



MESSAGE FROM THE HON'BLE VICE CHANCELLOR ON DR KALAM'S 5TH DEATH ANNIVERSARY

“Learning gives creativity. Creativity leads to thinking. Thinking provides knowledge. Knowledge makes you great.”--- Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

The words and thoughts of Dr APJ Abdul Kalam, honourably named as the Missile Man of India, still remain an inspiration. Arguably **ONE AMONG** the most ideal IndianS of this country, his life continues to inspire the dreams and visions of many.

Since Mahatma Gandhi, no one captivated the hearts of India's youth like Dr. Kalam did.

On this day, five years ago, he breathed his last while doing the thing he loved most--addressing the students and inspiring them through visions. He suffered a massive cardiac arrest as he was delivering a lecture at IIM Shillong and passed away a little later.

Dr. Kalam wore many hats—he was a **GREAT TEACHER, ONE OF INDIA'S MOST DISTINGUISHED** scientistS, a prolific writer, a **GREAT VISIONARY WHO CREATED A BLUE PRINT FOR INDIA'S 21 ST CENTURY DEVELOPMENT** and also a philanthropist. Seen as a man of honour, besides being one of the great scientific minds of our time, he was simply phenomenal.

He was the most unconventional President that India had ever had. He was the People's President. He was a relentless leader who created a benchmark for others through his **CLARITY OF THOUGHTS, SPECIFICITY OF deeds AND SCIENTIFIC CONTRIBUTIONS**. He was still a child at 83, with his innocence and curiosity and his unending fascination for life. It has been five years since Dr. Kalam left the mortal world, but he continues to live on in our memories with his words. Sir, you were, and you still are, an epitome of inspiration to many people.

Dear students, as we pay tribute to **THE MOST** respected Former President, in whose name our University is named after, we sincerely hope that his **LIFE, CONTRIBUTIONS TO SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**, inspirational thoughts and motivating anecdotes serve as a guiding light in these **CHALLENGING** times.