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Aristotle famously remarked, "Educating the mind without educating the heart is no education at all." As we celebrate Teacher's Day, this principle remains the bedrock of our educational system. True education goes beyond academic instruction; it brings enlightenment by nurturing both intellect and character.

Today, on behalf of the nation, I extend my deepest gratitude to all our heads of schools, teaching and non teaching staff. You are those unsung heroes and heroines who ensure that our children receive proper education and they are adequately prepared to face the vicissitudes of life.

Good educators leave ever lasting impact on the students entrusted to them. You do far more than deliver curricula – you teach our youth that empathy, integrity, and supporting a struggling peer are traits far greater than any degree.

We must acknowledge the formidable challenges that educators confront daily. Teaching has never been simple, but today's educators face unprecedented pressures.

Teaching and learning have significantly changed with the advent of emerging digital tools and AI and that is why educators have to continuously redesign their lessons and bridge the digital divide for your students.

Educators are increasingly called upon to serve not just as teachers, but as counselors and mentors – managing diverse learning needs, behavioural dynamics, and growing mental health concerns among youth. You are increasingly confronting indiscipline, substance abuse, bullying and lack of respect while exercising your duties. You face myriad pressures inside and outside the classrooms and some of you suffer from burnout.

Despite these hurdles, you return to your classrooms every day with unwavering devotion. We recognize that to expect you to educate the heart of the nation, we must support yours.

In honouring our educators, we also recognize our parents and grand parents - our children's primary educators - who lay the foundation of social and moral values upon which our schools build.

I commend every educator for your resilience and sacrifice as you are passionately engaged in constructing a system of Education which fulfils the needs of our society and the world.

The Ministry of Education and Human Resource is committed to ensuring that you have the resources, respect and support you deserve.

I wish you all the best in your endeavours. Happy Teacher's Day



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