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President to undergo bypass surgery at AIIMS

His health is stable, says hospital

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President Ram Nath Kovind will undergo a 'planned' heart bypass procedure on Tuesday, according to a statement from the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

Mr. Kovind, 75, was shifted to the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Delhi, on Saturday afternoon. Post investigations, doctors advised him to undergo the procedure. The President's health was stable, the statement said.

The President was admitted to the Army's Research and Referral Hospital in Delhi on Friday morning after complaining of chest discomfort and was then shifted to AIIMS.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is away in Bangladesh, spoke to Mr. Ko-



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vind's son and told him that he was praying for his recovery, according to a tweet from the Prime Minister's Office.

In the afternoon, the official handle of the President tweeted: "The President has been under observation after a routine check-up. He thanks all who enquired about his health and wished him well."