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Teachers are our 2nd Guardians : Teaching is the noblest Profession

This day we celebrate and honour our teachers, who are the best of the best. We can never really thank our teachers enough. Today is a chance to offer them a small token of our appreciation for the difference they make in the lives of our children and the future of our country. This day we remember the special teachers who touched our life. We remember how they pushed us, the encouragement that they gave us, the values that they taught us, the way they helped us and the way they helped us to understand the world and analyze it and ask questions. They helped us become the people that we are today.

Teachers made us shine, empowering with Knowledge

Teachers made us believe that each one of us have something special. They inculcate in us the sense of empathy and thoughtfulness that our mother and our grandparents had tried to instil in us and that's a lesson that we still carry with us all our lives. We remember the teachers who made the extra effort to shape our lives in important ways by how much work and sacrifices it takes to make that connection. They give up their afternoons and free periods/time to give students a little bit of extra one-on-one help and spend evenings and weekends developing lesson plans and activities that don't just teach the material but make it come alive.

We remember and bow-down to our Teachers

“Education is not the filling of a pill, but the lightning of a fire”. Teachers here today and thousands like them, are surrounded everyday by young people who will shape our future. But it takes a special person to recognise that. It takes a special person to light that fire, to raise our children's expectations for themselves and never give up on them no matter how challenging it might be. All of us are here because at some point somebody did that for us. Thus, today, we are honoured to recognize these outstanding men and women and all the teachers like them who have always had and will continue to have, such an important impact on our lives.