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Party leaders' homage to Rajaji

NEW DELHI, Jan. 4 (PTI): Glowing tributes were paid to late Rajaji at a condolence meeting addressed by leaders of several political parties and others here today.

Describing Rajaji as a liberal in the best sense of the term, Acharya Kripalani said that he was the embodiment of simple living and high thinking. Rajaji was a man of universal interests who was very simple in life, he added.

The Congress (O) President, Shri Sadiq Ali said Rajaji was not only a great Indian but also a world citizen. He had left his imprint on all landmarks in India's freedom struggle.

In describing Rajaji as a far-sighted man, the Jana Sangh leader, Shri Balraj Madhok recalled that in 1963 Rajaji had suggested merger of the Jana Sangh and Swatantra parties. Had this suggestion been accepted, India's political history would have been different, Shri Madhok said.

Paying his tributes, Shri Dayabhai Patel of the Swatantra Party said that Rajaji was a simple man but had high ideals.

Shri Madhu Dandavate (Socialist) described him as a great democrat.