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Thanks to the concerned publisher and the resourceful editor of this valuable monthly, I have been able to share a few thoughts with you month after month.



From time to time, some of you have written to me appreciatively. To all those that wrote and those who felt like writing, my special thanks.

Since this is likely to be the last opportunity to communicate with you through these columns, I wish to share with you some of my convictions.



1. Being a teacher is an unique opportunity - an opportunity to help young people, the future citizens of India, to grow to their heights, by developing a love for learning and by acquiring the many tools of learning.



2. Being a teacher today is a big challenge - the environment is becoming more and more unfavourable.



3. The teacher has traditionally been compared to a ladder, a boat and eedlimboo (?) effectively and smoothly helping others to move but himself or herself remaining stationery, wherever they ever were. This is an universal phenomenon.



4. The consolation, however, is a sacrifice well made - a teacher means so much to so many, for so long.

learning in general and subjects in particular depends virtually on the students' attitude to their teachers which in turn depends on the attitude of the teachers to their role.



6. Teachers in a school can get together and make a qualitative difference for each other, for the students and for the parents.

7. They can help each other, support and supplement each other, and they can become a force to reckon with.



8. Don't complain about darkness, light a candle observed a great lady and teachers can light a thousand candles.



9. Pray together to stay together is a guideline for families. This can be a guideline for communities, the teacher communities, the student communities.

I hope and pray that the teacher community will not be taken for granted and they be given their due in tangible and intangible terms.

My prayers and best wishes for all of you.

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Should you think I can be of help to you or your school or your students, in any way, you are welcome to write to me.

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I am at the **vanaprastha** stage!



It should be recognised that the proper status of teachers and due public regard for the profession of teaching are of major importance."

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"Modern cynics and skeptics see no harm in paying those to whom they entrust the minds of their children a smaller wage than is paid to those to whom they entrust the care of their plumbing."

John F. Kennedy