

## President rounds off Pune visit by meeting kin

After attending public functions for two days and receiving a stream of visitors, President Pratibha Patil took a day off and relaxed at her daughter's Baner Road residence here Sunday.

The president's visit to her daughter Jyoti Rathod was a strictly private affair with no one from outside the family allowed to join in, a source in the district information office said.

For Rathod and her children, Durvesh and Vedika, who spent their summer vacation this year at Rashtrapati Bhawan, this was another occasion to meet the loving matriarch and treat her to her favourite Maharashtrian cuisine.

Patil is fond of both her grandchildren - Durvesh, studying in class X in Loyala School, and Vedika, a class IV student at St. Joseph's School here, a family source said.

Rathod runs a pre-primary school 'Akshara' at her residence besides looking after a working women's hostel in Nigdi here.

During the three-day visit, the president graced a post-centenary function at Maharshi Karve Stree Shikshan Sansthan, the country's first women's education institute, accepted a grand civic reception accorded to her by the Pune Municipal Corporation and attended a function organised by Cosmos Bank.

After the visit to the Rathods' 'Paritosh' residence, Patil left for Tirupati in Andhra Pradesh at 3.55 p.m. from the Lohegaon military airport.

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