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## COME REJOICE WE ARE REOPENING

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BETWEEN STIMULUS  
AND RESPONSE IS  
OUR GREATEST  
POWER - THE  
FREEDOM TO  
CHOOSE.

### In the Limelight

#### SEPTEMBER 22



Mahatma's granddaughter Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee along with her grandson Vithur Bharath Ram attended a function organised at Gandhi Museum to commemorate the centenary of Mahatma's switch over to covering his body with the humble loin cloth after a transformational experience in the temple town of Madurai in south Tamil Nadu On September 1921.

A team of Teachers, Students with our Principal Mrs. Saraswathy Vasu, attended the program at Gandhi Museum, Madurai and took photos with dignitaries.

Dear Parents,

The decision to reopen the schools from grade I upwards has finally been taken. Its from 1<sup>st</sup> November. Already grade IX to XII have already been functioning offline from 1<sup>st</sup> September. We know that the parents are a little concerned and worried. This concern is natural and is to be fully expected after a period of almost nineteen months during which we have all had to adapt to the challenges posed by COVID 19.

The decision to reopen has been taken based on guidelines produced by international and national bodies. Evidences from international and national sources show that child to child and child to adult transmission of COVID 19 in schools is uncommon. Our own experience suggests that for the overwhelming majority of children who are diagnosed with COVID 19, their symptoms are mild.

The importance of schools for the overall health and well being of children cannot be overstated, and the risk of COVID 19 can be carefully weighed against the very real harm that can be

caused by sustained school closures. School plays a fundamental role in the social of LIFE of children; they are where children are educated, make friends, share interests, learn social skills like self confidence and empathy, and participate in sport and cultural activities.

Of course as we continue to navigate our way through this pandemic there are no zero risk options for reopening schools or indeed any other environment; the aim therefore is to reopen in as safe a way as possible by ensuring that all appropriate COVID protocol measures such as physical distancing, hand washing and respiratory hygiene are implemented where appropriate.

**KMR as a school is at the heart of our school community and the best way to protect all of us in the community is to keep the level of COVID in the community low. Here at our school all our staff have been vaccinated. As parents and guardians you can also play an equally key role in this first by getting vaccinated and then through the influence that you have on your family and friends.**

If all of us continue to make small changes to the way we live, we

together can starve this virus of opportunities to transmit. We at KMR have taken all the precautions and protective measures to open the school for all our children from grade 1 upwards and all of us are fully and wholly geared up to welcome them to normal offline classes which will bring the usual excitement, synergy and vibrancy back into their lives. If the children have symptoms of COVID 19 fever, cough shortness of breath, loss of taste or smell then please keep them at home until your physician gives a green signal.

Finally we thank all of you parents teachers and the community for all you have done to keep our families and our children safe over the past several months especially our teachers who have worked so hard to ensure that there was no undue disruption during the lockdown and classes online were done with utmost care and diligence. We salute the solidarity of all our teachers, who have defined the way in which people of all diversity have come together to play their part in getting us through the pandemic.

With the same spirit and solidarity let us march towards a healthy, hopeful and happy future.

**COME AND REJOICE ! WE ARE REOPENING. TOGETHER WE HAVE MADE IT HAPPEN**

## ANNE SULLIVAN THE MIRACLE WORKER

HELEN KELLER was born completely healthy, but was robbed of her vision and hearing at just 19 months old. She had no idea how to understand the world around her and communicate her wants and needs. This is when and why her tantrums and behaviour problems started and made her family desperate for help from an experienced teacher. That teacher was Anne Sullivan.

Much like Keller, Anne Sullivan contracted an eye disease when she was just five years old. Abandoned by her father she was sent to live in an overcrowded home for much of her young adult life. Eventually she captured the attention of others and with help underwent an eye surgery to help improve her condition. She ultimately became the best candidate to teach seven year old Keller who needed guidance in her secluded world. Sullivan broke into Helen's world by way of doing a lot of finger spelling and other unconventional exercises

The key to teaching Helen was to use a firm but tender approach much like a parent. In just six months Keller learnt 575 words, the Braille system and her multiplication facts. Through Sullivan she learnt French, German, Greek and even Latin. She became the first deaf and blind person to earn a B.A. degree.

Anne Sullivan was so thrilled with Keller's successes that she continuously studied other subjects to teach Helen. Despite Doctors' warning she continued to read despite the rest and care that her own impaired eyes required.

Helen Keller has said that the most significant day that she remembered in her life is the day in which Anne Sullivan came into her life. Up to her dying day, she was filled with wonder how their two lives were immeasurably connected and helped each other to grow in leaps and bounds.

Later in life, when Anne Sullivan became ill, her grateful and beloved student, was present at her bedside on **20th October** 1936 holding her hand as she passed away. Sullivan was not just a teacher to Keller, but a role model, mentor, friend and a mother figure.

Because she helped Keller to grow into a mature and selfless human being. Keller followed in her mentor's footsteps and became a compassionate adult who spent the rest of her life as an activist working for the welfare and the rights of the blind, deaf and other less fortunate people.

In fact many teachers measure their professional success not by test scores alone, but with how they touched their students' lives and have made them into a better human beings. Anne Sullivan did this to HELEN KELLER

**VACCINATION & HYGIENE WILL WIN THE WAR AGAINST CORONA**



## STUDENTS CELEBRATE TEACHERS' DAY

Man often becomes what he believes himself to be. If I keep on saying to myself that I cannot do a certain thing, it is possible that I may end by really becoming incapable of doing it. On the contrary, if I have the belief that I can do it, I shall surely acquire the capacity to do it even if I may not have it at the beginning.

Mahatma Gandhi

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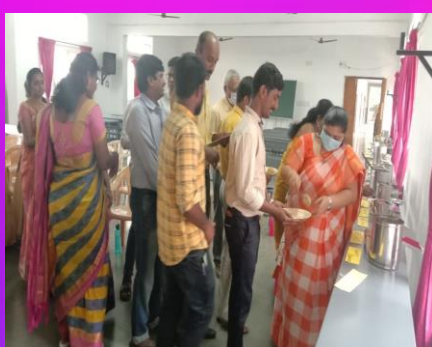
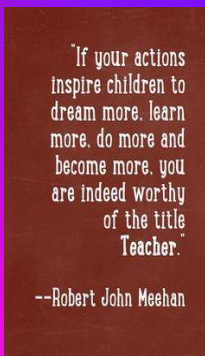


"All of us do not have equal Talent. But, all of us have an equal Opportunity to develop our Talents."

— Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam



## TEACHERS CELEBRATE TEACHERS' DAY





## VINAYAGAR CHATURTHI CELEBRATION



Mr.Sankar performs pooja



Gokulapandian Gr.4



Tom Gr.5



Raunak Hande LKG



Akash Gr.5

## WHITE DAY CELEBRATION



Sai Harish Lkg



Naren Lkg

Yazh Isai Vendhan  
lkg

Aadhil Ishaan. Lkg



Aswath Balaji Lkg



Pugazh. Ukg

## DAUGHTERS' DAY – SEP. 26

Nishanthini R Gr.1  
with her motherRasikaa Devi with  
her sister & mother  
Mrs.PriyadharshiniSiva Keerthana with  
her motherSuganthi Gr.1 with  
her mother

## GRAND PARENTS' DAY - SEP. 12



Srika LKG



Nimalan UKG



Vishnu Ragavi. Ukg

S.V.Darshika Gr.5  
with her  
GrandmotherHasini Gr.6 with  
her Grandparents  
Hasini Gr.6



தமிழ்ருவி

## இம்மாதக்கவி-தமிழன்பன் தொகுத்து வழங்கியவர்- திருமிகு கனகவல்லி 'உலகின் விழிநீர்த் துடைக்க ஒரு விரல் தேவை'

- என்றெழுதிய கவிஞர் ஈரோடு தமிழன்பன், கடந்த 70 ஆண்டுகளுக்கும் மேலாகத் தொடர்ந்து தேங்கி நிற்காமல் இயங்கிவரும் செயலாக்கமிக்க படைப்பாளி.

ஈரோடு மாவட்டம், சென்னிமலையில் செ.இரா. நடராசன் - வள்ளியம்மாள் தம்பதி யினரின் மகனாக 1933-ல் (செப்டம்பர்-28) பிறந்த செகதீசன், விடிவெள்ளி, மலையமான் என பல புனைபெயர்களில் எழுதத் தொடங்கி, ஈரோடு தமிழன்பனாக நிலைபெற்றார்.

சங்க இலக்கியம் தொடங்கி, சமகாலம் இலக்கியம் வரை ஆழ்ந்த வாசிப்பு, உலக இலக்கியங்களின் மீதான தீராத காதல், புரட்சிக்கவிஞர் பாரதிதாசனுடன் பத்தாண்டுகள் (1954 முதல் 1964 வரை) பழகிய அனுபவம் போன்றவை ஈரோடு தமிழன்பன் படைப்புத்தளத்தில் தொடர்ந்து செயல்படக் காரணிகளாக அமைந்தன. கவிஞராக அறியப்பட்டிருந்தாலும், சிறுகதை, புதினம், உரைநடை, ஆய்வுரை, சிறுவர் இலக்கியம், பயண இலக்கியம் மொழிபெயர்ப்பு என பல தளங்களிலும் தன் எழுத்துப் பணியை உத்வேகத்தோடு செய்துகொண்டேயிருப்பவர்.

பள்ளி மாணவனாக இருந்தபோதே 'சுய சிந்தனை' என்ற கையெழுத்துப் பிரதியை நடத்தியவர். பல்வேறு இதழ்களில் தொடர்ந்து கவிதைகள் வெளிவந்திருந்தாலும், முதல் கவிதை நூல் 1968-ல் 'கொடி காத்த குமரன்' வில்லுப்பாட்டு நூலாக வந்தது.

இவரது 'நெஞ்சின் நிழல்கள்' புதினத்தை வாசித்த பாரதிதாசன், "ஆகா... எவ்வளவு நல்லா எழுதியிருக்கே. இதை நூலாக வெளியிடணும்" என்று, சென்னை பாரி நிலையத்தில் கொடுக்க, அது 1965-ல் நூலாக வெளியானது.

1985-ல் வெளியான 'சூரியப் பிறைகள்' ஹைக்கூ கவிதை நூலில், ஈரோடு தமிழன்பன் எழுதியிருக்கும் மிக நீண்ட முன்னுரை, ஹைக்கூ பற்றிய புரிதலைப் பலருக்கும் தந்தது. அந்நூலிலுள்ள ஓவியங்களையும் கவிஞரே வரைந்திருப்பார்.

ஹைக்கூ மட்டுமல்ல, சென்றியு, லிமரிக், புதுக்கவிதையில் பயண இலக்கியம், முழுக்க வினாக்களாலேயே கவிதை, குறள் வெண்பாவில் பேரப்பிள்ளைத் தமிழ், கஜல் பாடல்கள் என புதுப்புது வடிவங்களில் கவிதை நூல்களைத் தமிழுக்குத் தந் துள்ளார்.

50 க்கும் மேற்பட்ட கவிதை நூல்கள், 25-க்கும் மேற்பட்ட சிறுகதை, உரைநடை, ஆய்வு நூல்கள் என்று தன் இலக்கியப் பயணத்தைத் தொடர்ந்துகொண்டிருக்கும் இவரின் படைப்புகளில் பத்துக்கும் மேற்பட்ட நூல்கள் ஆங்கிலத்தில் மொழிபெயர்க்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. இவரது கவிதைகள் இந்தி, வங்கம், மலையாளம், ஆங்கிலம், உருது உள்ளிட்ட மொழிகளிலும் மொழிபெயர்க்கப்பட்டுள்ளன. இவரின் 'வணக்கம் வள்ளுவ' (2000) நூலுக்கு மத்திய அரசின் சாகித்ய அகாடமி விருது கிடைத்தது.- நன்றி:இந்து தமிழ் திசை

### - விரல் பிடித்து கற்றுத்தந்த ஆசிரியருக்கு - கவிதை வரிகள் - திருமிகு லாரா

சிற்பத்தில் கூட,  
செதுக்கியது போக...  
மீதம் உள்ளவை;  
ஊனமுள்ளவை!

நீ மட்டும்தான்...  
மாணவரை செதுக்கி,  
மிச்சம் உள்ளதையும்  
உச்சம் காண வைக்கிறாய்!

தான் அறிந்ததை,  
யாவரும் அறியுமட்டும்...  
அதிகாரமாய் அளிப்பவர்  
ஆசிரியர் மட்டும்!

இனிவரும் நாளில்,  
பள்ளிக்கூடம்...  
பாஷைகள் கற்றுக் கொண்டால்,  
பேசும் முதல் வார்த்தைகள்  
எதுவாய் இருக்கும்?

ஆம்...நீ  
விரல் பிடித்து  
எழுத கற்றுத் தந்ததால்தான்,  
பின்னாளில்  
எவர் விரலும் பிடியாமல்  
வாழ்வை  
கற்றுக்கொள்ள முடிந்தது!

இறைவனுக்கு  
நிகரான ஆராதனைகளில்,  
இன்றே...  
பள்ளிக் கூடத்தையும்  
இணையுங்கள்...  
என்பதாய்த்தானிருக்கும்!  
ஆசிரியர் தின வாழ்த்துக்கள்!!



## GUIDANCE &amp; COUNSELLING PROGRAMMES



**Mr. Abishek Gupta explains about Carrier opportunities to the children.**



**Mr. Saravanan speaks about AI and its future opportunities.**



**Mr. Abishek Gupta interacts with Natish Chawdry, Grade Xi student**



**Aswin Grade XI student gives a reply to the questions asked.**



**Ms. Anita Sethi explains about the higher studies in abroad with our staff and students.**



**Mr. Prasanna Kumar, Grade XI student clarifies doubt with Mr. Saravanan.**



**Mr. Ranjith Kumar, Dhyani Chand Awardee with our Correspondent & staff.**



**Mr. Ranjith Kumar gives motivational speech to our students & staff.**



## PRIDE OF KMR



**Deshma sree Gr. 5**  
Deshma shree has won  
second prize in state  
level\_\_Silambam  
competition



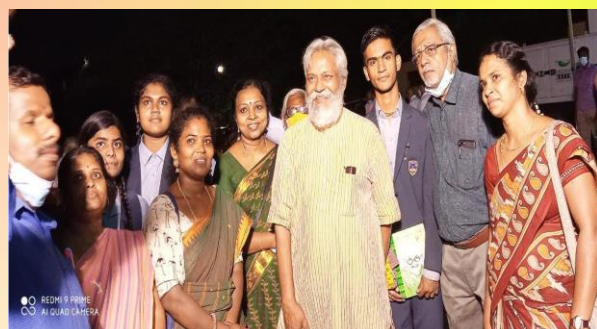
**Rampranav Gr. 5** has  
won the Silambam  
competition



**Siddid Gr 4 & Harini Gr 2** got 1<sup>st</sup>  
prize in silambam



**Our Staff & Children with Tara Gandhi Bhattacharjee on Sept. 22**



**Our Staff & Children with Rajendra Singh, Indian water conservationist & environmentalist also known as waterman of India" visited Gandhi Museum on Sept.22**

## 8 YEARS SERVICE AWARDEES



**Mrs.Kanagavalli**



**Mrs.Meena Venkatesh**



**Mrs.Aarthi Jenifer**



**Mr.Manicka Vinayagam**



**Mrs.Selvi**



**CONGRATULATIONS !**



**Sharmi Gayathri Gr 8 won 2nd prize in Silambam**



**Raunak Hande LKG,**  
won a shield &  
medal in Teacher's



**CIT has certified Mrs.Elavar Kuzhali as the**



## Teachers – As LEARNERS



The Teachers Discussion Forum on one Saturday met and Discussed on the Role Leadership Plays in Everyone's Life & why children should be taught how to become responsible leaders of their own lives.



Hifive edu orientation conducted in our school on 29/09/2021

## OBITUARY

**KMR Family mourned the death of Mrs. Kuzhali madam's father Pon. Srinivasan (HM Rtd.) who reached his eternal abode on 17.09.2021.**

## NEW BORN

**KMR Family congratulates Mr.Chinasamy Sir who is blessed with a second son CHINTU's birth on 08.09.2021.**

## You Tube Links

STU. ACTIVITY I <https://youtu.be/-Ces84eISoM>

STU. ACTIVITY II <https://youtu.be/UaHM4rc7N68>

TEACHER'S DY 1 <https://youtu.be/bXA8jDit5CQ>

TEACHER'S DY 2 <https://youtu.be/2d1yupSYmc4>

TEACHER'S DY 3 <https://youtu.be/BOKLimmH3mQ>

TEACHER'S DY 4 <https://youtu.be/OCfoWEet4dE>

MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH <https://youtu.be/Eff0qDJs7-Q>

## Diary of Events OCTOBER

- 1 World Blood Donor Day / World Vegetarian Day / Intl. Day of Older Persons
- 2 Gandhi Jayanthi
- 4 World Architecture Day / World Animal Day / PTM Gr. 9 - 12
- 5 World Teachers Day
- 6 World Wild Life Day / PTM for KG / Orange Day
- 7 Navarathri Celebration Begins
- 8 Indian Airforce Day
- 9 World Postal Day / PTM Gr. 1 – 8 / Pooja Holidays begins for Gr. KG to 9 & 11
- 10 World Arch Day / World Mental Health Day / Nat. Postal Day
- 12 World Arthritis Day
- 13 Saraswathy Pooja
- 14 Vijayadasami
- 15 Dr.A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Birthday / Cycle Test Gr. 10 & 12
- 16 World Food Day / English Tongue Twister, Tamil Music Contest
- 19 Miladinabi
- 20 World Statistic Day / School Reopens for Term II / Half Portion Test begins for Gr. 10 & 12
- 24 United Nations Day / World Polio Day
- 25 PA 3 Gr.10 & 12 / PA 2 Gr. 9 & 11
- 29 World Savings Day
- 30 National Unity Day / UNICEF Day

## Drawing by Evangeline Gr.12 SPL



Drawing by Shrimathi Gr XII



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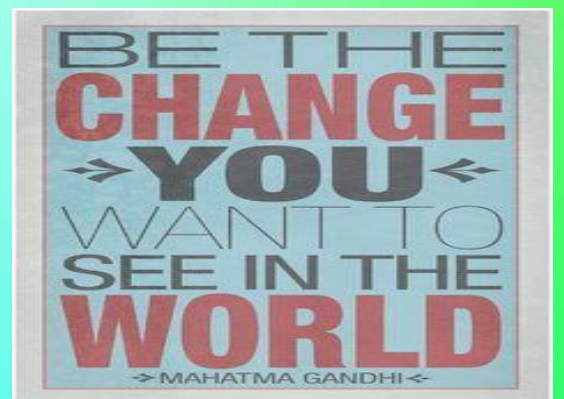
## வெற்றியின் ரகசியம்

வெற்றியின் ரகசியம் முயற்சி  
 அம்முயற்சியின் அடிப்படை பயிற்சி  
 அப்பயிற்சி சீராக தொடர நீ நிச்சயம் அடைவாய்  
 தேர்ச்சி  
 அதேதேர்ச்சி உன்னை அடைய செய்யும் வளர்ச்சி  
 அவ்வளர்ச்சிக்கு ஒருபோதும் முடிவு கிடையாது  
 தோல்வியை எதிர்கொள்ள தைரியம் இருந்தால்  
 உன் மனம் என்றும் உடையாது  
 சிகரம் என்றும் சரியாது  
 எழுதுகோல் நற்படம் வரையாது...  
 அதைகொண்டு வரைய ஒருவர் இருக்கும் வரை..  
 வளர்ச்சியின் பாதையில் நீ இன்னும் இருப்பது  
 தரை...  
 படிமேல் படி நீ ஏறும்போது  
 தோல்வி என்னும் இடி உன்னை தொடரும்போது..  
 வழியில் நீ சந்திக்கும் சோதனை  
 அதை கடந்தால் நீ நிச்சயம் படைப்பாய் சாதனை  
 வெற்றியின் ரகசியம் என்றும் உன் கையில்  
 சோதனைகள் வரும் அதன் இடையில்  
 அதை எதிர்கொள்ள நம்பிக்கை வேண்டும் உன்  
 மனதில்...  
 நம்பிக்கை இருந்தால் வெற்றி பெறலாம்  
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 முறையான பயிற்சி இருந்தால் வெற்றி நிச்சயம்  
 சீராக கல்வி கற்றால் அடைவாய் உன் இலட்சியம்  
 வெற்றியின் அடையாளமாய் நீ விளங்க  
 அதை கண்டு ஆனந்தத்தில் உன் பெற்றோர் கண்  
 கலங்க....  
 இவற்றை கடைபிடித்தால் வெற்றியின்  
 ரகசியத்தை நீ அறிய  
 ஏமாற்றம் உன் வாழ்வில் மறைய....  
 எனவே வெற்றியின் ரகசியம் என்றும் உன்னோடே  
 அதை உணர்ந்தால் வாழலாம் சிறப்போடே!!!!  
 -ஜோ.இவாசஞ்சலின் ஞான கிருபா Gr XII SPL

**YOU MAY NEVER KNOW WHAT RESULTS  
 COME OUT OF YOUR ACTIONS. BUT IF YOU  
 DO NOTHING THERE WILL BE NO RESULT-  
 GANDHIJI**

## Life

One day everything will turn into  
 dust  
 And in this one life happiness is must  
 Our life exist in this Earth's crust  
 On very few people you must have  
 trust  
 Your life is under your parent's  
 protective nest  
 Even you may face many difficult test  
 But always try to do your best  
 Never let your anger burst  
 If it bursts then your life will face  
 drought  
 Just love what God gave you  
 I swear that soon ur life will turn  
 new  
 Always you are the best in your own  
 world and life  
 If you care for silly things then u steal  
 your happiness,hence you are the  
 thief  
 'Life you live is the best' have this  
 thought  
 And to all the worries and tears just  
 keep a dot....  
 -Eva



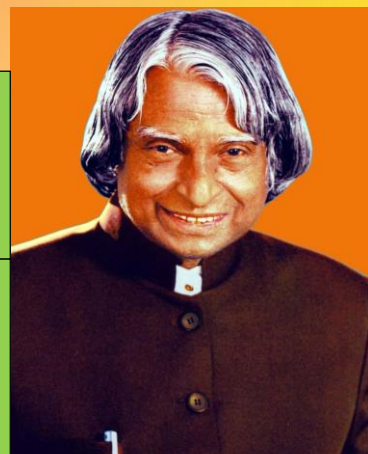


## OCTOBER THE MONTH OF MAHATMA GANDHI AND DR. APJ ABDUL KALAM



THE BEST WAY TO FIND YOURSELF  
IS TO LOSE YOURSELF IN THE  
SERVICE OF OTHERS.- Mahatma

SUCCESS IS WHEN YOUR  
SIGNATURE BECOMES AN  
AUTOGRAPH. - APJ Abdul Kalam



## Gandhi and the Indian Freedom Struggle

Gandhi, who is also known as the father of nation in India:

- Born on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 1869
- Got married in May 1883, to Kasturba
- In September, 1888, went to university college London for further studies, pursuing philosophical study of religions like Hinduism, Christianity, Buddhism and such.
- In 1893, went to South Africa, for a year contract to work for an Indian firm in Natal and was in South Africa for 21 years after that.  
Thrown out of the first class train carriage, even though he had a valid ticket. This was an event that planted the seed of Indian independence in Gandhi's mind.
- He founded the Natal Indian Congress which aimed at fighting the injustice to Indians in South Africa. The constitution was set up on 22 august 1894.
- Returned to India in 1916, started a non-violent civil disobedience and became the voice of the oppressed under the British rule in India.
- In 1921, he led the Indian National congress and brought about the concept of 'Swaraj' or complete political Independence from the British rule.
- In march, 1922, was arrested for a mass boycott of British goods.
- In 1930, the British introduced the salt tax, after which Gandhi led a 250-mile salt march to collect his own salt.
- In 1942, during the [Quit India Movement](#), the Congress party, including Mahatma Gandhi, was arrested which resulted in riots.
- On 30th January, 1948, he was assassinated at the Birla house in New Delhi, by a militant Hindu nationalist, Nathuram Godse.

### Mahatma Gandhi Quotes

1. "When violence appears to do good, the good is only temporary; the evil it does is permanent."
2. "Hate the sin, love the sinner."
3. "An eye for an eye, makes the whole world blind."

APJ Abdul Kalam is also known as the Missile man of India. APJ Abdul Kalam was the 11th President of India and a great scientist.

### Early Childhood

Abdul Kalam, born on 15th October 1931 and Abdul Kalam was the son of a boat owner who ferried Hindu pilgrims from the Rameeshwaram Temple in Tamil Nadu.

Kalam worked as a paper boy to support his father. He had four brothers and one sister. He was not the brightest student in his school but was very hard working. He went on to study Physics and graduated from Madras University. He wanted to become a fighter pilot. He studied aerospace engineering

### Career and Work

After completing his studies in Aeronautics Kalam took the post of chief scientist at the Aeronautical Development of Defence research and Development but he was not satisfied with his job.

He shifted to Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) as a project director. There he led many projects and was extremely successful at each of them. In 1970, Kalam directed two projects- Project Devil and Project Valiant which were to develop missiles from the successful technology of SLV programmes. Rohini 1 was launched in space using the SLV rocket.

Missiles under the mission Agni and Prithvi were launched under Kalam's leadership and all were successful. He was also appointed as the Chief Executive of the Integrated Guided Missile development programme. From the year 1992 to 1999 Kalam was appointed as the Chief Scientist advisor to the Prime Minister of India and the Secretary of Defence and Research. During this time Kalam also served as the Chief Project coordinator for the Pokhran II nuclear tests. After this he was known as the Missile man of India.

In the year 2002 Kalam succeeded K. R. Narayan as the 11th President of India and served till 2007.

### Achievements and Awards

1. Kalam was the proud recipient of Padma Bhushan, Padma Vibhushan and the Bharat Ratna awards from the Indian Government.
2. He was also awarded [the Indira Gandhi](#) National Award for National Integration.
3. Not only by the Indian Government, Kalam was awarded medals from the government of USA.
4. Kalam had received doctorates from 40 Universities. In addition to his work, he had also authored a number of books. Amongst them 'India 2020' was the most appreciated and widely read book. 'Ignited minds', 'Mission India', 'Inspiring thoughts' are some of his other books. He also used to give lectures at many reputed colleges across the globe.

**Death** Kalam breathed his last while giving a lecture at IIM Shillong. The entire world was saddened by the death of a simple, humble and great man.