

## Inspiring Speech of Gautam Adani To Students

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### Abstract

On January 8, 2023, *The Hindu* newspaper published a very interesting and encouraging report with the heading “**Gautam Adani regrets not completing college education**”. Mr. Adani spoke at the 75th year celebrations of Vidya Mandir Trust Palanpur in Gujarat. The speech was encouraging to all, especially to young students in rural schools. Adani Group is the largest solar power company, “largest airport and sea port operator in India, nation's largest integrated energy player, country's second-largest cement manufacturer and a conglomerate with market capitalisation of over \$225 billion” ([https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/gautam-adani-says-regrets-not-completing-college-education/article66353089.ece?cx\\_testId=11&cx\\_testVariant=cx\\_1&cx\\_artPos=0&cx\\_experienceId=EXKWL3XAQS9E#cxrecs\\_s](https://www.thehindu.com/business/Industry/gautam-adani-says-regrets-not-completing-college-education/article66353089.ece?cx_testId=11&cx_testVariant=cx_1&cx_artPos=0&cx_experienceId=EXKWL3XAQS9E#cxrecs_s)).

I wanted to find out how 12<sup>th</sup> grade students in a Matric-Higher Secondary School (who will qualify to go to college) respond to his inspiring speech.

The Matric-Higher Secondary School (name withheld) is located in a low-income locality of the town. However, students from other middle-income groups also attend this school.

This is a co-educational School. Boys and girls are almost 50/50 attending this school. Among the students, 52% are from Islamic families. Students from Dalit communities and students from Most Backward and Backward communities attend this school.

The above cited article was printed and handed over to the students. They were requested to read it and give in writing their response to the speech of **Gautam Adani**. 29 Students responded. A brief qualitative analysis of the students is offered.

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### Responses

Students of 12th grade were to read this page and write a short note in their own English on what they have learned from the autobiographical speech of Adani.

One girl student responded: “I am going to study in college then when I put hard work, then I reach what I want. And his words inspire me that “I had nothing to prove to anybody. But had an opportunity to prove to my own self that I could rise.

I had nothing to risk by jumping into uncharted waters. I had no expectations to fulfill except those of my own. These beliefs became a part of me”.

One boy student responded: “Adani said INDIA will be land of massive opportunity over the next 30 years and this is the time to dream big.”

We see here two categories of response: one response is specific, and the responder feels personally inspired. The other responder recognizes the achievements of Gautam Adani calls for all to dream big.

One boy observed: “While the tough living conditions of Gujarat Banaskantha shaped his social behavior his father involvement is now known as forward traders gave him the initial learning.”

One girl student wrote: “He did not study about the business and other thing. But he achieve(d) ... He grow up step by step. I want to dream big and achieve it. ... Self-belief and hard work will earn success.”

We see here two responses – tough living conditions and father’s involvement helped Gautam Adani. Social behaviour is also emphasized.

One girl student observed: “Sometimes reading the stories of successful personalities gives us the direction in life we sought. ... unlike other business tycoons, Adani didn't inherit the fortune from his father Instead, he worked hard to change his fate. If you Look at the success story of Gautam Adani, it reveals his strong will, business acumen, and hard work, which he used to build his stair of success.”

One boy student responded: “he feels to go to college and gain many things.”

Very interesting observation that helps low income group/first generation learners, etc. “unlike other business tycoons, Adani didn't inherit the fortune from his father.”

One boy student wrote: “I learn beautiful lesson of Gautam Adani life.” This response related to Gautam Adani’s quick learning how to assort diamonds’ and making solid amount.

One girl student wrote: “I like the part that he said ‘to acquire wisdom, one must experience, but to acquire knowledge, one must study.’ I had taken it to my mind. I learnt that we need to utilize the opportunity. I was inspire(d) to dream big with my education and by hard work.”

### **To Conclude**

This brief descriptive analysis shows various aspects of Gautam Adani’s life and how he how he moved up in a competitive economic world. His hard work is emphasized. There is an emphasis on how he earned his socioeconomic position without any inheritance from his family.