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# Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla praises Indian diaspora, growing cooperation with Bahrain



Indian Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla participating in various meetings yesterday in Manama on the sidelines of 146th Inter-Parliamentary Union TDT | Manama

Indian Lok Sabha Speaker, Om Birla, has praised the strong ties between Bahrain and India, saying that they have gained new dimensions in recent years. Birla also expressed his gratitude for the hard work, loyalty, diligence, and dedication of the Indian diaspora, during a meeting held on the sidelines of his visit to Bahrain for the 146th Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Conference.

Speaking to prominent members of the Indian diaspora, including businessmen, profes- increased in areas such as IT, Birla highlighted the growing Manama and held several bilat- rangi, and Dr Agrawal RMD. Yesbetween the two countries has strong link.



Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam with Indian Speaker Om Birla

sionals, doctors, educationalists, Fintech, and Renewable Ener- India-Bahrain ties as a relation- eral meetings with his counter- terday, the Member IPU Execuand heads of the Indian commu-gy. He emphasised that the In-ship based on human sensibili-parts from across the world on tive Committee apprised Asia nity and cultural organisations, dian diaspora would add more ties and cultural values. Birla noted that cooperation strength to the relationship as a

a holi celebration organised in truhari Mahtab, Aparajita Sa- in previous meetings.

the sidelines of the conference. Pacific Group Members about mitment to further strengthen Separately, he participated in Accompanying Birla are Bhar- the work done by the Committee

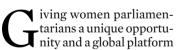
Later in the evening, Om Birla also held discussions with Council of Representatives Speaker Ahmed bin Salman Al Musallam on the strong bilateral relations between Bahrain and India.

Al Musallam emphasised the importance of continuing to develop joint ties between the two countries and praised India's vital role in supporting regional security and stability, as well as its upcoming presidency of the G20 and Shanghai Cooperation Organization in 2023.

Om Birla expressed pride and appreciation for the close historical ties between India and Bahrain, and their mutual comthem in all fields for the benefit of both nations.

## Women Parliamentarians Forum highlights importance of global collaboration and gender equity

Julia Cassano TDT | Manama











global collaboration and partnership to solve.

Hasipoglu acknowledged that Bahrain is starting to play a crucial role in national affairs and expressed hope for further dis-

for international decision-making, Women Parliamentarians Forum opened yesterday in Bahrain alongside the 146th Inter-Parliamentary Union Assembly.

The first of its kind and a trailblazer on the issue of women's political participation, the forum meets at every IPU Assembly. It provides an opportunity for women MPs to learn about how other countries are addressing gender inequality.

**IPU President Duarte Pacheco** opened the forum, in the presence of the participating parliamentary delegations which are attending the 146th IPU Assembly.

Representing Bahrain, Shura Council First Deputy Chairman Jamal Mohammed Fakhro stressed Bahrain's strides in promoting gender equity through constitutional and legislative provisions.

He noted Bahrain's ranking on international indicators measuring women's progress, paying tribute to Her Royal Highness Supreme Council for Women.

Andrei Savinykh. Belarus



Jamal Mohammed Fakhro

#### Cyber-attacks affect women: Dr Ravza

In an interview with The Dai-Princess Sabeeka bint Ibrahim ly Tribune, Dr Ravza Kavakci Al Khalifa, wife of His Majesty Kan, president of the Turkish the King and President of the IPU Group, emphasised the im-

Dr Ravza Kavakci Kan, Turkey

and exchanging resolutions to recognised as a global issue. Dr address common issues. She Ravza highlighted women memproudly noted that all parlia- bers of parliament as potential ments in the world now have targets for such attacks, as they women representatives, which are more visible in the public was once non-existent, and stat- eye. ed that the IPU sheds light on important issues faced by both nificant topic of discussion, and men and women in societies.

IPU, a special discussion was sues faced by all genders, naheld on cyber-attacks, where Dr tionalities, and races. She stated, Ravza highlighted the impact "If we advocate for democracy of such attacks on women, es- and human rights, it should be a pecially those in the public eye. right for all people." She stated, "Cyber-attacks pose threats to everyone of all ages and gender; however, we wanted to centre the discussion around how cyber-attacks affect wom- ambassador and chairman of it is economic or social.

#### Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Bangladesh

Human rights were also a sig-Dr Ravza emphasised the need During the Women's Forum for resolutions that address is-

#### Be fair and equal to all: Savinykh

According to Andrei Savinykh,

#### Oguzhan Hasipoglu, Cyprus

en's participation in parliament was also discussed, and it was dergoing a transformative time in international history, and it is and deliberate on essential iscrucial to ensure that the principles of this new world are fair and equal to all.

Savinykh asked, "How will we ent countries to develop?" and emphasized that through the IPU forum, honest recommen- strengthening women's empowdations can be freely shared, and views can be changed. He believes that the IPU's special and unique platform can create opportunities to exchange ideas and expectations.

#### **Climate change needs global** collaboration: Hasipoglu

MP and General Secretary of the Turkish Republic of Northen." She further added that any The Standing Commission on ern Cyprus, Oguzhan Hasipoglu, over the world." The MP believes type of cyber-attack has signifi- International Affairs, the IPU is emphasised the significance of cant effects on women, whether an essential organisation that countries working together to sharing knowledge, countries allows parliaments to discuss address global issues. He stated The issue of social media and critical issues. He highlighted that climate change has become challenges affecting societies portance of increasing wom- cyberbullying towards women that the world is currently un- a pressing concern that requires globally.

cussions between Cyprus and Bahrain.

#### Working together and share knowledge: Dr Chaudhury

Dr Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, MP of Bangladesh Parliament, considers the assembly as an excellent platform to discuss sues and emerging challenges that affect the welfare of the people. She believes that sharing best practices among nations provide possibilities for differ- is crucial to draw upon different solutions to common problems, including climate change, erment and participation, and gender equality.

Chaudhury emphasised that many countries face the same issues and interconnectedness, making global cooperation urgently needed. She stated, "When countries can unite and come together as one, we can solve some of the most frightful of issues threatening societies all that by working together and can tackle the most significant

