

'RV, an excellent parliamentarian'

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At the birth centenary of the late R. Venkataraman (RV), the eighth President of India, commemorated in Delhi today, eminent political leaders praised him for being an excellent parliamentarian who possessed a constitutional morality and understood the aspirations of the public.

Vice-President of India Hamid Ansari, Punjab Governor Shivraj V Patil and Gopalkrishna Gandhi, the grandson of Mahatma Gandhi, attended the event.

Hamid Ansari said that RV followed Gandhian values. "India's several founding

fathers were deeply committed to public institutions. They were also committed to the constitutional morality of the public," said Ansari.

In addition, he said that RV had an extraordinary career in the public realm.

Shivraj Patil acknowledged RV's excellent career and his ability to understand the aspirations of the people belonging to both the rural and urban areas.

"He helped trade unions, industrialists and especially entrepreneurs to establish their businesses in Tamil Nadu. Venkataraman took out the best from the past and present to achieve a good future," said Patil.