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Former President Shri Pranab Mukherjee has shared a letter from the Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, received on his last day in office as President of India. Shri Pranab Mukherjee said that the letter from the Prime Minister touched his heart.

Following is the Text of the Letter:



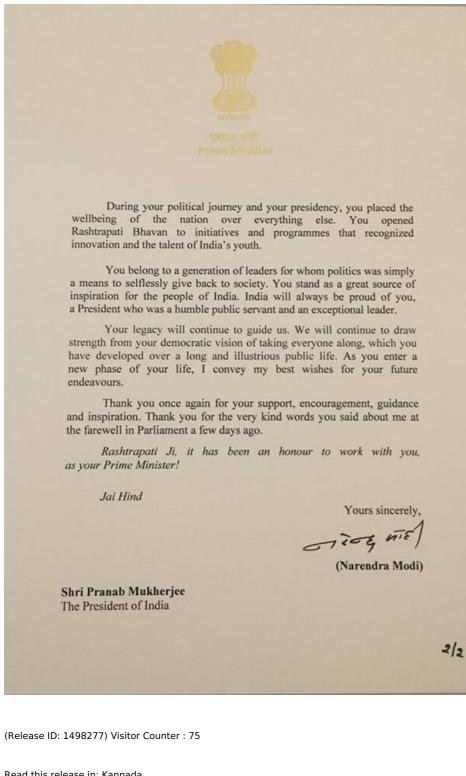
As you begin a new phase of your distinguished journey, I cannot but express my profound sense of admiration and gratitude for your immense contribution to the nation, particularly as President of India over the last five years. You have inspired us with your simplicity, high principles and exemplary leadership.

Three years ago, I came to New Delhi as an outsider. The task before me was huge and challenging. In these times, you have always been a father figure and a mentor to me. Your wisdom, guidance and personal warmth have given me greater confidence and strength.

That you are a repository of knowledge is well known. I have always marveled at your insights on various subjects, ranging from policy to politics, economics to external affairs, and security issues to subjects of national and global importance. Your intellectual prowess has constantly helped my government and me.

You have been so warm, affectionate and caring to me. Your one phone call asking me "I hope you are taking care of your health" was enough to fill me with fresh energy, after a long day at meetings or on a campaign tour.

Pranab Da, our political journeys took shape in different political parties. Our ideologies, at times, have been different. Our experiences are also varied. My administrative experience was from my state, whereas you have seen the expanse of our national polity and politics for decades. Yet, such is the strength of your intellect and wisdom that we were able to work together with synergy.



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