

Message from the Desk of Vice-Chancellor: Happy Teacher's Day, 2024



Dear Esteemed Teachers,

On this special occasion of Teacher's Day, I extend my heartfelt gratitude and warm wishes to all of you who have dedicated your lives to the noble profession of teaching. Today, we celebrate not just your role as educators but also your profound impact in shaping the future of our learners, our nation, and our institution.

You are the guiding light in the lives of your students, crafting and curating not only their knowledge but also their character. As mentors, guides, and role models, you do more than just imparting academic lessons—you foster constructive thinking, creativity, and a sense of curiosity. It is through your nurturing and support that students discover their potential, gain the confidence to pursue their dreams and succeed in an ever-evolving world. Your influence goes far beyond the classroom, as you help instil values, ethics, and social responsibility, shaping learners into conscientious and morally grounded citizens.

The role you play in nation-building cannot be overstated. You are, quite literally, the architects of the future. The knowledge and skills you impart today lay the foundation for the citizens and workforce that will drive our society and country forward. By cultivating a sense of civic responsibility and democratic values, you mould not only the leaders of tomorrow but also responsible citizens who are committed to strengthening the social fabric of our nation. Your work ensures that we build a cohesive, progressive, and inclusive society.

The role of a teacher goes far beyond the traditional notion of transmitting knowledge. You are the architects of lives, shaping the minds and hearts of the next generation. By acting as mentors, guides, and role models, you help students develop not only academically but also personally and socially. Your ability to inspire curiosity, creativity, and a love for learning transforms education into a journey of exploration and self-discovery for each learner.

Therefore, it is essential that we put forth our best efforts in our respective roles, whether in teaching, research, administration, or support services. Our collective commitment to excellence is what drives our institution forward and enables us to achieve our shared goals. I would like to remind the ever powerful couplet by Kabir Das Ji:

**गुरु गोविन्द दोऊ खड़े, काके लागू पाय,
बलिहारी गुरु आपने, गोविन्द दियो बताय।**



(In this couplet, Kabir Das Ji has explicitly revealed the important role of the Guru. When Guru and God are together, priority should be given to the Guru. This is because Guru shows us the path of devotion towards God and plays an important role in our spiritual development. It is through Guru that we realize God and move in his direction. Therefore, the status of Guru is more important than God.)

Through personalized attention, you identify the unique talents, strengths, and areas of improvement for each student. This individual care and encouragement empower students to reach their highest potential, developing skills that go beyond textbooks—imagination power, problem-solving, emotional intelligence, and resilience. As educators, you do more than prepare students for exams; you prepare them for life. Identifying and expanding the Imagination Power and Originality of each of our learners should be our prime aim in this regard apart from motivating them to not just accomplish, but, 'to be' and thereby 'earn' their best.

Moreover, you play a vital role in shaping the moral and ethical values of your students. In a world filled with complexities and challenges, the principles of honesty, integrity, empathy, and responsibility that you instil in them have become important than ever before. In an era with depleting social and cultural values, the role of a teacher has further widened. By preparing learners to be thoughtful, socially responsible citizens, we have to more carefully and consciously ensure now that they not only succeed as individuals but more importantly evolve as better human beings.

Teachers are the foundation upon which the progress of a nation is built. The future of any country lies in its education system, and at the heart of that system are its teachers. As also envisaged in NEP-2020, the knowledge, skills, and values you impart to your students today will shape the citizens, innovators, and leaders of tomorrow. Through your guidance, you nurture a generation that will drive the economy, uphold democratic principles, and foster social harmony. As educators, you also play a crucial role in promoting unity and inclusiveness. By teaching students about diversity, tolerance, and respect, you help build a cohesive society that embraces differences and works toward common goals. You help them understand their role as citizens, instilling in them a sense of civic duty, patriotism, and a desire to contribute to the betterment of the country.

The true strength of a nation is not just in its economic or military might but in the quality of its citizens. In this sense, teachers are nation-builders, shaping not just individuals but the future of the entire country. Your efforts lay the groundwork for a nation that is innovative, progressive, and capable of addressing the challenges of the modern world.

Within the walls of our institution, your contributions are invaluable and multifaceted. Teachers are the driving force behind any institution's success. Your dedication, expertise, and innovative approaches to teaching directly influence the academic and cultural environment of the institution. The quality of education that we provide is a direct reflection of your commitment to excellence. On this note, I would like to remind and urge each one of you that you teach our learners the essence of Indian Constitution in the words of its Chief Architect Dr. B. R. Ambedkar that "स्वतंत्रता का मतलब सिर्फ अधिकार नहीं, जिम्मेदारी भी है" (i.e. Freedom does not only mean rights, it also means responsibilities).



Beyond the classroom, you are leaders who shape the policies, curriculum, and academic programs that define our institution. By participating in research, engaging in academic collaborations, and mentoring younger generations, you ensure that our institution remains dynamic, forward-thinking, and responsive to the needs of both students and society. Your involvement in decision-making processes strengthens the foundation of the institution and promotes its growth.

You are also the torchbearers of institutional culture. The values of integrity, inclusivity, and lifelong learning that you uphold serve as the cornerstone of our institution's identity. Your leadership in fostering a supportive and inspiring environment for both students and colleagues ensures that we remain a beacon of learning and development for all who enter our halls. By providing guidance, support, and opportunities for growth, we help shape the next generation of scholars, leaders, and professionals. Our investment in their success is an investment in the future of our university and society at large. As Bharat Ratna Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam has also stated,

“Teaching is a very noble profession that shapes the character, calibre, and future of an individual. If the people remember me as a good teacher, that will be the biggest honour for me.”

On behalf of the entire academic community, I thank you for your dedication, your compassion, and your tireless efforts to inspire and uplift our students. You are truly the cornerstone of our success, and we are privileged to have such a remarkable group of educators leading the way. I would like to quote few lines, which i have read in a book by famous author, Shiv Khera whose actual source may be disputed but the contents have been ever inspiring for all of us aspiring to be good teachers:

“Dear teacher,

My son has to learn that **not all men are just, nor are they all sincere.** Teach him that **for every enemy, there is a friend.**

Teach him that **for every villain, there is a hero,** and for every **selfish politician, there is a generous leader.**

Teach him that **for every enemy, there is a friend,** that it is **better to earn a coin with sweat than to steal one.**

Keep him away from envy, and if you can, let him **know the secret and joy of quiet laughter.**

Teach him to learn **how to gracefully lose,** and **enjoy winning when he does win.**

Teach him to **be gentle with people, tough with tough people.**

Teach him if you can – **how to laugh when he is sad,** teach him **there is no shame in tears.** Teach him **there can be glory in failure and despair in success.** Teach him to scoff at cynics.



Teach him if you can the **wonders of books**, but also **give time to ponder the extreme mystery of birds in the sky, bees in the sun and flowers on a green hill**. Teach him to **have faith in his own ideas**, even if everyone tells him that he is wrong.

Try to **give my son the strength not to follow the crowd when everyone else is doing it**. Teach him to **listen to everyone**, but teach him also to **filter all that he hears on a screen of truth** and take only the good that comes through.

Teach him to **sell his talents and brains to the highest bidder** but **never to put a price tag on his heart and soul**.

Teach him to **ignore the cries of the crowd that only demand rights** without paying the **cost of their obligations**.

Treat him well, but **do not pamper or flatter him too much**, as only in the **test of fire** is it known if the **steel is real**.

Let him **have the courage to be impatient**, and also let him **have the patience to be brave**.

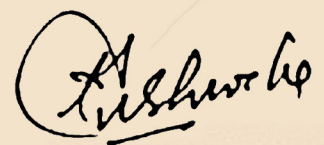
Convey to him a **sublime and solid faith in the Creator** and in **himself** because only then can he have faith in (wo)men.

I know I ask a lot, but see what you can do, dear teacher."

As I conclude my thoughts, I call upon each one of you to do your best in the larger interest of our institution and contribute your bit towards making this world a better place.

Without reducing credit from the vital contributions of other stakeholders, I bow down to all my teachers for everything I have achieved or have become in my life.

Wishing you all a very happy and fulfilling Teacher's Day!



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