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PRESS RELEASE

MESSAGE FOR TEACHERS' DAY 2016

Greetings to all teachers on the occasion of Teacher's Day.

Teacher's day is celebrated all over India every year on 5th of September to pay tribute to the teachers for their precious contributions towards the society and country. There is a great reason behind the celebration of teacher's day on 5th of September. 5th of September is the birthday of Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan, first President of India and one of the most respected teachers and thinkers of our country. He was a great person and highly devoted towards the education. Dr Radhakrishnan always kept reminding us of the importance of the teacher. Celebrating Teachers' Day on his birthday gives an opportunity for all to be inspired by the life and teachings of Dr. S. Radhakrishnan whose dream was that "Teachers should be the best minds in the country".

Teachers are the back bone of our society. They play a great role in building up the character of students and shape them to become an ideal citizen of India. The future of the country is taking shape inside the classrooms and through the work of the teachers and hence teachers need to be honoured and respected by the society.

"Maatha Pitha Guru Deivam" is a very popular phrase in Sanskrit language. The translation is "Mother Father Teacher God". In traditional Indian way of life, from birth till death, the mother, father, Guru, and God play different roles. It is the Guru (Teacher) who shows the path to lead a life and helps in knowing the truth. He is the one who guides us to know the purpose of our life and provides knowledge to know the ultimate truth. Hence Guru (Teacher) is the living God next to Maatha and Pitha.

On this day, I have an advice to dear teachers. The role of a teacher in shaping one's life is very significant. Yours is a noble profession. Only the best should be given teaching job. As a teacher, you are more than just an educator, a mentor and a friend. Empower your students instead of giving teaching through routine lectures. Present day world have numerous challenges for the students. It is very competitive now. Teachers should inculcate values and ethics amongst children. We can build up the best institutions for the welfare of our students in the State. I am glad to note that

Nagaland has been advancing in the field of literacy and this is just because of you only. A good teacher can convert a dull student into a brilliant one.

I would also like to appeal to the students to remember that Teachers and parents are their best well wishers and they must learn to respect them.

I convey my very best wishes for the celebration of Teachers' Day, 2016.

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