

***Dr. Kashinath Deodhar, former Senior Scientist at DRDO, addressed the students of Kalsekar Technical Campus on the occasion of Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam's birthday
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The Central Library of Anjuman-I-Islam's Kalsekar Technical Campus (AIKTC), New Panvel successfully organized Reading Inspiration Day (Vachan Prerna Diwas) 2025 on 15th October to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the People's President and Missile Man of India. The event aimed to promote reading habits, lifelong learning, and intellectual curiosity among the campus community.

The celebration witnessed enthusiastic participation from over 250 students and faculty members across various schools of AIKTC. The day began with an expert talk by Dr. Kashinath Deodhar, who shared his memories of time spent with Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam and recounted Dr. Kalam's journey — from serving the nation to becoming the 'Missile Man of India'. He also highlighted the various indigenous weapons developed in the country and spoke about the journey leading to the success of Operation Sindoor, which filled the students and staff with great enthusiasm by his 1000th Talk.

As part of the event, the library felicitated Best Library Readers (2024–25) — one student and one faculty member from each school — recognizing their dedication to reading and active engagement with library resources.

The event also featured a Book Launch by AIKTC faculty authors, acknowledging their scholarly contributions and publications in 2025. This initiative highlighted the library's continuous efforts to foster academic authorship and research culture within the campus.

Adding to the enthusiasm, a Thematic Book Display on Dr. Kalam's works and Marathi literature was organized, along with a Mass Reading Activity, which saw active student participation and thoughtful reflections on the joy of reading. The celebration was a resounding success, reinforcing the Central Library's mission to cultivate intellectual growth and a culture of continuous learning. The event concluded with a message to all — "Let's continue our journey of reading, learning, and growing together."

The program was organized under the guidance of Shaheen Momin (Librarian) and the library team. The event was held under the leadership of Padma Shri Dr. Zahir I. Kazi, President of Anjuman-I-Islam; Mr. Burhan Harris, Executive Chairman, Board of Institute, Navi Mumbai; Dr. Ramjan Khatik, Campus Director; Dr. Rajendra Magar, Dean, School of Engineering. Deans and Heads of various departments also contributed significantly to the success of the event.