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The President's address on the eve of the Republic Day has received moderate coverage in Mumbai's newspapers.

- President Patil cautioning the nation to be careful, while bringing out change is the most prominent headline in most of the dailies.
- DNA has commented 'Lokpal shadow on President's address'.
- Asian Age is the only paper which has published an editorial comment on President's address. It says "Try to inspire India, don't sermonize".
- Hindustan Times in its editorial on the Republic Day spirit has called for inventing new ways of celebrating, rather than the Stalinist display of military prowess at the Rajpath
- While most of the smaller and regional dailies have covered the President's address, it is blanked in the Times of India, Hindustan Times and Loksatta, Marathi. However, the news has appeared in their web-editions.

Snapshot of Headlines

Times of India	President urges the nation to trust its institutions In an indirect reference to the Anna Hazare movement that had divided the political discourse sharply, President Pratibha Patil on Wednesday exhorted people to trust the nation's institutions and not be quick to direct blame at others. <i>(Web edition)</i>
Hindustan Times	Patil's word of caution for Hazare President Pratibha Devisingh Patil on Wednesday cautioned against losing the long-term goals and pulling down the whole system while pursuing reforms to bring more transparency in public life and institutions. <i>(Web edition)</i>
DNA	Lokpal shadow on Prez address Politics and much less agitations are a taboo when it comes to the President's Republic Day eve address to the nation.
Indian Express	Remove bad fruit, don't bring down the tree'. President urges respect for India's institutions in her Republic Day address.
Asian Age	Patil: Be cautious on reforms In her Republic Day eve address to the nation, President Pratibha Devisingh Patil on Wednesday asked for a cautious approach while

	initiating reforms without adversely affecting democratic institutions.
Asian Age (Editorial)	Try to inspire India, don't sermonize President Patil's Republic Day address reads like a harangue. It lacks pep, it short on ideas, and it could have done with some style.
Business Line	Improve infra for rapid growth, says President "We look at building our country, as one whose economy demonstrates a robustness to grow, so that we can become a developed nation," the President said in her address to the nation on the eve of 63rd Republic day.
Yashobhumi (Hindi)	Don't shake the tree so much to remove the bad fruit, that the tree itself falls down. President urges caution in bringing change in her Republic Day address
Maharashtra Times	Bring change, but with care. President Patil urges the nation not to deliver a blow to the democratic institutions, while demanding change
Sakaal, Marathi	Have faith in democratic institutions: Prez Our Parliament has enacted path-breaking laws," she said in an address to the nation on the eve of the Republic Day. Her remarks assume significance against the backdrop of the movement against corruption by 'Team Anna'.
Lokmat	Be careful, while bringing about change. President urges respect for India's democratic institutions in her Republic Day address.
Aapla Vartahar	Democracy, humanity, law and order essential for ensuring balanced development – President Patil
Janmabhoomi (Gujarati)	Be cautious while bringing about change. President Patil urges respect for Parliamentary institutions in her Republic Day address.
IBN Lokmat TV	Resolve issues through talks, not violence: Patil "While bringing about reforms and improving institutions, we have to be cautious that while shaking the tree to remove the bad fruit, we do not bring down the tree itself," she said in her address to the nation on the eve of the 63rd Republic Day.
Saam TV	Patil stresses importance of dialogue, hits out at negativity and rejection "Those who believe in democracy must try to see whether there is rationale in the others' point of view," she said in her address to the nation on the eve of the 63rd Republic Day. "The purpose of discussions and deliberations is to find solutions