

Celebrate culture, diversity of various parts of country in schools: PM to teachers

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ON THE eve of Teachers' Day, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday interacted with the National Teachers' Award winners and urged them to celebrate the culture and diversity of different parts of the country in their schools.

In his interaction with the 75 award winners at his official residence, the PM appreciated the efforts of teachers in nurturing the young minds of the country.

He highlighted the importance of good teachers and the role they can play in shaping the destiny of the country, a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) said.

The PM talked about taking pride in local heritage and history, and urged the teachers to inspire students to learn about their region's history and culture, the statement said. Highlighting the strength of diversity in the country, he requested the teachers to celebrate the culture and diversity of different parts of the country in their schools, it said.

Discussing the recent success of Chandrayaan-3, Modi underscored the importance of encouraging curiosity in students about science and technology as the 21st century is technology-driven. He also talked about the importance of skilling the youth and making



PM Narendra Modi interacts with teachers honoured with the national awards, in New Delhi, Monday. PTI

them future ready.

Talking about Mission LiFE, a global plan of action aimed at saving the planet from the disastrous consequences of climate change, the PM discussed the importance of recycling as opposed to the use and throw culture.

Several teachers also briefed Modi about the cleanliness programmes being held in their schools.

Further, Modi advised the teachers to constantly learn and upgrade their skills throughout their career. Asked what is the

new and changing role of teachers, he urged the teachers to never allow the student within them to die. "If the student within you is alive, you will never get caught up in problems or feel dejected," he said, according to a video clip tweeted by the PMO.

The PM urged the teachers to encourage children and never discourage their curiosity. "You don't do it that is why you have gotten this award," he said.

In a tweet, Modi said, "Met our nation's exemplary educators who have been honoured with

the National Teachers' Awards. Their dedication to shaping young minds and their unwavering commitment to excellence in education is very inspiring... In their classrooms, they are scripting a brighter future for India's youth."

The PM was joined by Education Minister Dharmendra Pradhan at the interaction.

A total of 75 teachers from across India have been selected for the award which will be conferred on them by President Droupadi Murmu on September 5, as per Education Ministry officials.