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WEB EDITION

I sent a letter to my students...

2020: A FICTION-LIKE STORY!

Dear amazing batch of 2030,

Life was normal, when 2020 kickstarted – frolicking, partying, movies, planning vacations, and more. But everything came to a standstill abruptly around mid-March, courtesy, Covid-19. We were locked in our homes. Sounds like fiction? But indeed, it was a reality for us. New terms came up – lockdown, quarantine, PPE, sanitisation, social distancing...! Thanks to the online experiences, we lived a life of some strange sci-fi series. In short, virtual became real and reality became virtual. Confusing, mind boggling, 2020 was. But here we are, standing at a point on the timeline that looked like a horizon then. We did overcome and so we shall always.

Yours faithfully,
ANJU RAJESH, GREGORIAN PUBLIC SCHOOL, ERNAKULAM



The postman delivered it in 2030!

CLASS OF 2030:

Wondering what your teachers are talking about? Well, they are talking about the challenges they faced, while teaching students of 2020 batch, courtesy Covid-19. In a reminder to students of 2030, ahead of Teacher's Day, they share their experiences on how they rose to the challenge, and turned adversities into opportunities...

A YEAR OF NEW INNOVATIONS!

Dear Batch of 2030

'Word of the Year is 2020'. That was the headline a decade ago, the year, when a pandemic engulfed the world. Today, as you read it as just another chapter in your books, it may look as an ordinary event. Well, dear students, that wasn't the case. Online teaching, which is now quite common for you, was introduced to us for the first time. Am I audible? 'Mute yourself', 'I got disconnected'...and so on... were the key words to start a class. Online tools, Zoom meetings, assessing students on Google Forms, technical glitches... it was almost catastrophic at first. However, the pandemic taught us to take these challenges in our stride and here we are, a completely new tech-savvy generation!

Yours,
SUPRIYA KHANNA, DPS, WHITEFIELD, B'LURU



FROM THE ASHES OF PANDEMIC, ROSE THE PHOENIX OF MAN'S COURAGE

Dear Graduates of 2030,

2020 was a year that almost never-lived, a never to be forgotten, challenging, innovative and standstill year. The normal calendar stopped, school schedules, sports and concert seasons disappeared. Masks, sanitisers, social distancing and home-confinement for endless time, were the only life-saving treatments available...the end was not in sight. But then, from the ashes of the pandemic, rose the phoenix of man's courage, the will power and the innovation that brought the world here to 2030, with a more tech-savvy, undaunted and better-equipped you to take on the world, crumbling every obstacle in your path on the way to excellence.

Yours faithfully,
MANJIT KAUR, Delhi Public School, Secunderabad



THE SHOW THAT WENT ON...

Dear students,

Have you ever thought of a life, where you are caged within the four walls of the house, having no social life? Sounds scary? Well, we experienced it in 2020, courtesy the Covid-19 pandemic. It was a year of uncertainty, a year of despair for the ones, who lost their near ones, a year of struggle for those, whose finances and employment were at stake, and at the same time a year of innovation...everything was carried out digitally. But again, it made us more tech-savvy, as our days echoed with terms, like Zoom App, Google meet, Google Form, pdf, and so on. However, the need to reach out to our beloved students, despite all the odds, accepting the critical situations, gave us immense satisfaction.

Yours faithfully,
LATIKA CHANNA, DC MONTESSORI SCHOOL, MANIMAJRA, CHANDIGARH

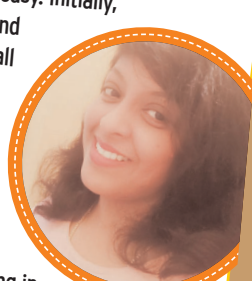


WE BECAME ZOOM-BIES, LIVING SUCCESSFULLY IN GOOGLY YEAR 2020

Dear students of 2030 batch,

The world is back to normal, and we have moved on since the 2020 pandemic...but it wasn't easy. Initially, we were left with our computers and smartphones to see the world. As all the teachers were not computer wizards, switching from face-to-face classes to online classes, were predominantly asynchronous. However, it was a blessing in disguise. It gave an equal footing to the extroverts and the introverts, resulting in honest conversations. Innovation through technology became handy, and the anonymity of not being physically present disappeared. Slowly, but steadily, we got accustomed to digital literacy and netiquette.

Yours faithfully,
GOUTHAMI CHANDRASEKHAR, BETHEL MHSS, CHENNAI



WATCH OUT FOR OUR SPECIAL

TEACHER'S DAY EDITION

September 4, 2020

KAJOL HOPES 'CELFIE' AND 'COMPASSION' WILL OUTLAST COVID

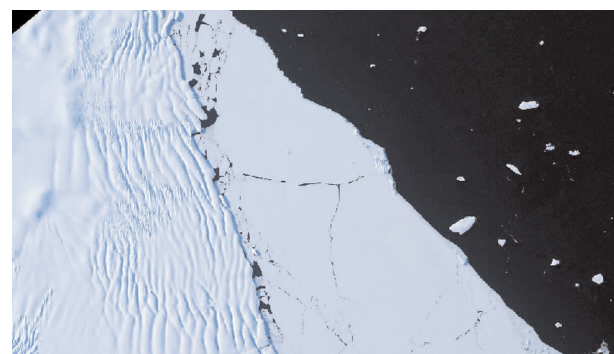
Actress Kajol hopes compassion will outlast and outgrow Covid. She shared her thoughts in a new post on social media. In a new Instagram selfie, Kajol looks at the camera, with her specs placed on her head. "C for celfie, C for Compassion, C for COVID, aiming for the first two to outlast and outgrow the last one. Keep on swimming! #Cfor #GrowAndGlow," she wrote.



CELEB TALK

On the work front, Kajol is set to make her digital debut with 'Tribhanga', directed by Renuka Shahane. It is a drama set in Mumbai, weaving a complex tale that goes back and forth through three generations of the same family, from the late 1980s to the present day

Antarctica ice shelves vulnerable to meltwater: Study



Meltwater could undermine the walls of ice holding back Antarctica's glaciers, scientists have warned, a finding that underscores concern about the potential for a significant sea level rise. According to experts, the ice shelves, formed over thousands of years, serve as dams to prevent much of the continent's snow and ice from flowing towards the ocean. Scientists found that about 60% of the ice shelf area is vulnerable to a process called hydrofracturing, in which meltwater seeps into the shelves' crevasses, some of which are hundreds of metres deep, and triggers collapse. "This meltwater is heavier than ice, so it can penetrate through the entire ice thickness, just like a knife," says a climate scientist.

- According to experts, it's unclear how long such a process might take. Antarctica weather is highly-variable, making it difficult for the scientists to determine how much of a role is being played by human-caused climate change
- Scientists fear that losing ice shelves to hydrofracturing will leave Antarctica's ice sheets a more direct pathway to the ocean, which could accelerate ice loss and contribute to the sea level rise
- The Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC) reports have projected future sea levels to rise by more than a metre by 2100
- More than half of the world's freshwater is locked into Antarctica's ice

GOOGLE LAUNCHES KIDS SPACE ON SELECT ANDROID TABLETS

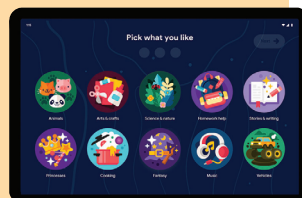
Google has launched a new kids mode on selected Android tablets that features apps, books and videos for children to explore, learn and have fun as they stay home. Google Kids Space will be available globally on certain Lenovo tablets first, including the new Lenovo Smart Tab M10 HD Gen 2, and will arrive on more Android tablets soon. Kids Space requires a Google Account for your child. Google Assistant is not yet available in Kids Space.

TECH BUZZ

1 For Kids Space, Google worked with the top publishers to make popular children's books free of charge, and have over 400 free books available in the US alone

2 In the Watch and Make tabs, kids can view creative and fun videos from YouTube Kids that are engaging and encourage off-screen activities

3 Google earlier launched a new kids tab in Google Play that helps parents easily find and pick "teacher-approved" apps for their kids



NEWS IN BRIEF

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We want to see children returning to school and people returning to work places, but we want to see it done safely. No country can just pretend that the pandemic is over. The reality is that this virus spreads easily.

Opening up without control is a recipe for disaster

Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, director general, WHO

QUOTE UNQUOTE



HOW OLD ARE YOU ON OTHER PLANETS? USE THIS CALCULATOR

Exploratorium, a museum of science, technology, and arts in San Francisco, has put together a handy calculator that lets you see exactly just how old you would be on the other planets in our solar system.

HOW IT WORKS: Just enter your date of birth, and the calculator will reveal your age in days and

years, as well as when your next birthday would be. For example, if your birthday is January 4, 1992, on the Earth, you are 28 years old. However, on Mercury, you would be 118.9 years old, and your next birthday would be on September 1, 2020, while on Neptune, you would be just 0.17 years old, and your next birthday wouldn't be until Aug 11, 2240!

WHY IS THAT SO

➤ According to Exploratorium, "The Earth rotates on its axis, like a spinning top, and revolves around the sun, like a tetherball at the end of a string going around the centre pole." A day is defined by the time it takes for the top-like rotation of the Earth on its axis ➤ There are no rules that govern the rotation rates of the planets, it all depends on how much "spin" was in the original material that went into forming each one. The revolution of the Earth around the sun is how we define a year. While the Earth takes 365 days to make one circuit, Mercury, takes only 88 days

TAYLOR SWIFT WINS BEST DIRECTION AWARD

American singer-songwriter Taylor Swift made history in the MTV VMAs world recently, as she won the award for best direction, a first for any solo female artiste in the show's history. According to Fox News, the 30-year-old songstress made her directorial debut for her single, 'The Man,' which calls out male privilege and sexism. In the video, Swift dresses up as the male character, and shows how much easier life would be as a man.

ENTERTAINMENT

■ In the music video, the 'Love Story' singer underwent a major transformation, using prosthetics and a movement coach to become a man. Dwayne Johnson provided the voice-over for Swift's speaking parts in the video



A DIGITAL DANCE-OFF HELD ONLINE

With theatres closed around the world, three South American dancers created a digital dance-off for aspiring twirlers on Instagram. Called @stayhomedancecompetition, the competition, which was open to all, attracted hundreds of applicants, some professionals, other youngsters, dancing from their homes. A panel of renowned expert judges assessed each dance, and viewers could also vote with "likes."



■ The competition challenged the dancers to raise awareness about the pandemic, and honour an artiste. In one video, a mother wearing a doctor's coat and a mask guards her daughter, while she dances ■ Giovana Soria, 18, a Paraguayan, said her dance was to encourage people to take steps to prevent the spread of the virus

REMINISCENCES OF TEACHER'S DAY

Guru Brahma, Guru Vishnu, Guru devo Maheshwara, Guru sakshat, param Brahma, tasmai shri guravay namah"



My first guru were my parents and then my teachers who always showed me the right path. So, whatever I am today is only because of the blessings of both my parents and teachers. Since childhood Teacher's Day has always held a special place in my life as this is the day to pay tribute to the contribution made by teachers to the society and to our Bharat Ratna recipient Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. Teacher's Day means going to school with a bag full of handmade gifts and flowers for my beloved teachers and paying obeisance to them. On this day, we used to organise special programmes. Our seniors used to take the responsibility of teaching the junior classes. Now as a principal when I see my students doing the same, it reminds me of my childhood days. The guru-shishya parampara is still there in same bright way.

As Joyce Meyer rightly said, "Teachers can change lives with just the right mix of chalk and challenges".

When the entire society is depressed due to Covid-19, they are moving like the 'Lady with the lamp'. Its truly said that the teachers are the backbone of the society. Therefore, its our utmost duty to salute the entire teaching fraternity while their undeterred efforts during these tough times. Now they are more of a fighter than a teacher. Their endless fight for the welfare of students has encouraged me too. On this auspicious day, I thank all the teachers and urge them to carry on with noble mission. Nation is looking forward to you, wake them up once again. We will all overcome this situation to live happily again.

Wish you all A very Happy Teacher's Day!

**Nabnita Giri, principal,
Mount Litera Zee School, Howrah**

"Teaching is the vocation of vocations."

The immaculate role of teachers in shaping our lives is unquestionable. Through the wondrous eyes of a child, a teacher is always an epitome of "perfection".

Even after passing out from school, I miss those golden days, when scolding was the other form of love and concern, punishments were way simpler, than the ones as life unfolds.

Going down the memory lane of school life, Teacher's Day is something that I can recollect very distinctly. The day used to start acknowledging the roles of teachers in our lives then we used to keep some surprise events every year. Starting from mimicry to role play, we used to leave no stones unturned to see a smile on their faces. And last but not the least, we used to bribe our teachers on that day to ensure a complete 'No-Study day' for us as a return gift.

**GM Leena, principal,
Mount Litera Zee School, Maheshtala**

As students we celebrated Teacher's Day with a lot of zeal and zest across all the classes, where we would put up a cultural show for our teachers. We, the student council members, would always come up with a programme for the teachers where we would enact out own teachers and would devote a unique title to each of them. This was the only day when we could do so officially. This was a day when prefects and student council members would take complete charge of the school so that our teachers could be themselves and enjoy the day. Teachers would be awestruck to see us stepping into their shoes and managing their roles pretty well at least for a day. Hand-made cards and a rose gifted by us



would turn out to be precious possessions by our teachers. It was wonderful to see them preserving those cards in their closet. Such occasions would deepen our bond with our teachers.

**Vijay Lakshmi Kumar, principal,
Asian International School**

It has been rightly said, 'A teacher takes a hand, opens a mind and touches a heart'.

I have always wanted to be a teacher. Wearing my Mom's saree or dupatta, I always posed as a teacher while playing the game "teacher-teacher" at home.

Childhood memories of Teacher's Day in school brings back innumerable nostalgic moments. Preparing handmade cards, singing 'happy teacher's day and watching the seniors play the teachers' role are some of the fondest memories.

The best Teacher's Day celebration was when I was in class XII, when I got the opportunity to pose as my mathematics teacher for the day. It was a proud moment for me to receive the best 'student-teacher' award at the end of the day.

Before I became a teacher, I had no idea that a teacher could fit so many kids in one heart.

**Kabita Rudra, teacher,
Army Public School, Barrackpore**

Teachers were our second mother, always loving and caring, helping us to resolve not only our problems in academics but also problems among our friends and even beyond.

Our Teacher's Day celebrations included special menu for our teachers along with lively programmes to make them laugh, enjoy every moment.

We worked hard to make them feel special. I would often stage a dance and also sang songs to create a lighter mood for them. Overall it was a great time. A moment to cherish always.

**Manisha Bhagat, teacher,
Army Public School, Barrackpore**

Looking back, I distinctly remember how as a child, I was always enthusiastic about celebrating Teacher's Day every year as they provided a pleasant break from the humdrum of a moribund, monotonous existence. I, along with my classmates, would request our teachers to participate in multiple programmes, we had lined up for them — some cultural, some in good faith, some to induce a good laugh. I would ask my parents to increase my humble allowance so that I can afford that red pen or the card I wanted to present my teachers on that special day. I distinctly remember that sometimes they would buy us sweets or chocolates, their eyes shining brightly and the smile on their faces would be broader than ever before.



**Manisha Bhagat, teacher,
Army Public School, Barrackpore**

"Guru Govind Dono Khade kake Lagu Paye...."

Remembering these lines by Sant Kabirdas, we not only remember our school lessons but we also come across the sweet memories that we had with our teachers.

We are today teachers, but someday were students. We had fun in making pleasantries of our teachers and felt dignified in being pun-



ished. But the time that we really enjoyed was September 5 or Teacher's Day.

Teacher's Day is celebrated in memory of the birth anniversary of our former President Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. So, in our school, we used to remember him first and then continue with several other programmes. The thing we liked the most was the students of class XII turning into teachers. We asked them how they felt and we turned into journalists.

At the end of the day we gave flowers, letters and gifts to our beloved teachers and concluded the eventful day with smiles on our faces.

**Arpita Chakraborty, teacher,
Army Public School, Barrackpore**

We celebrate Teacher's Day on September 5 every year in India to mark the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. It gives me immense pleasure to talk about Teacher's Day celebration at my school. When I was a student we began to prepare all the decoration along with elaborate plays, essays and speeches that still leaves a mark in my memory. The classroom used to burst into colours with decorations, flowers, cultural programmes and greeting card. I still remember that we used to give some kind of surprise to our class teacher. It was a day when our teachers used to sit and relax in the staff room. It was a fun filled day when we were students and I still miss those golden days of my life.

**Bidisha Roychaudhuri, teacher,
Army Public School Barrackpore**

Today I am in the profession where I have always dreamt to belong to. Ever since I started to go to school I nurtured the dream of a future when I'll be standing at the other side of the teachers' table.

Today when I look back many fond memories pass across my mind. Although I'm failing to recollect my primary school memories vividly, I do remember my secondary school days. As a student I used to wait for September 5 as this day used to bring us such light and enjoyable moments that we used to cherish the rest of the year.

In our school the students of senior section used to dress up like particular teachers and follow their subject time tables. It was such fun to be taught by our school seniors. After a few classes we used to have a formal celebration where students of various classes used to put up dance & music performances along with short skits and plays to entertain & show respect to our loving teachers. We all used to prepare hand-made cards for our teachers to express our gratitude to our mentors.

Today I do stand at the other side of the table as I had always dreamt of. Now as a teacher I wait for September 5 as I expect the children of my extended family, whom I call my students, will make me feel a little special with their love and warmth that will keep me going for the rest of the year.

**Mahua Hazra, teacher,
Army Public School, Barrackpore**

A teacher is a guiding spirit and a mentor in a child's life. The teachers not merely educate our minds but enlightens it. Hence to commemorate the selfless service of the teachers for the society, every year September 5 is celebrated as Teacher's Day to mark the birth anniversary of Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan. The celebration of Teacher's Day has transformed a lot with the passage of time. We used hand made cards and



gifts. The preparation for the momentous occasion was a month-long affair. I still recall my school days when 'we friends' left ourselves busy rehearsing the songs, dances, dramas meant to be performed on that day.

The celebration of the day was full with multiple events. The day's observance was initiated with the morning assembly conducted by the most senior students of the school in place of the teachers. Thereafter 'a Diya' (an flame) was lightened by the head of the institution as of token of love and respect for Dr Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan as well as for the teachers in general of the society. The programme attained a new dimension with the fun filled participation of teachers and students in a cricket match on that very day.

On this special occasion we as students imitated the role of teachers and taught our juniors. The celebration came to an end in a sumptuous lunch hosted by our school for the teachers. The remnants of the celebration is treasured in our hearts as well as memories.

Debashree Banerjee, teacher, APS, Barrackpore

"Everyone who remembers his own education remembers teachers, not methods and techniques. The teacher is the heart of the educational system." - Sidney Hook

Celebrating Teacher's Day at school is one of the finest memories from the school days. I have done my schooling from Kendriya Vidyalaya. Down the memory lane, I remember the celebration had an emotional and recreational touch. It used to be an eventful day where the senior students did all the preparation with complete energy and excitement. The most exciting event of the day was the senior students posing as teachers for the day and taking lesson assigned to the teacher they represented. When I was in class XI, I too got this opportunity to pose as Hindi teacher (Mrs Kochar) and was assigned to teach the primary classes. A panel of teachers used to visit the classes to judge the teaching which I was unaware of. The next day in the assembly, I was flabbergasted when my name was announced as the 'best teacher student'.

Teacher's Day is special to me not only being a teacher but also as a student because it was that recognition on the Teacher's Day which inspired me to become what I am today.

Babli Palit, teacher, APS, Barrackpore

A fervid sense of nostalgia grips as the September 5 comes around. The day holds such significance especially in the minds of us, teachers, who were at some point inspired to take up the noble profession of shaping lives by the forbearing persona who influenced our thoughts.

Excitement around Teacher's Day was also built around the idea of taking some time out of the humdrum activities of our daily curricula; some would engage in decorating the classroom with confetti, bänderoles, balloons, and the blackboard with festive imagery and greetings for our teachers, others would set up stage to perform skits or songs. This is the only day we had to thank our teachers for their sacrifices - we had to make it count!

**Anasuya Manna, teacher,
Agrasain Boys' School, Liluah**

God send teachers to paint the lessons of life on the canvas of our heart. They guide us in the right direction and motivate us to dream big, they support us, inspire us and above all they love us unconditionally. On Teacher's Day we show our heartfelt gratitude to those angels who enlighten



our lives with the light of knowledge, curiosity and wisdom.

As a student, I thoroughly enjoyed planning for this day and celebrating the occasion. We used to make cards and other handicrafts for our teachers. The school auditorium would be decorated with flowers, balloons and rangolis. After inauguration ceremony, a cultural event comprising drama, songs and dances were planned for the day. There was a special prayer ceremony organized for the good health of our teachers. The smiles on the faces of our beloved teachers would be our best payback. Sometimes, on our request the teachers would join us for a special song or dance and that would be the golden moment of the day. I will forever cherish those days and September 5 will always hold a very special place in my heart.

**Taniya Bandyapadhyay, teacher,
Agrasain Boys' School**

I am fortunate enough to experience both the feelings of being a student earlier and now being a teacher for this very special day. When I was a student there used to be a cultural programme for the teachers to make them feel special which included their felicitation and various interactive games too. I used to present my teacher with the best rose flower from my terrace garden followed by a small mimicry of my teachers. A song by all the students was always a cherry on the top. The programme concluded by a small video made by the students, vote of thanks by the school captain and National Anthem.

Karishma Jaiswal, teacher, Agrasain Boys' School

I grew up with the teacher's ideology for being born into a teacher's family. So Teacher's Day is more important to me than other day. But I have celebrated the day in a slightly unpretentious way instead of celebrating with joy. Because I think the contribution of a teacher can't be specialized in celebrating a particular day. In my school life September 5 was celebrated into two phases — the first was at school by managing formal activities, paying homage to the respected teachers and other part was paying humble respect, sincere devotion and dedication to our most beloved home tutor, by arranging a gift with the little money saved throughout the year. He would realize how much love and devotion was in it as he would be overwhelmed with the gift. This is my memory of this special day. To the student, teacher means the real master, but to me, the teacher means the friend, philosopher and guide. So in every step of my life, my teachers' affection, discipline and punishment are all blessings to me.

Arindam Mondal, teacher, Agrasain Boys' School

Teacher's Day, perhaps this is the day, I have recognised my teaching talent.

My school, DAV Public Senior Secondary School, Bina (UP) has an unique style of celebrating Teacher's Day in which we students used to get ourselves enrolled into the role of a teacher. This is monitored by the head boy and girl and the student council members. We went to every class and interacted with our beloved juniors. At the end of the day 'The Best Teacher' was awarded by the principal sir at the Teacher's Day programme. This whole process was juried by a panel of teachers. I won two consecutive 'Best Teacher's Award' and I am still teaching with same passion and joy.

Arko Chatterjee, teacher, Agrasain Boys' School



MY TEACHER, MY GURU, MY GUIDE

The rule of three Es which I have imbibed from my inspiring teachers and won't hang up on me till the very end would be — Essence of Education, Empathy and Energy Radiation. Knowledge is only gained when a pupil understands the true essence of subjects, consistency and discipline in his life, which according to me, are the two fundamental pillars of education. Empathy towards everyone is another major bonus point which every individual should possess, without any shackles of bias in it. Finally, devoting your energy in the right directions to absorb the maximum of knowledge is essential.

**Harsh Kumar Agarwal, Class X,
National English School**

A great teacher is the one, who teaches not only the prescribed syllabus, but values of life as well and I am proud to be the student of many such teachers. Among all the great teachings, the one which I would cherish throughout my life is that of my class teacher, Shelley Sanyal, who has always taught me to be true to myself and walk in the path of honesty even if the situation is not easy;

**Rupam Shukla, Class XII,
Sunrise English Medium School**

For me, teachers are my second parents who have taught me to stay strong in the face of adversity, to accept failures as a lesson, to ac-



cept that our imperfections are what make us perfect. In every scolding, in every punishment is their hidden concern for us. They have taught me to accept others, not for their backgrounds, but for their true selves. And for that, I will be eternally grateful. Let us celebrate our heroes!

Maneeza Khan, Class X, The Heritage School

In this 'rat race' of education, where we students are trained to run faster, score few decimal digits and be a better 'rat'. I was extremely fortunate to have Sir Shameek Bhattacharyya as my 'guru', who trained us to 'Change oneself from a rat to lion'. Computer Application, was only the subject which he taught us, which was my favourite subject, for obvious reasons.

But something to be more cherished was his unique way to explaining values which had formerly shielded our eyes from perceiving the world in its right glow. Improving oneself in terms of thinking pattern, logic, personality and other spheres was taught to us by him. His invaluable teachings would accompany me even in my epitaph!

**Bibhuti Jha, Class X,
Sunrise English Medium School, Belur**



The virtue of perseverance can be best brought out in teachers. The immense amount of patience required to deal with ever-inquisitive young minds and infusing them with new hope when they fail in their ventures, is what that has left me awe-inspired. Subconsciously, perseverance has been embroidered in my soul by these torchbearers. They burn, only to light up our path.

**Esha Ganguly, Class XII,
St Augustine's Day School, Shyamnagar**

If a country is to become corruption free and a nation of brilliant minds, I strongly feel there are three key social members who can make a difference — they are the father, the mother and the teacher. The teacher who has been a continuous inspiration for me is the vice-principal ma'am of our school. Though she is a powerhouse of good qualities but that one quality of hers I want to nurture throughout my life is her capability of building good relations with all her colleagues, juniors and seniors alike. I personally think this is essential for success in any sphere of life.

**Jyotirmoy Chatterjee, Class XII,
Central Modern School**

One must know that without the blessings of a teacher, a student is nothing. The values and moral lessons of life that they teach us regardless of the subject they are teaching is a sort of boon to our very self. One such teacher is my



Chemistry sir, Ankush Bose, who is a godlike figure to me. He has transformed and shaped me from a small kid to a teenager with all the principles of right and wrong and has constructed my conscience in the correct path. But one teaching which stands out as the most important one for me and which I will carry throughout my life is that — as a part of a competitive world where the concept of survival of the fittest persists strongly, we need to struggle all through our lives in order to be successful.

Ms Safiruddin, Class XII, St. Sebastian's School

One of the most important value of life my teacher taught me is hard work. A very commonly used term "Hard Work Pays Off" which means those who work the hardest typically achieve the most. Teachers understand that some students are more naturally gifted than others, but even the most gifted students will not achieve much if they are lazy. It is nearly impossible to be successful at anything if you are not willing to work hard. I've been always grateful to my teachers who taught me this value.

**Soumilee Bhattacharyya, Class XII,
Apeejay School Park Street**

The one value that I've learnt from my teachers is that we should never be afraid of failures. I still remember that many a times whenever I failed to get my expected marks in any exam



it has always been my teacher who has motivated me like a Mother and instilled that spirit in me to focus and do better. No matter how poor I score or how good my marks be my teachers have been always my best critic.

**Sripiya Chowdhury, Class XI,
Bidya Bharati Girls' High School**

For a long time now, value education has remained an inseparable component of the Indian learning system. As I recollect the values instilled by my teachers all these years, the one value that resonated within me was that of sincerity. It means freedom from hypocrisy or deceit and an expression of being real. My first acquaintance with this was through my foremost 'guru', my mother. Gradually a lot of my teachers taught me the same. Even if it doesn't open doors immediately, it's essence never fades.

**Amrita Choudhuri,
Ex student, Mahadevi Birla World Academy**

Acceptance, is an invaluable mantra, that I learn from the educational rockstars, my teachers, and it is something that I would inculcate in my life. I see my teachers embracing every individual child without any question or demand, every thought without hostility yet without losing their own perspective, every idea as a novel one and moreover every soul as full of divine potential. In this world, where forces of homogeneity encroach on the beauty of diversity, due to the dwindling spirit of acceptance, I dream to be like my teachers, where everyone and everything, is valued and recognised.

**Aadrit Banerjee, Class XII,
Apeejay School, Park Street**

