wOrLD TEACHERS' DAY

"Teaching is the highest form of understanding."

- Aristotle -

Why do we mark this day?

World Teachers' Day is an annual commemoration of the adoption of the 1966 ILO/UNESCO Recommendation regarding the teachers' status. The recommendation sets the standards of rights and responsibilities of teachers. Further, to address the teaching and research personnel and supplement the 1966 Recommendation, the Status of Higher-Education Teaching Personnel was adopted in 1997. The day was first observed in 1994.

With the adoption of the Sustainable Development Goal 4 on quality education and the dedicated target recognizing teachers as key to the achievement of the Education 2030 agenda, World Teachers' Day has become the occasion to acknowledge the progress and find measures to tackle the challenges in promoting the teaching profession. Many countries have their own national teacher's day but internationally it is celebrated on 5th October yearly.

Questions for Discussion

✔ Can you think of a teacher whom you remember for long? If so, why?

✔ What makes a good teacher?

Meet Today's Global Citizen

Ranjitsinh Disale

An Indian teacher, Ranjitsinh Disale believes teachers are change-makers and lives by this belief. He taught at a rural school where teenage marriage was common and education for girls was not valued much. As the curriculum was not in students' own language, many were unable to follow the study. Disale redesigned all textbooks for the girls and invented innovative methods, including QR codes for students. He campaigned to eliminate adolescent marriages and encourage girls' education, and as a result, the school was awarded the Best School for the district and 98 percent of the students have achieved the expected learning outcomes. He won the Global Teacher Prize in 2020.