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PHOTO FEATURE

Dr. APJ ABDUL KALAM : A PEOPLE'S PRESIDENT

Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam, born on 15th October, 1931 in a small village in Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu, rose to become the President of India. Even though he came from a poor and humble background, his desire to contribute to society never faded from his vision. He specialized in Aeronautical Engineering from Madras Institute of Technology. Dr. Kalam joined the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) as a scientist. In 1969, Dr. Kalam was transferred to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) where he was the project director of India's first Satellite Launch Vehicle (SLV-III) which successfully deployed the Rohini Satellite in near-earth orbit in July 1980.

Dr. Kalam's contribution to the scientific world was immense, yet he was always modest about his achievements. After working for two decades in ISRO and mastering launch vehicle technologies, Dr. Kalam took up the responsibility of developing Indigenous Guided Missiles at DRDO as the Chief Executive of Integrated Guided Missile Development Programme (IGMDP). He was responsible for the development and operationalisation of AGNI and PRITHVI Missiles and for building indigenous capability in critical technologies through networking of multiple institutions. He was the Scientific Adviser to Defence Minister and Secretary, Department of Defence Research & Development from July 1992 to December 1999. It is no surprise that Dr. Kalam was known as India's Missile Man.

Dr. Kalam was elected as 11th President of India in July, 2002. As President, he shared his vision for India, addressing youth and old with the same passion which formed his entire life. Dr. Kalam was passionate for transforming society through technology especially in inspiring the youth of India to harness Science and Technology for human welfare.

Dr. Kalam, inspite of his achievements, always wanted to be remembered as a teacher. And it was as a teacher addressing a gathering at IIM Shillong that he breathed his last on the evening of 27th July, 2015. The photographs taken from the archives of Press Information Bureau and the Photo Division are being released as a Photo Feature as a tribute to this great Son of India.



The President of Russia visit India : Ceremonial Reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan, The President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam & Prime Minister Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee seen in this picture



The President of Namibia visit India: Ceremonial Reception at Rashtrapati Bhavan, The President Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam , Prime Minister Sh. Atal Bihari Vajpayee & Rajiv Pratap Rudy also seen in this picture



State visit of IMS excellency Mr. Hamid Karzai President of the Transitional Islamic State of Afghanistan from March 05 - 08, 2003: Call on the President, Dr. Abdul Kalam.



Inauguration Prize distribution 23rd DRDO Director Conference: the Prime Minister, Shri I.K. Gujral & Dr. Abdul Kalam also seen this picture



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The Crown Prince Philippe of Belgium and his wife Princess Mathilde calls on the President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, in New Delhi on March 14, 2005.



The President, Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam with a model of the latest Sukhoi Aircraft presented to him while on a visit to the Sukhoi Design Bureau, in Moscow on May 23, 2005.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam addressing the Nation on the eve of Independence Day, in New Delhi on Aug 14, 2005.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam meeting the earthquake affected people of Uri Village and distributed sweets, in Jammu & Kashmir, on November 27, 2005.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam with the students from Women Empowerment Centre and Adult Literacy Centre Ladakh (J&K), at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on September 19, 2006.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam with the physically challenged children at the National Workshop-Cum-Exhibition on “Bio-Diesel in North East”, at Guwahati on October 17, 2006.

The Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Tarun Gogoi is also seen.

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The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam receiving Id greetings from visitors, at Rashtrapati Bhawan, in New Delhi on October 24, 2006.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam interacted with school children from various parts of India on the occasion of children's day, at Ashok Hall of Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on November 14, 2006.



People from different walks of life greeting the President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on the occasion of New Year, in New Delhi on January 1, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam meeting Pandit Bhimsen Joshi at his residence in Pune during the course of his visit to the city on January 17, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam with the National Bravery Award winner children, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on January 23, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at the International Seminar on Emerging World Order: Implications for Security Calculus of Extended South Asian Region, in New Delhi on February 22, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam addressing at the International Seminar on Emerging World Order: Implications for Security Calculus of Extended South Asian Region, in New Delhi on February 22, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam delivering his inaugural address at ‘The Commonwealth Connects: International e-Partnership Summit’, organised by the Department of Information Technology in association with Commonwealth Business Council and Confederation of Indian Industries, in New Delhi on March 23, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam with the physically and mentally challenged children in a function, at Jaipur on March 30, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam blessing a mentally challenged student in a function organised by PRAYAS, in Jaipur on March 30, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam entering the Cockpit of mirage 2000 -5 fighter aircraft while going around at Hellenic Aerospace Industries, in Athens on April 27, 2007



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and the Union Minister for Human Resource Development, Shri Arjun Singh in a group photo with Sanskrit, Pali Prakrit, Arabic and Persian scholars after presenting awards of certificate of honour, at a function held at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on May 21, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam visited the Maruti Udyog Limited in Gurgaon, Haryana on May 25, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam with the group of children undergoing treatment for blood Cancer, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on May 30, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam with the awardees of Bal Shree Honour-2006, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on June 01, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam interacting with the students of the Mahatma Gandhi Hindi Antarrashtriya Vishwavidyalay, at Wardha, Maharashtra on June 15, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam addressing the farewell function, in New Delhi on July 23, 2007. The Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Somnath Chatterjee and the Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri K. Rahman Khan are also seen.



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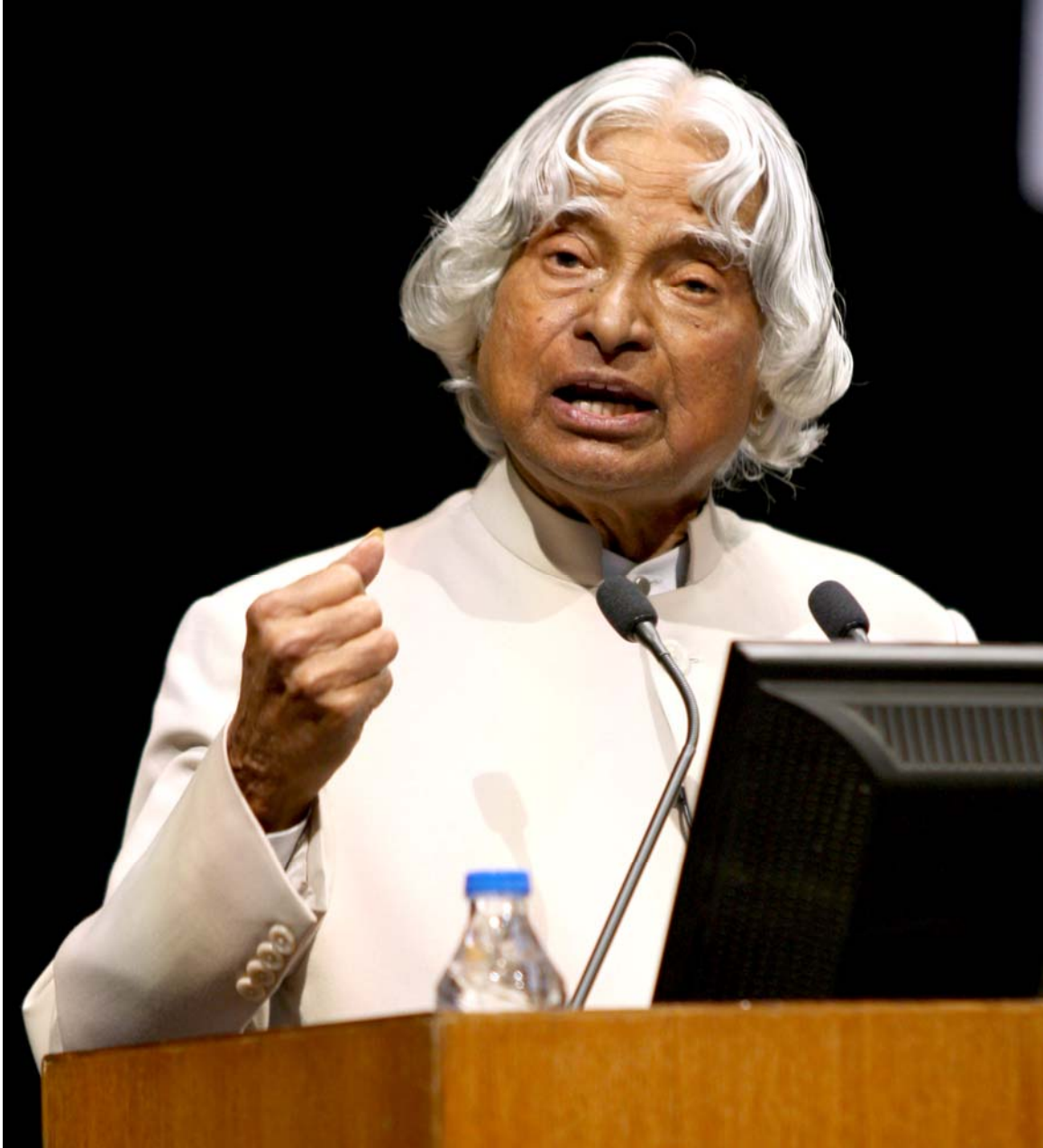
The Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh at the dinner hosted by him in honour of the outgoing President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, in New Delhi on July 23, 2007.



The President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam visiting in the Rehabilitation Centre for Children with Cerebral Palsy in the outskirts of Athens and meeting the inmates on April 27, 2007.



The former President, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam calling on the President, Shri Pranab Mukherjee, in New Delhi on December 24, 2014.



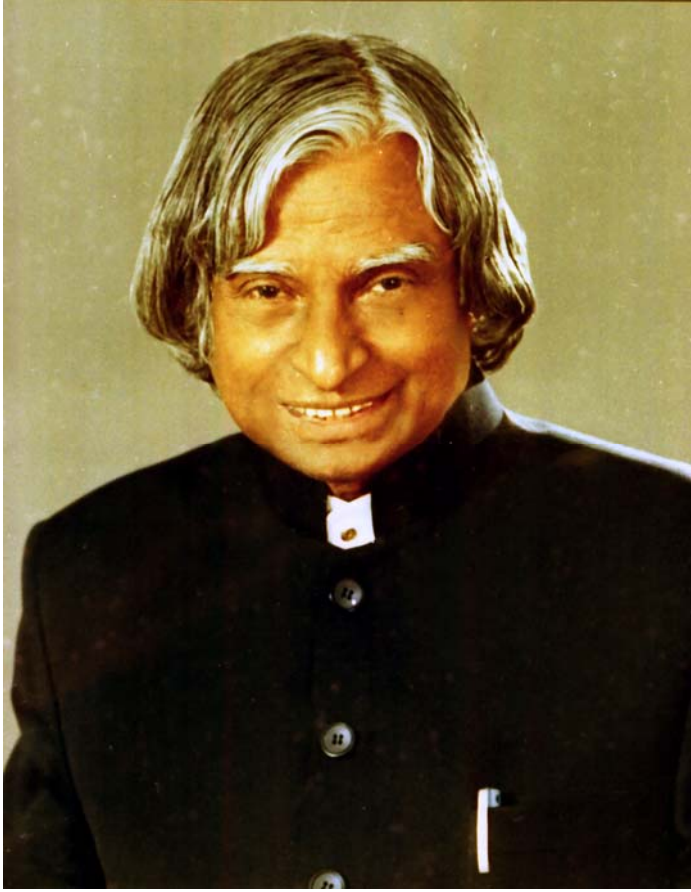
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam delivering key note address on "Strength Respects Strength", at the 5th Admiral A.K. Chatterji Memorial Lecture, in Kolkata on April 11, 2015.



The Chief Justice of India Shri Kirpal administering the oath of the office of the President of India to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam at a Swearing-in ceremony in Central Hall of Parliament in New Delhi on July 25, 2002.



The Presidential candidate Dr. A.P.J Abdul Kalam filing his nomination papers for the Presidential election in presence of the Prime Minister Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the Leader of the opposition Smt. Sonia Gandhi along with other political leaders', in New Delhi on June 18, 2002.



Portrait of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam



The Prime Minister, Shri H.D. Devegowda inaugurated the Aero India 1996, an International aerospace exposition, at the Indian Air Force Station, in Bangalore on December 3, 1996. Photo shows The Prime Minister Shri Gowda going round an Exhibition on the occasion. Also seen Shri Mulayam Singh Yadav, the Union Minister for Defence and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Scientific Advisor to the Defence Minister.



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The Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee visited the recent underground nuclear explosion test sites at Pokhran in Rajasthan on May 20, 1998. Dr Kalam is also present.

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The Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee's visit to Pokhran on 20th May, 1998. Dr Kalam is also present.



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The President Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the Vice President, Shri Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, the Prime Minister, Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee and the Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Monohar Joshi along with the Members of Parliament pose for group photograph to commemorate the Golden Jubilee Celebration of the Parliament, in New Delhi on November 2, 2002