



'The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains.  
The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires.'  
-William Arthur Ward



**DR RADHAKRISHNAN:** Priyanshi Kashyap, class V, Soundarya Central School

## Tributes to the man behind Teachers' Day in India

Indians have been celebrating Teachers' Day on September 5 every year since 1962 to pay tribute to Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan on his birth anniversary. The thoughtful suggestion to celebrate teachers day came from this great person when he became the President of India. Some of his students and friends requested him to

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permit them to celebrate this auspicious occasion on his birthday. Dr Radhakrishnan was a humble leader. A remarkable aspect about him was that he accepted only Rs 2,500 out of his salary of Rs 10,000. The remaining amount was donated to

the Prime Minister's National Relief Fund every month. His humbleness and dedication made him so great. Through the present challenges and tough times, our dedicated teachers have been the pillars of the nation, as we celebrate Azadi ki Amrith Mahotsav and the 60th year of Teachers' Day. The nation still honors and respects the teachers as they play a vital role

in creating a suitable atmosphere, be it through hybrid or conventional teaching for students to learn. To be great at teaching, teachers need to be sustained and show genuine engagement to the work, digging into both its joys and its challenges. Dr S Radhakrishnan believed that 'Teachers should be the best minds in the country'. May his inspirations and principles emit the passion for many

more youngsters to become teachers like him and be a light in the path of every student's life journey. Teachers are the light of the world, the beacon in the dark and the hope that gives strength to survive.

**Ambika M C,** teacher



## Thank you, teachers!

On the occasion of Teachers Day, students give expression to their feelings of love and gratitude through their wishes and greetings. Here is a glimpse of a few of them.



**Dear teachers,** you have planted so many inspirational seeds in countless heads that will be of great help in shaping our distant yet near future. You will always live on through our actions, beliefs and love of learning, all of which were instilled by you. Thank you for being you, because you, as yourself, are truly great, and more than whatever we could ask for... Happy Teachers' Day!  
**Sanath Kothari, class VIII, St Joseph's Boys' High School**



### STANDING BY US

Teachers have always been standing by students in difficult situations. Only, they can understand us the best and love us like their own children. The credit for us scoring high marks goes to them. We can write, read and speak without any distortions only because of them. Thank you, teachers!  
**Ekambir Behera, class VI, BVM Global School**



### INSPIRING AND MOTIVATING

Teachers are the guides and role models for students. They inspire and motivate us to do something bigger than ourselves. On the occasion of Teachers' Day, I would like to thank all the teachers for the efforts they put in everyday to educate us and for making us love learning.  
**Anshul Mahendra, class IX, BVM Global School**



### TEACHER YOU ARE SPECIAL

A teacher should have a special place in every child's heart. Because in this game of life, they help them get their start. I just want to thank you, for all the things you've done. You are a very special teacher, and to me you're number one!  
**Pranavi Pandre, class IX, Chitrakoota School**



### ENSURING OUR SUCCESS

Teaching is the profession that teaches all the other professions" - Anonymous. It takes patience, empathy, adaptability, enthusiasm and discipline for one to qualify as a good teacher. In truth, without teachers our greatness would be lost to posterity through our inability to express, convey, and preserve our knowledge and our ideas. "Teachers are the most responsible and important members of society because their professional efforts affect the fate of earth"- Helen Caldicott  
**Happy Teacher's Day! Poojitha G H, class XII, Sophia High School**



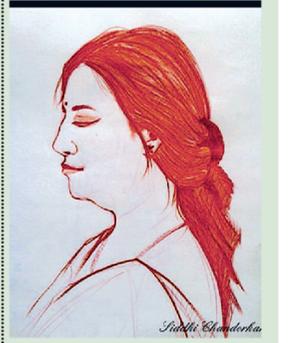
**Ishaan Srivatsava, class VIII, BVM Global School**

**Manasvi Keyur Shah, class VII, BVM Global School**

## TEACHERS GET ARTISTIC



**AFFIRMATION:** Aditi Pande, art teacher, DPS Whitefield.



**COMPOSED:** Siddhi Chandorkar, art teacher, DPS Whitefield

### NOTHING WITHOUT THEM

Teachers are the precious gem created by God. They're the ones who deserve abundant applause. Without them life would be incomplete. The trust in them is harder than concrete. Without them the world runs

nothing, From our mother till the mother earth they're everything. We're born with nothing. Our mother brings up us to live with etiquette throughout our life, Educators give a meaning to our life and make us sharp like a

knife. Making us strong enough by throwing many challenges, to prepare us to overcome any strife. When one's time come to an end, Our mother earth wraps us around her sheets

Forever protect us with her love and care in rife. The love, care, passion and sacrifice Will remain forever in history. At the end of the day, without them which man has a victory? It is the duty of a disciple to understand that it is for our wel-

fare They give us tough competitions, challenges and sums. And it is our duty to go to and give what they deserve. Fulfilling their wishes and falling on their feet.  
**Pulakitha K N, class VIII, Soundarya Central School**

## What I learnt from mother nature

Mother nature is an ultimate inspiration. When you are feeling sluggish, simply walking outside and getting fresh air can do wonders for your mood and outlook. At school, we are fortunate to have the beauty and splendor of mother nature in abundance all around us. I am really enjoying the lush green campus which is a real paradise, healthy and inviting to rejuvenate and relax. Mother nature

always nurtures us. Right from the food we eat, the air we breathe, the clothes we wear and the houses we live in are all gifts of mother nature. Trees too provide crucial resources for human kind. However, their numbers are depleting at a very fast rate. We humans fail to recognize their significance and are demolishing our homely plan-



et. I learnt from Mother Nature, to be a tree which gives fruits, flowers, seeds, herbs, shade to others, stabilizes the soil, create homes for thousands of species of plants and animals without expecting anything from others. Just like a tree, teachers who enjoy their profession show it in all

they do, especially in how considerately they treat their learners without expecting anything in return. As I grow and learn throughout my career as an educator, I love to see my students bloom into their incredible potential in the future.  
**Jayarani P R, teacher, Schoenstatt St Mary's High**

## Show respect by becoming ideal students

Every year on Teacher's Day we shower our teachers with all kinds of gifts and magnanimous words in praise of them but do we students show them the same respect every single

day? Students highly eulogize the hard work and dedication of teachers but themselves fail to follow it on a daily basis.

The quintessence of this special day is often overlooked. The celebration must essentially make students realize the importance of teachers in a student's life and in the society as a whole. Students frequently disrespect their teachers intentionally or unintentionally. Teachers are just expected to deal with it as part of their profession. I feel this stems from the lack of knowledge on

why respecting teachers is such a huge part of the education process. Teachers exercise utmost patience ensuring every child in the classroom has understood the topic, every single day.

Teachers not only impart academic knowledge to their students but also moral values. Many of the things my teachers have said have been extremely helpful to me. When I was in junior grade my geography teacher always told me to eat healthy and not skip any meals because I was severely underweight. My teacher's way of convincing me helped me in maintaining a healthy weight. This could

have seemed trivial to a few but having a healthy weight helped me get rid of my self-esteem issues and insecurities regarding my body weight. I changed into a fully new person - a better version of myself, shining with confidence. Every teacher who has taught me has imbibed in me some of their best skills and qualities.

This Teachers' Day let us grow up to become ideal students for our teachers and express our gratitude for all that they have done.

**Pavithra P Kumbhar, class X, St Thomas Public School, New Thippasandra**



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# Teachers on lessons from their teachers

## MATH AND MAGIC

"It's time we worked together"

### What I learnt

I was in grade VI and used to be really scared of maths. My maths teacher, Ratna Ganguly, came to me and said, "You are really good, and I believe you are capable of achieving good grades and be among the best. So, it's time we work towards it, together." These words worked like magic for me. I went back to my grade V books. By grade IX, I really got good in maths, with her helping me all along.

### How I implement it...

Now as a teacher, I understand how much a teacher's words matter. Letting your students know you will always be there to support them, matters a lot. As a teacher, I strongly believe in letting my students know that I'm approachable.

**ANINDITA DAS**, teacher, Global Academy For Learning, Bengaluru

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We all learn from our teachers. We all celebrate Teacher's Day by letting them know how important a role they play in our lives. This time, let's ask a few teachers about that one lesson they learnt from their mentors that they never forgot, and now implement it in their classrooms to make students become well-rounded individuals

## LEND ME YOUR EARS

"Listen to them all - even ramblings"

### What I learnt

I still remember my English teacher, Mrs Oommen, who made learning effective by simply demonstrating how much she cared about us all. She would take out time simply to really listen to what I had to say even when I rambled on about fears of not doing well in some capacity or another.

### How I implement it...

Thanks to her, I strive to give my undivided attention to students by cultivating a patient ear like hers. I even carry out one-on-one sessions with my students about their writing.

**RATNA DAVESAR**, TGT English, Shishu Niketan Model Sr Sec School, Sector 22, Chandigarh



"I've cultivated a patient ear, like my teacher"

## HEART OF THE MATTER

"If you want your students to open up, start with a good story"

### What I learnt

The chalk-and-talk method was something that I grew up with. However, one incident transformed my outlook of things. My mentor, Mrs Srujana, during my training days, demonstrated in her vibrant class the art of storytelling with prodding questions and empathy. She told me once: "Look



"My students' need to express themselves has enhanced the process of my learning from them"

beyond the textbook and into their hearts."

### How I implement it...

Teaching has since become one beautiful experience. The joy with which children voice their views, the sheer romance with words, the high voltage enthusiasm to DO things, their need to express, have all enhanced my learning from students. Innovating and ideating, the saga continues.

**BEAULAH SUCHITHRA**, English facilitator, Vista School, Hyderabad

## BEYOND CLASSROOMS AND TEXTBOOKS

"She showed me how to achieve my goals without getting bogged down by pressure"

### What I learnt

One of the most influential teachers in my life was Sister Stella. She motivated me and pushed me out of a bad zone when I was down. She showed me the way to achieve my goals without being bogged down by pressure. She shared the real formula of being a great teacher - "Teachers should not limit themselves to classrooms. They need to make an effort to shape a student by all means."

"I motivate my students to do their best in academics as well as in extracurricular activities"

### How I implement it...

Being the vice-principal, I take care of every small thing for overall development of students - motivating them to do their best in academics as well as in extracurricular activities.

**HARIKA P**, Vice-Principal, Chitturi High School, Vijayawada

### What I learnt

I consider myself exceptionally fortunate to have been guided by some excellent teachers throughout my academic life. Among them, I would like to particularly mention my English teacher, who has been an exceptional mentor to me. She has always been very outspoken, and one thing that I learnt from her is to speak up if you see

something is wrong. She made me realise we can't live a successful life if we fail to speak up or take action against something that is bothering us.

"I always encourage students not to fear anyone"

### How I implement it...

Whenever I get a chance to interact with kids, I encourage them to open up and speak up for any injustice happening around them and not to fear anyone.

**RANJIT MALLA**, Academic in Charge, SFS School, Gajuwaka, Visakhapatnam

## POWER OF BEING VOCAL

"Speak up if you see something is wrong"



## IGNITING A PASSION

"I use hands-on activities to make math easier for students"

### What I learnt

My exceptional math teacher, Sodha Sir, from Nirmala Convent, always impressed me with his teaching talent and love of the subject. He went out of his way to encourage me to understand the subject which I did not like during initial years. In very measured steps and with great skill, he ignited my passion towards learning a subject I initially found difficult.

### How I implement it

I try to make mathematics interesting by giving students exposure to the topic through various hands-on activities. Later, I trigger their logical mathematical intelligence by connecting them with the real-world scenarios.

**SINDHU NAIR**, educator, SGVP International School, Ahmedabad

"Sodha Sir went out of his way to encourage me to understand the subject I did not like during initial years"

## A HITCHHIKER'S GUIDE TO TEACHING

"Instil natural interest in a subject through life experiences"

### What I learnt

My biology teacher taught me how to teach a subject with passion - not just within the four walls of a classroom but... in the garden, or on a hitchhiking trip, or in a substitution class, or while we prepared for a school event and students grasped concepts at ease with the least facilities available. His methods didn't include being reprimanded.

### How I implement it...

My lessons are not based on text books alone. Being a humanities teacher, I instil a natural interest in a subject, and my method includes real life experiences.

**MEETA CHAKRABARTI**, Headmistress, Middle School, DPS, Howrah

"My biology teacher made us grasp concepts with ease, sans punishment"



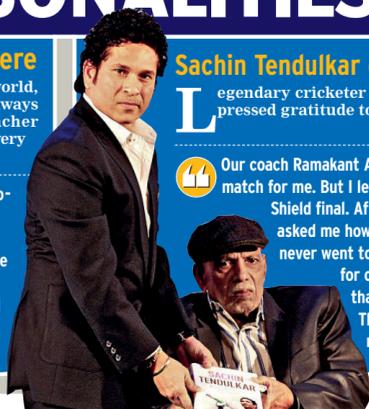
## FAMOUS PERSONALITIES IN THEIR TEACHERS



### Bill Gates on Blanche Caffiere

One of the richest persons in the world, Microsoft founder Bill Gates has always attributed his success to his teacher Blanche Caffiere, who he describes as a "very kindly librarian and teacher".

"I was desperately trying to go unnoticed, because I had some big deficits, like atrocious handwriting and a comically messy desk. I was trying to hide the fact that I liked to read - it was cool for girls, but not boys. Ms Caffiere pulled me out of my shell by sharing her love for books"



### Sachin Tendulkar on Ramakant Achrekar

Legendary cricketer Sachin Tendulkar has always expressed gratitude to Ramakant Achrekar, his teacher

"Our coach Ramakant Achrekar Sir had organised a practice match for me. But I left for Wankhede to watch the Harris Shield final. After the match, I saw Achrekar sir. He asked me how many runs I got and I told him I never went to play. He said I did not need to clap for others, and I should do something so that one day, the world can clap for me. That was the biggest lesson of my life"



### Oprah Winfrey on Mrs Duncan

For Oprah Winfrey, famous American talk show personality, the visit of her fourth-grade teacher Mrs Duncan on her show was among her defining moments.

"For the first time, I wasn't afraid to be smart, and she often stayed after school to work with me. As a child, I hadn't even considered that Mrs Duncan might have had a life beyond our class. It was in her class that I really came into myself. After all these years, I could say thank you to a woman who had a powerful impact on my early life"