

"India was already getting to know Kalam as a foremost scientist. Prithvi and Agni missiles were at an advanced stage by then. It can be said that he moved to Delhi in 1992. The Centre appointed him as consultant to the defense minister. He was in this post until 1999. On 25 July 2002 he became the 11th President of India. He was India's first unmarried president. His term ended on 25 July 2007.

Kalam was a disciplined person in his personal life. His book *Wings of Fire* was written with a view to counsel and give guidance to youngsters. While at Rashtrapati Bhavan and later too he preferred to be with young people. He would share his experiences with the young. Foreign ministers and dignitaries found themselves enriched during their conversations with him."