## TODAY'S TEACHER IS A CORONA WARRIOR

Dehradun Club celebrates Teachers' Day 2020 – In Gratitude Capt Ajay Swarup, Teacher - Memb # 1442

## "Gurur Brahma Gurur Vishnu Gurur Devo Maheshwara Gurur Sakshat Para Brahma Tasmay Guru Devo Namah"

Teachers play many important roles in a student's life. They are the facilitators, guide and role models of their students.

Since the ancient times, The Guru played a crucial role in the student's life; whether he was the God incarnate like Lord Rama or Lord Krishna or normal human being.

In the present-Day scenario when the students cannot go to their schools and colleges (due to COVID 19), the responsibility of a teacher has increased many folds. They have not only to teach the students online but are to also ensure that the students follow the instructions and understand the concepts well (in other words – long distance teaching).

This reminds me of a very old story of 'Eklavya'. How he mastered the art of archery even without the physical presence of his self-appointed teacher – Guru 'Dronacharya'. Guru Dronacharya refused to give Eklavya education of archery because of two reasons – one, Eklavya was not a kshatriya and two, he never wanted anyone to be better than his favourite disciple, Arjuna. Eklavya made an idol of his beloved Guru Dronacharya and watched the instructions given to Arjuna by him from a distance. This is true learning through perceiving, analyzing and applying the instructions of the Guru.

This is being done by today's teachers and I am also conducting online classes (distance teaching) for my students.