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In a significant engagement underscoring decades of close friendship between the two nations, a Parliamentary Delegation from Cyprus, led by H.E. Ms. Annita Demetriou, President of the House of Representatives, called on Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla today in Parliament House. The meeting reaffirmed the shared commitment of India and Cyprus to strengthening democratic cooperation and expanding the scope of parliamentary diplomacy.

Underscoring the deep-rooted friendship between India and Cyprus, built on shared democratic values, mutual trust and close collaboration in international fora, Shri Birla noted that both countries enjoy warm and longstanding relations. He recalled that Cyprus conferred its highest civilian honour, Grand Cross of the Order of Makarios III on Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi earlier this year—an affirmation of the closeness and goodwill that characterize India - Cyprus ties.

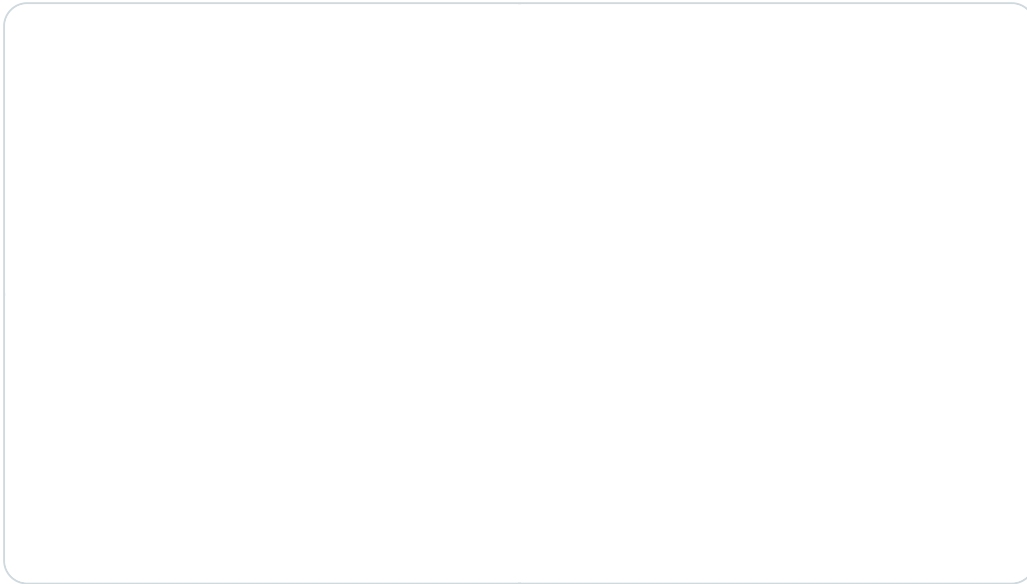
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It was a pleasure to welcome the distinguished Parliamentary Delegation from Cyprus, led by H.E. Ms. Annita Demetriou, President of the House of Representatives of Cyprus to the Parliament of India.

The delegation deeply appreciated the architectural brilliance, advanced [Show more](#)



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Shri Birla observed that India and Cyprus share a common heritage of vibrant and evolving parliamentary democracy, which forms a strong foundation for further engagement. He highlighted that the visit of the Cypriot Parliamentary Delegation - taking place after three decades - adds renewed energy to this partnership and creates fresh avenues for cooperation in governance, technology-driven legislative functioning and institutional strengthening.

The Cypriot delegation expressed appreciation for India's guidance and support at the global stage and fully endorsed India's principled stand on zero tolerance towards terrorism. They also highlighted the important role India and Europe share in ensuring peace and stability in Cyprus. Both sides agreed on the need to expand cooperation in parliamentary training, capacity building, research exchange and people-to-people engagement.

During the meeting, the Speaker briefed the delegation on the functioning of the Indian Parliament, the pivotal role of Parliamentary Committees, and India's efforts to integrate modern technologies, including Artificial Intelligence and the Digital Sansad platform. He noted that these innovations have significantly improved transparency, efficiency and multilingual accessibility in parliamentary processes.

Referring to the celebration of Constitution Day on 26 November, Shri Birla said that India's Constitution has served as a powerful instrument for strengthening social justice, economic empowerment, and inclusive national development. He added that constitutional values continue to guide India's democratic institutions, enabling effective governance and safeguarding the rights and aspirations of all citizens.

The visiting dignitaries deeply admired the architectural brilliance, technological sophistication and rich civilizational ethos embodied in India's new Parliament House.

The visit of the Cypriot Parliamentary Delegation, taking place after 30 years, marks a milestone in India-Cyprus relations. The constructive and forward-looking dialogue between the two sides has laid the foundation for sustained cooperation and elevated bilateral ties - rooted in historic friendship and mutual trust - to even greater heights.

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