

# **PRESIDENT OF INDIA IN UTTARAKHAND; ATTENDS CIVIC RECEPTION AT DEHRADUN; INAUGURATES/LAYS FOUNDATION STONES FOR VARIOUS PROJECTS RELATED TO HEALTHCARE, POWER GENERATION AND SUPPLY, TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND TRANSPORT**

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The President noted that there are many famous centres of naturopathy in Uttarakhand where a large number of people from India and abroad come and avail health benefits. She said that the state has immense possibilities for 'nature tourism', 'adventure tourism' as well as 'medical tourism'. She was happy to note that Uttarakhand is setting up new institutions in the fields of modern medicine and Ayurveda.

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The President said that we are celebrating Azadi ka Amrit Mahotsav. It is our duty to remember the known and unknown freedom fighters. She recalled the contributions of Bishni Devi Shah, Veer Chandra Singh Garhwali, Sri Dev Suman, Kesari Chand, Indramani Badoni and Shri Govind Ballabh Pant. She said that efforts should be made to acquaint the young generation of the entire country with the contribution of these personalities of Uttarakhand.

In the context of the younger generation, the President mentioned Lakshya Sen, on whom Arjuna Award was conferred recently and said that the 21 years old Lakshya Sen sets an ideal for the youth of the entire country to aim towards achieving excellence in their respective fields.

The President said that she was happy to lay the foundation stones and inaugurate various projects related to healthcare, power generation and supply, technical education and transport.

She appreciated central and state government for these initiatives and expressed confidence that these projects would enhance public amenities in the state. She also appreciated the people of Uttarakhand and said that the hardworking and talented residents of the state have contributed significantly in the developmental journey of Uttarakhand.

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