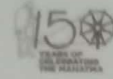


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It gives me great pleasure to write to you.

You, along with the teachers have an important role in nurturing our children with the right values, scientific temperament and social awareness. An informed, aware and sensitive child will go on to contribute towards making of a progressive and inclusive society.

I would like to express my gratitude for your school's enthusiastic participation in 'Saksham', a nationwide campaign to promote mass awareness on fuel conservation, organized by Petroleum Conservation Research Association. It's a matter of immense satisfaction that over 1.4 Cr children from over 33,000 schools across India participated in various competitions organised as a part of this campaign. I had the opportunity to go through some of the entries, which reflected deep critical thinking, creativity and social awareness. It was indeed inspiring. Perhaps, we have much to learn from these children, than the other way around.

India is amongst the fastest growing economies in the world. With the increasing income of people coupled with rising population, the consumption of petroleum products in our country is set to grow in the future. The increased consumption of oil and gas, not only, will put pressure on energy security of the country, but also aggravate conditions for environment and health. We must adopt behaviour that leads to responsible consumption of oil and gas. Through 'Mann Ki Baat', Hon'ble Prime Minister also emphasized the need for fuel conservation by appealing to all citizens of the country not to use petrol and diesel one day in a week.

The momentum which we have all built together, should not stop with the campaign. I request you to keep engaging with the children to make them more aware about energy conservation. I also invite you to share with me innovative methods adopted for this.

Together we can build a New India.

Yours sincerely,

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