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# President of India is in Chhattisgarh; Addresses the Chhattisgarh Rajyotsava

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The President of India, Shri Ram Nath Kovind, addressed the Chhattisgarh Rajyotsava today (November 5, 2017) in Naya Raipur.

Speaking on the occasion, the President congratulated people of Chhattisgarh on the 17<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the formation of the State.

The President said that Chhattisgarh has immense potential for development. The forests, rivers and minerals are priceless natural resources for the State. But the biggest assets are the honest and friendly people of Chhattisgarh.

The President said that Chhattisgarh has done many things in the field of public welfare and development that have been praised throughout the country, and from which other states have learnt a lot. Chhattisgarh is the first state in the country to enact 'Food and Nutrition Security Act'.

The President said that under the leadership of Chief Minister Dr Raman Singh commendable work has been done for STs, SCs, the underprivileged, farmers, women, youth and other sections of society. He congratulated the Chhattisgarh administration and the people for this. He stated that the development of Chhattisgarh can be an example of development for the rest of the country.

Earlier in the day, the President paid tributes at the Shahidi Smarak Sthal in Raipur. Tomorrow, he will visit the Guru Ghasidas Jaikham and attend the bhoomi puja for a Saamudayik Bhavan at Girodhpuri in Chhattisgarh.

**Text of President's address in Hindi is attached.**

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