

## **I have Three Visions for India: Dr A P J Abdul Kalam**

### **Q. Write a note on the three visions as proposed by Dr A P J Abdul Kalam.**

The 'Three Visions for India' is one of the many inspirational speeches delivered by Bharat Ratna Dr AP J Abdul Kalam. He is widely known by various titles such as the 'Missile Man' and the 'People's President' of India. He was equally renowned for his prophetic and visionary mission to build a strong and developed India. Through his writings and speeches, he presented his vision for India which was the mission statement of his life. In this speech, Dr Kalam outlined his vision for India and also addressed the ways to attain it.

Dr Kalam opens this speech by recounting how during the last 3000 years various invaders have robbed India of its glory. However, India has not done any harm to any nation or people because Indians respect the freedom of others. Thus, Dr Kalam puts forward the three visions he holds for India to become a leading country in the world.

The three visions of Dr Kalam are

1. Freedom
2. Development
3. India must stand up to the world

Freedom:

Dr Kalam makes it clear that these three visions are integrated to each other. Without freedom there would be no development and without strength shown to the world, it would not respect our freedom. So, according to Dr Kalam, we must be strong not only as a military power but also as an economic power. Both must go hand-in-hand.

Development:

Dr Kalam rebukes the Indian media and Indian mentality for its negative attitude towards the strengths of our nation. He recounts how India is a great nation by showing that India has excelled in milk production, in remote sensing satellites, as a producer of wheat and rice. He urges the Indians to feel proud about being the citizens of great, developed nation. He cites the example of an Israeli newspaper which puts the achievement of its farmer as the lead news whereas the news of terrorist attack by Hamas on its country gets a place in the middle pages. But the Indian newspapers and the television give prominence to violence, bloodshed and all sorts of negative news. Dr Kalam urges us to be always active and positive in the service of our nation.

India must stand up to the World:

Dr Kalam gives a vital message to the citizens of India or building this developed India. His mantra for this is don't ask what this country has or can do for you; ask how you can contribute to the development of this nation. He cites examples of the behaviour of Indians when they go to foreign countries.

When Indians go abroad, they can't afford to break laws. They follow the law very carefully and then they talk about the good governance, cleanliness, health and hygiene of those countries. However, the same persons who praise foreign countries do not respect the Indian laws and code of civilian ethics. They blame the government or systems for its failures. That's why Dr Kalam urges the citizens of India to stop waiting for Mr Clean to come and make this country an ideal place to live. He asks us to work sincerely and honestly to the best of our capacity to build this great nation.

In this way, Dr Kalam presents his ideas about the three visions he had for the great future of India.