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## RECEIVING MEMENTO FROM CHIEF MINISTER AND DEPUTY CHIEF MINISTER OF DELHI AT THE DEDICATION OF KALAM MEMORIAL

### First Anniversary of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam

On affectionate invitation, particularly from the family of Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam, I attended the Anniversary functions at Rameswaram and Delhi.

At his Rameswaram home there was simple religious ceremony – reading of Quran. The highlight is the long conversation with 100 year old elder brother of Dr. Kalam at his residence after the Quran Recital prayer. He can see clearly without glass - hear clearly without hearing-aids - walks on his own within the residence without support - he showed me the little bathroom, where he doesn't allow anyone to enter event to help him have bath.

He was so cheerful and even recited couplets from the Tamil

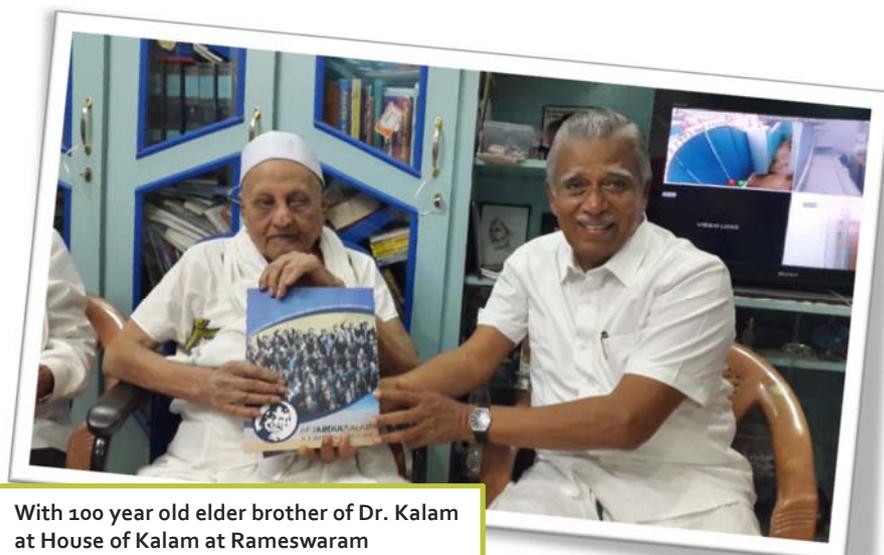
classic literature Thirukkural and old poems with philosophical/spiritual meaning.

Later on in the evening his grandson Saleem told me his grandfather told him that he felt so happy and comfortable in my company like he used to feel in the presence of his younger brother Kalam. I was moved to

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hear that coming from the great man.

Next day at the Samadhi, I attended the official functions of unveiling the bronze life like statue, laying foundation for Kalam Memorial and the interesting exhibition displaying photographs of Dr. Kalam at various stages of his life. Perfect



With 100 year old elder brother of Dr. Kalam at House of Kalam at Rameswaram

arrangements were made in 7 days by the DRDO of Defence Ministry, in which Dr Kalam had worked earlier as Scientist.

Three days later on the invitation of Chief Minister of Delhi and at the insistence of Dr. Kalam family, I attended the dedication of Kalam Memorial at Dilli Hatt, Delhi. I also addressed the large gathering, which had assembled despite heavy rain. The Chief Minister of Delhi presented mementos to the members of the family of Dr. Kalam and myself.



In front of the Statue of Kalam at his memorial site at Rameswaram

Even though one year has passed, it was amazing to see the devotion and admiration with which Dr. Abdul Kalam is remembered by all sections of the society all over the country. So many projects have been named after him by so many States and organisations in the country and abroad.



Nobel Laureate Dr. Kailash Satyarthi addressing at IHC auditorium, Delhi

### Nobel Laureate Dr. Kailash Satyarthi

On 2<sup>nd</sup> August, being a day of remembrance of dear Kala, a function was organised at the Main Auditorium of India Habitat Centre. Dr. Kailash Satyarthi, with whom I have worked closely when I was Director General of National

Human Rights Commission made it a point to honour my invitation and came on time. The Nobel Laureate addressed the large gathering on the theme, "Protecting Child to Protect Humanity". The former Chief Justice of India Justice Shri. R.C. Lahoti presided.



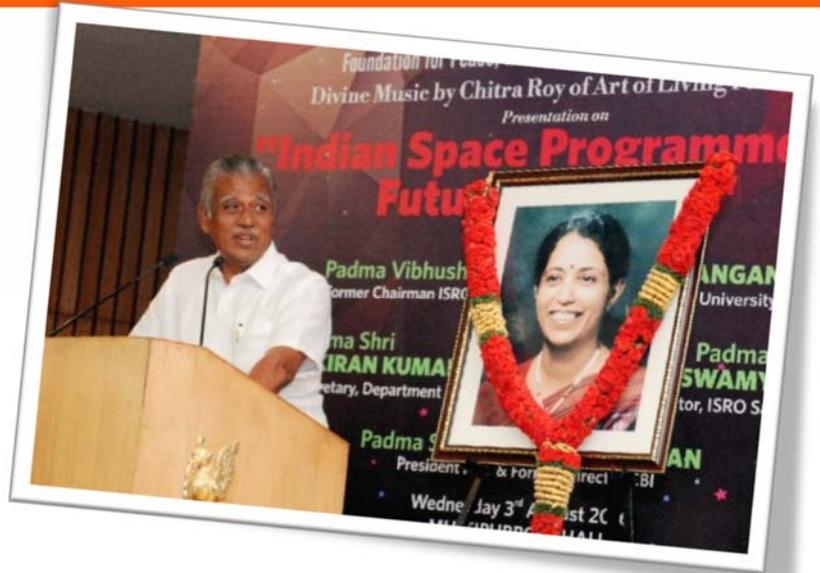
With Dr. Kailash Satyarthi and Chief Justice RC Lahoti at the Stein Auditorium of IHC

They emphasised on the urgent need for social, legal, and enforcement action to protect the children from exploitation, poverty, illiteracy and crime, as then only the nation and humanity as a whole can be protected and developed.

Youtube Link to see the event:-

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6remn\\_mh35Y](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6remn_mh35Y)

attained glory in exploring the outer Space also.



On 3rd August 2016, the great Space scientists made all of us proud, by explaining with

Padma Bhushan Dr. K. Kasturirangan, former Chairman, Indian Space Research Organization (ISRO) &

powerpoint presentations the achievements of our Indian Space Scientists over the last few decades in successfully exploring outer Space and launching several satellites of our own and those of other countries also.



Address by Shri. S. Somanath, Director, Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, ISRO

Chancellor, Jawaharlal Nehru University gave the Keynote address. Dr. Kiran Kumar, Chairman ISRO and Dr. Mylsamy Annadurai, Director, ISRO Satellite Centre, Bangalore, could not come as planned earlier due to sudden developments at Bangalore. Their able representatives Shri. Somanath, Director, Liquid Propulsion Systems Centre, ISRO and Dr. SV Sharma,



Divine Music by Chitra Roy of Art of Living Fame

### India's Glory in Outer Space

While India is known for spirituality and exploration of the inner space for thousands of years by the great rishis and spiritual masters, India has



Keynote Address by Dr. K. Kasturirangan, Former Chairman, ISRO



Address by Dr. SV Sharma, Deputy Director, ISRO Satellite Centre

Deputy Director, ISAC/ISRO thrilled the audience with their graphic presentations.

We are convinced that our eminent and devoted Space Scientists have made India proud by making it the third most advanced country in the field of Space Research and Launch.

The function started with elevating spiritual music by world renowned Chitra Roy of Art of Living Foundation, again in memory of dear Kala.

The entire recording of the events can be seen on YouTube links below:-

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cdFYsJtW3uk>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=waLtRexNVvs>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=iHgn5m339uA>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VJwKpYc4bpl>

### Rare and Holy Ek Vilvam

I was invited to participate in the Ek Vilvam plantation project at Raipur, Chhattisgarh.

Vilvam has always been considered as a very holy plant, dearest to Lord Shiva. It is known as Bael in Hindi and its botanical name is *Aegle Marmelos*. It is also known as bitter orange, stone Apple and wood apple in different parts of the world. It is native to India though present in many other countries of Asia as a naturalised species. It was considered as a valuable medicinal herb since ancient times.

Ek Vilvam is considered a rare variety of Vilvam and not commonly found. Ek Vilvam Shivarpanam - meaning that is the dearest to Shiva.

Unique mysterious medicinal values and healing properties

have been detected in recent times, validating the ancient belief and practice of respecting and worshipping Vilvapatram as being dearest to Lord Shiva.

It is considered as a powerful anti-cancer herb. It is found to help cancer patients to withstand Chemo and Radio Therapy. It is found to give enormous immunity to resist cancer and diabetes. Formal scientific validation is expected by early 2017.

A prominent family dedicated to organic cultivation, desi-cow farm, and tissue culture propagation had invited me to participate in the project. I had to wade through slushy soil in heavy rain to plant a seedling of Ek Vilvam in that plantation.

The plan is to grow Ek Vilvam over 100 acres, take the extract, mix it with couple of more rare herbs and produce capsules to be named Pavithra and



Planting Ek Vilvam at Raipur organic Vilvam Plantation



At the Aditya Biotech park, Raipur – Tissue Culture lab – propagating organic plants

distribute it globally mainly as a contribution to humanity to prevent many diseases and even cure cancer. Of course for the heavy investment, reasonable return is also justifiably expected.



**Life Depicts Our Deeds and Thoughts as a Mirror**

**Try to give  
Comfort to the afflicted,  
Courage to the  
frightened, Hope to the  
worried and distressed**

**Mark Inglis** – the only double amputee to climb the Everest. Lost his legs at the age of 23 while attempting to climb Mt. Everest.

Most inspirational mountaineer. According to him disability is only a different ability.

I request you to spare time to look at his website [www.markinglis.co.nz](http://www.markinglis.co.nz)

Mark Joseph Inglis born in 1959 is the only double amputee to climb Mt Everest. This most inspirational mountaineer says – **disability means different ability. What are we complaining about when we find such a person full of energy, enthusiasm and joy?**

**A MAN IS LITERALLY WHAT HE THINKS,  
HIS CHARACTER BEING THE COMPLETE  
SUM OF ALL HIS THOUGHTS**