

MESSAGE FROM THE PRO-VICE CHAIRMAN, DPS ONGC, NAZIRA ON THE OCCASION OF TEACHERS' DAY

Good Morning!

The light of the world, the beacon in the dark and the hope that gives us strength to survive, is our teacher. Today we are celebrating Teachers' Day. A day to honour the gifted souls who work every day to make sure that the future is bright for all of us. On this special occasion, let us take the opportunity to convey our regards and wishes to all our teachers, who have left no stone unturned to shape us.

A teacher's place is one of respect and every teacher, who toils hard for the betterment of a room full of students, is actually someone striving for a better future of the nation. Our former President of India, Dr Pranab Mukherjee, whom we have lost recently, had started his career as a teacher. In 2016, while delivering a speech on Teachers, Day, he said, "Inspired teachers are the building blocks of a good education system. An inspired teacher links the individual goals of the students to the societal and national goals."

At this juncture, I recall a very young activist for female education, who said, "Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world." One must learn how a teacher is not simply a professional. They are our friends, who prepare us for the real world, who want nothing but to see us happy, successful and upbeat. Teachers guide and shape the destiny of Students. Therefore, the special bond between a teacher and a pupil has no specific definition, but it is a precious gem that must be treasured forever.

Parents give birth to a child whereas teachers hone and chisel that child's future. Here I quote Mahatma Gandhi, "Perseverance opens up treasures which bring perennial joy. If the toil is great, so is the fruit thereof."

DPS ONGC Nazira, since its inception has been putting its best efforts in every endeavor it ventures into, following the dictum, 'Service before Self.' It is the sheer dedication, hard work and teamwork with which we transcend every obstacle and transform it into opportunity. Our imparting of education, through the virtual platform smoothly, during this pandemic, is an example of it. I congratulate the entire DPS fraternity for our success in this novel venture. We all deserve a huge round of applaud for this.

However, it is wisely said, ". "The mediocre teacher tells. The good teacher explains. The superior teacher demonstrates. The great teacher inspires." So, let us all pledge to be great teachers and step forward for 'the miles that we have to go before we sleep.'" Once again, I wish all the teachers good health, success and a very Happy Teachers' Day.

Thank You!

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