Indian President Ram Nath Kovind

### Dear fellow citizens,

### Namaskar!

festivals, our national festivals Constitution.

## Justice, liberty, equality and fraternity: Values that guided our freedom struggle

reetings to all of you on ity, and Fraternity – outlined in and Fraternity. the eve of the 72nd Re- the Preamble of our Constitution riched by diversity, with many ern but for the people at large.

Republic Day with enthusiasm very beginning of the Constituand express our respect for the tion to build the foundation on life. national flag, and our faith in the which the edifice of our democ-

For all of us, then, this is the dom struggle. They had diverse path to development. day to also pause and ponder dreams of a magnificent future values – Justice, Liberty, Equal-values: Justice, Liberty, Equality,

I would like that we go further public Day of the world's are sacred to all of us. Its abiding back into history and inquire ed in different walks of life, some largest and most vibrant democ- adherence is meant not only for why precisely these values guidracy. In this land of ours, en- those who are mandated to gov- ed our nation-builders. And the leadership, some contributing to answer is obvious: This land and It is not without reason that its inhabitants have cherished are celebrated by everyone with the wise men and women who these ideals from the time immegreat patriotic fervour. We cele- framed the Constitution chose morial. Justice, Liberty, Equalibrate the national festival of the to place these four terms at the ty, and Fraternity are perennial principles of our philosophy of

ty-one years ago, on this very day, ers and thinkers like Bal Gan-these values for its times. As the jawans. we the people of India adopted, gadhar 'Tilak', Lala Lajpat Rai, freedom fighters did in their day, enacted and gave to ourselves a Mahatma Gandhi and Subhas so should we in our time. These all, for the Republic Day.

Chandra Bose inspired our free- key principles should light our

As we are set to celebrate the over the core values that the of the motherland, but common anniversary of our Republic, I Constitution propounds. These to their aspirations were these am thinking of our brothers and sisters abroad. Our diaspora is our pride.

Indians abroad have succeedrising to high levels of political science, arts, academics, civil society and business, each bringing laurels to their new homelands and also to India.

Republic Day greetings to you from the land of your ancestors!

My greetings to the members They come to us from the of the armed forces, paramilidawn of this civilisation through tary forces and the police who This day has come to mean a 
In fact, these were the val- an unbroken chain. It is, of usually celebrate festivals staylot to all Indians living within ues that guided our freedom course, the task of every genering away from their families. the country and abroad. Seven- struggle. A galaxy of great lead- ation to seek out the meaning of My special greetings to all those

I once again congratulate you

# **Awards winners**

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Tndian Prime Minister Narendra Modi has praised the personalities who were conferred the prestigious Padma Awards by Indian President Ram Nath Kovind this year.



Indian P M Narendra Modi

"We are proud of all those who have been conferred the Padma Awards. India cherishes their contribution to the nation and humanity at large. These exceptional individuals from different walks of life have brought qualitative changes in the lives of others," said Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his Twitter account.

Padma Awards, one of the highest civilian Awards of the country, are given to individuals for their exceptional and distinguished service in various disciplines and fields of activities.

Padma Awards are conferred in three categories, namely, Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhushan and Padma Shri.

The awards are given in various disciplines, fields of activities, viz. art, social work, public affairs, science and engineering, trade and industry, medicine, literature and education, sports, civil service, etc.

Padma Vibhushan is awarded for exceptional and distinguished service; 'Padma Bhushan' for distinguished service of high order; and 'Padma Shri' for distinguished service in any field. The awards are announced on the occasion of Republic Day every year.



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