



## Kalam's 9th Death Anniversary

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**27<sup>th</sup> 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 11<sup>th</sup> President of India** (2002-07).

### **About:**

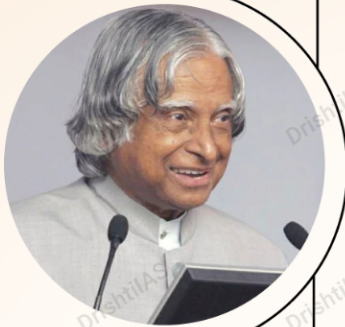
- **Born on 15th October 1931** at **Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu**.
- He **graduated in Science from St Joseph's College, Trichy in 1954** and **specialised in Aeronautical Engineering from Madras Institute of Technology (MIT) in 1957**.
- He is one of the most distinguished scientists in India with the 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"**.

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# Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

## (Missile Man of India)



### Birth

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

**India's 11<sup>th</sup> President**  
(2002-2007)

### Death

27<sup>th</sup> 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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