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**AT
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY, TEZPUR,
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I am very happy to be present in this Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan **Regional Incentive Award Ceremony** of Upper Assam, Nagaland and Arunachal Pradesh. I was invited twice in the past, including your Golden Jubilee, to be with you, but could not make it. So, third time lucky, I am here today and would like to thank the Sangathan for giving me the opportunity.

At the very outset I extend my heartfelt felicitation to the award winners. I am confident that the award will further motivate you and also your colleagues to rededicate towards Nation Building by harnessing the youth dividend.

Award ceremonies that recognise and celebrate the achievements, especially within the education sector are extremely important. It is important that the success and achievements of individuals, schools and organisations don't go unnoticed. I know, there are a lot of hardworking individuals and schools within the education sector that go way above and beyond their call of duty to provide educational excellence to their pupils and local communities.

This felicitation also allows for individuals, schools and organisations to see what their peers are doing to succeed. Ideas can then be shared, and replicated by others for common good. **I wish that this excellent tradition of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan continues.**

The Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan has been playing a paramount role in imparting education in different parts of the country particularly in remote areas. At the same time, the organisation has ensured total personality development, academic excellence and promoted national integration among the children. It has also met the educational requirements of the Central Government employees, who serve in various parts of the country and are transferred frequently.

Taking this opportunity, I would like to share some of my personal views with you. As you all know, **education is a shared commitment among the dedicated teachers, motivated students and enthusiastic parents with high expectations.** Everyone is the stakeholder. When we stand united and put in concerted effort, it can be a force for the nation's character building.

Starting with the teachers and staff of KVs. Let me remind you of a quotation of former President of India A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, who said, I quote **'Educationists should build the capacities of the spirit of inquiry, creativity, entrepreneurial and moral leadership among students and become their role model.** Unquote.

Remember that teaching is a 'Jeevan Dharm'—way of life. It is not a profession or job. To be a role model, practice what you preach, only then can you abide by your 'Dharm' i.e. Duty and earn the respect of students that you richly deserve.

The purpose of your teaching is to coach the mind's of the young students thought process. The exercises must make them to think, and over time it must train their mind to think more efficiently. Its only purpose must be to build their problem solving and challenge facing capabilities and not make them a 'Data card'.

Students must have initiative; they should not be mere imitators. They must learn to think and act for themselves - and be free. **Basically, they must be encouraged to be inquisitive.**

As an important step, I would like to urge upon the learned teachers to motivate our children to contribute to nation-building. As advised by our Prime Minister, we need to instil a sense of cleanliness, along with love and respect for nature and its resources in the young minds. These efforts will be your greatest gifts to the future generation.

Another very important advice of our Prime Minister is that **teachers should be two steps ahead of time – anticipate change and prepare the new generation for it.** You are the ones who can build a quantum of brilliant young minds that will have the highest degree of knowledge and intellectual ability.

I would also like to share few words with my young friends, whom I always consider the future of the country.

One of the first things you must remember is self-discipline. Your action, thoughts and words must reflect the highest sense of integrity, honesty and commitment.

My beloved students, **enjoy your childhood. Don't let the child in you die.** These are formative years of your life, not to be wasted. For you even sky is not the limit. There are many amongst us, including these on the dais, who were neither born with a silver spoon in our mouth nor had great intellect. So, have confidence in your abilities. Don't spend time and energy in worrying; just get started. **Also, strive to excel in whatever you do. Remember, in today's competitive world, there is no room for mediocrity.**

Keep in your heart that there is no success and no failure, there's only honest effort. Never Give Up. Work hard. Then work harder. **Remember success isn't how far you got, but the distance you travelled from where you started.** Learn from your mistakes and do not hesitate to make them.

Learning doesn't only happen in the class room, it continues even when you get home and look at the wall.

Be happy. Enjoy yourself. It's your life.

Ladies and gentlemen, on behalf of people of Arunachal Pradesh and on my own behalf, **I extend my heartiest greetings to each one of you and the Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan for the yeoman service in the field of education.** Once again, I congratulate all the awardees and wish them all the success in future too.

As I conclude, I would like to quote Swami Vivekanand, I quote, **'Whatever we wish ourselves to be, we have the power to make ourselves. If what we are now has been the result of our own past actions, it certainly follows that whatever we wish to be in future can be produced by our present actions.'**Unquote.

Thank you and happy new year,

Jai Hind.

