‘60 yrs on, I realized I wanted to teach’

Kalam Tells Kids To Work For Social Causes

THUS SPAKE KALAM

How did you come to politics after pursuing science, asks a student.
Kalam: I had prepared a Vision 2020 plan and thought I could market this if I was chosen President.

Student: I want to work in the field of measuring atoms. How do I do that?
Kalam: You are made of millions and millions of atoms. Measuring atoms is a big deal and some attempts have been made. It’s a challenging field nonetheless.

‘FLY ON WINGS OF KNOWLEDGE’

Kalam was upset at the United International School off Hennur, on Monday. Students listened in rapt attention as the man addressed 15 million children (as live audience) spoke.

“I have confidence I will fly. I am born with goodness and trust, potential, ideas and dreams, greatness, confidence and wings – so I am not meant for crawling, I will fly.”

Kalam was the first to be addressed by the young students, Kalam, who recalled his teacher’s words, “good education through inspirational teachers gives children wings to fly.”

A 16-year-old student, studying in a medical school in Ramnathpur, said, “I got wings of knowledge.”

By giving science and math teacher’s words, he said, “I was a Sentinel and Tamil scholar and an expert in Shakespeare. Our class of 65 students respected his knowledge and he taught us the way of life.”

CURIOUS LOT: Over 200 children from 20 schools across Bangalore will participate in the five-day Parikrama festival of science, which former President APJ Abdul Kalam inaugurated at J N Tata Auditorium on Monday.

The JN Tata Auditorium on the TIE campus was bustling with schoolchildren who had gathered to listen to Kalam. He reiterated the five-day Parikrama festival of science starting at GKYK (University of Agricultural Sciences) from January 19 to 25 themed around conservation of water bodies. And thus how he began: “I have seen Vaishnavi Mohan in Coimbatore who called me to inaugurate a lake. Years ago, she discovered that the lake was lost and had historical significance. She finally restored the lake. You all must go to temples, mosques and churches of rural India to find water bodies that existed there in the past and restore them. Get some soil and mud stains on your lab coats…” He also shared his e-mail ID (apj@abdualkalam.com) with students and promised to reply to each of them.