



Department of Aeronautical Engineering

Event Report – IGNITING MINDS 3.0

Date: 15th October 2025

Venue: Department of Aeronautical Engineering

Occasion: A Tribute to Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam 94th Birth Anniversary

1. Introduction

The Department of Aeronautical Engineering of Gopalan College of Engineering and Management organized **Igniting Minds 3.0** on **15th October 2025**, to commemorate the birth anniversary of **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**, the *Missile Man of India* and former President of the nation.

The event aimed to pay tribute to his visionary contributions to science, technology, and education, while motivating students to pursue innovation and excellence in aerospace and allied fields.

The event was conducted under the guidance of **Dr. G. Purushottam**, Head of the Department, and coordinated by **Mr. Suprith M**, Faculty Organizer. The **student organizers** were **Karanam Vaishnavi** and **M. Siddartha**, who led the team with great enthusiasm and coordination.

2. Invocation and Welcome Address

The program began with a soulful **invocation song** rendered by **Janavi N** from 1st year Aeronautical Engineering, setting a serene and auspicious tone. Following this, **Dr. G. Purushottam**, Head of the Department, delivered the **welcome address**, extending a warm welcome to the **Chief Guest – Dr. Murthy Remilla**, former Head of the Human Space Programme (Gaganyaan), along with all faculty members and students.

3. Floral Tribute and Cultural Segment

A **floral tribute** was offered to **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**, marking the solemn remembrance of his inspiring legacy.

The moment was followed by an emotional and patriotic performance titled **“Salam Kalam”** by **Vyshnavi D** from 3rd year Aeronautical Engineering, which left the audience deeply moved.



4. Chief Guest Address and Technical Talk

The **Chief Guest, Dr. Murthy Remilla**, was formally introduced and invited to address the gathering.

In his **technical talk**, he shared valuable insights about India's progress in **aerospace and defense technologies**, highlighting Dr. Kalam's role in shaping the nation's space vision. He encouraged students to dream big, think innovatively, and contribute meaningfully to the country's technological advancement.



5. Felicitation and Prize Distribution

The **felicitation ceremony** honored **Dr. Murthy Remilla** for gracing the event with his presence and guidance.

This was followed by the **prize distribution ceremony**, recognizing winners of various technical competitions held under Igniting Minds 3.0.





Competition Winners:

 **AeroXplore – Static Model Making**


Winner: **DINESH KUMAR G**
RUTHWIK PATEL
SANJAY C

 **CrashXplore – Air Crash Investigation Challenge**

Winner: **MUHAMMED KHUZAIMA HUSSAIN**
HARISH RATHOD

 **Posterthon: Wings of Fire – Poster Presentation**

Winner: **SAFA HUSAN**

 **ModelXplore – CAD Challenge**

Winner: **YASHWANTH N**



6. MOU Announcement

A significant highlight of the day was the **MOU signing** between **Vaahan Power Connate** and the **Department of Aeronautical Engineering**.

This collaboration aims to strengthen **industry–academia interaction**, provide students with **hands-on industrial exposure**, and open new pathways for research and innovation.



7. Token of Appreciation

Tokens of appreciation were presented to all **faculty members**, **student coordinators**, and **organizers** who worked tirelessly to ensure the smooth conduct and success of Igniting Minds 3.0.



8. Vote of Thanks

The event concluded with a **Vote of Thanks** proposed by **Mr. Suprith M**, Faculty Coordinator, who expressed heartfelt gratitude to the **Chief Guest, faculty members, organizing committee, and participants** for making the event a memorable success.



9. Conclusion

Igniting Minds 3.0 stood as a **powerful tribute** to the legacy of **Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam**, igniting inspiration and scientific curiosity among students.

The event successfully blended **technical excellence, creativity, and patriotic spirit**, motivating the next generation of engineers to dream, innovate, and contribute to the nation's progress.



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