

RAJYA SABHA

*SYNOPSIS OF DEBATE

(Proceedings other than Questions and Answers)

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OBITUARY REFERENCES

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I refer with profound sorrow to the passing away of Shri Narsingh Narain Pandey and Dr. Faguni Ram, former Members of this House.

Shri Narsingh Narain Pandey passed away on the 8th of January, 2018, at the age of 88 years.

Born in February, 1929, at Village Baniabari in Basti District of Uttar Pradesh, Shri Pandey was educated at the D.B. Inter College, Maharana Pratap College, Gorakhpur, and at the Gorakhpur University.

A social worker, Shri Pandey was actively associated with the movements of farmers and labourers. He started his legislative career as a Member of the Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1962 to 1967. He was also a Member of the Fifth Lok Sabha. Shri Narsingh Narain Pandey represented the State of Uttar Pradesh in this House from June, 1980 to April, 1982.

In the passing away of Shri Narsingh Narain Pandey, the country has lost an able parliamentarian and a dedicated social worker.

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Dr. Faguni Ram passed away on the 25th of February, 2018, at the age of 73 years.

Born in January, 1945, in Gaya District of Bihar, Dr. Faguni Ram had his education at the Gaya College and the Magadha University in Bodhgaya, Gaya, Bihar.

An educationist, Dr. Faguni Ram served as a Lecturer of Geography in Magadha University and was associated with the Adult Education Campaign. He also strived for the implementation of land reforms, protection of the environment and development of villages through technology. He worked tirelessly for the removal of untouchability, poverty and illiteracy and upliftment of the poor and downtrodden. He was conferred the 'National Integration Award, 1987-88' and had a few books and articles to his credit.

Dr. Faguni Ram started his legislative career as a Member of the Bihar Legislative Assembly from 1972 to 1977. He served as the Minister of State in the Government of Bihar in 1973. Dr. Faguni Ram represented the State of Bihar in this House for three terms -- from February, 1985 to April, 1988; from April, 1988 to April, 1994; and again from April, 2000 to April, 2006.

In the passing away of Dr. Faguni Ram, the country has lost a distinguished parliamentarian and a dedicated social worker.

We deeply mourn the passing away of Shri Narsingh Narain Pandey and Dr. Faguni Ram.

(One Minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect to the memory of the departed.)

FELICITATIONS BY THE CHAIR

(i) Felicitations to Miss Aruna Budda Reddy

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, on behalf of the whole House and on my own behalf, I congratulate Miss Aruna Budda Reddy for winning a Bronze in the women's Vault event in the Gymnastics World Cup, 2018 held in Melbourne on the 24th of

February, 2018, thus scripting history by becoming the first Indian gymnast to bag an individual medal in the tournament.

This outstanding accomplishment of Miss Aruna Reddy is a matter of great pride for the entire nation and is indicative of our young talented sportspersons exploring new horizons and making remarkable achievements in newer realms of sports. I hope that she would serve as a source of inspiration for our youth and budding sportspersons and encourage them to emulate and achieve greater heights in the world of sports.

(ii) Felicitations to Indian Sportspersons for winning medals at Asian Wrestling Championship, 2018

Hon. Members, on behalf of the whole House and on my own behalf, I also congratulate Ms. Navjot Kaur and Ms. Vinesh Phogat for winning Gold and Silver medals in the women's 65 kg and 50 kg categories respectively and Shri Bajrang Punia, Shri Vinod Kumar Omprakash, Shri Rajender Kumar, Shri Harpreet Singh, Ms. Sangeeta Phogat and Ms. Sakshi Malik for winning the Bronze Medals in various categories in the Asian Wrestling Championship, 2018 held in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan, from the 27th of February to the 4th of March, 2018.

We wish all these sportspersons all the best for their future endeavours and hope that they will continue to make the country proud by their achievements. Specialty of these tournaments is that girls and women have performed very well.

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**ERRATA TO THE SUPPLEMENT TO SYNOPSIS OF DEBATE
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Page No.	Line No.	Correction
132	22	Read 'devastated' for 'devasted'.
135	21	Insert 'free of cost' after 'undertaken'.
141	20	Insert 'is' after 'which'.
141	21	Read 'For starting' for 'Starting'.