

The Permanent Mission of India to the United Nations in New York presents its compliments to all Permanent and Observer Missions to the United Nations in New York and has the honour to inform with profound grief of the passing away of Hon'ble Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, former President of India, on Monday, the 27 July, 2015. A brief bio-profile of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam is attached.

As a mark of respect to the departed dignitary, Government of India is observing seven days State mourning from 27 July to 02 August, 2015. A condolence book will be opened from 1000 hrs. to 1200 hrs. and 1500 hrs. to 1700 hrs. on Thursday, the 30 July, 2015 and Friday, the 31 July, 2015 at the **Permanent Mission of India to United Nations, 235 East 43rd Street (Between Second and Third Avenue).**

Brief Bio

Former President Dr APJ Abdul Kalam

(October 15, 1931 - July 27, 2015)

Born on October 15, 1931, at Rameswaram in Tamil Nadu, **Dr Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam**, specialized in aeronautical engineering from Madras Institute of Technology. Dr Kalam made significant contribution as project director to develop India's first indigenous satellite launch vehicle (SLV-III) which successfully injected the Rohini satellite in the near earth orbit in July 1980 and made India an exclusive member of Space Club.

In his literary pursuit four of Dr Kalam's books - "Wings of Fire", "India 2020 - A Vision for the New Millennium", "My journey" and "Ignited Minds - Unleashing the power within India" have become household names in India and among the Indian nationals abroad. These books have been translated in many Indian languages.

Dr Kalam was one of the most distinguished scientists of India with the unique honour of receiving honorary doctorates from 30 universities and institutions. He was awarded the coveted civilian awards - Padma Bhushan (1981) and Padma Vibhushan (1990) and **the highest civilian award Bharat Ratna (1997)**. He was a recipient of several other awards and fellow of many professional institutions.

Dr. Kalam became the 11th President of India from July 2002 to June 2007. During his term as President, he was affectionately known as “People’s President”.
