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## **rashtrapati bhavan house of the people of india**

### **President of India**

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**USPA NEWS** - The President, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee with the third batch of Innovation Scholars, Writers and Artists attending the In Residence Programme, at Rashtrapati Bhavan, in New Delhi on March 23, 2016.

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The President of India, Mr. Pranab Mukherjee described the Rashtrapati Bhavan as a house of the people of India. He was addressing a group of grassroot innovators, writers and artists “In-Residence” who are staying in Rashtrapati Bhavan for a two week “In Residence” Programme on March 23.

The President said the In-Residence programme is among the many initiatives taken to open Rashtrapati Bhavan to the public. He described the participants of the “In-Residence” Programme as honoured and special guests. He said that they were special guests and will continue to be so because of their talent. All of them were creative minds of a resurgent India and they will add many more glorious chapters to our ancient civilization.

If a society cannot respect talent, it cannot be described as a progressive society. Without innovations and creativity, no society can advance.

Mrs. Omita Paul, Secretary to the President said the President firmly believes that innovation and creative ideas are essential for the growth and development of the country. By encouraging bright minds, we can usher innovations which go beyond economic gains and cover the aspect of social good. She said India needs new ideas and the bright young minds who can usher innovations can be true torch-bearers of the development. She emphasized that innovative ideas need to be supported if we want speed, scalability and sustainability.

All the participants in the In-Residence programme shared their experiences of staying at Rashtrapati Bhavan. They said their stay at Rashtrapati Bhavan had inspired them to take their creative initiatives to a higher level. When they return back to their States, they would serve as ambassadors of the President and Rashtrapati Bhavan and encourage others to innovate to find solutions to problems of the people in their day to day lives.

On the occasion, the first copy of a book documenting the In-Residence Programme was presented to the President by Mrs. Omita Paul, Secretary to the President.

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