



Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



Early Life

- Born on 15th October 1931 at Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu
- Father – Jainulabdeen ; Mother – Ashiamma
- He had a secured childhood both materially and emotionally.
- Kalam is a strict disciplinarian, a complete vegetarian and teetotaler
- Dr. Kalam went to Schwartz High School at Ramanathapuram
- After completing his BSc from St. Joseph's college Trichy, he joined the Madras Institute of Technology (MIT), for studying Aeronautical Engineering.
- From MIT, he went to Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) at Bangalore as a trainee.





Kalam on Wings of Fire

- Dr. Kalam joined the Technical Centre (Civil Aviation) of the DTD&P (Air) as Senior Scientific Assistant on a basic salary of Rs. 250/-.
- Later, he joined the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). And thus Kalam started his much talked about career in rocket and missile technology.
- "Missile Man of India" was the Project Director of India's first indigenous Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV-III).
- Kalam played an important role in India's Pokhran-II nuclear test in 1998, the first since the original nuclear test by India in 1974.



Fruits of Hard Work



- Dr. Kalam is one of the most distinguished scientists of India with the unique honour of receiving honorary doctorates from 30 universities and institutions.
- Dr. Kalam has received a host of awards both in India and abroad.
- He was awarded the Padma Bhushan in 1981,
- Padma Vibhushan in 1990 and the
- Bharat Ratna in 1997.



Peoples' President



- **APJ. Abdul Kalam, was the eleventh President of India, serving from 2002 to 2007**
- During his term as The President, he was popularly known as the People's President, and voted "India's Best President".
- In India he is highly respected as a scientist and as an engineer.
- It is very significant that he is the first scientist to occupy the Rashtrapati Bhavan.
- “He is a man, who has taken unto himself, the task of changing the destiny of India. He is a man with a vision.”





Kalam's Vision

- His vision is to make India a developed country by 2020
- He has articulated his thoughts in his three books:
 - India 2020: A Vision for the New Millennium,
 - Wings of Fire: An Autobiography of A. P. J. Abdul Kalam
 - Ignited Minds: Unleashing the Power Within India.
- He is a professor at Anna University (Chennai) and adjunct/visiting faculty at many other academic and research institutions across India.





He is a favourite with children all over the country.

He believes that YOU Children are the future of this country !

