



# National Institute of Technology Karnataka, Surathkal

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## Teachers' Day - 5<sup>th</sup> September 2021

I take this opportunity to wish all the teachers a very Happy Teachers' Day, a day which marks the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan, a teacher, a philosopher, and the second President of India.

A teacher necessarily not always be a great personality. There are many teachers in our lives, from early school years to the time we have become teachers, but there are, for sure, a few teachers whom we remember even after leaving our schools and colleges. We seldom forget them because they have left a few everlasting memories in our lives, and they have motivated, molded, and mentored us directly or indirectly to what we are today. So we take this opportunity to pay our respects to all those teachers who carved out a teacher from us.

The conventional offline classroom teaching has not been there for more than a year, but still, the teachers of all levels, school to college, across the nation are redefining their role to reach out to the students and working to take care of the academics. The pandemic, having been around us for more than a year, has let society realize that every student needs to be back in classrooms. The students, indeed are missing the undefined role of teachers for a holistic transformation of students. To be a teacher is a rare privilege. Because, whoever teaches learns in the act of teaching and whoever learns, teaches in the act of learning, and this goes on forever in the life of a teacher. Hence a teacher remains immortal in the lives of their students.

I take pride in teachers who are burning the midnight lamps, learning to unlearn to relearn the unknowns, while learning to know their own shortcomings in order to meet the expectations.

On this occasion, I salute all the teachers and wish them the very best of luck while quoting “Great teachers are not born in the minds of the students but they are born in the hearts of the students”.  
– Anon.

**Wish you all a Happy Teachers’ Day.**

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