

## **SPEECH AT A SCHOOL**

Respected correspondent of the school, the principal of school, distinguished guest, parents and my dear children.

I feel very happy to see you all in this august gathering on this 56<sup>th</sup> annual day of this school. I thank the management of the school who were kind enough to invite me as chief guest to this function.

By seeing all kids who are sitting in front of me, First and foremost what comes to my mind is your age. You are at a greater advantage compared to your elders. You have a golden opportunity to lay the foundation for your future success now. By that I mean doing very well in school and school sponsored extra curricular activities. You must dream of something big you want to become. It is that dream that will be the driving force behind your success.

School is a center for learning and remember education reforms not only the personality of a child but also the social and economical environment is changed by a proper institutional education.

This school is well known institute for its quality education and the spiritual, academic and cultural atmosphere within the campus. My congratulations to the teachers of the school for their commitment to the new generation.

Our teachers are a great source of inspiration for us. In addition to sharing their knowledge with you, you grow up learning discipline from them. One of the things I learned over the years is that, discipline is fundamental to the success of a person. By discipline I mean your determination to be in school in time, doing your home work, achieving good grade etc. Because at this stage in your life, these are some of the most important things you need to do.

I request the teachers that you have to transform education, into an institution that turns out young adults equipped with skills to be productive and contribute to our economy. We have to ensure that the education gives them all a sense of worth and pride in them. This must apply not only to the present generation of children but to our children's children.

Education is the manifestation of the perfection, already in a man. The whole knowledge is within the soul of an individual. The only thing which we have to do is to dig the inner soul with the weapon of knowledge, which shall unveil the inert knowledge we are unaware of, and refine this unveiled knowledge to perfection. For example Newton who was sitting under an apple tree found an apple falling down. Had not he applied his knowledge and his intuition to find the cause behind the fall of the apple, we would not have known the law of gravitation. Hence, nature has all the science embedded within it, but we by applying our skills, have to explore and apply it as a science.

All the knowledge the world ever received comes from the mind, the infinite library of the universe.

And here the role of teachers is very important to shape a child's intellectual inner to perfection by extracting the qualities which he has to his best.

**“Education is a right not a privilege”**

Hence qualitative education will give everyone an equal chance to develop their abilities.

I advice the children to learn at this age the value of time. Always remember that time once lost is lost forever. Hence you children have to devote the maximum time in studies. At the same time you should also participate in the co curricular activities for the over all development.

The only way to achieve knowledge is by concentration. The very essence of education is concentration of mind. The more the power of concentration, the greater is the knowledge acquired. All successes in any line of work is mainly due to concentration. The power of concentration is the only key to the treasure house of knowledge.

I request the parents, mainly the mothers to concentrate more on the education of their children, because an educated mother can change the environment of a family from better to best.

This I am insisting because in most of the families both the parents are working and sometimes they hardly find time to guide their children.

It is quite interesting to note that the motto of this school aims at the integral formation of the young. Of course, that is the need of the time.

Education can be transformed into a tool for development. Education is our key to a better life for all.

Here is how education will help us:

- Education leads to build our character and personality.
- Education brings us freedom, the freedom to grow and to use all our resources to their full potential.
- Education is the foundation upon which we will build our country. By opening the doors of learning to all, we will ensure a better life for all.
- Education brings us jobs because it gives us the skills and training to choose the work we wish to do.

Lastly I wish to quote the famous saying, VIDHYA DHAN HI SACCHA DHAN HAI VISHWA DIYA HAI MAAN. A person with immense knowledge is the most respected and the richest person in the world.

Finally wishing all of you gathered here, a positive outlook towards life and especially the children urging them to make your parents proud of you.

Thank you.