

## **DETAILS OF PARTICIPATION OF INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATIONS IN 2022**

### **1. 144th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) and related meetings held in Nusa Dua (Bali), Indonesia from 20-24 March 2022.**

The 144th Assembly of the IPU and related meetings were held in Nusa Dua (Bali), Indonesia from 20-24 March 2022.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP, Lok Sabha and consisting of Smt. Poonamben Maadam, MP, Lok Sabha; Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha; Smt. Raksha Nikhil Khadse, MP, Lok Sabha; Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha; and Shri Syed Zafar Islam, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the aforementioned Assembly and related meetings. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

During the 144th IPU Assembly, Shri Bhartruhari Mahtab, MP and Leader of the Delegation participated in the General Debate on the overall theme "Getting to zero: Mobilizing parliaments to act on climate change". After the General Debate, the Assembly adopted an Outcome Document called "Nusa Dua Declaration" on the overall theme. After the end of the General Debate, the IPU also organized a special accountability segment on the follow-up action taken by the members on the Resolutions adopted by IPU during the 143rd IPU Assembly. The Assembly also adopted a Resolution on theme of the Emergency item namely, "Peaceful resolution of the war in Ukraine, respecting international law, the Charter of the United Nations and territorial integrity".

The Delegation attended the sessions of other IPU bodies viz. the IPU Governing Council, the Bureaux and Board Meetings of IPU Committees, and Forums and Plenary Sessions of the four Standing Committees of IPU, Forum of Women Parliamentarians, Forum of Young Parliamentarians, and Working Group on Science and Technology.

The Members of the Delegation also attended the workshop organized by IPU on Health Security preparedness, and the two Panel Discussions held during the Assembly namely on (i) "Leveraging parliamentary budgeting powers for children," and (ii) "International cooperation to prosecute corruption and recover stolen assets".

Further, on the sideline of the Assembly, Members of the Delegation also participated in the (i) Meeting of the Asia Pacific Geopolitical Group, and (ii) Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) Coordinating Meeting.

During the Assembly, members of the Delegation met H.E. Duarte Pacheco, President, IPU and held bilateral meetings with the Parliamentary Delegation from Bahrain and Germany.

An amount of Rs. 18,26,906/-has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

**2. 48th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on WTO held on 31 March 2022 in virtual format.**

Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha and Member of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO (PCWTO) participated in the Meeting of the 48th Session of the Steering Committee in virtual format on 31 March 2022. The Session *inter-alia* held discussion on the possible activities of the PCWTO in the context of the upcoming 12th WTO Ministerial Conference to be held in Geneva in June 2022.

**3. Virtual Parliamentary Forum on Research and Library Cooperation held on 17 May 2022 in virtual format.**

Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) organized a Parliamentary Forum in virtual format on Research and Library Cooperation in commemoration of 15 years of Parliamentary Achievements in Asia on 17 May 2022. Dr. Venkata Satyavathi Beesetti, MP, Lok Sabha and Member of the Library Committee of Parliament of India participated in the above meeting

**4. Meeting of the 49th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO held in Geneva on 13 June 2022.**

The Meeting of the 49 th Session of the Steering Committee of the Parliamentary Conference on the WTO was held in Geneva on 13 June 2022. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha, and Member of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference on the WTO participated in the above meeting.

**5. Call on Secretary General, Lok Sabha by H.E. Ina H. Krisnamurthi, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia in India**

On 3 June 2022, H.E. Ina H. Krisnamurthi, Ambassador of the Republic of Indonesia in India called on Secretary General, Lok Sabha to personally handover communications from HE Puan Maharani, Speaker of the House of Representatives of Indonesia inviting Hon'ble Chairman Rajya Sabha and Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha to attend the 8 th Summit of Speakers of Parliaments of G-20 countries (P20) to be held on 6-7 October 2022 in Jakarta, Indonesia.

**6. 8 th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians held in Sharm el-Shiekh, Egypt on 15-16 June 2022**

The 8 th IPU Global Conference of Young Parliamentarians was held in Sharm el-Shiekh, Egypt on 15-16 June 2022 on the theme "Parliamentary Action to fight Climate Change." An Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Smt.

Raksha Nikhil Khadse, MP, Lok Sabha, and comprising of Shri Bhola Singh, MP, Lok Sabha and Smt. S. Phangnon Konyak, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the aforesaid conference.

## **7. Commemoration of International Day of Parliamentarism**

On 30 June 2022, the Parliament of India participated in the commemoration of the International Day of Parliamentarism on the theme “How does your Parliament engage with the Public?”. On the occasion, a short video message featuring public engagement initiatives of Parliament of India along with a congratulatory message by Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha was broadcasted on SANSAD TV and social media Platforms of Lok Sabha and IPU, Geneva. Members of our Parliament who are associated with various IPU bodies also posted congratulatory messages on social media platforms and wished the people for the day

## **8. Visit of the Parliamentary Delegation from ASEAN Parliaments to India from 10-14 August 2022**

As part of 75 years of India’s Independence and India-ASEAN Friendship Year to commemorate the 30 years of the establishment of India-ASEAN relations, a ASEAN Parliamentary Delegation comprising of 11 Members of Parliament from six ASEAN countries and led by H.E. Kittisethabindit Cheam Yeap, First Vice President of the National Assembly of Cambodia visited India from 10-14 August 2022. The Delegation consisted of (i) Hon. Chheang Vun, Member of National Assembly of Cambodia; (ii) Hon. Suos Yara, Member of National Assembly of Cambodia; (iii) Hon. Chhit Kim Yeat, Member of National Assembly of Cambodia; (iv) Hon. Sanya Praseuth, Member of Parliament of Lao PDR; (v) Hon. Karupaiya Mutusami, Member of Parliament of Malaysia; (vi) Hon. Datuk Seri Mohd Redzuan bin Md. Yusof, Member of Parliament of Malaysia; (vii) Hon. Vikram Nair, Member of Parliament of Singapore; (viii) Hon. Dr. Fadli Zon, Member of Parliament of Indonesia; (ix) Hon. Nguyen Thi Le Thuy, Member of National Assembly of Vietnam; (x) Hon. Pham Phu Binh, Member of National Assembly of Vietnam. Ms. Nguyen Tuong Van, Secretary General of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) Secretariat also accompanied the Delegation.

During the visit, the Delegation participated in the “India-ASEAN Parliamentary Dialogue” with an Indian Parliamentary Delegation (IPD) led by Shri Harivansh, Hon’ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and consisting of Shri Surendra Singh Nagar, MP, Rajya Sabha and Shri Raju Bista, MP, Lok Sabha on 11 August 2022 and discussed ways to strengthen parliamentary cooperation between the two sides.

The Delegation also called on Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, Hon’ble Vice President of India & Chairman, Rajya Sabha, and Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon’ble Minister for External Affairs, Government of India. The Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies (PRIDE) gave a briefing on their training programme to the delegation.

Apart from Delhi, the delegation visited Taj Mahal at Agra. Before their return, the delegation had an interview with Sansad TV, sharing their experience of visiting India.

#### **9. International Conference on “Science, Ethics, and Human Development” held in Quy Nhon, Vietnam from 13-16 September 2022.**

The International Conference on “Science, Ethics, and Human Development” was held in Quy Nhon, Vietnam from 13-16 September 2022. The Conference was organized by International Centre for Interdisciplinary Science & Education, Vietnam and Inter Parliamentary Union, Geneva. Dr. Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP, Lok Sabha and member of the IPU Working Group on Science and Technology attended the Conference.

Apart from participation in the Sessions of the above conference, Dr. Gavit also attended the Meeting of the IPU High-Level Working Group on Science and Technology on the sidelines of the Conference. She along with other participating Delegates called on H.E. Nguyen Xuan Phuc, President of Vietnam during a special event organised by the Host.

An amount of Rs. 5,43,296/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

#### **10. 8<sup>th</sup> G20 Parliamentary Speakers’ Summit (P20) held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 5-7 October 2022**

The 8<sup>th</sup> G20 Speakers’ Summit (P20) held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 5-7 October 2022. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri Harivansh, Hon’ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha attended the Summit. Shri Utpal Kumar, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri P. C. Mody, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha also attended the Summit. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

The main theme of the Summit was “*Stronger Parliaments for Sustainable Recovery*”. Under the aforesaid overall theme, four Sessions were held on various sub-themes.

During the Summit, Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha participated in the debate at the Session II on the theme “*Emerging Issues: Food and Energy Security, and Economic Challenges*”; during which he elaborated India’s initiatives for ensuring food and energy

security for its large population during the COVID-19 pandemic. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha was the Keynote Speaker for the Session III of the Summit on the theme "*Effective Parliaments, Vibrant Democracy.*" During his keynote address, highlighting India as Mother of Democracy, Hon'ble Speaker elaborated how Democracy is not only inherent in our cultural and political values but, is also an integral part of our ideology and our life style. Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha participated in Session IV of the Summit on the theme "*Social Inclusion, Gender Equality, and Women Empowerment*".

On the sidelines of the Summit, the IPD led by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha met H.E. Duarte Pacheco, President, IPU, and held bilateral meetings with the following dignitaries

- i. H.E. Puan Maharani, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Indonesia
- ii. H.E. Mr. Milton Dick, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Australia
- iii. H.E. Mr. Chuan Leekpai, Speaker of the Parliament of Thailand
- iv. H.E. Mr. Ratu, Epeli Nailatikau, Speaker of the Parliament of Fiji

Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha also met H.E. Ms. Kim Young Joo, Deputy Speaker of the National Assembly of the Republic of Korea.

During the visit, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha also addressed a gathering of Indian Diaspora during a cultural event organized by the Embassy of India in Jakarta.

An amount of Rs. 19,32,493/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

## **11. 145th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union held in Kigali, Rwanda from 11-15 October 2022.**

The 145th IPU Assembly and related meetings were held in Kigali, Rwanda from 11-15 October 2022. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and consisting of Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha; Km. Diya Kumari, MP, Lok Sabha; Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha; Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha; and Shri Kartikeya Sharma, MP, Rajya Sabha attended the Assembly. Shri P. C. Mody, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha also

attended the Assembly. Shri L.V. Ramana, Director, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation.

For the Parliament of India, the Assembly was extremely productive. Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha was elected to the post of the member of the Executive Committee (ExCom) of IPU from Asia Pacific Group by a two-third majority. The election is a remarkable moment in the history of India's Parliamentary Diplomacy as it gives our Parliament an opportunity to be represented in the prestigious IPU ExCom after a gap of 20 years. Earlier, Dr. Najma Heptulla, the then Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha had served on the IPU Ex Com from 1995-1999 as a member, and then from 1999-2002 as an ex-officio member by virtue of being the IPU President. The ExCom is the premier decision making body of the IPU which oversees the administrative and financial matters of the organization.

Shri Harivansh, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha addressed the Assembly during the General Debate on the theme of *"Gender Equality and Gender sensitive Parliaments or drivers of change for a more resilient and peaceful world."* Dr. Sasmit Patra, MP, Rajya Sabha addressed the General Debate of the Assembly from the Youth's perspective.

The Assembly adopted "Kigali Declaration" on the overall theme. The Assembly also adopted the Resolution of the Standing Committee on Democracy and Human Rights i.e. *"Parliamentary impetus to local and regional development of countries with high levels of international migration and to stopping all forms, including state-sponsored, of human trafficking and human rights abuse."*

The Delegation attended the sessions of other IPU bodies viz. the IPU Governing Council, the Bureaux and Board Meetings of IPU Committees and Forums, and Plenary Sessions of the four Standing Committees of IPU, Committee to Promote Respect for International Humanitarian Law, Forum of Women Parliamentarians and Forum of Young Parliamentarians.

The Members of the Delegation also attended the workshops organized by IPU on the three themes namely (i) Rights of the Child, (ii) Nutrition, and (iii) Climate

Change and Health, and the Panel Discussion on the theme *“Towards gender equality: Celebrating and understanding the accomplishments of women’s Parliamentary caucuses.”*

Further, on the sidelines of the Assembly, Members of the Delegation also participated in the (i) Meeting of the Asia Pacific Geopolitical Group, and (ii) Asian Parliamentary Assembly (APA) Coordinating Meeting.

An amount of Rs. 16,56,033/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

**12. 43rd General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 20-25 November 2022.**

The 43rd General Assembly of the ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) was held in Phnom Penh, Cambodia from 20-25 November 2022. Dr. Satya Pal Singh, MP, Lok Sabha attended the above Assembly and delivered a Statement on the theme “Advancing together for sustainable, inclusive and resilient ASEAN”. He also participated in the dialogue session between AIPA member Parliaments and Observer Parliaments on the theme “Investing in Peace, Sustainable Development and Post COVID-19 Recovery”.

An amount of Rs. 4,19,110/- has been spent on the aforesaid visit.

**13. 289<sup>th</sup> session of the IPU Executive Committee held in virtual format on 5 December 2022.**

The 289th Session of the IPU Executive Committee was held in virtual format on 5 December 2022. Smt. Aparajita Sarangi, MP, Lok Sabha and member of the IPU Executive Committee participated in above virtual session.

**14. Webinar on the theme "Creating Safe Cyberspace for Democracy" organized by IPU.**

A Webinar on the theme "Creating Safe Cyberspace for Democracy" was organized by IPU on 06 December 2022. Shri Vishnu Dayal Ram, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the above webinar.