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AKHAND JYOTI CONTINUES TO ILLUMINATE LIVES THROUGH SPIRITUAL AWAKENING, VALUE-BASED EDUCATION AND CHARACTER-BUILDING: SHRI OM BIRLA.

LOK SABHA SPEAKER ADDRESSES CENTENARY CELEBRATION, ORGANISED BY GAYATRI PARIVAR IN NEW DELHI

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New Delhi, 31 October 2026: Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla today paid rich tributes to the revered spiritual luminaries Acharya Shri Ram Sharma Ji and Mata Bhagwati Devi Ji at the Shatabdi Samaroh 2026, recalling their invaluable contributions to India's spiritual renaissance, social transformation and nation-building. He observed that the centenary celebration was not merely an occasion to commemorate the past, but a celebration of a creative movement that had transformed countless lives across the country.

Paying homage to Acharya Shri Ram Sharma Ji during his address at the centenary celebration organised by Gayatri Parivar in New Delhi, Shri Birla said that through Akhand Jyoti, he had spread the light of spirituality across the country and inspired people with the ideals of individual development, family development, social development and nation-building. His inspiring resolve, "We will change, and the era will change", had become a

guiding principle for people in India and across the world. Through the Gayatri Mantra and yajna, Acharya Ji connected people with spiritual consciousness and paved the way for inner purity and spiritual awakening.

Recalling his personal association with the Gayatri Parivar, Shri Birla said that he had witnessed the transformative influence of Acharya Ji's spiritual philosophy even in remote villages and hamlets, where it had helped people overcome difficult circumstances, superstition and harmful social practices. The movement had not only brought about a change in people's social lives but had also contributed to their personal growth, character-building and a deeper sense of responsibility towards society and the nation.

Paying his respectful homage to Mata Bhagwati Devi Ji, the Lok Sabha Speaker highlighted her extraordinary life of maternal affection, compassion, penance, dedication and service. He said that her contribution went far beyond spiritual awakening, as she spearheaded a significant movement for social transformation and women's empowerment at a time when women across the country faced numerous social challenges and restrictive practices. He observed that Mata Ji inspired women to pursue education, develop self-confidence and become self-reliant. Her life and teachings demonstrated that the development of a woman's personality within a household lays the foundation for the progress of the entire family and society. Her maternal affection and compassionate guidance transformed the lives of countless women and gave a new impetus to their social and spiritual empowerment. An environment rooted in spiritual awareness and Indian values, he said, played an important role in nurturing positive attitudes, strengthening families and building a progressive society.

Shri Birla appreciated the Gayatri Parivar's sustained efforts to take India's spiritual heritage, cultural wisdom and value-based philosophy to different parts of the world. He noted that the organisation, through its work in several countries, had been advancing the ideals of individual, family and social development in keeping with contemporary needs. He also appreciated the institution's commitment to education rooted in spirituality, culture and Indian values.

Referring to the university established by Acharya Ji, the Lok Sabha Speaker said that its emphasis on spirituality, cultural values and character-building from the early stages of education was commendable.

He expressed appreciation for the institution's initiatives in value-based education, women's awakening and empowerment, and social reform. He also lauded Dr. Chinmaya Pandya for taking India's spiritual traditions and cultural values to the world while simultaneously familiarising people with developments in science and technology. Emphasising the relevance of spirituality in the contemporary world, Shri Birla said that at a time when people in several countries were experiencing stress and depression, the message of inner peace, spiritual strength and a purposeful life had become increasingly significant. The Gayatri Parivar's spiritual centre, he observed, provided people with peace of mind, self-confidence, determination and a sense of direction in life. Shri Birla called upon the Gayatri Pariwar to continue carrying the light of Akhand Jyoti to every village and every section of society. He emphasised that this mission must continue until the life of the

last person in society was touched by positive transformation. The ideals of spirituality, religion, culture, character-building and nation-building, he said, must remain central to this endeavour.

Expressing confidence in the continued contribution of the Gayatri Parivar, Shri Birla said that the spiritual energy and consciousness inspired by Acharya Shri Ram Sharma Ji and Mata Bhagwati Devi Ji would continue to illuminate lives and strengthen the foundations of a harmonious, enlightened and developed society.

> परम वंदनीया माता भगवती देवी शर्मा जी के धरती पर अवतरण के 100 वर्ष, अखण्ड दीपक के प्राकट्य के 100 वर्ष तथा परम पूज्य गुरुदेव पण्डित श्रीराम शर्मा आचार्य जी की तप-साधना के 100 वर्ष पूर्ण होने के पावन उपलक्ष्य में नई दिल्ली में आयोजित शताब्दी समारोह में सम्मिलित होकर देश-विदेश से पधारे गायत्री परिवार के परिजनों एवं श्रद्धालुओं को संबोधित किया। इस अवसर पर माताजी को सादर नमन करते हुए उनके सम्मान में जारी स्मारक डाक टिकट का विमोचन किया। अखण्ड दीपक का दिव्य प्रकाश उस महान तप-साधना और युग निर्माण के संकल्प का प्रतीक है, जिसे परम पूज्य गुरुदेव ने अपने साधनामय जीवन से साकार किया। मुझे भी अनेक अवसरों पर पावन अखण्ड दीपक के दर्शन का सौभाग्य प्राप्त हुआ है। माताजी का त्याग, तप, सेवा और लोकमंगल के प्रति समर्पण भारतीय आध्यात्मिक परंपरा की अमूल्य विरासत है। माताजी के जीवन-दर्शन का विशिष्ट पक्ष नारी जागरण और महिला सशक्तीकरण रहा। वर्ष 1975 में उनके नेतृत्व में आरंभ हुआ महिला जागरण अभियान महिलाओं को अपनी सामर्थ्य पहचानने और समाज निर्माण में सक्रिय भूमिका निभाने की प्रेरणा देने वाला दूरदर्शी प्रयास था। उन्होंने साधना, सेवा और संस्कार को जीवन के आचरण, कर्तव्यनिष्ठा, करुणा और परोपकार का आधार बनाया। अखण्ड दीपक से प्रज्वलित आध्यात्मिक चेतना को जन-जन तक पहुँचाने और ज्योति से ज्योति जलाकर राष्ट्र एवं मानवता के नवजागरण का संकल्प आज भी प्रासंगिक है। विकसित भारत की यात्रा में चरित्र निर्माण, मूल्यपरक शिक्षा और सामाजिक समरसता का विशेष महत्त्व है। माताजी की सबसे बड़ी विरासत यही है कि उन्होंने सामान्य जन को भी लोकमंगल के महान उद्देश्य से जोड़ा। इस अवसर पर अखिल विश्व गायत्री परिवार के समर्पित साधकों एवं कार्यकर्ताओं का अभिनंदन करता हूँ। मेरी कामना है कि सेवा, संस्कार और मानव कल्याण का यह यज्ञ निरंतर प्रज्वलित रहे तथा यह आध्यात्मिक आलोक आने वाले समय में राष्ट्र और विश्व के नव निर्माण का पथ प्रशस्त करता रहे। @awgpofficial @dsvvofficial @JM_Scindia
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