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All reforms face doubts, says President

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Amid the on-going tensions with China, President Ram Nath Kovind on Monday asserted that Indian armed forces are "adequately mobilised to thwart any attempt to undermine national security" while reiterating the country's

commitment to peace.

Addressing the nation on the eve of the 72nd Republic Day, President Kovind said the "path of reforms gives rise to initial misapprehensions" but the government is committed to the welfare of the farmers.

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"The path of reform at the initial stages may cause misapprehensions but the government is singularly devoted to the farmers' welfare," Mr. Kovind said as the protests by the farmer unions demanding repeal of the three laws has continued for over two months outside Delhi.

Noting that India is now referred to as the "pharmacy of the world", given its ability to supply medicines to the world, the President urged citizens to come forward to get vaccinated following all the protocols.

Calling 2020 as a year of learning, he said India stands today confident after a year of 'unforeseen ordeal', converted adversity into an opportunity with the Prime Minister's call to Atmanirbhar campaign and foiled expansionist attempts at the borders.

The President paid tribute to the 20 Indian soldiers who laid down their lives at Galwan valley in Ladakh last June during a face-off with the Chinese troops.

Lauding the farmers for ensuring food security by making India self-reliant in foodgrains and dairy products even after facing several natural adversity and the COVID-19, he said a grateful nation is committed

to farmers' welfare.

"Adversity often plays the role of a great teacher. It makes us stronger and more confident. With that confidence, India has taken great strides in several sectors. Economic reforms have continued apace and have been supplemented by long-pending reforms in the areas of labour and agriculture through legislation. The path to reform at the initial stages may cause misapprehensions. However, it is beyond doubt that the Government remains singularly devoted to farmers' welfare," he said.

Talking about economic resilience, the President said the country has not only seen unprecedented GST collections recently but also emerged as a favourite destination for foreign investments.

He said with easy loans and innovative ideas, the government has encouraged micro, small and medium enterprises (MSMEs) to unleash its 'animal spirits' as well as provide employment.

Thanking doctors, nurses, sanitation and other frontline workers and people who led India's fight against COVID, Mr. Kovind also thanked scientists for developing vaccines.