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Monday, the 20th November, 2000/29 Kartika, 1992 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock, MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

The National Anthem, "*Jana Gana Mana*", was

MEMBERS SWORN

Shri Palden Tsering Gyamtso (Sikkim)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, this House wishes to place on record its condolences at the passing away of Shrimati Sirimavo Bandaranaike, former Prime Minister of Sri Lanka, on 10th October, 2000.

Shrimati Bandaranaike has left an indelible mark on our times and hers was a pioneering role in the politics of democratic change. She made a unique contribution to the progress of non-alignment and co-operation among developing countries. The people and the leadership of this country will cherish the memory of her friendship. We deeply mourn the loss of Shrimati Bandaranaike.

Hon Members, I also refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Sitaram Kesri, former Member; Shri C. Subramaniam, a former Union Minister and a Member of the Constituent Assembly; and Prof. Shantilal Kothari, a former Member of this House

Shri Sitaram Kesri passed away after a brief illness on the 24th October, 2000, at the age of 81. Born at Danapor, Patna, in November, 1919, Shri Kesri had his education at Rashtriya Vidyalaya