This issue of the *Newsletter* carries a brief account of important parliamentary events and activities which took place in India and abroad during the period 1 October to 31 December 2018.

**CONFERENCES AND SYMPOSIA**

**139th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU):** The 139th Assembly of the IPU was held in Geneva (Switzerland) from 14 to 18 October, 2018. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha accompanied by Dr. M. Thambi Durai, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Lok Sabha and Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and other members of Parliament consisting of: Dr. Sanjay Jaiswal, Member of Lok Sabha; Shri Anil Desai, Member of Rajya Sabha; Shri Nagendra Singh, Member of Lok Sabha; Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, Member of Lok Sabha; Shri Harish Chandra Meena, Member of Lok Sabha; Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, Member of Lok Sabha and Smt. Pratyusha Rajeshwari Singh, Member of Lok Sabha attended the Assembly.

Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri Desh Deepak Verma, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha and members of Association of Secretaries General of Parliaments (ASGP) also attended the Assembly. Shri P. C. Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.
Lok Sabha Speaker, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan speaking on the theme “Parliamentary leadership in promoting peace and development in the age of innovation and technological change” at the 139th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union in Geneva on 15 October 2018.

Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the General debate during the Assembly on the overall theme of *Parliamentary leadership in promoting peace and development in the age of innovation and Technological change*. The Assembly adopted an Outcome Document on the theme of the General debate at its concluding Session. Dr. Heena Vijay Kumar Gavit, Member of Lok Sabha also participated in the General Debate and presented India's views on the topic from youth perspective. The Members of Indian delegation attended various other meetings during the Assembly, such as Asia-Pacific Geo Political Group (APG) of IPU, Asian Parliamentary Assembly, IPU; Advisory group on Health, Governing Council, Four Standing Committees of IPU, Forum of Young Parliamentarians and Forum of Women Parliamentarians etc.

A meeting of BRICS Parliamentary Forum was also held on the sidelines of the Assembly. Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha alongwith Shri Anil Desai, Member of Rajya Sabha; Dr. Hari Babu Kambhampati, Member of Lok Sabha; Shri Harish Chandra Meena, Member of Lok Sabha and Dr. Heena Gavit, Member of Lok Sabha attended the meeting of the BRICS Parliamentary Forum.

Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha and Shri Desh Deepak Verma, Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha attended the Meetings of Association of Secretaries General of Parliament (ASGP) held during the above event.
On the sidelines of the 139th Assembly, the following bilateral meetings were also held between the Presiding Officers of Indian Parliamentary Delegation and heads of the Parliamentary Delegation from other countries: (i) Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan met H.E. Ms. S.S. Choudhury, Speaker of Bangladesh; and (ii) Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri Harivansh held bilateral meetings with H.E. J. Wangchuk, Member of Parliament, Head of the Delegation from Bhutan; Dr. Patrick Matibini, Hon'ble Speaker, National Assembly of Zambia; Ms. Wesley W. Siminia, Hon'ble Speaker, Parliament of Federated States of Micronesia and Mr. S. Rakhmanov, Member of Parliament, Chairperson, Standing Committee for Foreign Affairs, Parliament of Belarus.

Meetings of (i) 42nd Session of the IPU Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO; (ii) Parliamentary Session within the framework of WTO Public Forum 2018; and (iii) WTO Public Forum 2018: Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Member of Lok Sabha, Hon'ble Chairman, Standing Committee of Information Technology and the Member of the IPU Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO attended the above event held in Geneva, Switzerland from 2 to 5 October, 2018. During the above mentioned meetings, discussions were held on the following themes: (i) Trade 2030: Sustainable Trade and Technology enabled Trade; and (ii) Sustainable development in the trade agreements.

Meetings of APA Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs, and First Meeting of the APA Executive Council: An Indian Parliamentary delegation comprising Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, Member of Lok Sabha; Shri Om Birla, Member of Lok Sabha and Dr. (Ms.) Sonal Mansingh, Member of Rajya Sabha attended the above meetings held in Izmir (Turkey) from 4 to 6 October, 2018. Shri Y.M. Kandpal, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation. During the meeting, the following important Resolutions came up for discussion: (i) Draft Resolution on Measures to Promote Cultural Diversity and Protect Cultural Heritage in Asia; (ii) Draft Resolution on Asian Integration through Information and Communication Technology; (iii) Draft Resolution on Collaboration on Health Equity in Asia; (iv) Draft Resolution on Protection and Promotion of the Rights of Migrant Workers in Asia; (v) Draft Resolution on Asian Parliamentarians Against Corruption; (vi) Draft Resolution on APA Women Parliamentarians; (vii) Draft Resolution on Promoting Inter-Faith Dialogue and Harmony among World Religions; (viii) Draft Resolution on Legal and Legislative Cooperation in Combating the Smuggling of Cultural Items in Asia; (ix) Draft Resolution on Effective Cooperation in Combating Illicit Drug Trafficking in Asia; and (x) Draft Resolution on Humanitarian Aid to Syria, Iraq, Yemen, and Myanmar on the Verge of the Humanitarian Catastrophe.

G-20 Parliamentary Speakers' Conference: G-20 Parliamentary Speakers' Conference was held in Buenos Aires, Argentina from 31 October to 2 November, 2018. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri T.K. Rangarajan, Member of Rajya Sabha and Km. Shobha Karandlaje, Member of Lok Sabha attended the Conference. Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha also attended the Conference. Shri P. C. Koul, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was Secretary to the Delegation.

The theme of the Summit was Building consensus for fair and sustainable development with a focus on three key issues: The future of work, the fight against corruption and gender equality.
Lok Sabha Speaker, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan speaking on the theme Future of Work at the Parliamentary Forum and Speakers’ Summit organized by the National Congress of Argentina and the IPU, Buenos Aires on 1 November 2018.

On the sidelines of the above event, the following bilateral meetings were also held: (i) Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha met H.E. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, IPU and discussed matters of mutual interest. Mr. Nigel Evans, Member of Parliament, House of Commons was also present during the meeting; (ii) Hon’ble Speaker had a meeting with Mr. Marcelo German Wechsler, the President of India-Argentina Friendship Group, and Diputade De La Nacion; (iii) Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, met Mr. Mikhail Emelianov, Member of Parliament, First Deputy Head of the State Duma and Mr. Pavel Shcherbakov, Deputy Head of the First Deputy Chairman. Issues of mutual interest were discussed during the said bilateral meeting.

Meeting of 11th Plenary and 2nd Executive Council Meeting of the APA: Prof. Manoj Kumar Jha, Member of Rajya Sabha attended the 11th Plenary Session and 2nd Executive Council Meeting of APA held in Istanbul, Turkey from 29 November to 2 December, 2018. He was accompanied by Shri Yogendra Singh, Protocol Officer, Lok Sabha Secretariat during the said event.

During the Plenary Session, General Debate was held on the topic Promoting Economic Prosperity in Asia. Meetings of the following Standing Committees were also held during the event: (i) Standing Committee on Social and Cultural Affairs and Meeting of APA Women Parliamentarians; (ii) Standing Committee on Political Affairs and Working Group on Asian Parliament; (iii) Meeting of Standing Committee on Budget & Planning; and (iv) Standing Committee on Economic and Sustainable Development.
A Declaration entitled 'Istanbul Declaration' was also adopted at the conclusion of the event.

**Eighth World e-Parliament Conference**: An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Shri Sanjay Shamrao Dhotre, Member of Lok Sabha; Shri Rajeev Chandrasekhar, Member of Rajya Sabha and accompanied by Smt. Manju Sharma, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat as the Secretary to the delegation attended the Eighth World e-Parliament Conference held in Geneva, Switzerland from 3 to 5 December 2018.

The theme of the Conference was *Parliaments, Technology and Innovation*. An Outcome Document was also adopted at the conclusion of the event.

**Annual 2018 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO**: The Annual 2018 Session of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO was held in Geneva, Switzerland from 6 to 7 December 2018. Shri Anurag Singh Thakur, Member of Lok Sabha; Dr. Kirit Jayantilal Somaiya, Member of Lok Sabha and Shri Swapan Dasgupta, Member of Rajya Sabha attended the Conference. Shri L.V. Ramana, Additional Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

During the session, interactive debates were held on the following themes: (i) WTO: The way forward; (ii) Challenges and opportunities facing the WTO; (iii) WTO 2030?; and (iv) How can technological development benefit the people?

**Meetings/Functions held under the Auspices of the Indian Parliamentary Group (IPG):**

Meetings of Parliamentary Friendship Groups:

(i) **India-European Union**: A 12 member delegation from the European Conservatives and Reformists Group (ECR) of the European Parliament led by its Co-Chairman, Dr. Syed Kamall, visited India from 28 October to 2 November 2018. A meeting of the Members of the India-European Union Parliamentary Friendship Group with the visiting delegation was held on Wednesday, 31 October 2018. Joint Secretary (EW), Ministry of External Affairs briefed the Members of the Group on various issues pertaining to India-EU Relations.

(ii) **India-Latin American Countries**: A Briefing Meeting for the Members of India-LAC Parliamentary Friendship Group was held on Wednesday, 19 December 2018. Joint Secretary (LAC), Ministry of External Affairs briefed the Members of the Group on various issues pertaining to India-LAC Relations.

**Zonal Conference of Zone-III of CPA India Region**: Zonal Conference of Zone-III of CPA India Region was held in Guwahati, Assam on 8 October 2018. Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha inaugurated the Conference and addressed the Conference.
Lok Sabha Speaker, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan lighting the lamp at the inaugural ceremony of the 17th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region (Zone III) Conference and NE Chapter of Speaker’s Research Initiative (SRI), Lok Sabha in Guwahati, Assam on 08 October 2018. Chief Minister of Assam, Shri Sarbananda Sonowal and Speaker Assam Legislative Assembly, Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami are also seen.

Lok Sabha Speaker, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan addressing at the inaugural ceremony of the 17th Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA), India Region (Zone III) Conference and NE Chapter of Speaker’s Research Initiative (SRI), Lok Sabha in Guwahati, Assam on 08 October 2018. Chief Minister of Assam Shri Sarbananda Sonowal and Speaker Assam Legislative Assembly Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami are also seen.
The Conference deliberated on the following Topics: (i) Women Empowerment in NE Region; and (ii) Collective approach to resolve Insurgency in NE Region.

Meeting of the CPA Executive Committee: The Meeting of CPA Executive Committee was held in London, United Kingdom from 5 to 9 November, 2018. Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly and Shri Premchand Aggarwal, Speaker, Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha, both, the Regional Representatives from CPA India Region attended the meeting.

Besides the meeting of the CPA Executive Committee, Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly attended the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee and Shri Premchand Aggarwal, Speaker, Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha attended the meeting of the Planning and Review Sub-Committee.

BIRTH ANNIVERSARIES OF NATIONAL LEADERS

On the birth anniversaries of national leaders whose portraits adorn the Central Hall of Parliament House, and also on the birth anniversaries of former Speakers of Lok Sabha, functions are organized under the auspices of the Indian Parliamentary Group (IPG) to pay tributes to the leaders. Booklets containing the profiles of these leaders, prepared by the Library and Reference, Research, Documentation and Information Service (LARRDIS) of the Lok Sabha Secretariat, are distributed on the occasion.

The birth anniversaries of the following leaders were celebrated during the period from 1 October to 31 December 2018:

Shri G. M. C. Balayogi: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shri G. M. C. Balayogi, a function was held on 1 October 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Lok Sabha Speaker, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan; Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Statistics and Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel; Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad; Former Deputy Prime Minister & Chairperson Ethics Committee, Lok Sabha, Shri L. K. Advani; Members of Parliament; former Members of Parliament and Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava paid floral tributes at the portrait of former Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri G.M.C. Balayogi.
Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri, a function was held on 2 October 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Lok Sabha Speaker, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan; Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi; Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker, Dr. M. Thambi Durai and other dignitaries paid floral tributes at the portrait of Mahatma Gandhi and Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri.

Dignitaries paying floral tributes at the photograph of Mahatma Gandhi in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 2 October 2018.

Dignitaries paying floral tributes at the photograph of Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 2 October 2018.
Shri Bali Ram Bhagat: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shri Bali Ram Bhagat, a function was held on 7 October 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Lok Sabha Speaker, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Statistics and Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel paid floral tributes at the portrait of the former Speaker of Lok Sabha, Shri Bali Ram Bhagat.

Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Shri Bali Ram Bhagat in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 7 October 2018.
Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, a function was held on 31 October 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Leader of Opposition, Rajya Sabha, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad; Lok Sabha Deputy Speaker, Dr. M. Thambi Durai; Union Minister of Home Affairs Shri Raj Nath Singh; Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs & Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel; Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs and Ministry of Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal; former Deputy Prime Minister and Chairperson, Ethics Committee, Lok Sabha, Shri L. K. Advani; Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha; Chairman, Departmentally Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development, Rajya Sabha, Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya; Chairperson Parliamentary Standing Committee on Privileges, Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi; President of Indian National Congress, Shri Rahul Gandhi and other dignitaries paid floral tributes at the portrait of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel.
Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das, a function was held on 5 November 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava and Secretary-General of Rajya Sabha, Shri Desh Deepak Verma paid floral tributes at the Portrait of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das.

Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 5 November 2018.
Maulana Abul Kalam Azad: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, a function was held on 11 November 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad; Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Statistics and Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel; Chairperson, Departmentally Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development, Rajya Sabha, Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya and Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava paid floral tributes to Maulana Abul Kalam Azad.

Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 11 November 2018.
Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru: On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, a function was held on 14 November 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Lok Sabha Speaker, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan; Former Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh; Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad; Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Statistics and Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel; Chairperson of Public Account Committee, Shri Mallikarjun Kharge; Former Deputy Prime Minister and Chairperson, Ethics Committee, Lok Sabha, Shri L. K. Advani; Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Member of Parliament, Lok Sabha and other dignitaries paid floral tributes to Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru.

Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 14 November 2018.
**Smt. Indira Gandhi:** On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Smt. Indira Gandhi, a function was held on 19 November 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Union Minister of Home Affairs, Shri Raj Nath Singh; Former Prime Minister, Dr. Manmohan Singh; Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad; Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Statistics and Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel; Former Deputy Prime Minister and Chairperson, Ethics Committee, Lok Sabha, Shri L. K. Advani; Chairperson, Departmentally Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development, Rajya Sabha, Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya; Chairperson of the Indian National Congress Party & Member of Lok Sabha, Shri Rahul Gandhi; Smt. Sonia Gandhi, Member of Lok Sabha and other dignitaries paid floral tributes to Smt. Indira Gandhi.

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*Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Smt. Indira Gandhi in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 19 November 2018.*

**Shri Rabi Ray:** On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shri Rabi Ray, a function was held on 26 November 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Statistics and Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel; former Deputy Prime Minister & Chairperson of the Ethics Committee, Lok Sabha, Shri L. K. Advani and Secretary General of Lok Sabha, Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava paid floral tributes at the portrait of former Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Rabi Ray.

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*Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Shri Rabi Ray in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 26 November 2018.*
**Shri G. V. Mavalankar:** On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shri G. V. Mavalankar, a function was held on 27 November 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Former Deputy Prime Minister and Chairperson of the Ethics Committee, Lok Sabha, Shri L. K. Advani; Chairperson, Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Rural Development, Lok Sabha, Dr. Ponnusamy Venugopal; Chairperson Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Transport, Tourism and Culture, Rajya Sabha, Shri Derek O’Brien; Members of Parliament and other dignitaries paid tributes at the portrait of former Lok Sabha Speaker, Shri G. V. Mavalankar.

*Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Shri G. V. Mavalankar in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 27 November 2018.*

**Dr. Rajendra Prasad:** On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Dr. Rajendra Prasad, a function was held on 3 December 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Former Deputy Prime Minister & Chairperson, Ethics Committee, Lok Sabha, Shri L.K. Advani; Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Statistics and Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel; Chairperson, Departmentally Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development, Rajya Sabha, Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya; Members of Parliament; former Members of Parliament and other dignitaries paid floral tributes at the portrait of Dr. Rajendra Prasad.

*Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Dr. Rajendra Prasad in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 3 December 2018.*
**Shri C. Rajagopalachari:** On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Shri C. Rajagopalachari, a function was held on 10 December 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Minister of Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar; Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, Shri Ghulam Nabi Azad; former Deputy Prime Minister and the Chairperson, Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha, Shri L. K. Advani; Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Statistics and Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel; Chairperson, Departmentally Related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Human Resource Development of Rajya Sabha, Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya and other dignitaries paid floral tributes at the portrait of Shri C. Rajagopalachari.

Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Shri C. Rajagopalachari in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 10 December 2018.

**Chaudhary Charan Singh:** On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Chaudhary Charan Singh, a function was held on 23 December 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs & Statistics and Programme Implementation, Shri Vijay Goel; former Deputy Prime Minister, and the Chairperson of the Ethics Committee of Lok Sabha, Shri L.K. Advani; the Chairperson of the Departmentally Related Standing Committee on Agriculture, Shri Hukmdev Narayan Yadav and other dignitaries paid floral tributes at the portrait of former Prime Minister Chaudhary Charan Singh.

Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Chaudhary Charan Singh in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 23 December 2018.
**Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya:** On the occasion of the birth anniversary of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya, a function was held on 25 December 2018 in the Central Hall of Parliament House. Lok Sabha Speaker, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan; Union Minister for Rural Development, Panchayati Raj, Mines & Parliamentary Affairs, Shri Narendra Singh Tomar; and Minister of State for Parliamentary Affairs and Water Resources, River Development & Ganga Rejuvenation, Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal paid floral tributes to Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.

*Dignitaries after paying floral tributes at the portrait of Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in the Central Hall of Parliament House on 25 December 2018.*
EXCHANGE OF PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS

Foreign Parliamentary Delegation Visiting India

**Russian Federation:** An 18-member Parliamentary Delegation from Russian Federation led by H.E. Mr. Vyacheslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of Russian Federation visited India from 8 to 10 December 2018. On Monday, 10 December, 2018, the Delegation called on Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon’ble Vice President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha; Shri Narendra Modi, Hon’ble Prime Minister of India; and Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha. A Banquet was hosted by Hon’ble Speaker in honour of the Delegation. After the banquet both the Chairman of the State Duma and Hon'ble Speaker addressed the media in front of Mahatma Gandhi Statue in Parliament House. The ‘5th Session of India-Russia Inter-Parliamentary Commission’ was also held on the same day.

![Image: Lok Sabha Speaker, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan and members of Indian side with Parliamentary delegation from the Russian Federation led by Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly H.E. Mr. Vyacheslav Volodin in Parliament House Annexe Extension Building on 10 December 2018.]


On Monday, 17 December, 2018, the Delegation called on Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon’ble Vice President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Smt. Sumitra Mahajan, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha. Later in the evening, a banquet was hosted by Hon'ble Speaker in honour of the delegation.

On Tuesday, 18 December, 2018 the Delegation had a meeting with the Chairman and Members of the Parliamentary Standing Committee on External Affairs. Besides Delhi, the Delegation also visited Agra.
Lok Sabha Speaker, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan with the Parliamentary Delegation from Zambia led by Rt. Hon’ble Justice Dr. Patrick Matibini, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Zambia in Parliament House on 17 December 2018.

Call-on Meeting with the Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha

United Nations: H.E. Mr. Antonio Guterres, Secretary, General, United Nations Called on Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Smt. Sumitra Mahajan on 2 October, 2018 in Parliament House.
Croatia: H.E. Ms. Marija Pejcinovic Buric, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign and European Affairs of Croatia call on Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 22 October 2018 in Parliament House.

Mexico: H.E. Ms. Gabriela Cuevas Barron, President, Inter Parliamentary Union and Senator, Chamber of Deputies, Parliament of Mexico called on Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 12 December 2018 at Parliament House Annexe, Extension Building.
PARLIAMENT MUSEUM

During the period from 1 October to 31 December 2018, a total of 8869 visitors visited the Parliament Museum. Apart from the general visitors, 3511 students from 54 schools and colleges from all over the country visited the Museum. A number of sitting and former members of Parliament, members of State Legislatures and foreign dignitaries/delegations including Delegations from Parliament of Sudan, Thailand, Gambia and UAE also visited the museum during the quarter. As many as 394667 visitors have visited the museum between 5 September 2006 (i.e. the date of opening the museum for the general public) and 31 December 2018.

BUREAU OF PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES AND TRAINING (BPST)

During the period from 1 October to 31 December 2018, the Bureau of Parliamentary Studies and Training has organized the following Courses/Programmes for Members/Delegates/Probationers/Journalists/Students:

I. Appreciation Courses:
Six Appreciation Courses in Parliamentary Processes and Procedures were organized for:

(i) Thirty-nine Probationers of the Indian Railway Service of Signal Engineers (IRSSE) from 15 to 17 October 2018;
(ii) One hundred eight Probationers of the Indian Police Service (IPS), from 29 to 30 October 2018;
(iii) Ninety-four Probationers of Indian Ordinance Factories Service (IOFS), from 12 to 16 November 2018;
(iv) One hundred nine Probationers of IRSE and IRSME from 11 to 14 December 2018;
(v) Fifty Probationers of IRSEE from 17 to 19 December 2018; and
(vi) Nine Officers of the Competition Commission of India from 18 to 20 December 2018.

II. Professional Development Programmes for/by Officers of the Lok Sabha Secretariat:

(i) Ten Officers of Lok Sabha Secretariat attended a Study Visit to Australian Parliament, Canberra, from 1 to 5 October 2018;
(ii) Ten Officer of Lok Sabha Secretariat attended a Study Visit to US Congress, from 1 to 5 October 2018;
(iii) Nine Officers of LARRDIS and LAFEAS Services attended a Study Visit to European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium, from 8 to 11 October 2018;
(iv) Twenty-five Officials of Lok Sabha Secretariat attended Customized Training Programme on Ethics in Public Administration at the IC Centre for Governance, Panchgani, Maharashtra, from 8 to 12 October 2018;
(v) Two Officers of Lok Sabha Secretariat attended the 12th Biennial Conference of the Association of Parliamentary Librarians, APLAP, Tokyo, from 31 October to 2 November 2018; and
(vi) Two Officers of Lok Sabha Secretariat attended the 9th National Seminar for Parliamentary Services organized by National Assembly Research Service (NARS) of the National Assembly of Korea, from 7 to 9 November 2018.
III. **Training Courses for Officials of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha & State Legislature Secretariats:**

(i) Fifty-five Security officers of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and State Legislature Secretariats attended a Training Course for Security personnel from 22 to 26 October 2018;

(ii) Twenty-eight Officials of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and State Legislature Secretariats attended a Training Course in Drafting of Committee Reports and Committee Management from 12 to 16 November 2018;

(iii) Twenty-three officials of Lok Sabha Secretariat attended a Workshop on ‘Financial Matters’ General Financial Rule (GFR) & Delegation of Financial Power Rules (DFPR), CCS Conduct Rules etc. on 6 December 2018; and

(iv) Twenty-one Officers of Lok Sabha, Rajya Sabha and State Legislatures attended a Training Programme in Financial Management from 17 to 21 December 2018.

IV. **Training Programme in Parliamentary Processes and Procedures for International Parliament officers:**

(i) Twenty-one Senior Officers of Parliament of Sri Lanka attended a Training Programme at BPST from 26 September to 5 October 2018;

(ii) Fifty Parliamentary Officials of Myanmar attended a Training Programme in Parliamentary Processes and Procedures from 26 November to 7 December 2018; and

(iii) Fifteen Cambodian Senate officials attended a Training Programme on the Working of Parliamentary Committees from 26 to 30 November 2019.

V. (a) **Study Visits (International):**

(i) Forty-one Diaspora Youth of Indian origin undergoing Know India Programme at MEA, New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 9 October 2018;

(ii) Thirty Students and teachers from Lycee Helene Boucher, Paris, France, visiting India under Students’ Exchange Programme with Delhi Public School International, Saket, New Delhi attended a Study Visit at BPST on 17 October 2018;

(iii) Twenty-eight Students and teachers of Hindi from China, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 22 October 2018;

(iv) Twelve Members of United States Congressional Staff, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 29 October 2018;

(v) Forty Diaspora Youth of Indian origin Participating in the Know India Programme (KIP) at the Ministry of External Affairs, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 8 November 2018;

(vi) Twenty-six Bangladesh Diplomats, attending the 3rd Special Course at Foreign Service Institute (FSI), New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 22 November 2018;

(vii) Fourteen Member Parliamentary Delegation from Sudan attended a Study Visit at BPST from 26 to 28 November 2018;

(viii) Thirty-six Participants, undergoing a Training Course at King Prajadhipok’s Institute, Bangkok, Thailand, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 27 November 2018;
Nine Member Delegation of Young Political Leaders from United States, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 4 December 2018;

Twenty-seven Overseas Professionals undergoing Training at Human Settlement Management Institute, New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 4 December 2018;

Forty-two Indian Diaspora Youth attending Know India Programme at MEA, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 6 December 2018;

Twelve Parliamentary Delegation from House of Representatives, Zanzibar, attended a Study Visit at BPST from 11 to 13 December 2018; and

Seven Member Delegation from UAE led by the Under Secretary of the Ministry of State for Federal National Affairs, attended a Study Visit at BPST from 12 to 14 December 2018.

In all, 13 Study Visits (International) were organised in which there were 324 participants.

(b) Study Visits (National)

Thirty Students of Wisdom School of Management, Coimbatore, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 3 October 2018;

One hundred twelve Students of Law College of Durgapur, West Bengal, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 3 October 2018;

Twenty-two Students and faculty members of Nallamuthu Gunder Mahalingam College, Tamil Nadu, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 5 October 2018;

Fifty Teachers and Students of Rosary School, Purul, Manipur, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 5 October 2018;

Thirty Officers of the Registrar General of India undergoing training at ISTM, New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 10 October 2018;

Forty-three Officers from various PSUs attending Training at IIPA, New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 11 October 2018;

Sixty-nine Students of Zilla Parishad High School, District Jagtial, Telangana, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 12 October 2018;

Sixty-one Students of Oakwood the Rajahmundry School, Andhra Pradesh, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 16 October 2018;

Thirty-four Students of St. John’s Regional Seminary, Ramanthapur, Hyderabad, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 17 October 2018;

Ninety-eight Students and Teachers from Sanmati Higher Secondary School, Indore, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 22 October 2018;

Forty-two LLB Students of the University of Burdwan, West Bengal, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 23 October 2018;

One hundred thirty-eight Students of K.L. International School, Meerut, UP, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 31 October 2018;

One hundred fourteen Students of K.L. International School, Meerut, UP, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 1 November 2018;

One hundred forty Students of K.L. International School, Meerut, UP, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 2 November 2018;

Forty-two Students of Delhi School of Professional Studies and Research (DSPSR) attended a Study Visit at BPST on 2 November 2018;
(xvi) One hundred sixteen Students from Indian Traditions and Heritage Society (ITIHAAS), New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 13 November 2018;

(xvii) Ten delegates of Women Municipal Councilors of Karnataka, attending capacity building at Urban Research Centre, Bangalore, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 13 November 2018;

(xviii) Twenty-five Students of Modern High School & Junior College, Yamunanagar, Nigdi, Pune, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 13 November 2018;

(xix) Thirty-two Officials of ISTM, New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 13 November 2018;

(xx) One hundred sixty-one Students of Springdales School Dhaula Kuan, New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 15 November 2018;

(xi) Seventy-seven Students and teachers of Delhi Public School, Sector 45, Gurgaon, Haryana, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 15 November 2018;

(xii) One hundred three Students from Indian Traditions and Heritage Society (ITIHAAS), New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 15 November 2018;

(xiii) Sixty Students of the Hooghly Mohsin College, West Bengal, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 16 November 2018;

(xiv) Twenty-six Students of Haldia Law College, West Bengal, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 28 November 2018;

(xv) Thirty-two Students of Durgapur Institute of Legal Studies, Burdwan, West Bengal, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 28 November 2018;

(xvi) Thirty-one Officers of the Registrar General of India undergoing organization Specific Programme at ISTM, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 30 November 2018;

(xvii) Thirty Officials of Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force attending training at the Clerical Training School of Indo-Tibetan Border Police Force (ITBP), Sonepat, Haryana, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 6 December 2018;

(xviii) Seventy-seven Students and Teachers from Satbhrawan Arya Girls Senior Secondary School, New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 6 December 2018;

(xix) Sixteen Students of Pandit Kunjilal Dubey Rashtriya Sansadiya Vidyapeeth, Bhopal, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 13 December 2018;

(xx) Twenty-three Direct Recruit Assistant Section Officers undergoing Training at DHTI, New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 13 December 2018;

(xxi) Twenty-nine Students of Parevartan School, Ghaziabad, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 14 December 2018;

(xxii) Sixteen Students of Pandit Kunjilal Dubey Rashtriya Sansadiya Vidyapeeth, Bhopal, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 13 December 2018;

(xxiii) Forty-six Students and Teachers from Government Sr. Secondary School, Garh Mirkpur, District Sonepat, Haryana, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 18 December 2018;

(xxiv) Fifty-three Students of 1st Batch MBBS from ESIC Medical College and Hospital, Faridabad, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 18 December 2018;

(xxv) Twenty-seven Students of the St. John’s Christian School, Ghaziabad, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 18 December 2018;

(xxvi) Sixty-four Students of the Sulochandevi Singhania School, Thane, Mumbai, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 18 December 2018;
Forty-two Students of Ryan International School, Gurugram, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 19 December 2018;

Fifty-seven Student Legislative Council(SLC), IIT Madras, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 19 December 2018;

Eleven Scientists from the Department of Science and Technology, Govt. of India, attending Training Programme at Indian Institute of Public Administration (IIPA), Indraprastha Estate, New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 20 December 2018;

Fifty-four Students of Government High School, T. D. Gutta, Mahabubnagar District, Telangana, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 21 December 2018;

Thirty Students of Kamal Model Sr. Secondary School, Mohan Garden, New Delhi, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 21 December 2018;

Seventeen Students of Vandana International Sr. Secondary School, Sector-10, Dwarka, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 21 December 2018; and

One hundred twenty-two Students of KB DAV Sr. Sec. School, Chandigarh, attended a Study Visit at BPST on 28 December 2018.

In all, 43 Study Visits (National) were organised in which there were 2,412 participants.

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