



“A. LEADER SHOULD KNOW HOW TO MANAGE FAILURE”

_APJ ABDUL KALAM

Hebout speaker (interviews): Dr.APJ Abdul kalam was among India’s best knows scientists before he became the country’s president.An alumuns of the Madras institutes of technology,he worked for the Indian space research organisation (ISRO),where he helped launch Indian’s 1st satelite into orbit .He was widely regarded as a national hero for leading Indian’s nuclear, weapons tests in 1998 in 2002,kalam was named the country’s president,and he held that position until 2007.

**A.P.J Abdul Kalam biography,
History, Life,
Missile Man of India**

- Dr. Kalam has received the coveted—civilian awards Padma Bhushan (1981), and Padma Vibhushan (1990), and the highest civilian honour Bharat Ratna (1997). Work written: Ignited minds, wings of fire, India 2020 –A vision, etc.....

World Students Day is marked on APJ Abdul Kalam's birthday, 15 October. In 2010 the United Nations declared 15 October "World Students Day"



- India knowledge@wharton: In your vision for India 2020, you envisaged that differences between the urban areas and the country side would gradually disappear... could you explain your concept of “PURA” and how that brings about this transformation?

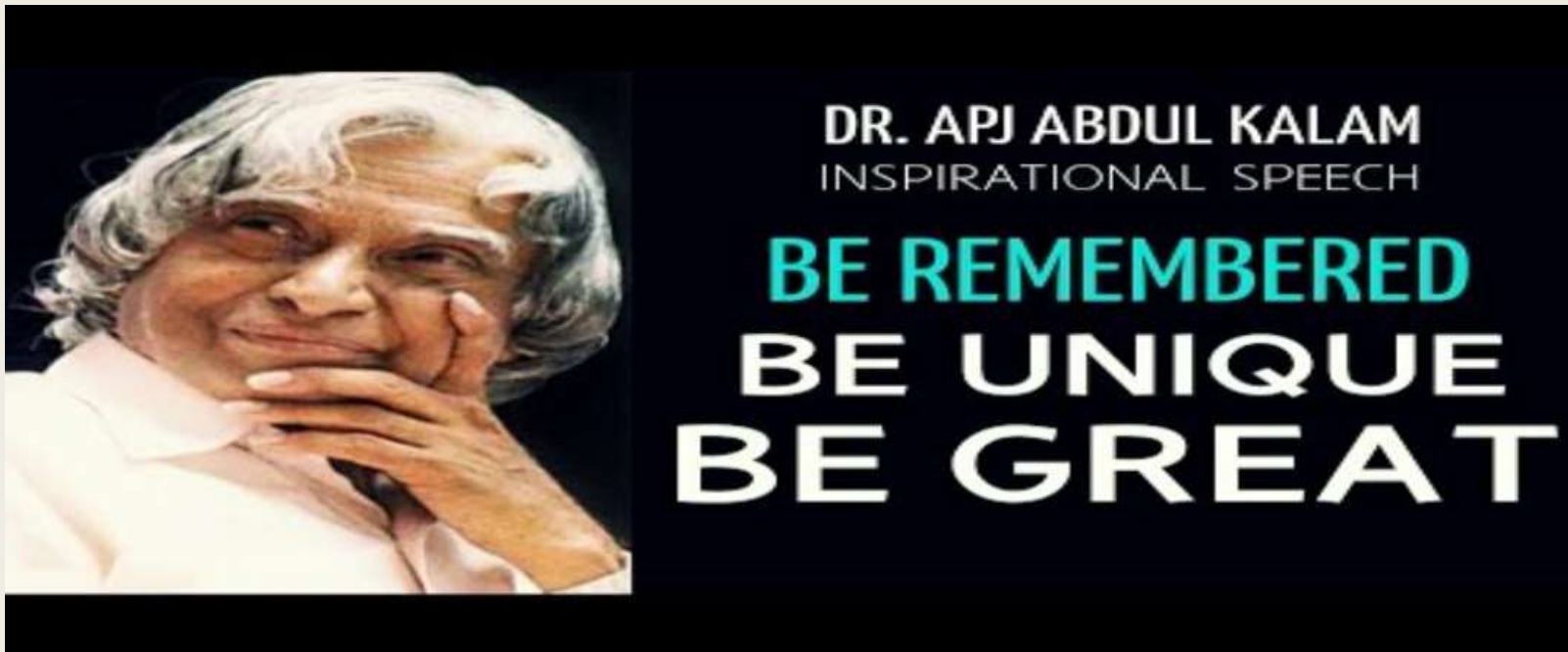


- Kalam: The concept of PURA– which stands for “ providing urban amenities in Rural areas”.is about giving a cluster of villages physical, electronic and knowledge connectivity.....

- The idea is to empower the villages,so that economic connectivity can emerge ..we planned about 7000PURAs for country --including hill PURAs,,castal PURAs and plains PURAs... I believe that connectivity is the key bridging the rural---Urban divide...



- India knowledge @wharton: One last question you are a gifted poet ..could you please recite some lines of your favourite poem?
- Kalam: My favourite poem is “The vision”.. I recited it in parliament,and I will recite it for you ...



I climbed and climbed
where is the peak, my lord ?
I ploughed and ploughed ,
Where is the knowledge treasure, my lord ?
I sailed and sailed ,,
where is the island of peace, my lord ?
Almighty , bless my nation
With vision and sweat resulting into happiness..

- India_knowledge@wharton: Thank you very much. It's been an honour speaking with you
- [Kalam](#) : Thank you for all the. beautiful questions.. My greeting to wharton...

