TEACHER'S DAY SPEECH

5 - SEPTEMBER



Why do we celebrate teachers' day?

Good morning to all our teachers. As we gather here today to celebrate the occasion of Teachers' Day, I would

like to thank every teacher, who has been our guiding force during the lockdown. You have not only taught us the new way to learn but have also motivated us during the lockdown.

As Teachers' Day is celebrated every year, I would like to take this chance to talk about the history of Teachers' Day and why we celebrate it!

Every year, Teachers' Day is celebrated on the 5th of September. Do you know why this date was chosen? The day marks the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, who was an Indian scholar. He was also the second President of India from 1962 to 1967.

He was a great scholar, who dedicated his life towards education. Once he was asked by his students to celebrate his birthday. His simply replied and said, "Instead of celebrating my birthday, it would be my proud privilege if September 5th is observed as Teachers' Day." His birthday was then declared as Teachers' Day, to acknowledge all teachers. Since 1962, 5th of September is observed as Teachers' Day in India.

Last but not least, I would like to end my speech by Dr APJ Abdul Kalam's quote, "The purpose of education is to make good human beings with skill and expertise. Enlightened human beings can be created by teachers." Thank you to all my teachers, who have always been our guiding light and support system!