

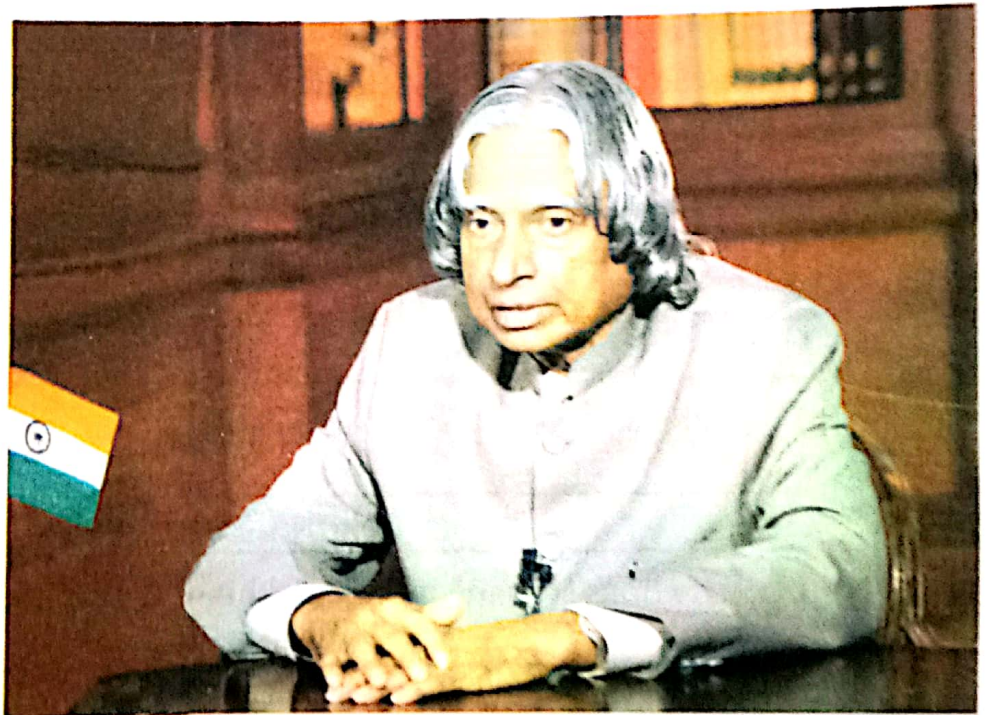


The Missile Man of India

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Do you know the full form of the letters A.P.J.A.K.? The letters A.P.J.A.K. stand for Avul Pakir Jainulabdeen Abdul Kalam. These are the first letters of the name of the man who became the President of India. He was the Great Missile Man of India. He was also called the father of the missile system of India. He was born in 1931 in Rameshwaram. His father was a boat owner. Jainulabdeen was his father and Ashiamma, his mother. He has been conferred 'Bharat Ratna,' for able launching of missiles under his supervision. Not only this, Pokhran II Nuclear Test was also conducted under his stewardship.

He was a poet also. He though a renowned nuclear scientist, was not unconcerned about Environmental Protection. Once, a site was being cut, he not only went there and stopped the falling of the trees but also got and persuaded them successfully to shift the tree to some other place. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was not the President of India, then.



He was a pure vegetarian. He loved children and always made it a point to find time for them.

He became the President of India in 2002. On 27 July, 2015 he left this world.