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RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT

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A two-day Orientation Programme organized by the Rajya Sabha Secretariat for the newly elected/ nominated Members of Rajya Sabha concluded today.

In his Valedictory address Prof. P.J. Kurien, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha suggested the Members to make their actions and words exemplary which would become a part of the Indian Parliamentary history forever and future generations can justly be proud of it. Sharing his personal experience he provided the practical tips to the new Members to read the rule books carefully, avoid written speeches, follow the allocated time and make pointed questions without repetition.

Shri M. Hamid Ansari, Hon'ble Vice-President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha while inaugurating programme yesterday mentioned about the equal importance of both the Houses of the Parliament and underscored the importance of Rajya Sabha as a Chamber to check haste, cool passion and control legislation and also to express the concerns of the individual States. He suggested the Members to make effective use of Parliamentary devices to secure accountability of the Government and also to participate in the discussions of the Committees of Parliament actively. Observing the decrease in the number of sittings of Parliament he emphasized on brevity and time management and suggested the Members to avoid disruptions in the House and to conduct themselves in a way that is not unparliamentary.

Delivering the welcome address on the inaugural day Prof. P.J. Kurien, the Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha quoted the views of the President of India and suggested the Members that Parliament performs three 'D' – Discussion, Debate and Decision, and fervently appealed that we should not add the fourth 'D' – Disruption. Shri Shumsher K. Sheriff, the Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha, gave an overview of the functioning of the Rajya Sabha Secretariat.

On the first day of the Orientation Programme, Shri Nilotpal Basu, Ex-M.P. apprised the Members about the Rajya Sabha: Its role and contribution to Indian polity, Shri P. Rajeeve, Ex-MP focused on the importance of Question Hour. Shri Sukhendu Sekhar Roy, M.P. talked on the topic of raising matters of public importance.

On the concluding day, Shri V. Kishore Chandra Deo, Ex-M.P. elaborated on the topic of Parliamentary Privileges. Dr. E.M. Sudarsana Natchiappan, Ex-M.P. familiarized the Members on the law making process. Shri Bhupender Yadav, M.P. informed the Members about the details of the functioning of the Committee System in Parliament. Shri Oscar Fernandes, M.P. mentioned about the Member of

Parliament Local Area Development Scheme (MPLADS). Shri Fali S. Nariman, Ex-M.P. and a legal luminary deliberated on Ethics in Politics: Do's & Don'ts for Members. Suggesting the Members not to enter into the well of the House and disrupt the proceedings, he said, work ethic is the best ethic and it is the ethic of ethics.