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Report on Vachan Prerana Diwas (Reading Inspiration Day)

Date: 15th October 2025, **Time:** 12.30 p.m.

Venue: R. A. Podar College Library, Matunga, Mumbai

Introduction: Vachan Prerana Diwas, also known as Reading Inspiration Day, was celebrated on 15th October 2025 in the R. A. Podar College Library to commemorate the birth anniversary of Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, the former President of India and the "Missile Man of India." This day is observed to inspire young minds to cultivate reading habits and pay tribute to Dr Kalam's vision of knowledge and education.



Programme Details: The event commenced at 12.30 p.m. with the presence of around 75 participants, including students, teachers, and college staff members. The programme began with an opening remark by Librarian Mr. Santosh Patil, who welcomed the gathering and highlighted the objective of celebrating Vachan Prerana Diwas to encourage reading and lifelong learning among students.

He then invited Mr. Mahendra Kaware, Vice Principal, Junior College, to address the audience. In his speech, Mr. Kaware emphasized the importance of developing reading habits in the digital age and motivated students to read books that broaden their knowledge and imagination.

Following this, Principal Prof. Vinita Pimpale addressed the gathering. She spoke about the life and contributions of Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, describing him as a true inspiration for every student and teacher. She urged everyone to follow Dr. Kalam's ideals of curiosity, perseverance, and dedication to learning.



Participation and Activities: Students, teachers, and staff members actively participated in the celebration. A short reading session was conducted, where participants read excerpts from inspirational and biographical books. The library also displayed a special collection of books authored by Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam, such as *Wings of Fire*, *Ignited Minds*, and *India 2020*.



Conclusion: The event concluded with a vote of thanks by the Librarian, expressing gratitude to the Principal, Vice Principal, faculty, and students for their participation and enthusiasm. The celebration of Vachan Prerana Diwas 2025 successfully inspired the college community to embrace reading as a lifelong habit. It served as a heartfelt tribute to Dr A. P. J. Abdul Kalam’s legacy.

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