

## Keynote Talk

# How Can Scientists Help to Spread the Web to All Sections of the Society?

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

### Bio

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, popularly known as the *People's President*, was the 11th President of India, serving from 2002 to 2007.

As an aeronautical engineer, Dr. Kalam made significant contribution to develop India's first indigenous Satellite Launch Vehicle; he was responsible for building capability in critical technologies through networking with multiple institutions.

Dr Kalam was the Secretary to the Government of India (Department of Defence Research & Development), Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister and Principal Scientific Advisor to the Government of India.

In his literary pursuit, Dr. Kalam has written many books; "Wings of Fire", "India 2020 - A Vision for the New Millennium", "My journey" and "Ignited Minds - Unleashing the power within India" have become household names in India and among the Indian nationals abroad. These books have been translated in many Indian languages.

Dr Kalam was awarded India's highest civilian award of Bharat Ratna in 1997; he has the unique honor of receiving honorary doctorates from 30 universities and institutions. On April 29, 2009, he became the first Asian to be bestowed with the Hoover Medal, America's top engineering prize, for his outstanding contribution to public service.