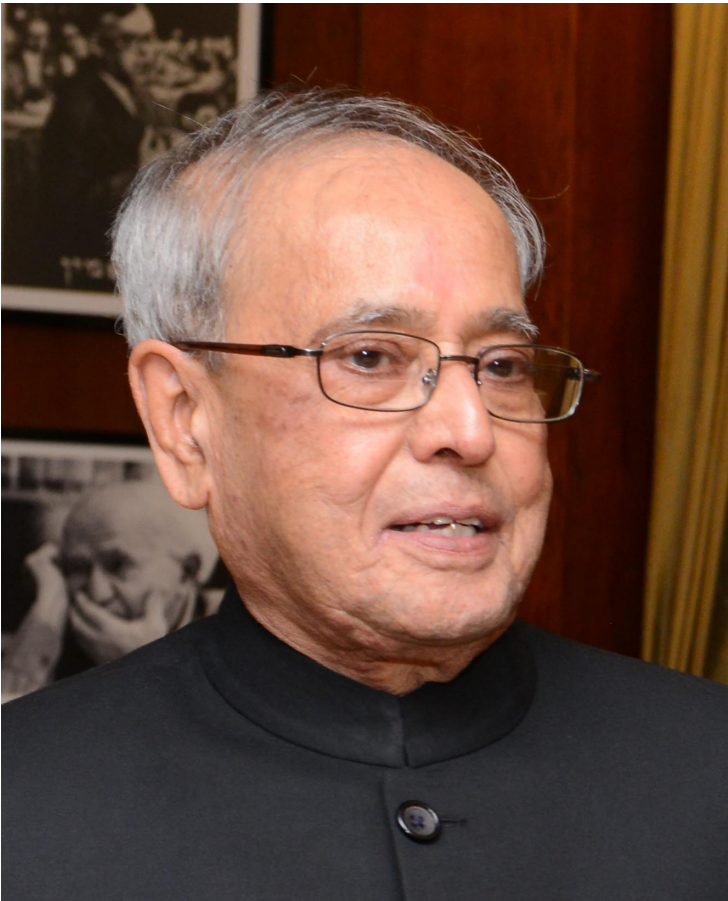


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He stated that alumni and faculty of IISc have played and continue to play a strong role in leading national science and technology institutions and in various advisory or administrative roles in the government.

Noting that IISc maintained its reputation of being a premier institute of higher education and research, he said its academic stature as the country's best university was confirmed by the National Institutional Rankings Framework.

In a rather personal speech to graduating students and faculty of IISc, President said he was "deeply satisfied" that his last visit was to the institute that has made India proud.