

RAJYA SABHA

Monday, the 24th July, 2006/2 Sravana, 1928 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

(The National Anthem, "*Jana Gana Mana*", was played.)

MEMBERS SWORN

Ghowdhary Mohammed Aslam (Jammu and Kashmir)

Shri Rahul Bajaj (Maharashtra)

Shri K.P.K. Kumaran (Tamil Nadu)

Shrimati Jaya Bachchan (Uttar Pradesh)

Shri Amir Alam Khan (Uttar Pradesh)

OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri K. Gopalan, a former Member and Shri Vasant Chavan, a sitting Member of this House.

Shri K. Gopalan passed away on the 9th June, 2006, at the age of 87 years. Born at Calicut in Kerala in December, 1919, Shri Gopalan had his education at Malabar Christian College, Calicut and St. Thomas College, Trichur.

A journalist and a social worker, Shri Gopalan participated in the freedom struggle. Shri Gopalan was associated with literary and cultural activities and library movements in Kerala. He was editor of several magazines and dailies and also wrote poems and articles in local publications.

Shri Gopalan was a Member of the Madras Legislative Council. He represented the State of Kerala in this House from July, 1982 to July, 1988.