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CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

It is indeed a matter of great sorrow that Bharat Ratna, Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, former People's President of India is no more.

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was born on 15 October 1931. His father was a boat owner and he came from a poor background. He started working at an early age to supplement his family income. After completing school, he distributed newspapers to contribute to his father's income. At the time of admission into Madras Institute of Technology, he did not have the money to pay Rs. 1000 as fees as his father could not afford that amount. His sister had to mortgage her gold bangles to arrange money for the admission.

Poverty was a challenge not a hinderance and he became achiever and Icon to the people of India especially to the youth.

After graduating from the Madras Institute of Technology in 1960, he joined the Aeronautical Development Establishment of the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) as a scientist. His contribution towards the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO) is remarkable and he is known as the Missile Man of India. Dr. Kalam was elected as 11th President of India in 2002 and served as the peoples' President till 2007.

Dr. Abdul Kalam was the recipient of prestigious Awards –Padma Bhushan in 1981, the Padma Vibhushan in 1990 and India's highest civilian honour, the Bharat Ratna in 1997, for his immense and valuable contribution to the scientific research and modernization of defence technology in India. As scientist Adviser to the Defence Minister, the former President led the “weaponisation of strategic missile systems and the Pokhran – II nuclear tests.”

He was very close to the Students community. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam's 79th birthday was recognized as World Students's Day by United Nations. He grabbed

every opportunity to teach students, especially children, wherever he went. Administering a pledge on national development to the youth was his passion. Dr. Kalam, who continued to be active even after demitting office and travelled the length and breadth of the country delivering lectures and meeting people, died while doing what he loved best – talking to students.

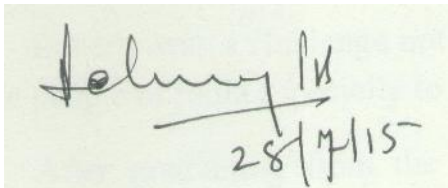
The human side of Kalam's personality was a legendary as his scientific acumen.

His contribution to the Nation as a prominent Scientist, Educationist and Writer are rememberable and praiseworthy. His death is a great loss to our Nation and also to the World.

To build a strong, prosperous and peaceful India will be one true tribute to the departed soul.

I, on my own behalf and on behalf of all the people of Nagaland, convey our heartfelt condolences to his kith and kin.

May his soul rest in peace.



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