



## INDIAN PARLIAMANTARY GROUP NEWSLETTER

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This issue of the *Newsletter* carries a brief account of important parliamentary events and activities which took place in India and abroad during the period 1 April to 30 June 2020.

### CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA

**Video Conference of Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha & Chairperson, All India Presiding Officers' Conference with the Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies in India:** Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha held a Video Conference with the Presiding Officers of 26 State / UT Legislatures on 21 April, 2020 to discuss various matters relating to activities of CPA India Region and COVID-19 Pandemic. This Video Conference was held for the first time in the history of the Parliament of India.

As per decision taken during the Video Conference, a COVID Control Rooms Grid was set up in Lok Sabha Secretariat as well as in 23 State Legislatures to coordinate efforts of Parliamentarians and Legislators for relief and rehabilitation of affected people in order to facilitate general public during COVID-19 pandemic. The Lok Sabha Secretariat Control Room effectively handled more than 1000 cases relocating 11000 plus persons to their destinations as also ensured assistance in the form of rations, health services, etc. The Control Room in Lok Sabha Secretariat was manned by CPA Cell, Conference Branch and IPU Cell.



Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla interacting with Presiding Officers of State Legislative Assemblies via Video Conference at Parliament House on 21 April, 2020.

### **BIRTH ANNIVERSARIES OF NATIONAL LEADERS**

On the birth anniversaries of national leaders whose portraits adorn the Central Hall of Parliament House, and also on the birth anniversaries of former Speakers of Lok Sabha, functions are organized under the auspices of the Indian Parliamentary Group (IPG) to pay tributes to the leaders. Booklets containing the profiles of these leaders, prepared by the Library and Reference, Research, Documentation and Information Service (LARRDIS) of the Lok Sabha Secretariat, are distributed on the occasion.

The birth anniversaries of the following leaders were celebrated during the period from 1 April to 30 June 2020:

*Dr. B. R. Ambedkar:* On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, a function was held on 14 April, 2020 at the official residence of Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha. Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla paid floral tribute at the portrait of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar.



Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla paying floral tributes at the portrait of Dr. B. R. Ambedkar at his Official Residence on 14 April 2020.

*Dr. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy:* On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Dr. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy, a function was held on 19 May 2020 in the Parliament House. Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla; Secretary-General, Lok Sabha, Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava and other dignitaries paid floral tributes at the portrait of Dr. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy.



Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Dr. Neelam Sanjiva Reddy in Parliament House on 19 May 2020.



*Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar:* On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, a function was held on 28 May 2020 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla; Union Minister for Parliamentary Affairs, Coal and Mines, Shri Prahlad Joshi; Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs, Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal and other dignitaries paid floral tributes at the Portrait of Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar.



Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 28 May 2020.

*Shri K.S. Hegde:* On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shri K.S. Hegde, a function was held on 11 June 2020 in the Parliament House. Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri Om Birla; Secretary-General, Lok Sabha, Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava and other dignitaries paid floral tributes to Shri K.S. Hegde.



Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Shri K.S. Hegde in the Parliament House on 11 June 2020.

## **PARLIAMENTARY RESEARCH AND TRAINING INSTITUTE FOR DEMOCRACIES (PRIDE)**

During the period from 01 April to 30 June 2020, the Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies has organized the following Courses/Programmes. *As this period witnessed the Covid 19 pandemic, all these programmes were organised through online mode.*

### **I. Professional Development Programmes for/by Officers of the Lok Sabha Secretariat:**

- (i) Twenty-seven officials of Lok Sabha Secretariat attended the Online programme on Handling Social Media on 19 May, 2020;
- (ii) Forty-eight officials of Lok Sabha Secretariat attended the Online workshop on Stress Management on 29 May, 2020;
- (iii) Thirty-two Officers/Staff of Lok Sabha Secretariat attended the Online Workshop on Gender Sensitization on 3 June, 2020; and
- (iv) Forty-seven officials of Lok Sabha Secretariat attended the online Workshop on "Covid-19: Prevention & Precaution" on 19 June, 2020.

### **II. Training Courses for officials of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and State Legislature Secretariats:**

- (i) Thirty-one officials of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and State Legislature Secretariats attended the Online Capacity Building Programme for officials dealing with Questions, Legislative and Budgetary Processes from 11 to 13 May, 2020.