



Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam as a Teacher

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Abstract:

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam is known as missile man in the World. He was scientist and become 11th president of India but as he writes- he wanted to be known as teacher . He write that learning is a lifelong process. The one who knows other is learned but the wise one is the one who knows himself learning without wisdom is of no use. Dr. Kalam was a great inspiration to me and many. Students and always inspired them to dream big and achieve goals in life. Dr. Kalam writes that if people remember me as a good teacher it will be the biggest honor for me. When he become the president in 2002, he made no compromise on his pen chart for teaching.

1. Introduction

As a teacher, who has been a part of the growth process of education and technology in India. He grab bed every opportunity to teach students, especially children , wherever he went . Administering a pledge on national development to the youth was his passion. Dr. Kalam said in his interview “if the people remember me as a good teacher, that will be the biggest honor for me.” The former president said, “ Teaching is a very Nobel profession that shapes the character, caliber and future of an individual youth have a dream and also they have a pain. The pain comes out of their dream; they want to live in a prosperous, happy and peaceful India. This type of students environment ignites me and leads me to interact with young minds”

Dr. Kalam is also remembered as one who exemplified the profession of teaching with his inherent passion on for teaching and for his zeal to inspire children to become good citizen. Dr. Kalam was dedicated to teaching and identified himself first as a teacher and then as anything else. Befitting his love for teaching his end came while delivering a lecture at IIM SHOLLONG. Dr. Kalam said in a brief but meaning but speech, “.....Real education is one which makes a person think what I can do be it children, teachers or leaders.” He also said that teachers were the real assets of the country. He also said that capacity of teachers may different but every teacher possessed the power to make children able and productive citizens of the country. The destiny of the nation depends upon a teacher. He said that a student spends almost 20,000 hours in school till he completes class 12th and during this time he absorbs the qualities of his teacher by observing them.



Dr. Kalam understood the need to recognized the effort of a teacher and identified them as the backbone of any country. In his address he said that education is a process while leads to creativity. “The creativity is indeed the result of the education process and the environment of the school and above all the teachers capability igniting the minds of the students. The essence of it can be seen in the following verses: Learning gives creativity, creativity leads to thinking, Thinking provides knowledge, knowledge makes you great.”

2. Aims of a Teacher

Dr. Abdul Kalam said, “The aim of the teacher should be to build character, human values enhance the learning capacity of children through technology and build the confidence among children to be innovative and creative which in turn will make them competitive to face the future.”

Teacher should guide students to be able to select relevant information from this vast repository of knowledge. He also said that teachers should make an effort to relate what students learn in classroom with its application in real life. He said that student are language for knowledge and look for challenges to stimulate their minds. He said, “ A good system of education should be able to satisfy the insatiable hunger for knowledge. Teacher must be role models worthy of emulation. The creation of an education system with all these ingredients is solely in the hands of teachers and educationists. Teachers have to realize that they are the builders of the society, the society can be built only when the students are made proficient in their subject. In addition they have to provide a vision for life to the students and also inculcate the fundamental of values which he should practice in the years to come.”

Dr. kalam’s book wings of fire will give you every insight to follow your dreams build your career and build your organization. It’s equally applicable if you are an entrepreneur because he faced it all that every dreamer faced in his journey and he conquered every adversity to rise high.

According to Kalam, a teacher must have following four qualities:

1. Teacher lover teaching (you should be passion about giving your knowledge)
2. Teacher encourages question from students (you should let them think beyond your teaching)
3. Teacher puts the student ahead
4. Create pressure on the student to explore own capabilities.

Dr. APJ Abdul kalam writes, it is applicable and to be followed by teachers, entrepreneur, trains, corporate mentors and leaders by anyone who is mentoring and teaching someone or a team to go beyond limits and create greatness.



3. Importance

The present study will be useful to the educationist, principal, teachers, parents and the process of education and specially the researcher who carry out the research. But here the researcher convey by this study for thinking on education system. Education system of APJ Abdul Kalam in spite of his being scientist. Education system of APJ Abdul Kalam will be fruitful for today’s generation, each component of education, methods, school, curriculum, principle and value description.

4. Conclusion

Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam is the great personality in India. His prestigious efforts towards the development of country and people are unforgettable. APJ Abdul Kalam’s contribution towards science, education and society is immeasurable and occupied with incredible efforts during his life journey. Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was a practical enlightening mastermind and creative thinker who remain for coordinating obsolete and present educational goals for the progression of an accustomed Indian cultural. he was first educational thinker who had provided the idea of teaching student to be autonomous learner, so that they will continue as enduring learners.

- APJ Abdul Kalam considers the teacher as the backbone of any nation. The role of teacher is to create atmosphere in which students who are weak in studies can understand and increase their instinct of learning and to create theoretical understanding along with value system.

- Children are our best wealth. APJ Abdul Kalam emphasizes on the matter that each child of the nation should have enough opportunities to develop perfectly. He considers that the role of parents is very special to develop the education and civilization of child.
- Teacher should be a role model for the students in the school. School need to provide such an atmosphere in which students can ask questions, get answers, feel free atmosphere.
- APJ Abdul Kalam emphasizes on tele-education and e-education methods to provide qualitative education in rural areas. Education system should establish an intense relationship between the student and the teacher.
- Education awakens the feelings of honor and self-respect in the youngsters. Freedom and proper guidance should be given to youngsters through education. There is no clarity of vision in the youngsters, so they should be introduced by the doubtfulness of philosophy.
- APJ Abdul Kalam has a high definition of the teacher. He believes that the responsibilities of the teacher are to nurture the life of the person, to teach the process of learning and to make students life-long learners.

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