



Kalam's 9th Death Anniversary

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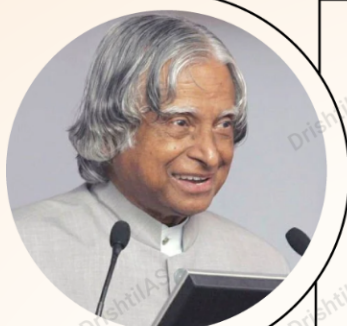
27th July is observed as the **death anniversary** of **former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam**. He is an inspiration for Indians due to his unparalleled dedication as a **scientist, teacher, and the 11th [President of India](#)** (2002-07).

About:

- **Born on 15th October 1931** at **Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu**.
- He **graduated in Science from St Joseph's College, Trichy in 1954** and **specialised in Aeronautical Engineering from Madras Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1957**.
- He is one of the most distinguished scientists in India with the unique honour of receiving **honorary doctorates from 48 Universities and institutions in India and abroad**.
- He planned programmes to produce a number of successful missiles, which helped earn him the nickname **"Missile Man of India"**.

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

(Missile Man of India)



Birth

15th October 1931 Rameswaram
(Tamil Nadu)
Celebrated as **National Innovation Day**
and **World Students' Day**

India's 11th President
(2002-2007)

Death

27th July 2015 Shillong
(Meghalaya)

Major Contribution

- ➔ Pioneer in **Fiberglass Technology**
- ➔ Chief Executive of **Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP)**
- ➔ Led **Pokhran-II** nuclear testing
- ➔ Responsible for the evolution of ISRO's launch vehicle programme, particularly the **PSLV configuration**
- ➔ Put forward a countrywide plan called **Technology Vision 2020**
- ➔ Involved in the country's **Light Combat Aircraft** project.
- ➔ Sought to bring rural prosperity through **PURA (Providing Urban Amenities to Rural Areas)** Scheme

Awards Received

Padma Vibhushan (1990)

King Charles II Medal (2007)

Veer Savarkar Award (1998)

Padma Bhushan (1981)

Bharat Ratna (1997)

Hoover Medal (2008)

Literary Works

- ➔ "Wings of Fire", "India 2020 - A Vision for the New Millennium", "My journey"
- ➔ "Ignited Minds - Unleashing the power within India", "Indomitable Spirit", "Guiding Souls", "Envisioning an Empowered Nation", "Inspiring Thoughts" etc.

"Determination is the power that sees us through all our frustrations and obstacles. It helps in building our willpower which is the very basis of success."

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