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Report on

Read2Innovate: The story of the Missile Man – Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

Date of Event: 7th August 2026

Venue: GTU Chandkheda Campus

Organized by: Central Library, GTU & Book Talk Club

• Flyer of the Event:



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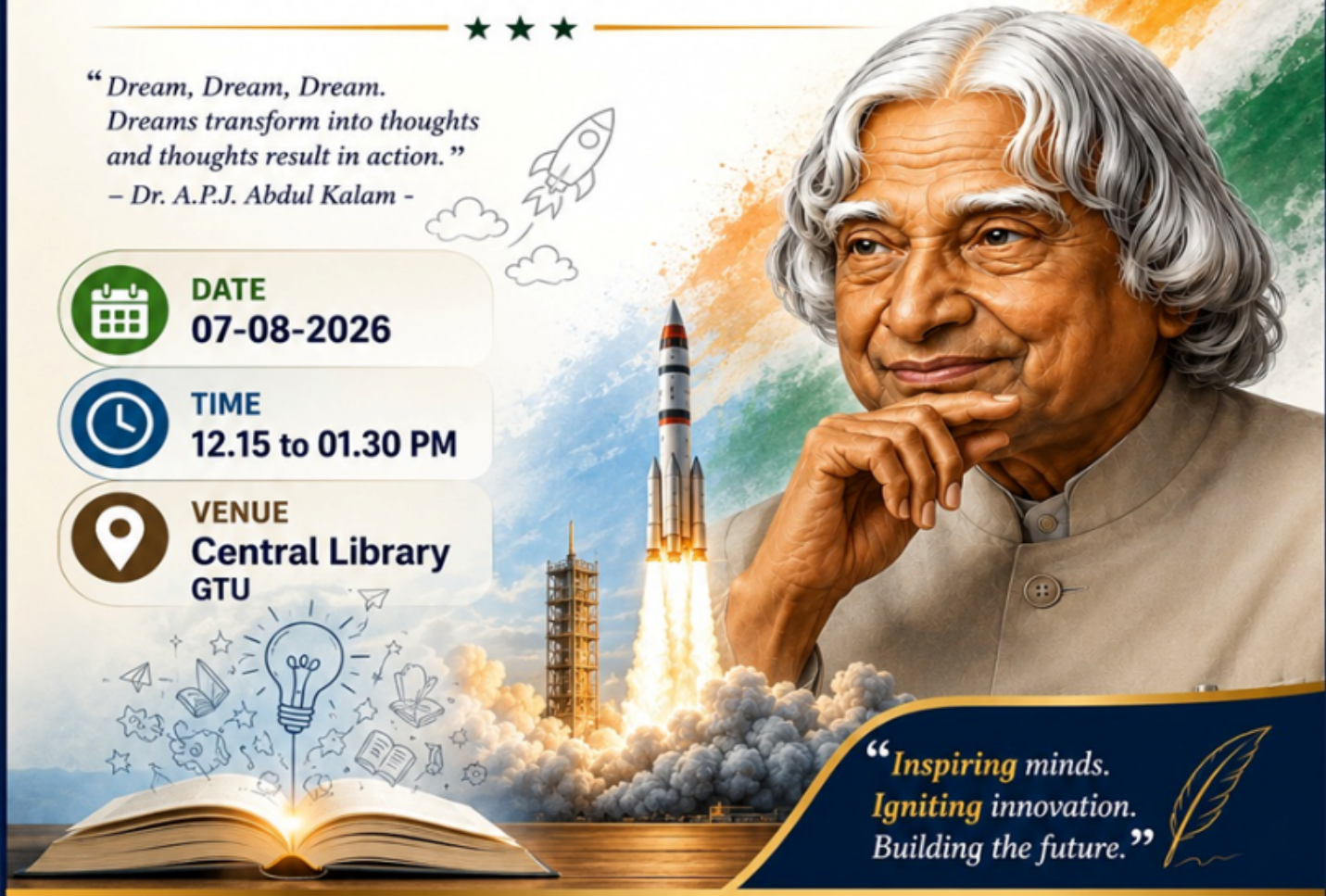
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Read2Innovate:

The Story of the Missile Man –
Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam

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*“Dream, Dream, Dream.
Dreams transform into thoughts
and thoughts result in action.”
– Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam –*



DATE
07-08-2026

TIME
12.15 to 01.30 PM

VENUE
**Central Library
GTU**

*“Inspiring minds.
Igniting innovation.
Building the future.”*

GTU- Central Library & The Book talk Club
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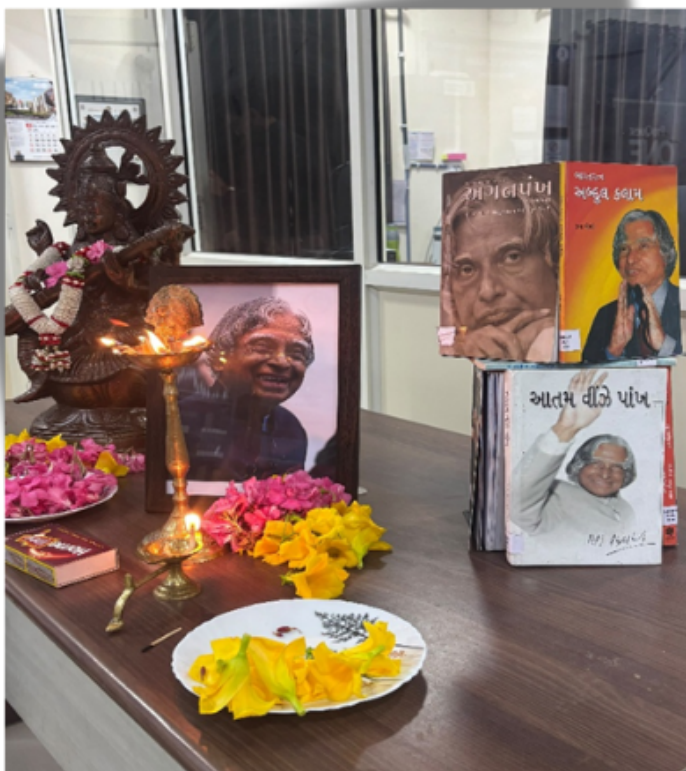
• INTRODUCTION

Central Library, Gujarat Technological University, organized a program titled “Read2Innovate: The Story of the Missile Man – Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam” on 7th August 2026 in collaboration with The Book Talk Club at the Central Library. The program aimed to promote reading habits among students, researchers, faculty members, and library users and to encourage meaningful discussions and knowledge sharing through group reading activities.

The event was inaugurated by Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki along with Mr. Harsh Barot. Students and readers actively participated in the program and showed great interest in learning about the importance of reading and sharing knowledge in today’s fast-changing digital world.

• EVENT HIGHLIGHTS:

The event began with a warm welcome by Ms. Vandana Rathod, Library Assistant, Central Library, GTU. The program started with the traditional Pushpahar ceremony offered to Goddess Saraswati, followed by offering flowers to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. The ceremonial lamp (Deep Pragtya) was then performed by the members of The Book Talk Club, including Mr. Harsh Barot and Ms. Hetvi Raval, along with Librarian Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki and Library Assistant Heena Ben. The ceremony created a respectful and positive atmosphere for the beginning of the event.





Dr. Mahesh K. Solanki shared his thoughts on the life and achievements of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and explained how Dr. Kalam's journey had inspired him. He spoke about Dr. Kalam's dedication to education, science, innovation, and service to the nation. He highlighted Dr. Kalam's simple lifestyle, positive thinking, and strong belief in the power of young minds. His words encouraged the participants to read about Dr. Kalam and follow his values of hard work, learning, and dedication.



During the session, Mr. Harsh Barot presented a storytelling session on “Agan Pankh” (Wings of Fire), the autobiography of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, written with Arun Tiwari. The book describes Dr. Kalam’s inspiring journey from his childhood in Rameswaram to becoming a renowned scientist, the “Missile Man of India,” and later the President of India.



Mr. Harsh Barot narrated important events from the book, including Dr. Kalam’s simple childhood, his struggles, education, passion for science, and his contribution to India’s space and missile programmes. The story highlighted his dedication, hard work, determination, and strong belief in dreams and innovation. The storytelling session helped the participants understand Dr. Kalam’s life in an engaging way and inspired them to learn from his values and achievements.



• Question-Answer session:

After the completion of the event, an interactive question-and-answer session was conducted. Participants actively asked questions related to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's life, achievements, and the book *Agan Pankh*. The session encouraged meaningful discussion and helped participants gain a deeper understanding of his inspiring journey and values.



• Vote of Thanks:

The Vote of Thanks was delivered by Mr. Mohitbhai, Library Assistant, who also shared his memorable personal experience of meeting Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam. He expressed his gratitude to everyone involved in organizing the event and spoke about how meeting Dr. Kalam was an inspiring and unforgettable experience.

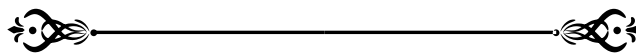


• Conclusion:

The “Read2Innovate: The Story of the Missile Man – Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam” event was successfully conducted with enthusiastic participation from students and library users. The storytelling session, interactive question-and-answer session, and personal experiences helped participants understand Dr. Kalam’s inspiring life, achievements, and values. The event successfully promoted the importance of reading, knowledge sharing, and continuous learning. Overall, the program was an enriching and motivating experience for all participants.



(Group Photo of the Event)



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