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Shakila, a 26 years old Mathematics teacher at Schwartz Higher Secondary School in Tamil Nadu's Ramanathapuram comes to the funeral of unforgettable Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam to pay homage. Despite the massive crowd of around 3, 50,000 people, she could not resist herself from coming. Such is the charisma of Dr. Kalam who served our country as a scientist, president, advisor and most prominently as a teacher.

The job of the teacher is not just to teach the students but it is an assimilation of all the activities which result in the shaping of the students as a responsible human being. It is the duty of the teacher to make the students a powerful human resource for the country. Dr. APJ Abdul's teaching style comprised these characteristics of a teacher. Soon after he was nominated as the president, he went to a small school to deliver a lecture. To prevent power cut from being a hindrance, he stood in the middle and addressed around 400 students with an impressive tone. After serving as a president, he chose to teach rather than doing anything else. And perhaps the God also realized his love for teaching. The last breath on the land of an educational institution was perhaps not mere a chance.

Dr. Kalam always tried to relate technology with education. Being an eminent scientist himself, he understood the importance of technology in the growth and development of a country. He also served as chief scientist adviser to the prime minister office. His great contribution to the field of science made him the missile man of India.

Mr. Kalam was a true humanitarian. He donated all of his property and wealth for the poor. Soon after he became president of India, he came to be known as people's president. He launched "What can I give movement" to fight against corruption that has entangled India very tightly. He was away from the shackles of discrimination. He invited a road side cobbler and the owner of a small hotel to Raj Bhavan as presidential guests. He respected all the religions equally.

He always wished that he should be remembered as a teacher by the people. This clearly shows his true love for teaching. His death is a big loss to the country. The country has lost a great real gem but his contributions will keep shining forever. His offerings for the welfare of our country can never be forgotten.