

RAJYA SABHA

Tuesday, the 10th December, 2024 / 19 Agrahayana, 1946 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I am pleased to extend birthday greetings to hon. Member of Parliament, Shrimati Mahua Maji, on her birthday today. Shrimati Maji has been representing the State of Jharkhand in this august House since July, 2022. She previously served as Chairperson of the Jharkhand State Commission for Women from 2013 to 2016, and President of the Women's Wing of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha from 2014 to 2021.

A doctorate in sociology and renowned writer, her debut novel, *Main Borishailla*, focussed on the Bangladesh Liberation War, while her work *Marang Goda Neelkanth Hua*, which addressed uranium mining issues, won critical acclaim in literary circles. She has received numerous awards, including the Akhil Bharatiya Veer Singh Dev Award by Sahitya Akademi, Madhya Pradesh. Shrimati Maji is married to Shri Subodh Kumar Maji and the couple has two sons, Somvit and Shomik.

On behalf of this House, I wish her a long, healthy life and extend my best wishes to her family.

OBITUARY REFERENCE

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of a former Member of this august House, **Shri S.M. Krishna**, today morning in Bengaluru at the age of 92.

Born in Somanahalli in Karnataka's Mandya district on May 1, 1932, Shri Krishna commenced his public service in 1962 by winning the Maddur Assembly seat as an independent candidate. Shri Krishna's illustrious career saw him don many hats -- Speaker of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly from 1989 to 1993, Member of 4th, 5th and 7th Lok Sabha and Member of Rajya Sabha for two terms from 1996 to 1999 and from 2008 to 2014, Member of both the Karnataka Assembly and Council, Deputy Chief Minister from 1993 to 1994, the Chief Minister of Karnataka from 1999 to 2004,