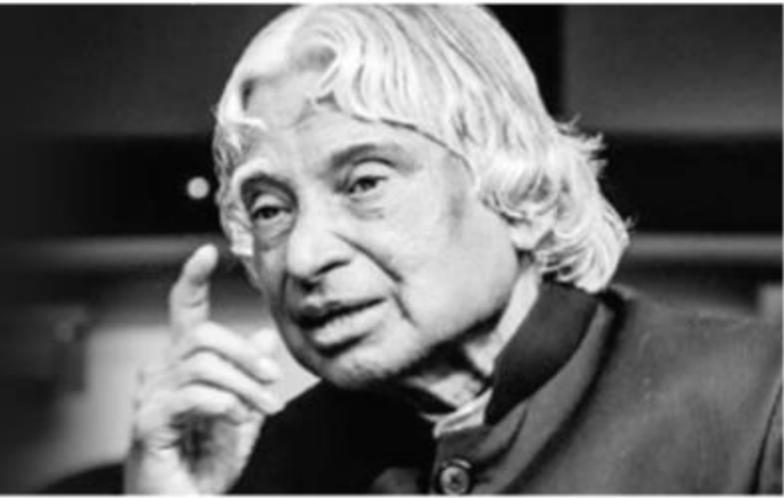


# Remembering Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



## **How I Am Inspired by Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam**

LADS organised a programme on August 6, 2015 to pay homage to Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam. The inspiring quotes of Dr. Kalam were collected and displayed here.

The students presented their views on the subject “How I am inspired by Dr. Kalam?”

*“When we were kids we used to learn current affairs for preparing for GK exam. That time I tried to learn a question, “Who is the president of India?” But the answer was quite difficult for me then. It was a big name, ‘Dr Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam Azad’. That time this name was enough to inspire me as I considered it to be royal, important and wonderful. I got inspired by the huge name that I will do something big in my life so that my name got printed on books and thus will enlighten the name of my family. Thus for me his name itself is very inspiring. And now when I know why he was so important, I just want to say Jai Hind and salute to the incredible person.”*

-- KASHISH JAIN

*“With mind full of memories of the fun we had in the vacation, we hang our bags on our shoulder. Taking a deep breath we read “Dr. B.R. Ambedkar National Institute of Technology”. A million thoughts congregate in our mind like, life could have been better, I could have got admission in a better college, I should have marked the two answers correctly in the engineering entrance exam.*

*Entering the college gate we read, “Smile you are at NITJ”. Resting our bags on our shoulders, we think we deserved much better than this.*

*At this point of time we should commemorate the magnanimous lines by Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, “All birds find shelter during a rain. But eagle avoids rain by flying above the clouds.*

*Problems are common, but attitude makes the difference!”*

*This thought can make a difference in anyone’s life and I totally relate to it. We should be proud of the college in which we are, the college in which most of the students fail to get admission. It’s not the college; it’s our attitude which can transform our life from mediocre to illustrious.*

*During the 11 and 12 standard, every time I got my test checked, a thought came to my mind, had I taken the correct decision by opting for non-medical stream? Tired of the hardships, I used to get depressed and thought about the consequences of not getting admission in a good college.*

*Then one day I read about the story of a ten year old boy. A boy who used to get up at four in the morning to take mathematics tuitions. Coming back home at 5.30 he went to an Arabic school to take lessons of Quran Sharif and walked 3 kilometres barefoot to collect newspapers for distribution. Reaching home, he had breakfast served to him by his mother. Then he studied at school and in the evening used to collect newspaper fare. That person did hard work till his last breath, the person whom we know by the name of “Dr. Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Kalam”.*

*I got numb for a few seconds, coming back to my senses I thought what my difficulties are as compared to his, but still he didn’t complain a single time while I use to do the same most of my time. From that day I never forgot what he used to say,*

*“Man needs difficulties in his life because they are necessary to enjoy success.”*

*And that made a difference in my life, failure never scared me since then, because according him failure stands for First Attempt in Learning.*

*And the thing that inspired me the most was that in spite of his hectic schedule he spared time for his hobbies like playing Veena and writing books, books that transformed million lives.*

*And today we have gathered to pay tribute to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam but we must not mourn over his death. He was not a mortal human, he was a great idea, an inspiration and inspiration never dies.”*

**-SANCHIT NARULA**

*Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, the 11th President of India, a great scientist and a great human being; popularly known as the Missile Man of India passed away on 27 July 2015 while giving speech in IIM Shilong. Dr. Kalam was a tremendous personality having all the noble qualities a one can possibly imagine.*

*I got the chance to meet Dr. Kalam in IGNITE 13 in IIM-Ahmedabad on 19 Feb 2014. He visited the exhibition in the morning to see the various innovative projects developed by students. Even at the age 82, Dr. Kalam was a very active man. Even having so much experience he had no lack of curiosity; we explained*



*everything about our project including prototype and result samples of the Low Cost Braille Printer developed by me and my partner Khushwant.*

*Later in the Award Function, Dr. Kalam distributed prestigious IGNITE Awards among the students and there while getting award, the President moved his hand forward for a handshake, this was totally incredible and delightful. He appreciated our efforts and congratulated us for the award.*

*Even though Dr. Kalam is not among us, but we must not restrict him to his physical presence only, this person the PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT is still living in the heart of people, as said by Prof. Anil Gupta (popularly known as the Innovator of Innovators) that Indian People has accepted Dr. Kalam as the PRESIDENT FOREVER.*

*There are hopes from the present generation and the generations to come that they will work for the betterment of society and technology for the glorification of India. We must have pressure on our minds to innovate and push forward progress. Dr. Kalam had a dream which needs to come true by our efforts.*

- Santok Singh

*"Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam inspired me in a lot of ways but one thing which inspired me most was his reaction and adaptation to Failure. He never stopped working and dreaming just because of failure instead he worked harder. He made me believe that HARD WORK FOREVER PAYS."*

- ISHA GOYAL

*“Men may come men may go  
But few leave their foot prints on the go  
Over generations to learn and follow  
Like that APJ Abdul Kalam, superman of India  
Left his indelible and loving mark and his idea  
Materialistically he lived like a saint  
Even position never changed his thought  
He motivated kids, youth, poor and rich alike  
He is in everyone's heart very much to like  
With unfathomable intelligence in science and technology  
Even he is not left behind understanding the human psychology  
He is a scientist, technocrat, writer and good teacher  
He will be in our heart forever..”*

– LOVELEEN KAUR & RICHA SETHI

*“I am inspired by Abdul Kalam's three true stories which are Abdul, The Gentle, dreamy boy; Abdul, the staunch friend and, Abdul, the boy who wants to contribute to the family income.”*

– VANSI SIKKA

*“Three things about kalam sir which fascinate me towards him are*

- 1) He was a great dreamer .I also love to dream .His words dream transform into thought and thoughts create action inspire me a lot.*
- 2) He was a true patriot .He worked hard to make India a developed nation and serve till his breath.  
He said three people can bring a real change in society student, mother, teacher and he was among them.*
- 3) He was such a kind hearted man and had beautiful soul. He was polite but firm. Instead of being at the top of the ladder. He never forget his first step towards the ladder. He was a gem.”*



– RANISHA ATTRI

*“APJ Abdul Kalam, a man who bring dignity to whatever he did.  
He was not only scientist, writer or president ;all above it he was a man of inspirational thoughts and motivational figures.  
He defines what a man's life is for.  
Selfless devotion in the best possible way by being down to earth.”*

– TANVIR KAUR

*“For me Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam was not only the MISSILE man of our country but he was also the MISAL MAN . He worked for ISRO, DRDO, PURA (Providing Urban Amenities in Rural Areas) and also he was chief scientist advisor to PM of India.  
He inspired me to work for society and rural areas. I want to follow his footsteps.”*

– BALKISHAN CHAWLA

*Aim for the moon, if not the Mars;  
Aim for the stars but avoid wars;  
Aim for frontiers, without a fence;  
Aim for world-peace, co-existence.  
Aim for children who have a dream;  
Aim for good youth, with smiles to beam;  
Aim for a stronger India;  
Aim for a world that's terror-free.  
Aim for dialogues, not sanctions;  
Aim for amity of nations;  
Aim for a better world for man;  
Aim for achievements in life-span!  
Abdul Kalam, he had a dream;  
And laboured hard within a team;  
He gave the country missiles great;  
And made Bharat, a nuclear state!  
He served his tenure usefully;  
He left his office peacefully;  
He lives a life most hopefully;  
'Just love your brethren sincerely! '  
Fondly and most respectfully dedicated to  
Shri APJ Abdul Kalam,  
Our beloved Ex-President of INDIA*



-Veerangana and Jasmine

*“Dr. Kalam inspires me to be a true Indian. He is the man who studied in India, researched in India, worked and served for India.”*

-ANUSHA

## **Some of the inspiring quotes of Dr. A P J Abdul Kalam**

- ❖ *While children are struggling to be unique, the world around them is trying all means to make them look like everybody else.*
- ❖ *One of the very important characteristics of a student is to question. Let the students ask questions.*
- ❖ *You have to dream before your dreams can come true*
- ❖ *A teacher should have a creative mind.*
- ❖ *India should walk on her own shadow - we must have our own development model.*
- ❖ *Man needs his difficulties because they are necessary to enjoy success.*
- ❖ *Let us sacrifice our today so that our children can have a better tomorrow.*
- ❖ *You see, God helps only people who work hard. That principle is very clear.*
- ❖ *No religion has mandated killing others as a requirement for its sustenance or promotion. We should not distort it. Science does not differentiate between multiple races.*
- ❖ *Science is global. Einstein's equation,  $E=mc^2$ , has to reach everywhere. Science is a beautiful gift.*
- ❖ *If a country is to be corruption free and become a nation of beautiful minds, I strongly feel there are three key societal members who can make a difference. They are the father, the mother and the teacher.*

- ❖ *We will be remembered only if we give to our younger generation a prosperous and safe India.*
- ❖ *Poetry comes from the highest happiness or the deepest sorrow.*
- ❖ *Life is a difficult game. You can win it only by retaining your birthright to be a person.*