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Ladies & Gentlemen

Teachers & Students

I am to happy to be here at the inauguration ceremony of the Tamil Nadu Student's Research Organisation being organised at the KSR College of Arts and Science, Tiruchengode.

The objective of TSRO I am informed is to identify the unique talent of every student through competitions and eligibility tests.

It will collaborate with industrial organisations and social organizations to fulfil student's research requirements. Even at present, it is promoting many achievements and innovations spanning various branches of science and

engineering. It gives me satisfaction to know about this special focus being given to education.

Education is a tapasya, a penance. Learning can be achieved only if there is total devotion to the subject of study. A classic example of this is Dr.S.Radhakrishnan, who rose to become a Philosopher, Vice-Chancellor, Ambassador, Vice President and President of India. He started his career as a school teacher. The turning point of his life was the inspiration he received from Swami Vivekanandha's works.

Dr.Radhakrishnan used to say "One can shape National Solidarity by using neither bricks and Lime nor Hammer and Chisel. It should bloom in the heart of every human. To bloom that fragrance flower we need to water in the form of Education".

Many of us may know of Swami Vivekananda's definition of education as the manifestation of the perfection **already in man**.

Good education is linked to good teachers as this anecdote about the 11th President of India Dr. Abdul Kalam will tell you.

Dr. Kalam used to recall with gratitude the contribution of his school teacher Sivasubramania Iyer who kindled his passion for flying and aeronautics. The teacher first taught the students about 'How birds fly' by sketches and explanations in the classroom. The students told the teacher that they did not understand the concept. The teacher then took the students to the Rameswaram seashore where dozens of seabirds were flying and said, 'See how the birds flap their wings and change direction using their wings and tail. The locomotive force of the bird's flight is its life energy'. The teacher thus taught his students that the fundamentals of aircraft design are based on the flight of birds.

It was the understanding of science and satisfaction of the intellectual curiosity that the teacher successfully imparted, that enabled the blossoming of the genius that was latent in the young Abdul Kalam.

The talent and energy in youth is like a river gushing forth with force and fury. If left unchannelised the waters get spread out over large areas with no

useful result. Channelising the energies and purposefully using their talent is like constructing a set of canals which lead water for irrigating the locations where the cultivated areas lie.

In this context let me quote to you from our ancient texts to explain to you how the challenge of education was met those days.

Saha Naa Vavatu (May the Supreme Lord protect us – the teacher and the student)

Saha Nau Bhunakthu (May the Supreme Lord nourish both of us)

Saha Veeryam Karavaavahai (May we do great deeds together) Tejaswi Naavadheetham Asthu (May our learning illumine us)...

Maa Vidvishavahai...Let us not quarrel but instead grow together in the process of learning.

These are some lessons which teachers need to follow so as to be successful in their efforts to bring out the talent in the young students.

The nation requires lakhs of young men and women who can contribute in various fields – be it technology, be it medicine, be it armed forces, be it the teaching profession and so on. India is fast emerging as one of the leaders of the international community. It has all the resources to become the Jagath Guru of the world. For that to happen, it is necessary that the country is strong, economically prosperous, culturally vibrant and socially united. It is the ideals inculcated in schools and colleges that remain with a person all his life and enable him to chart out his path in a manner that is useful to his family, his society and his nation.

The quality of gratitude and thankfulness that we demonstrate is indicative of the greatness of the civilization to which we belong. This is what the famous poet Thiruvalluvar has said in a famous Kural. Translated into English, it means that there is no redemption for a person who is not grateful for the good things that have been done unto him by the society.

Let us all be grateful for the blessings of nature for the support given by our parents, friends and for the benefit of education and the recognition that society has given us.

Dr. Kalam who has inspired many in the audience today identified five areas where India has a core competence for integrated action: (1) agriculture and food processing; (2) education and healthcare; (3) information and communication technology; (4) infrastructure, reliable and quality electric power, surface transport and infrastructure for all parts of the country; and (5) self-reliance in critical technologies. These five areas are closely inter-related and if advanced in a coordinated way, will lead to food, economic and national security.

The spiritual side of Dr. Kalam comes through clearly in the description which he mentions as a "transformative moment" in his life when he asked [Pramukh Swami](#), the guru of the [BAPS Swaminarayan Sampradaya](#), how India might realise this five-pronged vision of development. Pramukh Swami's answer was to add a sixth area – namely, developing faith in God and spirituality to overcome the climate of crime and corruption. This became the spiritual vision for the next 15 years of Kalam's life, which he describes in his final book, [Transcendence: My Spiritual Experiences with Pramukh Swamiji](#).

Let me conclude by emphasizing the importance of character building for this forms the corner stone of success of any educational institution. An institution is known by the students that it produces and the students are known by the values that they display and the values are borne out of the character building that is undertaken by the teachers and the teachers are guided by the policy set out by the college management. From this it should be quite clear to the college management that the sequence of activities is in their hands and I am sure that they will provide the right guidance and leadership.

The Students Research Organisation has been started with a lot of promise and hope. I extend my best wishes to the teachers and students on this happy occasion and wish them all success in their endeavours.

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