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### **RAJYA SABHA SECRETARIAT**

#### **PRESS RELEASE**

Our Constitutional forefathers after detailed deliberations and looking into the Indian diversities opted for a Parliamentary Democracy having bicameral legislature. The Upper House *i.e.* the Council of States is popularly known as the Rajya Sabha and the Lower House *i.e.* the House of the People is known as Lok Sabha. The Upper House was constituted on 3<sup>rd</sup> April, 1952. Since that day 3<sup>rd</sup> April bears a special significance for Rajya Sabha. To commemorate this day, every year, Rajya Sabha Secretariat celebrates this day as the foundation day.

To make this day memorable this year also various competitions such as Drawing, Painting, Debate, Essay-writing etc. and entertainment shows such as the puppet and magic shows were held in the Rajya Sabha Secretariat on 3 April 2017 with the participation of large number of children of the employees of Rajya Sabha Secretariat. The successful children were given prizes on 18 April, 2017 when several cultural and entertainment programmes were held.

Addressing the gathering on the occasion of Rajya Sabha Day celebration this year on 18 April 2017, the Additional Secretary hinted at the genesis of Rajya Sabha Day celebrations. He stated that since 2012 onwards with the direction of the present Secretary-General, instead of making 3 April a holiday for the Rajya Sabha employees it has been made a day of celebrations with the involvement of the retired employees. This gives the retired employees an opportunity to share their experiences and to have a get-together with their retired colleagues and present employees of the Secretariat every year.

At the end of the event a vote of thanks was given.

