

ment intend to introduce measures for fulfilling these objectives.

42. Government will accord high priority to the social, economic and cultural development of women. An important step in this direction will be the provision of free education for girls up to the end of higher secondary stage. Government will frame a new national programme for women. In both the formulation and implementation of this programme, voluntary organisations will have an important role.

43. 1985 is being observed as the Year of the Youth. Our youth have already shown great promise in promoting national integration, undertaking social work and achieving excellence in all fields of human endeavour. The need of the hour is to let the youth come forward to participate enthusiastically in nation-building. Appropriate programmes in this regard will be implemented.

44. Government have constituted a separate Department of Forests and Wild Life in recognition of the vitally important national task of conserving and developing our forest wealth. A new forest policy will be announced soon. A Waste Land Development Board is being set up to give new impetus to afforestation as a people's movement. Steps are being taken to deal effectively with the problems of air and water pollution.

45. My Government are establishing a Central Ganga Authority to stop the pollution of the Ganga. The Ganga is no ordinary river. With it are bound long memories of our past, our song and poetry and our search for Truth. A cleaner Ganga is thus a matter of the deepest satisfaction to our people.

46. Government attach high importance to the preservation of our cultural heritage. Equal importance will be given to promotion of creativity in the arts. Encouragement of science and technology and the application of scientific knowledge for solving the problems of the people will continue to receive high priority.

47. These are some of the priorities of

national effort. Our duty as representatives of the people is to canalise the tremendous upsurge among the masses into cooperative and disciplined endeavour to accelerate development and to prepare the country for the 21st century. I wish you success in this great and exciting task.

Jai Hind.

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#### MEMBERS SWORN

12.34 hrs.

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : Secretary-General to call out the names of members who have not yet taken the oath or made the affirmation.

Shri Digvijay Sinh (Rajgarh)

Shri R.N. Yadav (Parbhani)

Shrimati Kesharbai Kshirsagar (Bhir)

Shri Bhausahab Thorat (Pandharpur)

Shri K. Pradhani (Nowrangpur)

Shri Girdhari Lal (Bijnor)

Shri Kedar Nath (Hapur)

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12 35 hrs.

#### OBITUARY REFERENCE

[*English*]

MR. SPEAKER : Now I move the following resolution :

“This House mourns the loss of one of the greatest Indians of the 20th Century. Future generations, rising above the tumult of our times, will look with love and gratitude on the magnitude and splendour of Indira Gandhi's achievements. Her vision and tireless energy brought India