

CMD'S ADDRESS ON TEACHER'S DAY- 5th Sept.,2008

Dear distinguished Teachers, Principals , Dr. Kulshrestha, chairman AECS, Dr. Om pal Singh , chairman, local management committee, Mrs Chavan, Secretary, AECS, Members of Governing council& LMC and my dear students, Ladies and gentleman,

I am extremely happy to be amongst you on this coveted occasion of teacher's day.

Friends,

As you are aware, that we celebrate teacher's day on 5th Sept. every year throughout the country, to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvapalli RadhaKrishnan, the second president of India, a profound philosopher, statesman and educationalist of exceptional stature.

In fact, Teachers day commemorates the memory of Dr. Radhakrishnan and his notable contributions to the cause of education. This day also recall and acknowledge the immense contributions of countless teachers of our nation.

Friends,

Teacher is an English word and the Sanskrit word for teacher is GURU, which comes from GU and RU. The GU indicates the darkness and RU indicates which removes the darkness. Therefore, a teacher's role is a torch bearer and pivot of any educational system of younger students. On him rests the failure or the success of the system. If the teachers are well educated and if they are intellectually alive and take keen interest in their responsibility, then only the success is ensured. Teaching, in fact, is not a job, it is an attitude. Teacher is a source of information, a guide, a mentor, a motivator, all at the same time.

Our former honorable president, Dr. APJ Kalam, in his book India2020: “A vision of new millennium” rightly brought out the role of a teacher, Quote

“If you are teacher in what ever capacity you have a very special role to play because more than any body else, it is you who are shaping the future generations”

Friends, teacher is the yard stick that measures the achievements and aspirations of the nation. The worth and potentialities of a country get evaluated in and through the work of a teacher. The people of a country are the enlarged replica of their teachers. They are the nation builders. In this context, Dr. Radhakrishnan said beautifully , Quote,

‘You can not make or build the nation by just bricks, you have to establish the minds of young people , then alone can the nation building take place.’

India, at the time of independence had several challenges including provisions of adequate and appropriate education systems and requisite infrastructure. Over the last 61 years, it has made an immense progress in this area and also produced finest world class teachers, scholars, doctors, scientist and engineers. Some of its educational institutes compare with international benchmarks

Today, India is about 1.1 billion population country, economically growing at a fast ever pace with about 8% GDP growth rate. Whole world is watching us, as India could well be the world third largest economy in less than 30 years from now. However, this poses certain challenges. The biggest and the foremost challenge is developing our capability. In a globalize world, the differentiator between the success and the failure will be talent , education talent.

Therefore your role, in development of quality talent since the formative age of children, at the primary and middle level, thus in achieving country's progress, will be crucial.

Friends, therefore, there is a strong need to reengineer our education methodology, its pedagogy and application essentially to achieve further effectiveness. By this effectiveness, I mean, helping child recognize, acknowledge and utilize his or her potential to contribute to the family, society and the nation.

Our schools have been performing excellent in all facet of education and overall personality development of children. This credit goes to all of you who have been working relentlessly. However, the dynamism in knowledge, availability of newer information poses a challenge of maintaining required currency of knowledge calls for continuous up gradation of your competency.

Also, you being the role model of children, there is yet another great responsibility bestowed with your position- Acquiring, maintaining and demonstrating highest ethical values and character. Teacher's day reminds us of responsibilities and commitments towards shaping the future generations in taking up still higher challenges and making our country, a most advanced and developed nation with high sensitivity towards society and human beings.

On this auspicious day, I urge all the teachers and other personnel connected with this noble profession to rededicate for the cause of all round development of children and supporting our nation in achieving the transformation to a developed nation.

Friends, I would like to conclude my address with the tribute of great teacher Einstein to the teacher, Quote,

“The ideals which have lighted my way, time after time, have given new course to face life cheerfully have been kindness, beauty and truth.”

I wish all of you in your Endeavour.

Jai Hind