

## TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION: REFLECTING ON PAST EXPERIENCES



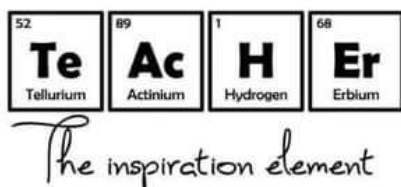
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During my tenth-grade year, our Principal entered the classroom and instructed our class teacher to identify the students projected to achieve a first-class result in the upcoming board exams. As my teacher proudly pointed out a few of my classmates who stood up, the anticipation grew when it was time for my bench. Unfortunately, my name wasn't on the list, and that moment filled me with a sense of desolation. However, that very day marked a turning point as I resolved to put in the effort and demonstrate my potential. I didn't share this experience with my parents, but I embarked on a journey of diligent work. Ultimately, I succeeded in proving to myself and others that I was more than capable of achieving a first-class result.



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**Coorg Public School and PU**  
**College, Gonikoppal.**

**Prof. Sanjeev Kumar H M**  
**Department of Political Science**  
**Delhi University**

On this Teachers' Day, I want to share two heartwarming stories that have left an indelible mark on my teaching journey. Mrs. Teena Machaiah, a dedicated educator at Coorg Public School and PU College in Gonikoppal, has not only shaped minds but also nurtured hearts. Her unwavering commitment to her students' growth is a true inspiration. Her classroom is a haven of knowledge and kindness, where each student feels valued and supported. Mrs. Machaiah's passion for teaching radiates through her every action, and her students are fortunate to have her guiding light.

Another remarkable experience that touched my heart involved Prof. Sanjeev Kumar H M, a beacon of resilience and determination. In the face of adversity, he pursued his education with an unyielding spirit despite being visually impaired. As he embarked on his X examination, I had the privilege of offering assistance, witnessing his determination firsthand. The satisfaction I felt in aiding his journey was unparalleled, as it exemplified the true essence of teaching - empowering and enabling every student to reach their full potential.

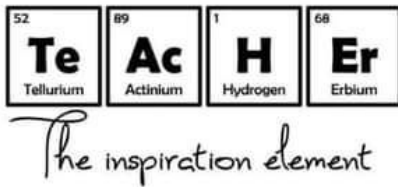
Today, Prof. Sanjeev Kumar H M stands as a testament to the power of education and the lasting impact a teacher can have. His gratitude and respect are a reflection of the bond that forms between a teacher and their student, transcending time and circumstance. As I celebrate Teachers' Day, these two stories remind me that teaching is not just a profession, but a sacred duty that shapes futures and leaves an everlasting legacy of learning, growth, and compassion.

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I sincerely accept this opportunity of Teachers Day to extend deepest gratitude to all my Revered Teachers for making me realising my potential without their unconditional support I could have been lacking in many of the things I possess today.

Revered Bhola Dutt Martolia sir saw me having stylish stance at window in class seven. He saw it differently and appreciated it time and again. Sincere then I started having smallest interactions with him. These interactions gave me immense confidence because I had hardly proper interactions before him with other Teachers. I had huge hesitation due to my humble background. He was my class teacher in class seven. He always appreciated me. I continued having communication with him.

Revered Maurya sir appreciated my habit of submitting Geography test notebook the earliest. He recognized my potential of being better every day. Interactions with him made me confident. I continued having communication with him even after I passed twelfth from Janta Inter College, Rudrapur.

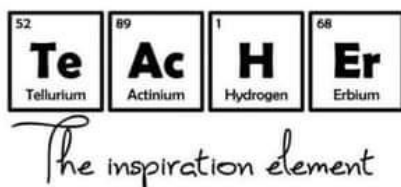
Revered Rawat sir suggested and gave good tips of developing English. I followed his suggestions and having fluency even during schooling.

Unconditional contributions extended by my Revered Teachers can never be underestimated. There are countless examples of my teachers' love and affection.

Huge reverence and regards to all my Revered teachers and their family

Nahid Raza





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Dr. Ravikumar L P

Teachers' day: Reflection on past experiences

Dr. Ravi Kumar L P, The UN Educationist

My journey as an educator began with a simple dream – to make a positive impact on the lives of young minds. Little did I know that this dream would lead me on a remarkable path filled with challenges, growth, and countless moments of inspiration.

As a young teacher, I faced the typical hurdles that come with any profession: long hours, demanding tasks, and sometimes, self-doubt. But what kept me going was my unwavering belief in the transformative power of education and my parents as teachers. I look at them everyday and how positive they are towards their profession.

From them I realized that being a teacher was not just about delivering lessons; it was about forging connections with my students. I learned to listen, to understand their unique needs and aspirations, and to provide a safe and encouraging space for them to learn and grow.

Over the years, I had the privilege of witnessing my students' incredible journeys. I watched as timid voices gained confidence, as struggling learners became resilient problem solvers, and as dreamers turned into achievers. These moments of transformation fueled my passion for teaching.

Becoming a school principal was the next chapter in my story. I saw it as an opportunity to influence not just one classroom but an entire school community. I strived to create an environment where teachers felt valued and empowered, knowing that their dedication was the cornerstone of our students' success.

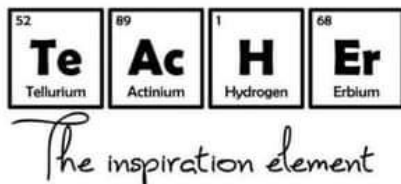
Through the ups and downs, I remained committed to the values that had guided me from the beginning – empathy, resilience, and a deep love for learning. I knew that my journey was not just about me; it was about the countless lives I had the privilege of touching.

Now I became a school owner. I run my own in my place with objectives and values of my own as I dreamt for. I succeeded. My school is one of the top schools in my town.

On this Teachers' Day, I reflect on my journey with gratitude. It's a reminder that as educators, we have the power to shape the future, one student at a time. Every smile, every "wow" moment, and every milestone reached by our students is a testament to the incredible impact we can have.

So, to all my fellow educators, I encourage you to embrace your own unique journey. Cherish the highs and learn from the lows, for each experience is a stepping stone on the path to making a difference. Let's continue to inspire, nurture, and empower the leaders, thinkers, and dreamers of tomorrow. Happy Teachers' Day!





# TEACHERS' DAY CELEBRATION: SIGNIFICANCE AND IMPORTANCE



Kavita Dubey  
Principal

Title: Celebrating Teachers' Day: Honoring the Architects of Our Future

## Introduction:

Teachers are the unsung heroes of our society, the ones who lay the foundation for our future. Their unwavering dedication, guidance, and wisdom shape the minds and character of generations to come. To recognize and express our gratitude for their invaluable contributions, Teachers' Day is celebrated worldwide. In this article, we will delve into the significance of Teachers' Day, its historical roots, and the profound importance of teachers in our lives.

## The Significance of Teachers' Day:

Teachers' Day stands as a day of profound significance, dedicated to honoring and appreciating teachers for their relentless efforts in nurturing students' intellect and character. It serves as a moment when students, parents, and society at large unite to acknowledge the profound impact educators have on our lives.

## History of Teachers' Day:

The history of Teachers' Day is as diverse as the countries that celebrate it. In India, it is observed on September 5th, commemorating the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a distinguished philosopher, scholar, and the second President of India. Dr. Radhakrishnan's lifelong commitment to education made him an iconic figure in the field, and his birthday was chosen to honor all teachers. Interestingly, Dr. Radhakrishnan himself had suggested that his birthday be celebrated as a day dedicated to teachers, rather than a conventional birthday celebration.

## The Role of Teachers:

Teachers are often hailed as the architects of our future. They are the ones who impart knowledge, values, and skills to students, preparing them to confront the complexities of the world. Beyond the classroom, teachers inspire curiosity, critical thinking, and a thirst for knowledge. They provide not just education but also mentorship, guidance, and emotional support.

## The Teacher-Student Relationship:

Perhaps one of the most remarkable facets of a teacher's role is the unique bond they forge with their students. This relationship transcends textbooks; it's rooted in trust, respect, and mutual growth. Many students hold their teachers in high regard, viewing them as role models, and the influence of a great teacher can be enduring.

## Celebrating Teachers' Day:

Teachers' Day is celebrated in diverse ways worldwide. Students often organize special assemblies, cultural events, and award ceremonies to pay tribute to their teachers. Gifts, cards, and tokens of appreciation are exchanged. It's a day when students convey their gratitude and heartfelt appreciation, underscoring how deeply their teachers are cherished.

## Conclusion:

Teachers' Day is not merely a day of gratitude; it's a day for us to reflect on the profound significance of education and the indispensable role teachers play in molding our society. As we celebrate this day, let's keep in mind the enduring impact teachers have on our lives and commit to offering them our unwavering support and appreciation throughout the year. They are the guiding lights illuminating the path toward a brighter future for us all.

# LUISA REMI

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## INTRODUCING

Dear Ms. Luisa Remi,

On behalf of the entire National UN Volunteers-India team, we extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to you. Your impressive 35 years of experience as a Special Educator, Soft Skill trainer, and CBSE Master trainer bring a wealth of knowledge and expertise to our team.

Your dedication to the field of education and your passion for nurturing young minds are qualities that truly resonate with our mission at Soundararaja Vidyalaya.

Your commitment to fostering holistic growth and learning aligns perfectly with our educational values.

Once again, welcome to our close-knit team. We are confident that your presence will inspire and empower us.

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# KANIKA SHARMA

SENIOR COORDINATOR - VIDYA VALLEY SCHOOL

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On this special occasion of Teacher's Day, I want to take a moment to reflect on the incredible value of the past experiences we've shared with our teachers. Each day in the classroom has been a stepping stone in our educational journey, and the lessons learned extend far beyond textbooks.

Our past experiences with teachers have not just imparted knowledge but have also taught us resilience, determination, and the importance of curiosity. Think about the times when you faced challenges that seemed insurmountable. Remember the encouragement and guidance your teachers provided, pushing you to overcome those obstacles. Those moments have shaped you into individuals who can tackle any challenge that comes your way.

Moreover, our teachers have instilled in us the belief that learning is a lifelong endeavor. They have ignited the spark of curiosity within us, encouraging us to explore, question, and seek knowledge beyond the boundaries of the classroom. As we honor our teachers today, let us also honor their legacy by embracing the lessons from our past experiences. Let us carry the torch of education forward, continually strive for excellence, and inspire the world with our thirst for knowledge and the impact we can make.

In conclusion, as we celebrate Teacher's Day, remember that our past experiences with teachers have not only shaped our intellect but have also molded our character. Let's honor these experiences by being lifelong learners and by using the wisdom imparted to us to create a brighter future for ourselves and the world. Happy Teacher's Day!



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PARVATI NAGAR, BALLARI, KARNATAKA

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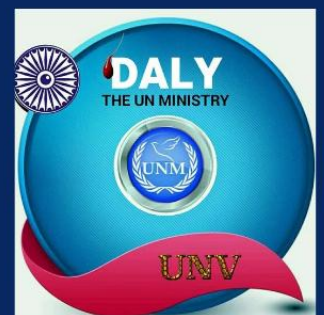
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HAPPY TEACHERS' DAY...!!!!



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GD GOENKA, SRINAGAR, J & K**

My humble salutations to all my teachers on this Teachers Day. I remember my Gurus and prostrate to their feet for the transformational blessings they showered on my life. All teachers are the embodiments of the real Supreme Knowledge.

"Guru Sakshat Param Brahma  
Thasmai Sri Guruve Namaha"

To mention few names of teachers on this day may become a disrespect to all other teachers who moulded me throughout my life. However each one of my teachers can not be mention is a page.

During school days, as usual for a village boy, my life was playful, obedient, simple, poor, cooperative and purposeless. There were great academic achievers as fellow students in my class. Finally I admitted my limited intellectual ability. Never ever I passed in English in any of the examinations till the board examination of Grade ten. The words like "is, do, have and even can" were Greek and Latin for me. But There were times when life got transformed in the journey from struggles of studying to learning and to wisdom.

Sharing a break through experience from a wise teacher might be appropriate today. Rev. Fr. Joseph Pullat, CMI had been my headmaster. He was a disciplinarian. It was with trembling adoration to him I used to sit in his English Grammar classes in 1978. The lessons were marked with simple style of presentation, regular and limited time. It was all together appealing. I took my break through decision that I will learn English Grammar and had no guarantee for any other subjects. Thus I put my heart in to grammer and failed in all other subjects. It was a blessing that at my prime youth I had been guided by my great teachers. From academic poverty my teachers transcended me to a topper in humanities in my academic career. I could even secure a second rank in a post graduate deploma in the university. My teachers blessed me with the realisation of how to learn. The devine magnetism I felt in them forced me to accept each one of them with awe and devotion. My teachers knowledge, love and blessings flowed through to me. Today I carry forward the torch they lit and handed over to me. I can remember my Gurus only with teary eyes of gratitude. The faces of teachers from childhood till today are deeply engraved in my heart. Today the Teachers Day is a happy devotion to my Gurus.

There were hundreds of children who passed through my hands. In the late nineties I had been in a school in a remote village. I used to insist my teachers to keep hand full of English copy books of the poor writers on my table for giving them a special practice. I had my techniques of developing good handwriting to those students. The fear they had of the principal eventually forced them with persistent practice. Oneday a grade two child has submitted his copy with an excellent hand writing. Where as till the previous day his handwriting was deplorable. I was assured that his sister in the higher grade wrote the copy for him. But the child affirmed that it was his own work. To the burning taste of my cane he wet profusely. I asked him to write another page infront of me. To my utter dismay he wrote the page beautifully. My anger faded in to shame and remorse. I hugged my little student. Few drops of tears from my eyes were my blessing on him from my heart. I took him on to my lap and told him him to please forgive me. I realised I was harsh and that was a moment of change in the life of a student as well as a teacher.

We cannot forget the fact that a class room is an institution where the learners and the teachers are united with a common purpose of receiving knowledge.

'A good teacher is made by a challenging student.' At the same time a real student should have humility before knowledge and it's embodiment - the Guru. Unconditional surrender to knowledge and to the teachers is the virtue that parents must invest in children before sending them to school. Then lives can be transformed.



# AMUJURI BISWANATH

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## TEACHERS' DAY



### Reflecting on past experiences

**I would describe my teacher as a positive, energetic, knowledgeable, and industrious person. My teachers have a flexible style of teaching that can cater to all students and abilities. My teacher believes he has an impact on the lives of his students is linked to their own self-esteem and their own sense of competence. As student, my journey was shaped not only by the curriculum but also by the educator who leave a lasting impact on my life. Let's take a moment to reminisce about two pivotal experiences that have molded me for better.**

Memory that stands out is an encounter with an educator who fueled my self-esteem. I was a student of classes 8th, 9th and 10th grades at Government Boys' High School, Kotpad, District Koraput, Odisha, India during the years 2004, 2005 and 2006 respectively. Mr. Capt Bijay Nanda Pattnaik, my Mathematics teacher and Associate National Cadet Corps Officer (ANO) saw potential in me that I hadn't recognized myself. He gave the lessons in the classroom as part of education as well as out side the classroom as part of life. When I was a cadet in Sergeant rank in National Cadet Corps as Junior Division Army Wing, his constant encouragement and belief in my abilities made me strive for excellence. He taught me about discipline and life truths. When I was a student of intermediate classes of 11th and 12th in 2008 and 2009 respectively at Government Junior College Boys', Srikakulam, Andhra Pradesh, I took training in the rank of Senior Under Office in National Cadet Corps as Senior Division Army Wing. Capt Kaniti Sreeramulu, Associate National Cadet Corps Officer (ANO) was my teacher and well wisher. He helped and secured me in all ways from problems and taught me about disciplinary right steps to take in life. This experience not only boosted my self-esteem but also ignited a lifelong passion for literature, education, discipline, nation building and service to motherland India.

No any moments that never diminished my self-esteem in my student life. I didn't have any teacher who embarrassed me. It was a reminder of how a single moment can influence a student's perception of their abilities.

Sharing these memories and experiences is an opportunity to acknowledge the profound influence educators wield. I hope that my recollections inspire fellow students to appreciate the positive impact teachers can have, while also reminding educators of the power they hold to shape futures.



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I wish for a very happy teacher's day to all our teachers for guiding us in every path and making us what we are today.

As a student I had never realised the immense responsibility that our teachers carry on their shoulders.

Through my journey as an educator over past decades I realised the important roles that the teacher plays in building the future of children, their patience, compassion and commitment towards their profession makes them special.

The development and growth of people, society and country depends on the quality of education imparted by a good teacher.

Teachers should be the guiding light who leads students on the path of learning , gaining knowledge and wisdom.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to all the teachers for their tireless efforts and commitment.

I wish you all a very happy teachers day and may you continue to inspire, encourage and enlighten the lives of many more students.



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I started my journey in my professional career as a mother teacher of pre-primary, it was a beautiful experience.

Playing the role of a teacher is like a gardener, who's helping the flowers bloom. As a teacher I felt the responsibility to help children shape their future and help them become their best version of themselves. I felt like it's our responsibility to focus and work on the Social, Emotional and Mental abilities of a child.

We should work on their fine and grossmotors and The Learning should be in a playful method, so that the kids should enjoy the learning process.

Experiencing education in a playful method will help them remember things for lifetime.

A teacher should understand the responsibility that every child is important. It's important for us to acknowledge about children's thoughts, perspective, and to understand their understanding level of perception, and to make it easier their way to make them understand.

"A teacher's motto should be to make students a responsible citizen." - ITK quotes.

## ISHRAT TABASSUM KHAN

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**I could never have been where I am today without the love , care ,guidance and support of my teachers. Teachers are our role models and we can never forget what they have given us right from day one in school to the last day in school.**

**There are beautiful memories of my school days and my teachers . The happy school days and my teachers had a great influence in my personal and professional growth.**



Having been raised in an army background , my schooling has been in various cities of our country. Sometimes it is good to study in a small place, a small school with loving teachers. My father was posted in Missamari, a beautiful place in Assam. I took admission in Kendriya Vidyalaya in 6th grade. There were very few students in every class. The opportunities to grow were many. The encouragement I got from my teachers enabled me to become confident in all respects. My projects were displayed on the bulletin board. I was called to give commands in morning Assembly . All these boosted my morale. Today I am truly indebted to all the Educators of Missamari, Kendriya Vidyalaya.

Second incident that happened was at Gwalior School. I was in 9th grade and was not doing well in Mathematics. Our Maths teacher , Srivastava Sir called me one day and started talking to me casually. During his conversation, he explained to me the importance of Maths in our life as well as the beauty of Maths around us. Gradually I started taking keen interest in Maths and started scoring well. Just a day's heart to heart talk brought about a big change in my approach towards the subject.

I feel blessed to have had such wonderful teachers who have always been there to show the right direction. Thank you to all my respected teachers.

"Teachers can change lives with the right mix of chalk & challenges ". Happy Teachers ' Day.



# SARASWATHI PRIYADARSHINI

TEACHER: THEATRE-IN-EDUCATION



## Teachers' day: Reflecting on past experiences

Draped in immaculate cotton saris, her silver bun atop her regal head, Mrs. Elizabeth Joseph, my English teacher, remains eternally cherished. I vividly recall the day she graced our 9th-grade English class with the poem "Home they brought her Warrior Dead."

As she began to recite, tears welled in my eyes as I gazed at her in sheer awe. Her flawless poise, mellifluous tone, impeccable diction, and the remarkable ability to immerse us in a sea of emotions were unparalleled. I revered her, and my profound affection for the English language only deepened under her tutelage.

She was a wellspring of encouragement, entrusting me with passages to read and diligently refining my pronunciation. Her unwavering belief in my potential ignited a fervor for language within me, nurturing self-confidence. Her accolades for my writing elevated my self-esteem to such heights that I not only pursued a career in teaching the language, inheriting her passion, but also authored my own novel, "Ira," which later achieved the status of an Amazon bestseller.

I embarked on a poignant journey to visit her, bearing a copy of my book, a heartfelt homage to the teacher who had sculpted my literary path. It was a moment of profound closure, a full circle in my narrative, laden with emotions that words could scarcely encapsulate.

Indeed, I've been fortunate not to have encountered a moment that diminished my self-esteem. My time at Bishop Cottons Girls School in Bangalore has been an immense blessing. Mrs. Thomas, our Music teacher, imparted valuable lessons through engaging role plays and etiquette instruction. Her teachings have profoundly influenced my approach as an educator, instilling in me the importance of nurturing my students and ensuring that their struggles are met with support, not criticism.

Every moment and encounter with my own students serves as an opportunity to make a lasting impact on their confidence and their attitude toward learning. It serves as a poignant reminder that every single interaction possesses the potential to shape a student's perception of their own abilities and, ultimately, their path to success.

In the words of the great educator Rita F. Pierson, "Every child deserves a champion; an adult who will never give up on them, who understands the power of connection and insists that they become the best they can possibly be." Teachers, with their words and actions, hold the key to unlocking a student's potential, either nurturing it to flourish or inadvertently dimming its brilliance.

I consider it a proud privilege and honour to be counted one among the noble fraternity of teachers. Happy and blessed Teachers Day.



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***E G DIXIT, Principal of lead school, AKKALKOT***

Dear Respected Teachers,

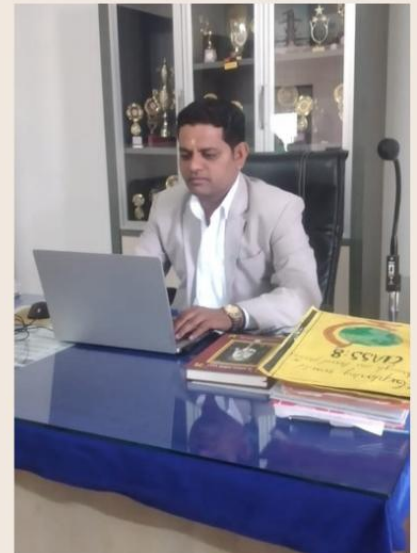
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Your role in shaping young minds, nurturing talents, and molding future generations is nothing short of extraordinary. Each day, you step into the classroom with enthusiasm and commitment, instilling not only knowledge but also values, wisdom, and a love for learning. You have the unique ability to inspire, guide, and empower, and for that, we are immensely grateful.

Your dedication goes beyond textbooks and curriculum; it encompasses the nurturing of dreams, the building of character, and the fostering of a bright future for our children.

May you continue to inspire and illuminate the path of knowledge for generations to come. We are grateful for your unwavering commitment to education and the positive impact you create.

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My name is Mohamed A. Othman, and I have been a senior math teacher for many years. I have had the privilege of working alongside Prof. Mohamoud, who has been a senior Mathematics-Statistics teacher for over 45 years. Our teachers have been the guiding light, the beacon in the dark, and the source of hope that gives us the strength to survive.

Today, we celebrate Teachers' Day, a special day set aside to honor these gifted souls who work tirelessly to ensure a bright future for all of us. On this beautiful occasion, let us take the opportunity to express our gratitude and convey our wishes to all the teachers who have made an impeccable contribution in shaping our lives.

Every year on the 5th of October, we celebrate Teachers' Day. It is a day filled with excitement, joy, and happiness as students eagerly express their appreciation and share why their teachers are special to them. Students across the country come together to pay respect and express gratitude to their teachers.

Our teachers are the backbone of our society. They spearhead change by shaping and building students' personalities, making them ideal citizens of the country. When we consider the profound impact they have on the growth, development, and well-being of both students and the nation as a whole, we must acknowledge that teaching is a noble profession. There is a saying that teachers are greater than parents. While parents give birth to a child, it is the teachers who mold their personality and provide a bright future. Apart from academics, teachers stand by us at every step, guiding, motivating, and inspiring us to become better human beings.

Teachers are the source of knowledge and wisdom. It is from them that ideas and thoughts emerge, which we will one day use to contribute back to society. I would like to extend my gratitude to every teacher for their selfless service and dynamic support. We are forever grateful to you.

Thank you, everyone.



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Teachers play a major role in student's life. Famous dialogue every one says is-Teaching is a noble profession that builds a solid foundation for the future of students. They teach us moral values, discipline, and punctuality. It is because of their guidance that the students can differentiate between right and wrong. Today when I think of these lines, it's true They inspire and encourage us to strive for greatness, live to our fullest potential, and see the best in ourselves.

When I turn back to see my past one of my Mathematics teacher always insults me in the class, telling I'm unfit to study and I'm the only student to fail in my board exam and also informed my parents the same. He also broke my hand. The whole world imprinted that I'm going to fail. I started even hating the sun rising out for new day to see that Mathematics teacher. Yeah board exam results were out. The teacher who evaluated my paper was God to me. I passed out my exam. After that I learnt 3 years of fashion designing, Central government certified beautician course along with my Masters in English. Compared to my classmates I had many skills. I became an entrepreneur. Organizations started offering me jobs.

Today miles of years I stand as a principal of a cbse school. The whole world turns back to see my raised shoulders. Today I love that teacher who calculated my future like a time machine.

Through that I started teaching my child and my students how to study, take teachers words as challenging prove yourself become the alumni of the same school and motivate the other students.

Happy Teacher's Day

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Dear Teachers,

On this special occasion of Teachers' Day, I want to take a moment to express my deepest gratitude and heartfelt regards to each one of you.

Your unwavering dedication, boundless patience, and relentless commitment to shaping the future of our students have not gone unnoticed. You are the guiding stars who illuminate the path of knowledge and wisdom, instilling a love for learning that will last a lifetime.

Your classrooms are not just places of instruction; they are havens of inspiration, where dreams take root, and potential blossoms into reality. Your impact goes far beyond the textbooks and curriculum; it touches hearts, moulds character, and nurtures the spirit.

In the face of challenges, you have shown resilience. In moments of doubt, you have provided reassurance. In times of confusion, you have been the beacon of clarity.

Your influence extends far beyond the boundaries of the classroom, reaching into the very essence of our students' lives.

Today, as we honour and celebrate you, please know that your efforts are cherished, your sacrifices are acknowledged, and your role in shaping the future is immeasurable. The seeds of knowledge you sow today will bear fruit for generations to come.

May you continue to inspire, enlighten, and empower. Happy Teachers' Day!

With profound gratitude and warm regards.



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My Math teacher in Class 9 was very strict. I had just been promoted to the Class. A new Chapter was being done and I got stuck on Sum 3. I wasn't able to solve it when the rest of the class was on Sum 7. My teacher announced that whosoever had not completed Sum 5 should stand. I stood and she scolded me very badly. I explained that I wasn't able to solve Sum 3 so she asked me why hadn't I copied from the board. I answered that the board was shining. She raised her voice and sarcastically remarked, "Then you also sit and shine there". The whole class roared with laughter. She threw my notebook into the dustbin. And that is when my 80 percent swept down to 40 percent. So that was the worst experience I had which broke me to the core.

The incident which made me was that, I had stage fright when I was at school. I was forced to speak on the stage. For 1 min I didnot speak at all. Then one of my teachers stepped up to say that, " The fact that you are standing on the stage itself has made you successful. There you go child". And believe me, today I don't even need a script to stand there.

Both good and bad experiences teach you and contribute to your Making. I am thankful to my teachers for their contributions in helping me to Be what I am today.

HAPPY TEACHER'S DAY.



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My dear fellow teachers !

As we celebrate world teachers day on 5th September, 2023, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and reflection. experiences, lessons, and insights which have guided me on a journey of self-discovery and understanding. It is with humility and a heart brimming with love that I share some reflections with you on this auspicious occasion.

Life's journey involves many twists each twist and turn unveiling new dimensions of existence. The years have taught me that our purpose here extends beyond mere existence; it is a call to transcend the mundane and embrace the transcendent. In the search for meaning, I implore you to delve into the depths of your own consciousness, for therein lies the source of all wisdom.

Embrace change as the constant companion on this journey. Just as the seasons change, so do the circumstances of our lives. Let go of attachment to outcomes and surrender to the flow of life. In this surrender, true freedom is found.

Through the ups and downs, the victories and challenges, remember that every experience is a teacher. Embrace adversity as a catalyst for growth and transformation. It is through the trials that we forge the strength of character that sustains us.

In the pursuit of knowledge, remain ever-curious. The universe is a boundless sea of wisdom, and we are but droplets seeking to merge with the ocean of understanding. Approach each day as a student, eager to learn from every encounter and from the world around you. Don't forget the road of perseverance that leads to success.

As I gaze into the horizon of the years yet to come, I am filled with a sense of purpose. My mission remains unwavering - to guide, to inspire, and to help each soul I encounter realize their innate divinity. Let us continue this journey together, hand in hand, as we navigate the mysteries of life and consciousness.

May the light of awareness guide your steps, and may the winds of compassion carry you forward. May you find solace in the stillness within, and may your hearts be filled with boundless love for all beings.

With blessings of peace, wisdom, and unending gratitude.



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***Mrs. Meenakshi, Principal, CIT Public School, Tumkur***

Dear fellow educators,

Happy and joyous Teachers' Day to each and every dedicated nation builder.

The greatest gift we receive as teachers, in the golden words of Dr. APJ Kalamji, is that if I remain in the minds of my pupils as the best teacher, it is the best gift itself. I am sure all of us would have this credit.

I enjoyed my school journey in two states: Suchindrum in grade 1 with my class teacher Madam Vilasini, who used to teach with love and patience, shaping my style of working.



In Periyakulam during middle school, my grandfather, my inspiration, who was a Tamil pandit, taught us all poetry with ragas, and our annual day celebrations would end with his plays on stage. We had to memorize all dialogues during one month of preparation as Bharathan, Prahladan, and Macbeth were selected characters. I cherished wearing lovely costumes and celebrating with kolam (rangoli) during Basavajayanthi. Many skill development activities like knitting, scouting, wire bag making, and embroidery, though not strictly academic, were a part and parcel of our education. I used to go home for lunch, return by walking to school, complete homework on a slate without erasing it, and recite multiplication tables and Avvaiyar verses on the way. Later, I continued my high school in Bangalore, switching from a Tamil medium to an English medium school. I never spoke to anyone in the class initially because I couldn't speak English, but I took three months to learn and communicate, driven by self-interest. Those were truly golden times, and now they remain as cherished memories.

I've shared a little of my own experience with you all. I always loved and aspired to become a teacher and have served with the best of my zeal and knowledge.

Thank you all for the opportunities given.

Wishing you all a Happy Teachers' Day!

With Best wishes  
Enduro Mahanubhavalu andiriki vandanamulu



# Teachers' day: Reflecting on past experiences

**Dr. Anitha Andrew, Principal,  
Royal International School, Namakkal**

**As we celebrate this joyous occasion of Teachers' Day with zest and zeal, I am filled with gratitude and reflection. This day not only recognises the immense contributions of our teachers but also offers an opportunity to share a personal story that has shaped my journey and deepened my admiration for the role of educators.**

In my high school years, I experienced an event that forever changed my perspective on the impact teachers have on their students' lives. It was a day much like any other until I received the unsettling news that my elder brother had been involved in a severe accident and was admitted to the hospital. The sense of fear and helplessness that engulfed me was overwhelming. I struggled to focus on my studies, my thoughts consumed by worry.

Amidst this turmoil, it was my class teacher, Mrs. Girija, who extended a gesture of compassion that I will never forget. She took notice of my distress and gently pulled me aside after class that day. She listened to my fears and worries without judgment, offering a comforting presence that made me feel understood and cared for. Her words of encouragement and genuine concern provided me with a much-needed sense of solace during those difficult days.



Mrs. Girija's unwavering support during that challenging period made me realize the profound impact a teacher can have beyond the classroom. Her empathy, kindness, and ability to be a pillar of strength for me left an indelible mark on my heart. It was through her actions that I understood the true essence of teaching – not just imparting knowledge, but being a source of inspiration, support, and guidance for young minds.

This experience became a catalyst for my own journey in education. It instilled in me a deep sense of responsibility to create an environment where students not only excel academically but also feel nurtured and supported emotionally. As a Principal today, I am committed to fostering a community where teachers are not only educators but also mentors, role models, and friends to our students.

On this Teachers' Day, I encourage each one of us to reflect on the teachers who have made a lasting impact on our lives. Let us celebrate their dedication and the immeasurable ways in which they shape the future. As educators, let us remember that our influence extends far beyond the subjects we teach; we hold the power to inspire, comfort, and empower our students to overcome challenges and become the best versions of themselves.

Thank you, dear teachers, for your boundless dedication and the role you play in transforming lives. Happy Teachers' Day!



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Hello, fellow educators!

What an exciting profession we have. We adore practically all kid activities, and because of this, we are always green .

I attribute this to one of our science teachers, Mrs. Subbalaxmi, who cursed me to become a teacher in the future. This happened as follows: I was a very naughty chatterbox in class, on teachers day in school I got an opportunity to be teacher on that self govt day (teachers day) while passing from staff room she saw me in teacher's attire and said "now you will understand how difficult it is to maintain the class, I wish you be teacher in the future."

Ha! Her frustration was that Godsend to me, and today, I'm a successful HM/Directress of GHS.

I feel that however teachers handle their pupils, it is always for the betterment of the kids.

Unless and until the sculpture does not strike the stone, how will the form of the idol adopt. I will always be grateful to all my teachers who shaped me.

As we recall our teachers still today, in similar our students will grace for many decades We are blessed.



**Dr. Geetha Venkat**  
**Geeta High School**  
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Teachers' day is a beautiful day to remember and feel gratitude to our torch bearers who showed us the way where we are today. We come in contact of many teachers but wonderful teachers in our life are rare.

I recall the day when my english teacher in grade 8th, held my finger to teach me grammar in such a way that I found the way to become an english teacher. She chiselled me so perfectly that I grabbed even good communication skills as well as ample number of interpersonal skills to handle the difficult situations. Her guidance converted me an extrovert out of an introvert and today that teacher is not alive in this world but she is alive in my heart. I pay my best tribute to her on every teachers' day.

On the contrary, I was always afraid of Mathematics and this fear could be shunned if I would get a teacher like my english teacher but my maths teacher in grade 7, 8 and till 10th was same who always demotivated me about weak skills in that subject and she always told that you need extra brain for doing maths and you all weak students don't have. Though I am not that much weak in this subject yet still its not my favourite one. I am good in all subjects but English is still most liked.

I am really grateful to that revered teacher who made me capable that today I am a school Principal to inculcate same qualities among many teachers. Still many such teachers are working in my school who are preparing the students for perfect life and providing them an aim.

I salute to all those educators who are creating wonderful human beings, citizens and different position holders in every field by imparting moral values, character, skills and knowledge.

Happy Teachers' Day to all



**Roma Arora Narang**  
**Principal**  
**Alpine Public School**  
**Bhawanigarh ( Sangrur)**



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***Dr. Jemi Sudhakar, Principal, Oakley International School, India***

Dear Teachers,  
Greetings to every noble educator on this glorious day to all of you who are in this noble teaching profession. Today I would like to stress on few key elements which makes every educator a holistic. personality.

I firmly believe that a society is built. only by teachers. The responsibility of a teacher is huge as you perform the job of shaping intellectual and creative minds who turn out to be the future of society. In Dr. Radhakrishnan's opinion, "Teachers should be the best minds in the country".



A true teacher is the one who inspires and encourages students to develop a desire to learn and succeed. Teachers should not forget that the learning situation must be free."

The role of teachers is very important, as they would act as changing agents in the development process and in developing a society. They must also become role models, as they have a great influence on their students. Do not put a full stop to your studies as his last piece of advice to budding teachers. Good teachers teach less and make their children learn more. Questioning power must be developed in students, as it is the basis for all technological and scientific development.

Teachers must acquire professional skills to motivate students. "Teachers should change themselves to be in the race, failing which they will be left behind," Efficiency, professional competency and empathy towards students are the other basic qualities.

Teachers have the ability to make a positive impact on their students. Good teachers set high expectations and motivate the students to meet those expectations. As students strive for excellence, teachers assist students in meeting their highest potential through daily lessons. Teachers also serve as role models. Teachers make a contribution to society by preparing students for their real world endeavors. They teach students through examples to be kind, respectful, humble, patient and determined.

Today I wish all the teachers to be enlightened, empowered, enhanced, excellent, envisioned emblem of education and enable every learner to be enriched in every part of their lives.

May the Almighty bless you all exceedingly with His abundance of joy, happiness, health, prosperity, wisdom, knowledge and skills and give His divine grace to create glorious global rulers of this world.

Lots of love and prayers



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Teachers' Day is a time for teachers to reflect on their roles, impact, and the joys and challenges of teaching. It's a day to appreciate the journey of shaping young minds and fostering learning. Many teachers find satisfaction in the growth they witness in their students, but also acknowledge the continuous learning and adaptation required in the ever-evolving field of education. It's a day to cherish the bonds formed with students and to remember that teaching is not just a profession, but a lifelong commitment to nurturing future generations.

- Teachers as architects of future



Teachers are often referred to as the architects of the future because they play a crucial role in shaping the minds and character of the next generation. Just like architects design and build structures that withstand the test of time, teachers provide the foundation of knowledge, skills, and values upon which a student's future is constructed.

Teachers mould the intellectual and moral framework of their students, empowering them to contribute positively to society. They inspire creativity, critical thinking, and a sense of purpose. The impact of a dedicated teacher can last a lifetime, influencing students to pursue careers, make ethical choices, and become engaged citizens.

In essence, teachers lay the groundwork upon which the future of society is built, making them true architects of a brighter tomorrow. I had the privilege of watching many of my students creating ripples in the society with their fabulous achievements. I had my moments of glory when one of my students S SHANKAR got a state rank. I found my purpose of my teaching career when I was able to make a mark in the life of a deaf & dumb girl SARIKA. To begin with, the girl had a lot of learning disabilities due to her hearing impediment. I used to coach her personally by customizing the question paper & slowly the girl started to gain confidence. She started topping the unit tests & with her hard work & dedication, she emerged a college topper in her university Exam choosing BBA stream. Her achievement is a live example of grit & determination. Ms SARIKA, my beloved student was able to achieve what's unachievable & made me realize my life's purpose.

Teaching is more than imparting knowledge; it is an inspiring change.  
Happy Teachers' Day!



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**Durga K Nair, UN Educationist**



It's an opportune moment for me to take a trip down memory lane and reflect on the educators who have played pivotal roles in shaping my academic journey and indeed my life.

Teachers, as the guiding lights of my educational odyssey, hold a unique power to influence and mold my perceptions, for better or worse. Here are two distinct experiences that have left indelible marks on my educational journey.

One memory that continues to stand out is an encounter with an educator who not only taught subject matter but also ignited the flames of self-belief within me. It was during my 10th-Grade year when I had the privilege of being in Madam Mrs. Maria Shanti's Social Studies class. Mrs. Shanti possessed a remarkable ability to see potential in her students that often went unnoticed, even by themselves. Her unwavering encouragement and steadfast belief in my abilities were nothing short of transformative. I remember vividly how her words of praise and motivation served as a constant reminder that I was capable of achieving excellence.

This experience not only boosted my self-esteem but also sowed the seeds of a lifelong passion for education. It was a moment when a teacher became a catalyst for self-discovery and personal growth, a moment I will forever cherish. And happy to say that, I'm still in contact with madam Mrs. Shanti.

Conversely, our journey through education also includes moments of adversity, instances that can have a profound impact on our self-esteem and attitudes. For me, one such moment occurred during my 12th-Grade year, in the realm of Chemistry, under the tutelage of Madam Mrs. Ambika. In what remains a haunting memory, Mrs. Ambika chose to address my struggles with a challenging chemical equation in a public manner. Her critical comments and public humiliation left me feeling inadequate and profoundly embarrassed. This encounter served as a stark reminder of how a single moment, a brief exchange between teacher and student, can wield the power to significantly influence a student's perception of her abilities and her relationship with a subject. It was a moment of vulnerability that, unfortunately, shook my confidence and altered my attitude towards Chemistry.

These two experiences, in essence, encapsulate the profound impact that teachers can have on their students which is fostering a nurturing, supportive, and constructive learning environment is not just about imparting academic knowledge; it's about shaping responsible, empathetic, and resilient individuals who are prepared to face the challenges of the world. It's about instilling a love for learning that extends far beyond the classroom, creating a ripple effect that benefits society as a whole.

As we celebrate Teachers' Day, let us remember the profound impact that nurturing educators and supportive environments can have, not only on individual lives but on the world we collectively strive to build.

Happy Teachers' Day!



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## **Maina sheikh, PGT History, IDPS Andhrapradesh**

Sincerely accept this opportunity of Teachers Day to extend deepest gratitude to all my Revered Teachers for making me realising my potential without their unconditional support I could have been lacking in many of the things I possess today.

Revered Mr. Rajveer sir, He saw me (an introvert) stance at window in class 9th. He saw it differently and appreciated it time and again. He was one of the strict teachers I have ever seen. After hearing the bell of 7th period everyone from class were like so quit even without his presence. He made me stand in the class to manage the class in his absence.



These interactions gave me immense confidence because I had hardly proper interactions before him with other Teachers because he was really strict teacher. Just because I was good in academics my class teacher Ms. Sunita gehlot promoted me as monitor of the class. I had huge hesitation due to my humble/Introvert background. Mr.Rajveer my Sanskrit teacher and Ms sunita Gehlot, my class teacher in class Nineth. They always appreciated me and before they joined the school I was a shy/introvert student after met with him and my class teacher ms. Sunita gehlot, I became the Anchor/Voice of school. I continued having communication with him and Ms Sunita ma'am After the passing out college also. Now when I'm sharing my Achievements in teaching field with them. Rajveer sir always said, "Paudhe ko pata hota hai ke kab khilna hai" And Sunita ma'am "Mujhe to pata hi tha ke tu toofaan hai"

Revered Premlata ma'am appreciated my habit of submitting History test notebook the earliest. She recognized my potential of being better every day. Interactions with her made me confident. I continued having communication with her even after I passed twelfth from School.

Revered Sunita Gehlot ma'am suggested and gave good tips of developing the reading and speaking skills in Hindi and English. She taught me that most of us are pronouncing wrong Hindi words. I followed her suggestions and having fluency even during schooling.

Unconditional contributions extended by my Revered Teachers can never be underestimated. There are countless examples of my teachers' love and affection.

Huge reverence and regards to all my Revered teachers and their family.