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## Teacher's Day

On 5<sup>th</sup> September, we celebrate the Teacher's day every year to commemorate the service and the dedication of the teachers in all our educational institutions. On this day, we thank them for the contribution they make to share their knowledge and wisdom as well as the holistic education they offer to every student a responsible citizen and a great human being. This newsletter carries wishes from all of us at the CBCI Office for Education and Culture to every Teacher in all the educational institutions!

### Quotes:

1. "A teacher is like a candle. They consume themselves to light the way for others."
2. "A good teacher can inspire hope, ignite the imagination, and instill a love of learning." - Brad Henry, Former Governor of Oklahoma.
3. "A teacher is someone who nourishes the soul of the students for a lifetime. Happy Teacher's Day to all the teachers!"
4. "Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher. Your heart is slightly larger than the average human heart, but that's because you're a teacher. Teachers can change lives with the right mix of chalk and challenges. Teaching is the greatest act of optimism."

### The message we have for teachers this year from a student:

"Your wisdom, dedication, and kindness will always lead us to the right path and inspire us to be better human beings. Dear teachers, Wishing you a Happy Teacher's Day! Thank you for being the guiding light and for inspiring the students to do well in their studies."

### Message by Pope Francis:

"One does not teach what one knows, but what one is. We transmit to others what we are inside. It is not enough to fill one's head with ideas, that is not educating: to educate is to transmit life. To be a teacher is to live a mission. Thank you to all teachers: educating is an important mission, which draws young people to what is good, beautiful, and true."

## **Who is a teacher?**

The word 'teach' is derived from the Anglo-Saxon word 'teacon' which means "to impart", "to instruct", "to make aware of" and "to train". A teacher can be defined as a person who has enough knowledge in any field and conveys this knowledge to the ignorant one. A teacher can be defined as anything or anybody which influences another and make a change in his intellectual, moral, or physical level. The personality, character, and attitudes of a good teacher can influence and inspire the young people. People ranging from layman to philosopher praise the teacher as a mason who builds the fabric of society, the students being the bricks and mortar of the future.

## **Role of a teacher:**

The role of a teacher is to shape the minds of the younger generation. That shaping will be on positive lines, development of a scientific and humanistic attitude and temper, self-discipline. For developing such laboratories teacher has play a key role in the modern society. A teacher has to generate that energy in oneself and handle it in one's work of educating the boys and girls that resort to him or her has not only to instruct but also to inspire the students. He or she has to influence the life and character of his or her students and give them with ideas and values which will first fit them to enter the stream of national life and as worthy citizens. Whatever India will be in the next generation will depend upon what you do to your students today in the classrooms. During education, our youth must be helped to identify and retain the positive elements and pass them on to the next generation after strengthening them with their own contribution.

## **Present scenario of teachers in India:**

Teaching has become more and more complex and challenging now days. The students' disobedience, argumentation, rudeness level is on the rise while the patience level of students' is decreasing. Due to the modern age stress, competition, availability of so many sources of knowledge like internet, TV series, movies showing violence and so on. As education advances with the help of technology, it becomes very clear that modern teachers are very different from traditional teachers. The teachers are facilitators of the learning. The focus of a 21st century teacher is on student by developing higher order thinking skills, effective communication, collaboration, and other skills that they need in the 21st century. The teachers must develop new teaching strategies that are radically different. The teacher role is of guides and facilitators, not mere providers of knowledge. The students must be engaged in learning and provided instructions using a variety of methods and pedagogical approaches aided with technology.

## **What is Teacher's Day?**

A teacher is a friend, philosopher, and guide who holds our hand, opens our mind, and touches our heart. The contribution of a teacher cannot be ignored at all. In many countries across the world, teacher's day is a special day where teachers at schools, colleges, and universities are honored specially. The date varies from country to country. The universally accepted World Teacher's Day is 5th October. In India, the Teacher's Day is celebrated on 5th September and this tradition started from 1962. This is when Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan was born. He was a philosopher, scholar, teacher, and politician and his dedicated work towards education made his birthday an important day in the history of India. We remember the great work of this exemplary person on this day.

## **Why is it celebrated?**

Teaching is the most influential job in the world. Teachers are known to shape the mind of youth and without knowledge no one can exist in this world. Teacher imparts good value in children and turn them into responsible citizens. So, almost every country celebrates Teacher's Day. In India, we celebrate this day on the birthday of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. He was a man of many good qualities and a favorite teacher among students. It was his request that his birthday should be celebrated as an honorable day for all the teachers in the country, in case someone is wishing to celebrate his birthday at all. So, in a nutshell, we celebrate Teacher's Day because teachers have been the architect of the society and without them no society can walk in the path of progression. Such a man of course requires a standing ovation. So, to promote the values and principles of a true teacher, this day is celebrated.

It is indeed honour for all of us from the CBCI Office for Education and Culture- The Chairperson, Member Bishops, Secretaries at the National, Regional and Diocesan level – to wish every teacher in all our educational institutions a wonderful Teacher's day! May God bless each of you to find fulfillment in your vocation as teachers and may your dedication and hard work make every child in your care to bloom wherever they are planted and make you proud by their achievements and responsible living wherever they are!

With best wishes,

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