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“Governments are formed by majority, but the country is run by consensus. Our parliaments and P20 forum can also strengthen this sentiment.”

- Prime Minister Narendra Modi

The G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20 Summit) hosted by the world's largest democracy was held at the International Convention Centre, Yashobhoomi, Dwarka, Delhi, from October 13-14, 2023, with parliamentarians from across the world coming together and reaffirming their commitment to continue their joint work to make an effective and meaningful parliamentary contribution to the G20 process.

In line with the theme of India's G20 Presidency, the theme of the 9th P20 Summit was **“Parliaments for One Earth, One Family, One Future.”** The event was attended by Speakers of Parliaments of G20 members and invitee countries. The Pan-African Parliament also took part in the P20 Summit for the first time after the African Union became a member of G20 at the New Delhi G20 Leaders' Summit on September 9-10, 2023.



The thematic sessions during this P20 Summit focussed on the following four subjects –

- ❖ Transformation in People's Lives through Public Digital Platforms
- ❖ Women-led development
- ❖ Accelerating SDGs
- ❖ Sustainable Energy Transition

A pre-summit **Parliamentary Forum on LiFE** (Lifestyle for Environment) was also held on October 12, 2023, to deliberate upon initiatives towards a greener and sustainable future in harmony with nature.

Pre-Event

The Parliamentary Forum on LiFE (Mission Lifestyle for Environment), held on the day preceding the grand opening of the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20), witnessed lawmakers sharing their perspectives on the shared challenges of humanity and pathways towards addressing them at national and international levels.

Addressing the Parliamentary Forum, Speaker of the Lok Sabha (House of the People), Shri Om Birla observed that the LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) Mission has given the world a new way to deal with contemporary challenges such as climate change and ensure sustainable development, health security, food security and energy security. The Speaker said that Mission LiFE is a comprehensive approach to environmental protection which empowers every person to reduce, reuse and recycle. Noting that LiFE has now become a global movement, Shri Birla added that based on this idea, many countries are making policies and action plans according to their geographical and socio-economic conditions.



The Lok Sabha Speaker said that in today's times, climate change and its impact are deeply interlinked with the common future of humanity. *“No country is untouched by the impact of climate change. Hence it is only natural that upon India's initiative, environment-related issues have been unanimously placed at the centre of the discussions during the P-20 conference.”*

[Following the Parliamentary Forum, Hon' Milton Dick, Speaker of the Australian House of Representatives](#); H.E Ms. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad of Bangladesh; H.E. Mr. Saqr Ghobash, Speaker of the Federal National Council, UAE; and H.E. Dr. Ashebir Woldegiorgis Gayo, Acting President, Pan African Parliament called on the Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla.

Day 1: October 13, 2023

The Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi inaugurated the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) at Yashobhoomi, New Delhi on October 13th, 2023. *“The Summit is a ‘Maha Kumbh’ of all Parliamentary practices from across the globe”*, the Prime Minister remarked.

The Prime Minister emphasized that the P20 Summit is taking place on the land which is not only known as the mother of democracy but is also the largest democracy in the world. The Prime Minister underlined the importance of debates and deliberations through examples of such debates from history. He informed that assemblies and committees have found a mention in the five-thousand-year-old Vedas and scriptures of India, where collective decisions were made for the betterment of society.

The Prime Minister touched upon the constant evolution and strengthening of the parliamentary traditions of India with time. He informed that 17 General elections and more than 300 state assembly elections have taken place in India since Independence. People's participation is consistently increasing in this largest electoral exercise.



The Prime Minister informed the delegates about the recent decision to reserve 33 percent of seats for women in the Parliament and the state assemblies. He also told them that out of more than 3 million elected representatives in the local self-government institutions, almost 50 percent are women.

Referring to the interconnected nature of the world, the Prime Minister said that a world full of conflict and confrontation is in no one's interest. He continued, *"A divided world cannot provide solutions to the major challenges facing humanity. This is the time of peace and brotherhood, a time to move together. This is a time for the growth and well-being of all. We have to overcome the global trust crisis and move forward with human-centric thinking. We have to look at the world in the spirit of One Earth, One Family, One Future."*

Concluding the address, the Prime Minister underlined that there can be no better medium than public participation to deal with the world's challenges. *"I have always believed that governments are formed by majority, but the country is run by consensus. Our parliaments and this P20 forum can also strengthen this sentiment"*, the Prime Minister said and expressed confidence that the efforts to improve this world through debate and deliberations will be successful.

After the Prime Minister's address, the following sessions were held:

Session 1: One Earth, One Family, One Future

Agenda 2030 for SDGs: Showcasing Achievements, Accelerating Progress

Session 2: One Earth

Sustainable Energy Transition- Gateway to Green Future

Session 3: One Family

Mainstreaming Gender Equality- from Women's Development to Women-led Development

Session 4: One Future

Transformation in People's Lives through Public Digital Platforms

In the end, the [Presiding Officers unanimously adopted a Joint Statement](#) under the Chairmanship of Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla.

The Presiding Officers welcomed the comprehensive and constructive dialogue held during the G20 Leaders' Summit and India's G20 Presidency, focusing on the issues related to accelerating progress on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), technological transformation and inclusive digital economy, global economic recovery, food and energy security, addressing climate change, inclusive energy transition, promotion of sustainable production and consumption patterns, reinvigorating multilateralism, peace-building, counter-terrorism, global skill mapping, disaster risk reduction, and strengthening global health architecture.

"In view of the constructive discussions held during the 9th P20 and experience gained at the previous P20s, we reaffirm our commitment to continue our joint work to make an effective and meaningful parliamentary contribution to the G20 process, as appreciated by the G20 Leaders", the Joint Statement reads.

At the conclusion of India's P20 presidency, the Lok Sabha Speaker handed over the presidency to the Parliament of Brazil.



Day 2: October 14, 2023

The Vice-President of India and Chairman, of Rajya Sabha, Shri Jagdeep Dhankhar, hosted lunch for delegates of participating nations on the occasion of the 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit (P20) at Yashobhoomi on the second day of the summit. The lunch was attended by the Speakers and Heads of Delegation of G20 nations who had participated in the 9th P20 Summit and Parliamentary Forum.



The Vice-President also interacted with H.E. Mr. Duarte Pacheco, President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU), who focused on the importance of interparliamentary cooperation and the role of the IPU in providing a platform for Parliamentarians to discuss wide-ranging issues relevant to contemporary times.

Other Major highlights

1. Delegates witnessed an [elaborate display of fine handlooms and intricate artefacts](#) at the Crafts Bazaar organised at Yashobhoomi
2. A [visit to the National Gallery of Modern Art and the Central Cottage Industries Emporium](#) was organised as a part of the Spouses Programme during the P20 Summit. The Spouses explored India's vast repertoire of contemporary & modern art and learned about traditional handicrafts.
3. Post the intense rounds of deliberations, the P20 Heads of Delegations explored the New Parliament Building.



References:

[Ninth G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit \(P20\) and Parliamentary Forum](#)

[Prime Minister to inaugurate 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit \(P-20\) in New Delhi on 13th October](#)

[Presiding Officers of G20 Nations begin arriving in India for 9th P20 Summit](#)

[9th P20 Summit to be preceded by Parliamentary Forum on Mission LiFE](#)

[Mission LiFE has given the world a new comprehensive approach to protecting environment and addressing challenges such as climate change: Lok Sabha Speaker](#)

[President of African Union and Speakers of Parliaments of Australia, UAE and Bangladesh call on Lok Sabha Speaker on the sidelines of 9th P20 Summit](#)

[PM inaugurates 9th G20 Parliamentary Speakers' Summit \(P20\)](#)

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