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Title: The Speaker made valedictory reference on the conclusion of the special sitting.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, as we come to the close of this historic special sitting of Lok Sabha to commemorate the 60th Anniversary of the First Sitting of Parliament, I would like to convey my sincere appreciation for the committed attendance and enthusiasm with which the hon. Members have approached the discourse on the topic "60 years Journey of the Indian Parliament".

The views expressed by our hon. leaders and Members, who participated in the discussion, have enriched the proceedings.

This was a time to reflect on our journey of 60 years and the House rose to the occasion by doing so. Progress is not about counting milestones left behind, nor about sitting on our laurels, it is about looking up to the journey and challenges ahead with courage and determination. The proceedings today bear testimony to this determination and resolve.

In the discussion that lasted about five hours and sixteen minutes, as many as 41 Members participated. About 90 Members laid their written speeches on the Table of the house and those speeches will form part of the proceedings of the House.

I take this opportunity to thank the hon. Prime Minister, hon. Leader of the House, hon. Leader of Opposition, hon. Deputy Speaker, hon. UPA Chairperson, hon. Advaniji, Leaders of all Parties and my colleagues in the Panel of Chairmen in making this Special Sitting exceptional and memorable.

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