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Hand Children 'Wings of Fire', Encourage Them to Dream Big: PMRDA Additional Metropolitan Commissioner K. Manjulakshmi

PMRDA Pays Rich Tributes to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam on His Birth Anniversary

PUNE: The birth anniversary of former President of India, renowned scientist, 'Missile Man', and Bharat Ratna awardee Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam was celebrated with great enthusiasm today (October 15) at the Akurdi headquarters of the Pune Metropolitan Region Development Authority (PMRDA). Speaking on the occasion, PMRDA Additional Metropolitan Commissioner K. Manjulakshmi said, "Hand children a copy of 'Wings of Fire' and encourage them to dream big. That will be the true tribute to Dr. Kalam."

Highlighting his life and legacy, K. Manjulakshmi noted that Dr. Kalam demonstrated through his own life how dedicatedly one can serve the nation. "His journey, which began in a humble family in Rameswaram, reached ISRO, DRDO, and eventually Rashtrapati Bhavan. This journey serves as an inspiration for every student. Even amidst extreme adversity, he never gave up on education. From selling newspapers to leading India's missile program, his life story proves that with determination and hard work, one can reach any height," she added.

The event was attended by PMRDA Joint Commissioner (Administration) Rupali Awale-Dambe, Superintending Engineer Anil Sagar, Deputy Commissioner (Administration) Rajesh Mashere, Land Records Superintendent Asha Jadhav, Executive Engineer Shivkumar Kupal, Deputy Engineer D. M. Chaure, Information & Public Relations Officer Purushottam Sangle, along with officers and staff of PMRDA.

K. Manjulakshmi Recalls Inspiring Initiative

During the occasion, Additional Metropolitan Commissioner K. Manjulakshmi shared a heartwarming memory from her tenure as Administrator and Commissioner at the Kolhapur Municipal Corporation (KMC). Under a special initiative launched during her tenure, 25 meritorious students from municipal schools who ranked in state and district merit lists for government scholarship exams were taken on an educational trip by flight to the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO).

This flagship initiative of the Kolhapur Municipal Corporation provided underprivileged yet bright students with direct exposure to the country's premier space agency. Driven by her vision, the program was conducted annually, making Kolhapur the only municipal corporation in the state to implement such an initiative continuously. She stressed that the idea was directly inspired by the vision and philosophy of Dr. Kalam.

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