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***“Learning needs freedom to think and freedom to imagine, and both have to be facilitated by the Teacher”***

- Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

On the occasion of Teacher’s Day, I have great pleasure in extending my greetings and felicitations to all the Teachers throughout the Union Territory of Puducherry. On this Teacher’s Day, we recognize the dedicated services of the teachers especially during this time of pandemic.

To be a **Teacher means** to enjoy the process the students have to go through in order to learn. To be a **Teacher means** to acknowledge that **Teaching** is a transformative process not only for the students but for **Teachers**, as well. A teacher is next to the parent of a student assuming even greater role than a parent in nurturing the student. A teacher is the spark, the inspiration, the guide, the candle to a student’s life. Teaching is not just another profession, but is a divine responsibility to guide and enlighten. There is no limit to the influence a teacher can have on one, or many, students’ lives.

During the testing time of Pandemic, the Teachers have to rise upto the task of reaching out to the students through virtual media. They need to innovate, learn to be part of the digital world for reaching out to every student through various Apps containing self developed Audio Visual footages of teachings/Learnings.

My best wishes to each teacher who strives to be a role model and help churn out responsible young citizens for creating a better world tomorrow.

Let us remember: One book, one pen, one child, and one teacher can change the world.

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