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## The Class of 2008.

It's a class unlike any other.

The children won't come in with handkerchiefs neatly pinned on uniform pockets. But in clothes that probably bear stains of soot or grease.

What you teach here isn't something that'll help a child get to the next class. But to a future free of poverty and deprivation.

Learning won't happen from textbooks. But from pages borrowed from your life and often, from the lives of the students themselves.

You don't get paid here. Yet you will return home each day with riches no remuneration can match.

Come to think of it, you've never seen a classroom this size. The walls after all, are the four corners of your country.

And when a child from this class passes, the nation will graduate. From being the world's largest illiterate population to the world's largest literate workforce.

So whoever you are, whatever you do, here's calling out to the teacher in you. Good Morning Teacher!

And welcome to the class of 2008.

Today we commence the Teach India movement. A movement that will bring together educated individuals who are willing to teach and underprivileged children who have the desire to learn. Sixty of India's most committed NGOs, schools and other social organisations have already stepped up, and now we are counting on your participation. All we ask of you is a pledge of two hours a week. Log on to [www.teach.timesofindia.com](http://www.teach.timesofindia.com) and discover how those two hours will make the difference to a child's life.

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*Let's learn to teach*