

# Parliament to advance time of release of media reports

**D**eputy Chairman of the Upper House in the Parliament K Rehman Khan has said that the Parliament is contemplating to advance the release of media reports of both the Houses so that media gets sufficient time towards its publication during sessions.

Launching the annual souvenir of Delhi Journalists Association (DJA) with the theme of 'journalism of new era', Khan said, "Today, journalists need to play a responsible role in the society as they are considered the fourth estate of democracy. They mold the minds of readers so they should act sensibly and should contribute

constructively towards preserving the democratic values in the country."

Khan also expressed his serious concern on the depleting standards in today's journalism. He said, "Whether we talk about serious journalism and informative journalism both have no place in what is being practiced in journalism today." Citing his experience as deputy chairman of Rajya Sabha, he said, "Today none of the newspapers give proper coverage to the productive debates taking place in the House." "Instead, the newspapers have become a market-driven and carry articles non-productive to general masses," he

added. Contrasting the earlier times with that of what is being practiced today, Khan said, "Earlier, media used to cover debates in depth but today it has become tough to see discussions of the House in any section of the media except the state-owned agencies." Criticising electronic media, he said, "Channels are doing nothing than just sensationalising the issues, which is doing nothing than harming the society." Giving suggestions to journalists, he said that legislatures as well as media need to work in tandem to increase importance of different democratic institutions in the country.





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