

INTRODUCTION

Malala Yousafzai was born on 12 July, 1997 in the Swat District of Pakistan's northwestern Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province to Ziauddin Yousafzai and Tor Pekai Yousafzai. She was hit by Taliban gunman, with one bullet, which went through her head, neck, and ended in her shoulder. This is the speech given on 12 July 2013, Yousafzai's 16th birthday, she spoke at the UN to call for worldwide access to education. Yousafzai was announced as the co-recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 2014.

Malala Day :

The UN dubbed the event "Malala Day". It was her first public speech since the attack, with an audience of over 500 young education advocates from around the world. She said Malala day is not her day, it is the day of every woman, every boy and every girl who have raised their voice for their rights. There are hundreds of Human rights activists and social workers who are not only speaking for human rights, but are struggling to achieve their goals of education, peace and equality. Thousands of people have been killed by the terrorists and millions have been injured and she is just one of them.

The shooting Incident

On the 9th of October 2012, the Taliban shot her on the left side of her forehead. They shot her friends too. They thought that the bullets would silence Malala. But they failed. And then, out of that silence came, thousands of voices. The terrorists thought that they would change her aims and stop her ambitions but nothing changed in her life except this: Weakness, fear and hopelessness died, Strength, power and courage was born. She thanked every person who has prayed for her fast recovery and a new life.

Her Message

She spoke for the right of education of every child. She wanted education for the sons and the daughters of all the extremists especially the Taliban. The Compassion she has against terrorists, she has learned from Muhammad-the prophet of mercy, Jesus Christ and Lord Buddha. This is the legacy of change that she has inherited from Martin Luther King, Nelson Mandela and Muhammad Ali Jinnah. This is the philosophy of non-violence that she has learnt from Gandhiji, Bacha Khan and Mother Teresa. And this is the forgiveness that she has learnt from her parents.

She says, Islam is a religion of peace, humanity and brotherhood. Islam says that it is not only each child's right to get education, rather it is their duty and responsibility. She says, "we must not forget that millions of people are suffering from poverty, injustice and ignorance. We must not forget that millions of children are out of schools. We must not forget that our sisters and brothers are waiting for a bright peaceful future. So let us wage a global struggle against illiteracy, poverty and terrorism and let us pick up our books and pens. They are our most powerful weapons".

Conclusion

Thus, Malala voices, "One child, one teacher, one pen and one book can change the world. Education is the only solution. Education First".