



PM in Rameswaram

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- **Inaugurates Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam memorial**
- **Flags off Kalam Sandesh Vahini**
- **Launches train from Rameswaram to Ayodhya, and other development projects**
- **Addresses Public Meeting**

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, today inaugurated the Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam memorial at Rameswaram. He unveiled a statue of Dr. Kalam, and offered floral tributes at Kalam Sthal. The Prime Minister also briefly interacted with the family members of Dr. Kalam.

The Prime Minister flagged off the Kalam Sandesh Vahini, an exhibition bus which shall travel across various States of the country and reach Rashtrapati Bhavan in New Delhi on October 15, which marks the birth anniversary of the former President.

At a large public meeting, the Prime Minister distributed sanction letters to select beneficiaries of Long Line Trawlers under the Blue Revolution Scheme.

He flagged off a new Express train from Rameswaram to Ayodhya - named Shraddha Setu - via video conference. He released the synopsis of the Green Rameswaram Project; and unveiled a plaque to mark the dedication to the nation of a 9.5 km Link Road on NH-87, between Mukundarayar Chathiram, and Arichalmunai.

Addressing the gathering, the Prime Minister said Rameswaram has been a beacon of spirituality for the entire nation; and is now also known as the place closely associated with Dr. Kalam. He said Dr. Kalam reflected the simplicity, depth and calmness of Rameswaram.

The memorial for Dr. Kalam showcases his life and times in a remarkable manner, the Prime Minister said.

Paying rich tributes to Dr. J. Jayalithaa, former Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, the Prime Minister said she is a leader we all remember. He added that she would have been very happy and would have extended her good wishes.

The Prime Minister said a transformation in the ports and logistics sectors can contribute immensely to India's growth. He mentioned that there is a healthy competition among States as far as the Swachh Bharat Mission is concerned.

The Prime Minister said Dr. Kalam inspired the youth of India. He said that today's youth wants to scale heights of progress, and become job creators.

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