



INDIA AND UZBEKISTAN SHARE CENTURIES-OLD HISTORICAL, CULTURAL AND CIVILIZATIONAL TIES: LOK SABHA SPEAKER

INDIA-UZBEKISTAN PARLIAMENTARY FRIENDSHIP GROUP WILL GIVE FRESH IMPETUS TO BILATERAL RELATIONS: LOK SABHA SPEAKER

H.E. MR. BAKHTIYOR SAIDOV, MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF UZBEKISTAN, CALLS ON LOK SABHA SPEAKER

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Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla observed today that India and Uzbekistan are bound by centuries-old historical, cultural, and civilizational ties that continue to provide a robust foundation for their enduring friendship. He expressed confidence that growing political trust, expanding trade and investment, and enhanced people-to-people exchanges will further strengthen the bilateral partnership in the years ahead. Shri Birla made these remarks during a meeting with H.E. Mr. Bakhtiyor Saidov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of Uzbekistan, who called on him at Parliament House. The two leaders held wide-ranging discussions on India-Uzbekistan relations, with a particular emphasis on parliamentary cooperation, trade and investment, education, culture, and issues of mutual regional and global significance.

Speaking on India's democratic traditions, Shri Birla stated that India, as the world's largest democracy, features a vibrant parliamentary system that effectively reflects the aspirations and diversity of its people. He noted that the 543-member Lok Sabha represents millions of citizens nationwide and that India's multi-party framework provides equal space for diverse perspectives and constructive debate. Referring to the functioning of the institution, Shri Birla informed the visiting dignitary that Parliament meets across three sessions annually, with the ongoing Monsoon Session actively deliberating on several matters of national importance.

Shri Birla highlighted India's significant achievements in infrastructure development, digital innovation, technology, connectivity, investment and trade. He observed that India's youth are increasingly assuming leadership roles globally and that collaboration with leading universities and international institutions continues to expand. Referring to the India-Uzbekistan Parliamentary Friendship Group constituted in March 2026, Shri Birla expressed confidence that the initiative will impart fresh momentum to legislative engagement and deepen cooperation across economic, educational, cultural, and people-to-people spheres.

Recalling his participation in the 150th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) held in Tashkent in April 2025, Shri Birla noted his interactions with H.E. Mr. Shavkat Mirziyoyev, President of Uzbekistan; H.E. Ms. Tanzila Narbayeva, Chairperson of the Senate and Mr. Nuriddin Ismailov, Speaker

of the Legislative Chamber. He observed that these high-level visits laid a strong cornerstone for ongoing parliamentary collaboration. Expressing satisfaction with the steady progress of bilateral relations, Shri Birla hoped that the current visit would further reinforce the comprehensive partnership between the two nations.

H.E. Mr. Bakhtiyor Saidov reaffirmed Uzbekistan's firm commitment to deepening its multifaceted partnership with India, stating that Tashkent attaches high importance to expanding political, economic, and parliamentary cooperation. Appreciating India's robust democratic traditions, he noted that Uzbekistan stands to benefit significantly from the legislative experience of the world's largest democracy. Mr. Saidov further emphasized that enhanced parliamentary engagement will contribute meaningfully to advancing the comprehensive strategic partnership. He called for a shared vision to expand cooperation in trade, investment, joint projects, and emerging sectors.

To mark the occasion, H.E. Mr. Bakhtiyor Saidov presented Shri Om Birla with a special commemorative publication detailing the 150th Assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Union hosted by Uzbekistan.

It was a pleasure to meet H.E. Mr. Bakhtiyor Saidov, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Uzbekistan, at Parliament House today.

We had a productive discussion on further strengthening the longstanding friendship between India and Uzbekistan, with a special focus on... pic.twitter.com/Ps18UTJdcj

— Om Birla (@ombirlakota) August 4, 2026

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