation of being a change agent always lies with a teacher, if the common refrain that destiny of a nation is decided within the walls of a classroom is to be believed.

Harmonizing thought, word and action is all the more imperative and indispensable for a teacher because any discord down this line will only lead to mental conflicts in the naïve minds of our students who are constantly observing and continuously judging us.

Excellence at personal, moral and spiritual level has been one of the cherished ideals of humanity and it has a special connotation for a teacher because personal excellence achieved by a teacher has a telling effect on the personality of development of the children put under his/her care.

Lastly, **reaching out** is a role that runs beyond the frame work of routine responsibilities bestowed on a teacher. Catering to the emotional needs of the child is an often neglected element which needs critical consideration and attention of every dedicated teacher in this age of stress and strains.

My dear friends, my vision of **an ideal teacher** is of a person who apparently will be an embodiment of all the values mirrored above. On this auspicious day, wherein we are celebrating the birthday a great and noble teacher, Dr.S.Radha Krishnan, let us rededicate ourselves to the great mission of deciding the destiny of our nation by assigning our unstinted services to the spectrum of these seven tasks.

