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SYNOPSIS OF DEBATES

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Monday, January 31, 2022 / Magha 11, 1943 (Saka)

NATIONAL ANTHEM

The National Anthem was played.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Seating arrangements for hon. Members during Covid-19 pandemic.

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, with a view to keeping appropriate social distancing and safety in view of the spread of Covid-19 pandemic, seating arrangements for hon. Members had been made in the Central Hall as well as in the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha chambers during the President's Address.

In a bid to maintain Covid appropriate social distancing during the Session, I have given direction under the Rule-2 of the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in Lok Sabha that seating arrangements for hon. Members during the Conduct of Business in this session should be made in Rajya Sabha chamber, lobby and galleries also besides that in Lok Sabha chamber, lobby and galleries.

Likewise, relaxing the provisions contained in the Rule 384 during the conduct of business in Rajya Sabha, the seating arrangements for the hon. Members of Rajya Sabha will be made in the Lok Sabha Chamber also.

I hope the House agrees with this proposal.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

A copy was laid on the Table of the House.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

HON. SPEAKER: Hon'ble Members, with profound grief, I have to inform the House about the passing away of eight of our former colleagues.

Dr. G. S. Rajhans was a member of the 8th Lok Sabha representing the Jhanjharpur Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar. Dr. G. S. Rajhans passed away on December 20, 2021 in New Delhi at the age of 83 years.

Shri P. T. Thomas was a member of the 15th Lok Sabha representing the Idukki Parliamentary Constituency of Kerala. Shri Thomas was a member of the Committee on Personnel, Public Grievances, Law and Justice. Shri Thomas was a sitting member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly and earlier served as a member of the Kerala Legislative Assembly for two terms. Shri P. T. Thomas passed away on December 22, 2021 in Vellore at the age of 71 years.

Dr. Mahendra Prasad was a member of the 7th Lok Sabha representing the Jahanabad Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar. Dr. Prasad was a sitting member of Rajya Sabha and had earlier served as member of Rajya Sabha for six terms. Dr. Prasad also served as member on the Panel of Vice-Chairmen, Rajya Sabha. Dr. Mahendra Prasad passed away on December 27, 2021 in New Delhi at the age of 81 years.

Shri Rajveer Singh was a member of the 9th, 10th and 12th Lok Sabha representing the Aonla Parliamentary Constituency of Uttar Pradesh. Shri Rajveer

Singh was a member of various Parliamentary Committees. Shri Rajveer Singh passed away on December 29, 2021 in Gurugram at the age of 83 years.

Shrimati Shakuntala Devi was a member of the 2nd and 3rd Lok Sabha representing the Banka Parliamentary Constituency of Bihar. Shrimati Shakuntala Devi passed away on January 09, 2022 in Patna at the age of 90 years.

Shri Tilak Raj Singh was a member of the 11th Lok Sabha representing the Sidhi Parliamentary Constituency of Madhya Pradesh. Shri Tilak Raj Singh passed away on January 09, 2022 in Bhopal at the age of 55 years.

Shri A. G. S. Ram Babu was a member of the 9th, 10th and 11th Lok Sabha representing the Madurai Parliamentary Constituency of Tamil Nadu. Shri Ram Babu served as the Chairperson of Committee on Absence of Members from the Sittings of the House and as member of various Parliamentary Committees. Shri A. G. S. Ram Babu passed away on January 11, 2022 in Madurai at the age of 59 years.

Shri Ganga Ram Koli was a member of the 10th, 11th and 12th Lok Sabha representing the erstwhile Bayana Parliamentary Constituency of Rajasthan. Shri Koli served as a member of the Committee on Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution and Committee on Government Assurances. Shri Ganga Ram Koli passed away on January 13, 2022 in New Delhi at the age of 85 years.

We deeply mourn the loss of our former colleagues. I am sure the House would join me in conveying our condolences to their bereaved families.

Then, the House stood in silence for a short while

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Digital circulation of Economic Survey 2021-22

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, the copies of Economic Survey 2021-22 would be provided on Members' Portal after presentation of Economic Survey by hon. Minister.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

Regarding Digital Sansad App

HON. SPEAKER: Hon. Members, during the last session, a Mobile App was launched for your convenience. In this App, information pertaining to the proceedings of the Lok Sabha on 'One Touch' such as List of Business, Lok Sabha Bulletin Part-I, Part-II, Questions asked and their answers, Bills, information related to reports of committees and facility to watch live telecast of Sansad TV was also there. Now, a new version of this App 'Digital Sansad' has been introduced in which some additional features have been added. Now, 90 newspapers and magazines, debates and budget speeches from the 12th Lok Sabha to the 17th Lok Sabha, details of hon. Members' participation in the House, live ballot of questions, telecast of proceedings of both Houses on Sansad TV, virtual tour of Old Parliament House and the new Parliament House and a lot of information about Lok Sabha will be available in it. Through this App, all the Members will have great convenience in execution of parliamentary business and you can keep yourself updated all the time. Educationists, journalists, researchers, students and all the general public of the country can also take advantage of this App.

I request you to use this Mobile App. Please share your suggestions to improve this version of the App so that we can make it the world's best digital Sansad. This will also benefit all the honorable members and the people of the country will also be able to get appropriate information about the proceedings of the Lok Sabha.

I request you to use this Mobile App, make it popular and also make people of your constituency acquainted with it. Whenever you speak in Parliament and your time is fixed, the people of your constituency will also be able to watch you through mobile App.

Utpal Kumar Singh
Secretary General

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