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INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

ANNUAL REPORT (2020-2021)

INTRODUCTION

The Executive Committee of the Indian Parliamentary Group (hereinafter referred to as 'the Group') has great pleasure in presenting their Annual Report for the period from 1 April, 2020 to 31 March, 2021. The Report is divided into the following three parts:-

- Part I** **Inter-Parliamentary Union**
- Part II** **Commonwealth Parliamentary Association**
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2. **Composition of the Executive Committee**

President: Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha continued as ex-officio President of the Group for the year.

Vice-Presidents: Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha continued as ex-officio Vice-President of the Group for the year.

Secretary-General: Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary-General, Lok Sabha continued as ex-officio Secretary-General of the Group upto 30 November, 2020. Shri Utpal Kumar Singh who was appointed as Secretary-General, Lok Sabha on 1 December, 2021 became ex-officio Secretary-General of the Group.

3. Treasurer and Members of the Executive Committee

The Executive Committee* of the Group, which was constituted on 14 January, 2018 by the then President of the Group for the years 2017-2018 and 2018-2019, also continued for the years 2019-2020 and 2020-2021. The composition of the Executive Committee is as under:

TREASURER

Vacant

MEMBERS

1. Shri Rakesh Singh, MP (LS)
2. Dr. (Ms.) Heena Vijaykumar Gavit, MP (LS)
3. Shri Sudip Bandyopadhyay, MP (LS)
4. Smt. Supriya S. Sule, MP (LS)
5. Shri N.K. Premachandran, MP (LS)
6. Dr. Satyanarayan Jatiya, MP (RS)
7. Dr. Vinay P. Sahasrabuddhe , MP (RS)
8. Shri Anil Desai, MP (RS)
9. Shri Naresh Gujral, MP (RS)

ASSOCIATE MEMBERS

10. Dr. Karan Singh, ex-MP
11. Shri Sitaram Yechury, ex-MP
12. Dr. Vallabhbbhai Kathiria, ex-MP
13. Smt. Bhavna Kardam Dave, ex-MP
14. Shri Pradeep Gandhi, ex-MP

INVITEE

Shri Desh Deepak Verma,
Secretary-General, Rajya Sabha

4. Auditor M/s S.S. Kothari Mehta & Company were appointed as Auditor of the Group for the year 2020-2021.

* As per Rules of IPG, the existing Executive Committee of IPG shall carry on the affairs of the Group until the election of the members of the new Executive Committee.

PART- I

INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU) RELATED ACTIVITIES

(A) REPRESENTATION OF INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP IN THE STATUTORY ASSEMBLIES OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION AND OTHER SPECIALIZED MEETINGS

1. Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP) organized in virtual format on 19-20 August, 2020

The Fifth World Conference of Speakers of Parliament (5WCSP) was organised in virtual format by the Inter Parliamentary Union, (IPU) Geneva in collaboration with the Parliament of Austria and the United Nations Organisation on 19-20 August, 2020. Originally, the Conference was to be organised in physical format in Vienna, Austria in August, 2020. However, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the in-person Conference was postponed until September, 2021.

Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha and consisting of Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha and Smt. Meenakashi Lekhi, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the above-mentioned Virtual Conference. Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha also attended the Conference.

The overall theme of the Conference was "Parliamentary leadership for more effective multilateralism that delivers peace and sustainable development for the people and planet". The agenda of the 5WCSP *inter-alia* included an Interactive Debate on 'Health, climate and the economy' and five thematic panel discussions on the following themes:

- (a) Stepping up parliamentary action: the climate change emergency;
- (b) Human mobility in pursuit of a better life: challenges, opportunities and solutions;
- (c) Improving governance by bridging the gap between Parliaments and the people;
- (d) Forging inclusive and sustainable economies that deliver well-being and justice for all; and
- (e) Countering terrorism and violent extremism: the perspective of victims.

The Indian Parliamentary Delegation attended the above mentioned five thematic Panel discussions. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha addressed the Conference on the theme "Improving Governance by bridging the gap between Parliament and people."

A Declaration was adopted at the end of the Conference.

2. **Virtual meeting of Mr. Duarte Pacheco, MP, Parliament of Portugal and Chairperson of the Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group with Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 25 August, 2020**

On 25 August, 2020, Mr. Duarte Pacheco, MP, Parliament of Portugal and Chairperson of the Twelve Plus Geopolitical Group of IPU apprised Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha about his candidacy for the next IPU Presidency (2020- 23) and sought support of Parliament of India for self.

3. **The 41st General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) held in virtual mode from 8-10 September, 2020**

The 41st General Assembly of ASEAN Inter-Parliamentary Assembly (AIPA) was held from 8-10 September, 2020 in virtual mode. The Assembly was organized by the National Assembly of Vietnam and AIPA Secretariat, Jakarta. The main theme of the Assembly was "Parliamentary Diplomacy for Cohesive and Responsive ASEAN". Dr. Satya Pal Singh, MP, Lok Sabha participated in the above Assembly.

4. **The 46th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference of World Trade Organization (PCWTO) held in virtual mode on 30 September, 2020**

The 46th Session of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference of World Trade Organization (PCWTO) was organized in the virtual mode by the Inter Parliamentary Union, Geneva and European Parliament on 30 September 2020. During the Meeting, the Members of the Steering Committee *inter-alia* received an update on major developments at the WTO. Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha and member of Steering Committee of PCWTO participated in the interactive Session on 'the challenges and opportunities ahead'.

5. **Sixth BRICS Parliamentary Forum held in virtual format on 27 October, 2020**

The Sixth BRICS Parliamentary Forum was held in virtual format on 27 October, 2020. The Forum was chaired by the H.E. Vyachaslav Volodin, Chairman of the State Duma of the Federal Assembly of the Russian Federation. Speakers and members of five BRICS Parliaments, namely, Brazil, Russian Federation, India, China and South Africa participated in the Forum. An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, MP, Lok Sabha attended the Forum. Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha addressed the said Forum on the theme "BRICS partnership in the interest of the global stability. General safety and innovative growth: Parliamentary dimension". Smt. Kanimozhi Karunanidhi, MP, Lok Sabha also delivered a statement.

6. Virtual meeting of Asia Pacific Group of IPU on 30 October, 2020

An India Parliamentary Delegation led by Hon'ble Speaker Lok Sabha attended the virtual meeting of Asia Pacific Group of IPU on 30 October, 2020. During the meeting, the contenders for the post of IPU President (2020-23) presented their visions and agenda in order to seek the support of the members of the Group. The Presidency of the APG was also transferred from Parliament of Philippines to Parliament of South Korea for next one year's term.

7. The 206th Session of the Governing Council (Extraordinary Virtual Session) of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva from 1-3 November, 2020

The 206th Session of the Governing Council (Extraordinary Virtual Session) of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva was organized from 1-3 November, 2020. The agenda *inter-alia* included the election of the new President of IPU through remote electronic secret ballot, in order to replace the outgoing President of IPU, H.E. Gabriela Cuevas Barron.

An Indian Parliamentary Delegation led by Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and consisting of Smt. Poonamben Hematbhai Maadam, MP, Lok Sabha and Shri Swapan Dasgupta, MP, Rajya Sabha participated in the above mentioned Virtual Session. Smt. Snehlata Shrivastava, Secretary General, Lok Sabha and Shri Desh Deepak Verma, Secretary General, Rajya Sabha also attended the Session. Dr. Ajay Kumar, Joint Secretary, Lok Sabha Secretariat was the Secretary to the Delegation. The Members of the Indian Parliamentary Delegation participated in the Virtual Session of the Governing Council and cast their votes.

At the end of the election, Mr. Duarte Pacheco, Member of Parliament from Portugal got elected as the President of IPU for the period of 2020-23.

8. Parliamentary Webinar of the Steering Committee of Parliamentary Conference of World Trade organization (PCWTO) in virtual mode on 3 December, 2020

A Parliamentary Webinar of Parliamentary Conference of World Trade Organisation (PCWTO) was organised by the IPU Secretariat, Geneva and European Parliament on 3 December, 2020. The theme of the said Webinar was "The global post COVID-19 economy: Devising sustainable trade policies to support the fight against poverty". An Indian Parliamentary Delegation consisting of Shri Rajiv Pratap Rudy, MP, Lok Sabha and Member of the Steering Committee of PCWTO participated in the Webinar.

9. The Sixth IRENA Legislators Forum held virtually on 13 January, 2021

The Sixth edition of the International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA) Legislators Forum was held in virtual format on 13 January, 2021. The theme of the Forum was '*Parliamentary actions to scale up renewable investments: renewable energy as an enabler of services*'. Shri Chandra Sekhar Bellana, MP, Lok Sabha attended the Forum.

10. Visit of H.E. Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva to India from 14-20 March, 2021

On the special invitation of Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, HE Mr. Duarte Pacheco, the IPU President, visited India from 14-20 March 2021, as his first port of call in Asia.

During his visit, IPU President called on Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Vice President and Hon'ble Chairman, Rajya Sabha, Shri Om Birla, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, Dr. S. Jaishankar, Hon'ble Minister of External Affairs, and Shri Kiren Rijju, Hon'ble Minister of Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge), and interacted with Parliamentary Committee on External Affairs. The Visiting Dignitary also witnessed the proceedings of both the Houses of Parliament.

The IPU President also visited Goa and called on Shri Rajesh Patnekar, Hon'ble Speaker, Goa Legislative Assembly. Mr. Pacheco also met Shri Pramod Sawant, Hon'ble Chief Minister, Government of Goa and Shri Digambar Kamat, Leader of Opposition, Goa Legislative Assembly. The dignitary also visited Agra, where he was felicitated by Mayor of Agra City, Shri Naveen Jain and other prominent citizens and civil society groups.

(B) CONTRIBUTION TO THE CENTRAL FUNDS OF THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION (IPU):

Indian Parliamentary Group's Annual Contribution of CHF 1,12,900 (Rs.93,70,700/-) to the Central Fund of the Inter-Parliamentary Union for the year 2021-22 was paid out of the grant sanctioned by Parliament. Also, an amount of CHF 550 (Rs.44,825/-) has been contributed to ASGP.

PART- II

(A) COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION (CPA) RELATED ACTIVITIES

1. Video Conference of Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha and Chairperson, All India Presiding Officers Conference with the Presiding Officers of Legislative Bodies in India on 21 April, 2020

Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha held a Video Conference on 21 April, 2020 with the Presiding Officers of State / UT Legislatures to discuss matters relating to COVID-19 Pandemic and other activities of Legislative Bodies in India. This Video Conference was held for the first time in the history of Indian Legislatures.

2. COVID Control Rooms Grid

In order to facilitate general public during COVID-19 pandemic, a Control Room was set up in Lok Sabha Secretariat as well in 23 State Legislatures to coordinate efforts of Parliamentarians and Legislators for relief and rehabilitation of affected people. The Lok Sabha Secretariat Control Room effectively handled more than 1000 cases relocating 11000 plus persons to their destination and also ensured assistance in the form of rations, health services, etc. The Control Room in Lok Sabha Secretariat was manned by CPA Cell, Conference Branch and IPU Cell. Further, the achievements of COVID Control Room in relocating general public and providing other assistance to people in distress were given suitable publicity through PPR Unit.

3. Publication on "Parliamentary Diplomacy" and "Sansadiya Smarika" on AIPOC

With a view to centre stage achievements of Parliamentary Diplomacy, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha has taken an initiative to bring out a Publication on "Parliamentary Diplomacy", including Speeches of Hon'ble Speaker at International Conferences / Meetings. A "Sansadiya Smarika" under the auspices of All India Presiding Officers' Conference (AIPOC) is also being brought out which will contain Articles from Presiding Officers, Parliamentarians and Legislators and former Presiding Officer's etc.

4. **CPA Mid-Year Executive Committee meeting held from 18-22 August, 2020 in Virtual Mode**

The CPA Mid-Year Executive Committee Meeting was held from 18-22 August, 2020 in Virtual Mode. Following three Regional Representatives from CPA India Region in the CPA Executive Committee attended the meeting:

- i. Shri Anurag Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha)
- ii. Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly
- iii. Shri Prem Chand Aggarwal, Speaker, Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly

Besides the meeting of the CPA Executive Committee, Shri Anurag Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha) and Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly attended the meeting of the Planning and Review Sub-Committee and Shri Prem Chand Aggarwal, Speaker, Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha attended the meeting of the Finance Sub-Committee.

5. **The 80th All India Presiding Officers' Conference held in Kevadiya, Gujarat on 25-26 November, 2020**

The 80th All India Presiding Officers' Conference was held in Kevadiya, Gujarat on 25-26 November, 2020. The Conference deliberated on the theme "Harmonious Coordination between Legislature, Executive and Judiciary - key to a Vibrant Democracy".

Shri Ram Nath Kovind, Hon'ble President of India inaugurated the Conference. Shri M. Venkaiah Naidu, Hon'ble Vice-President of India and Chairman, Rajya Sabha; Shri Acharya Devvrat, Governor, Gujarat; Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha and Chairperson of the Conference; Shri Vijay Rupani, Chief Minister of Gujarat; Shri Pralhad Joshi, Minister of Parliamentary Affairs and Minister of Coal and Steel, Government of India; Shri Adhir Ranjan Chowdhury, Leader of Congress Party in Lok Sabha; Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha and Shri Rajendra Trivedi, Speaker, Gujarat Legislative Assembly attended and addressed the Inaugural Ceremony. 19 Speakers and 4 Deputy Speakers of State Legislatures attended the Conference.

Since the Conference coincided with the celebration of 71st Constitution Day, Hon'ble Rashtrapatiiji read out the preamble of Constitution of India to the Nation on 26 November, 2020. All the Presiding Officers participated in this solemn occasion in the backdrop of Iron Man of India at the Statute of Unity.

During the Conference a resolution was adopted on “Constitution and Fundamental Duties”. The Conference also took a number of decisions such as instituting Outstanding Legislature Award and celebrating Centenary Year of AIPOC as a Festival of Democracy.

Hon’ble Prime Minister gave valedictory address of the Conference through video conference. Shri Acharya Devvrat, Hon’ble Governor, Gujarat, Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha and Chairperson of the Conference and Shri Harivansh, Hon’ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha also addressed the Valedictory Session of the Conference. Shri Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State in the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs; and Minister of State in the Ministry of Heavy Industries and Public Enterprises also attended the Conference.

6. Standing Committee Meeting of Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) held virtually on Monday, 18 January, 2021

The Standing Committee Meeting of the Conference of Speakers and Presiding Officers of the Commonwealth (CSPOC) was held virtually on 18 January, 2021.

Shri Om Birla, Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha, member of the Standing Committee of CSPOC and Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary General, Lok Sabha attended the Meeting.

The main objective of the Meeting was to finalise the Agenda topics for the 26th CSPOC scheduled to be held in Australia in January, 2022. For the consideration of the Standing Committee of CSPOC, Hon’ble Speaker, Lok Sabha suggested 3 topics *viz. (i) Enhancing capacity building of parliamentarians through wider use of internet/online platforms to deal with extraordinary situation of Pandemic; (ii) Reaching out through e-Parliament for effective interface between the people and the parliament; and (iii) Strengthening the institutional capacity of Parliament by enhancing the technical skill of Members and staff of Parliament: Need to modernize, innovate and go virtual to meet new challenges.*

The Standing Committee approved the following Agenda topics for the 26th CSPOC, incorporating topics suggested by Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha:

Topic 1: Parliaments and the pandemic

- How have parliaments adapted to the pandemic, what issues arose from the adaptations and which of these adaptations may become permanent.
- Parliamentary privilege and virtual proceedings.

Topic 2: Security

- The ever-evolving requirements for parliaments in relation to physical (premises and Members) and cyber security.

Topic 3: e-Parliament

- Technology driving evolving relationships between parliament and the people.
- The need for citizens to have access to technology to participate in new ways.

Topic 4: Role of the Speaker in leading parliamentary innovation;

Topic 5: Training for Members and staff

- New approaches and sharing best practices.

7. Third Meeting of the Committee of Presiding Officers to Evaluate the use of Communication and Information Technology (C&IT) on 25 February, 2021

The Third and Last Meeting of the Committee of Presiding Officers to Evaluate the Use of Communication and Information Technology (C&IT) was held on 25 February, 2021 under the Chairmanship of Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker and Chairperson, Assam Legislative Assembly. Shri Prem Chand Aggarwal, Speaker, Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha and Dr. Surjya Narayana Patro, Speaker, Odisha Legislative Assembly also attended the Meeting.

The Committee, after detailed discussion, adopted the Draft Report. The Meeting then adjourned with a vote of thanks to the Chairperson. The Report will be considered for adoption in the next AIPOC.

8. Mid-Year CPA Executive Committee Meeting held virtually from 23-26 March, 2021

The Mid-Year CPA Executive Committee Meeting was held virtually from 23-26 March, 2021. Following Regional Representatives from CPA India Region in the CPA Executive Committee attended the meeting:

- (i) Shri Anurag Sharma, MP, Lok Sabha
- (ii) Shri Prem Chand Aggarwal, Speaker, Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha

Besides the Meeting of the CPA Executive Committee, Shri Anurag Sharma, MP (Lok Sabha) attended the Meeting of Planning and Review Sub-Committee and Shri Prem Chand Aggarwal, Speaker, Uttarakhand Vidhan Sabha attended the Meeting of Finance Sub-Committee in Virtual Mode.

Shri Hitendra Nath Goswami, Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly, another member of the Executive Committee could not attend the meeting due to unavoidable reasons.

(B) ANNUAL CONTRIBUTION TO THE COMMONWEALTH PARLIAMENTARY ASSOCIATION

The annual contribution of the India Branch of Commonwealth Parliamentary Association for the year 2020-21 to the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association was Pounds 33,364 equivalent to ₹34,06,363/- and paid out of the grant sanctioned by Parliament.

PART – III

BILATERAL EXCHANGES AND OTHER EVENTS

(A) VISIT OF FOREIGN DIGNITARIES TO PARLIAMENT HOUSE COMPLEX / CALLS ON

- (1) **Australia:** H.E. Mr. Barry O' Farrell AO, High Commissioner of Australia called on Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 27 July, 2020.
- (2) **European Union:** H.E. Mr. David Sassoli, President of the European Parliament had a virtual meeting with Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 13 January, 2021.
- (3) **Uzbekistan:** H.E. Mr. Dilshod Akhatov, Ambassador of the Republic of Uzbekistan called on Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 16 March, 2021.
- (4) **Nepal:** H.E. Mr. Nilamber Acharya, Ambassador of Nepal called on Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha on 18 March, 2021.

(B) FUNCTIONS / CONFERENCES HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP AND FLORAL TRIBUTES TO NATIONAL LEADERS

(1) Floral Tributes to National Leaders

On the occasion of the Birth Anniversaries of the following National Leaders, functions were held under the auspices of the Group on the dates shown against each in the Central Hall, Parliament House, where their portraits are put up:

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| (1) | Dr. B.R. Ambedkar | 14 April, 2020 |
| (2) | Dr. N. Sanjiva Reddy | 19 May, 2020 |
| (3) | Swatantryaveer Vinayak Damodar Savarkar | 28 May, 2020 |
| (4) | Shri K.S. Hegde | 11 June, 2020 |
| (5) | Dr. Syama Prasad Mukherjee | 06 July, 2020 |
| (6) | Shri Bal Gangadhar Tilak | 23 July, 2020 |
| (7) | Shri G.S. Dhillon | 06 August, 2020 |
| (8) | Shri Rajiv Gandhi | 20 August, 2020 |
| (9) | Dr. Balram Jakhar | 23 August, 2020 |
| (10) | Sardar Hukam Singh | 30 August, 2020 |
| (11) | Dadabhai Naoroji | 4 September, 2020 |
| (12) | Shri G.M.C. Balayogi | 1 October, 2020 |
| (13) | Mahatma Gandhi | 2 October, 2020 |
| (14) | Shri Lal Bahadur Shastri | 2 October, 2020 |
| (15) | Shri Bali Ram Bhagat | 7 October, 2020 |
| (16) | Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel | 31 October, 2020 |
| (17) | Deshbandhu Chittaranjan Das | 5 November, 2020 |
| (18) | Maulana Abul Kalam Azad | 11 November, 2020 |
| (19) | Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru | 14 November, 2020 |
| (20) | Smt. Indira Gandhi | 19 November, 2020 |
| (21) | Shri Rabi Ray | 26 November, 2020 |
| (22) | Shri G.V Mavalankar | 27 November, 2020 |
| (23) | Dr. Rajendra Prasad | 3 December, 2020 |

(24)	Shri C. Rajagopalachari	10 December, 2020
(25)	Chaudhary Charan Singh	23 December, 2020
(26)	Pandit Madan Mohan Malviya	25 December, 2020
(27)	Shri Atal Bihari Vajpayee	25 December, 2020
(28)	Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose	23 January, 2021
(29)	Lala Lajpat Rai	28 January, 2021
(30)	Shri M.A. Ayyangar	4 February, 2021
(31)	Smt. Sarojini Naidu	13 February, 2021
(32)	Shri Morarji Desai	28 February, 2021
(33)	Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia	23 March, 2021

The Speaker, Lok Sabha, Union Ministers, Members of Parliament, former Members of Parliament and others paid floral tributes to the aforementioned Leaders on the occasions. Booklets containing profiles of the above leaders, prepared by Research & Information Division of the Lok Sabha Secretariat, were also distributed on the occasions. Books written by the respective Leaders or on the respective leaders were also displayed in the Central Hall during the Floral Tributes.

(2) Address by H.E. Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President of IPU, Geneva.

H.E. Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President of Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), Geneva addressed the Members of Parliament on 16 March, 2021 at 0940 hours in Central Hall, Parliament House under the auspices of the Indian Parliamentary Group.

Shri Harivansh, Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha delivered the Welcome Address. Shri Om Birla, Speaker, Lok Sabha and President of the Indian Parliamentary Group also addressed the distinguished gathering before the Address by the Dignitary. Shri Utpal Kumar Singh, Secretary-General Lok Sabha proposed the Vote of Thanks. Dignitaries led by Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi graced the occasion.

(C) LETTERS OF INTRODUCTION / FAX MESSAGES

Letters of Introduction and Fax Messages were issued to the National Groups of Inter-Parliamentary Union, Commonwealth Parliamentary Association Branches and Indian Missions in various countries in favour of following Members of the Group going abroad:-

- (i) Shri V. Balashowry, MP
- (ii) Shri Krupal Balaji Tumane, MP

(D) MEMBERSHIP

During the year under report, fourteen (14) Members of Parliament were enrolled as Members of the Group. As on 31 March, 2021, the total number of members of the Group are 1434 (Lok Sabha-185 / Rajya Sabha-75 / Associate Members - 1174).

(E) OBITUARY

The Executive Committee have to record with regret the demise of the following Members of the Group during the year 2020-21:

1. Shri Suresh C. Angadi, MP (LS)
2. Shri Baidyanath Prasad Mahto, MP (LS)
3. Shri B. Durga Prasad Rao, MP (LS)
4. Shri Gopi Nath Gajapathi, Ex-MP
5. Shri Vishwa Bandhu Gupta, Ex-MP
6. Dr. A. Kalanidhi, Ex-MP
7. Shri Ram Vilas Paswan, Ex-MP
8. Shri P. Penchalaiah, Ex-MP
9. Shri Nikhilananda Sar, Ex-MP
10. Shri L.P. Shahi, Ex-MP
11. Shri Ahmed Patel, MP (RS)
12. Shri M.P. Veerendra Kumar MP (RS)
13. Shri Rasheed Masood, Ex-MP
14. Shri C.M. Chang, Ex-MP
15. Shri Mahesh Kumar Kanodia, Ex-MP
16. Sardar Mohinder Singh Gill, Ex-MP
17. Shri Tarun Gogoi, Ex-MP
18. Smt. Kiran Maheshwari, Ex-MP
19. Shri Satya Deo Singh, Ex-MP
20. Shri Mohan Rawale, Ex-MP
21. Shri Motilal Vora, Ex-MP
22. Shri Madan Lal Sharma, Ex-MP
23. Smt. Saroj Dubey, Ex-MP
24. Smt. Naznin Faruque, Ex-MP
25. Shri R.T. Gopalan, Ex-MP
26. Shri Syed Masudal Hossain, Ex-MP
27. Shri Haribhau Jawale, Ex-MP
28. Shri Ajit Jogi, Ex-MP
29. Shri Kusuma Krishnamurthy, Ex-MP
30. Shri Sukhdev Singh Libra, Ex-MP
31. Shri Bhagirathi Majhi, Ex-MP
32. Shri Kamal Moraka, Ex-MP
33. Shri Pranab Mukherjee, former President of India
34. Shri Akshay Panda, Ex-MP
35. Shri P.H. Pandian, Ex-MP
36. Shri Keshubhai Patel, Ex-MP
37. Prof. R.R. Pramanik, Ex-MP
38. Shri Ram Awadesh Singh, Ex-MP
39. Shri Jaswant Singh, Ex-MP
40. Shri Lalji Tandon, Ex-MP
41. Smt. Syeda Anwara Taimur, Ex-MP
42. Dr. Kapila Vatsyayan, Ex-MP
43. Dr. (Smt.) Rajeswaramma Vukkala, Ex-MP
44. Shri Nandi Yellaiah, Ex-MP

(F) ACCOUNTS

Statements showing the Receipts and Payments Account, Income & Expenditure Account, Balance Sheet and Statement of Investment of the Funds of Group are in **APPENDIX (I to V)**.

(G) MEETINGS HELD

1. Meeting of Executive Committee of Indian Parliamentary Group

During the year 2020-2021, no meeting of the Executive Committee of the Indian Parliamentary Group was held. However, the Executive Committee took some important decisions through circulation on 18 September and 13 November, 2020 respectively and are given in **Appendix-V**.

2. Annual General Meeting of Indian Parliamentary Group

No Annual General meeting of the Indian Parliamentary Group was held during the year 2020-2021.

**UTPAL KUMAR SINGH
SECRETARY-GENERAL**

**New Delhi
AUGUST, 2021**

INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, ROOM NO. 340, DELHI-110001
Income & Expenditure Account for the year ended March 31st, 2021

Particulars	Note No.	(Figures in Rs)	
		Year Ended 31st March, 2021	Year Ended 31st March, 2020
Income			
I. Subscription		7,000	35,000
II. Other Income	5	3,34,422	20,51,708
III. Total Income (I + II)	6	3,41,422	20,86,708
IV. Expenditure			
Administrative & Other Expenses		1,90,878	77,022
Total Expenditure	7	1,90,878	77,022
V. Surplus/ (Deficit) for the Year (III- IV)		1,50,544	20,09,686

Significant accounting policies and other Notes to accounts 8

The accompanying notes are the integral part of the Financial Statements

As per our report of even date attached
For S.S. Kothari Mehta & Company
Chartered Accountants
Firm Regn. No. 000756N

Naveen Aggarwal
Partner
M No. - 094300

Place : New Delhi

Date : 4/8/2021



For and on behalf of the
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Secretary General
INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

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 PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, ROOM NO. 346, DELHI-110001

Receipt and Payment Account for the Year Ended March 31, 2021

PARTICULARS	Sch. No.	Amount (Rs.)	
		2020-21	2019-20
Receipts			
Opening Balances:			
Balance with State Bank of India in Saving Account		25,13,745	53,49,946
Sub Total (A)		25,13,745	53,49,946
Receipts during the year			
Subscription	5	7,000	35,000
Other Interest	6	25,071	49,355
IT refund		6,49,941	3,11,389
Fixed Deposit matured/surrendered during the year		-	5,16,45,127
Sub Total (B)		6,82,012	5,20,40,821
Total Inflows (A+B)		31,96,757	5,73,90,767
Payments during the year			
Refreshment & Dinner		1,35,400	3,031
Bank Charges		708	708
Payment to Auditors		54,770	73,283
Fixed Deposits placed with bank		-	5,49,50,000
Sub Total (C)		1,90,878	5,49,77,022
Closing Balances:			
Balance with State Bank of India in Saving Account		30,05,879	25,13,745
Sub Total (D)		30,05,879	25,13,745
Total (C+D)		31,96,757	5,73,90,767

Significant accounting policies and other Notes to accounts B

The accompanying notes are the integral part of the Financial Statements

As per our report of even date attached
 For S.S Kothari Mehta & Company
 Chartered Accountants
 Firm Regd. No. 060756N

Navon Aggarwal
 Partner
 M No. - 094380
 Place : New Delhi
 Date : 6/8/2021



For and on behalf of the
 INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

Secretary General
 SECRETARY GENERAL
 INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP


INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP
PARLIAMENT HOUSE ANNEXE, ROOM NO. 340, DELHI-110001
Balance Sheet as at 31st March, 2021

		(Figures in Rs)	
Particulars	Note No.	As at 31st March, 2021	As at 31st March, 2020
I. EQUITY AND LIABILITIES			
(1) Members' Funds			
(a) Reserves and Surplus	1	5,84,69,213	5,83,18,669
(2) Current Liabilities			
(a) Other Current Liabilities (V.N Gadgil Award)		2,241	2,241
TOTAL		5,84,71,454	5,83,20,910
II. ASSETS			
(1) Non Current Assets			
(a) Other Non Current Assets	2		5,48,00,000
(2) Current Assets			
(a) Cash and Bank Balances	3	5,78,05,879	25,13,745
(b) Other Current Assets	4	6,65,575	10,07,165
TOTAL		5,84,71,454	5,83,20,910

Significant accounting policies and other Notes to accounts 8


The accompanying notes are the integral part of the Financial Statements

As per our report of even date attached
For S.S Kothari Mehta & Company
Chartered Accountants
 Firm Regu. No. 000756N


Naveen Aggarwal
 Partner
 M No. - 094300



For and on behalf of the
INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP


 Secretary General

SECRETARY-GENERAL
INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

Place : New Delhi

Date : 4/8/2021

**SS KOTHARI MEHTA
& COMPANY**
CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS

FORM NO. 10BB
[See rule 16CC]

Audit report under section 10(23C) of the Income-tax Act, 1961, in the case of any fund or trust or institution or any university or other educational institution or any hospital or other medical institution referred to in sub-clause (iv) or sub-clause (v) or sub-clause (vi) or sub-clause (via) of section 10(23C).

- (i) We have examined the Balance Sheet as at **31.03.2021** and the Income and Expenditure Account for the year ended on that date attached herewith of **Indian Parliamentary Group**.
- (ii) We certify that the Balance Sheet and the Income and Expenditure Account are in agreement with the books of account maintained by the head office at **Room No. 338-340, Parliamentary House Annex, New Delhi -110001**.
- (iii) (a) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purpose of the audit.

(b) In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept by the head office institution of the trust so far as appears from our examination of the books of account.

(c) In our opinion and to the best of our information and according to the information given to us, the said accounts read with notes thereon, give a true and fair view -
 - (1) In the case of the Balance Sheet, of the state of affairs of the institution as at **31.03.2021** and
 - (2) In the case of Income and Expenditure Account surplus for the year ended on that date.

The prescribed particulars are annexed herewith.

For S S KOTHARI MEHTA & COMPANY
Chartered Accountants
Firm's Registration No. 000766N



Naveen Aggarwal

Naveen Aggarwal
Partner
Membership No. 094380
UDIN 21094380AAAAFY3318

Place: New Delhi
Date: 4th August 2021

INVESTMENTS OF INDIAN PARLIAMENTARY GROUP

FD with State Bank of India (PHA)

<u>Amount</u>	<u>FD Receipt No.</u>	<u>Date of issue</u>	<u>Date of Maturity</u>
1,99,00,000/-	38628787833	18.07.2019	18.06.2021
1,99,00,000/-	38628781784	22.07.2019	22.06.2021
1,50,00,000/-	3860940616	25.07.2019	25.06.2021

5,48,00,000/-

Important decisions of the Executive Committee of the Group
(through circulation of Agenda Papers)

Date	Subject	Decision
18.09.2020	Amendment in the Rule relating to the Life membership Subscription of Indian Parliamentary Group.	The Committee considered and approved through circulation that the life Membership subscription for Members / Ex-Members may be increased from Rs.500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) to Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand) .
13.11.2020	Annual Report of Indian Parliamentary Group for the year 2019-2020.	The Committee considered and approved the Annual Report for the year 2019-2020 of the Indian Parliamentary Group together with audited statements of accounts through circulation.
