



SOVIET UNION SHARES INDIA'S GRIEF

The Soviet people learnt with profound grief of the sudden passing away of President Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed on February 11.

SOVIET LEADERS' CONDOLENCE MESSAGE

General Secretary of the CPSU Central Committee L. I. Brezhnev, President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet N. V. Podgorny and Chairman of the USSR Council of Ministers A. N. Kosygin conveyed their condolences in a message addressed to Mr. B. D. Jatti, Vice-President acting as President, and Mrs. Indira Gandhi, Prime Minister. The message stated:

"With a feeling of sorrow, the Soviet people have come to know about the untimely demise of the outstanding state and political leader, the President of the Republic of India, Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed.

"The Soviet people will forever treasure the memory of Mr. Fakhruddin Ali Ahmed as a great friend of the Soviet Union who had done so much for the development of Soviet-Indian friendship and cooperation.

"Please accept our condolences on this grave loss.

"Please convey our condolences to the wife and the family of the deceased."

N. V. PODGORNYY VISITS INDIAN EMBASSY

On February 11, the President of the Presidium of the USSR Supreme Soviet, N. V. Podgorny, and other officials visited the Indian Embassy in Moscow. They paid tribute to the prominent Indian leader by observing a minute's silence and signed the condolence book.

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