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LOK SABHA SPEAKER ADDRESSES THE INAUGURAL CEREMONY OF THE BRICS WOMEN LEADERS SUMMIT AT BANASTHALI VIDYAPITH

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Lok Sabha Speaker Shri Om Birla today called upon women leaders from BRICS countries to harness their collective leadership, experience, and innovative capabilities to address global challenges and shape a more peaceful, stable, and prosperous world. Addressing the inaugural ceremony of the BRICS Women Leaders Summit as the Chief Guest at Banasthali Vidyapith, Tonk (Rajasthan), he said that women's confidence, positive outlook, and capacity for innovation could open new pathways for resolving complex issues confronting nations and humanity.

Emphasising the importance of cooperation among BRICS nations, Shri Birla observed that despite differences in geographical, economic, and political circumstances, countries share several common challenges that require collective responses. He underlined that global peace and stability are essential prerequisites for economic and social progress, noting

that unrest in one country can have far-reaching consequences across the world. He added that BRICS provides a vital platform for dialogue, cooperation, and the sharing of ideas and best practices, enabling countries to work towards shared interests and common solutions.

Highlighting the transformative potential of technology, particularly Artificial Intelligence, Lok Sabha Speaker called for its responsible application across sectors such as healthcare, education, agriculture, defence, cybersecurity, and women's entrepreneurship. He stressed that technological advancement must be guided by a human-centred approach, ethical considerations, compassion, and accountability. Ensuring that AI serves humanity and makes the lives of ordinary citizens safer and better, he said, must remain a shared responsibility.

Shri Birla also emphasised the need to strengthen collaboration in addressing threats such as climate change, terrorism, cybercrime, and drug trafficking. He noted that sharing innovations, experiences, and successful practices across countries could generate fresh perspectives and enable BRICS nations to respond more effectively to emerging global concerns.

Referring to India's vision of 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam'—the world is one family—Shri Birla said that BRICS is not a challenge to any country, nor is its purpose to challenge anyone. Rather, its guiding philosophy is rooted in the shared prosperity and well-being of all nations. He reiterated that India's outlook extends beyond BRICS, with every country holding importance in the pursuit of global welfare and cooperation.

Highlighting India's efforts towards women's empowerment, Shri Birla referred to initiatives such as Self-Help Groups, Lakhpati Didi, and Drone Didi, which are creating opportunities for women to become economically independent and self-reliant. He noted that women are also playing a crucial role in financial inclusion and in driving socio-economic transformation. He further emphasised that the Constitution of India guarantees equality to every individual and that women in India have enjoyed the right to vote since the Constitution came into force. He said that the Government continues to work towards ensuring equal opportunities, dignity, safety, and privacy for women.

Shri Birla said that the Nari Shakti Vandan Adhiniyam represents a historic and far-reaching initiative towards strengthening women's political participation from Panchayats to Parliament. Underscoring the imperative of ensuring equal access for women to education, technology, digital services, and financial resources, he called for moving beyond 'Women Empowerment' to realize the vision of 'Women-led Development'—so that women do not remain mere participants in development, but play a decisive role in shaping its direction.

Lok Sabha Speaker lauded the legacy of Banasthali Vidyapith, recalling how an institution that began with just five students has grown into a distinguished centre of women's education with around 18,000 students today. He paid tribute to its founders, Pandit Hiralal Shastri and Smt. Ratan Shastri, whose vision was inspired by the ideals of Mahatma Gandhi, the freedom movement, and the spirit of nation-building. He noted that students of the institution receive training across diverse fields—including technology, aviation, and equestrian activities—and have gone on to assume leadership roles in the Armed Forces, science, and other key sectors.

He expressed confidence that the Summit would provide a meaningful platform for women leaders from BRICS countries to exchange experiences, share best practices, and forge lasting partnerships. He hoped that the fresh ideas, innovations, and experiences shared at Banasthali Vidyapith would inspire BRICS nations to work together for the welfare of humanity, ensuring that women are not merely participants in the process of change, but among its leading architects.

Being held from 21 to 23 November 2026, the BRICS Women Leaders Summit serves as a premier international forum for deliberations on critical themes including women's leadership, political participation, capacity building, digital security, and cyber safety. The Summit aims to foster new avenues of cooperation to advance women's empowerment and leadership by sharing experiences and best practices across nations. Women parliamentarians, policymakers, academicians, entrepreneurs, and other distinguished delegates from BRICS and partner countries are participating in the Summit.

> राजस्थान के वनस्थली विद्यापीठ में आयोजित BRICS Women Leaders Summit के उद्घाटन सत्र में विभिन्न देशों से पधारी महिला सांसदों, नीति-निर्माताओं, शिक्षाविदों, उद्यमियों एवं अन्य प्रतिभागियों को संबोधित किया। इस अवसर पर वैश्विक परिदृश्य में महिला नेतृत्व की बढ़ती भूमिका, लोकतांत्रिक संस्थाओं में उनकी सहभागिता और साझा चुनौतियों के समाधान में उनके योगदान पर विचार रखे। जलवायु परिवर्तन, वैश्विक शांति, आतंकवाद और खाद्य सुरक्षा जैसे विषय केवल किसी एक राष्ट्र की चिंता नहीं, बल्कि समूचे विश्व की साझा जिम्मेदारी हैं। इन चुनौतियों के समाधान में महिलाओं का अनुभव, दृष्टि और नेतृत्व नई संभावनाओं के द्वार खोल सकता है। भारतीय संस्कृति में नारी सृजन, शक्ति और संवेदना की प्रतीक रही है। स्वतंत्रता संग्राम से लेकर संविधान निर्माण और लोकतंत्र की सुदीर्घ यात्रा तक, महिलाओं ने राष्ट्र निर्माण में अमिट योगदान दिया है। आज विज्ञान, शिक्षा, तकनीक, उद्यमिता और शासन सहित प्रत्येक क्षेत्र में भारतीय महिलाएँ अपनी प्रतिभा से विश्व पटल पर देश का मान बढ़ा रही हैं। पंचायतों से संसद तक उनकी राजनीतिक सहभागिता को नई शक्ति देने की दिशा में नारी शक्ति वंदन अधिनियम एक महत्वपूर्ण कदम है। Women Empowerment से Women-led Development की ओर बढ़ते हुए यह आवश्यक है कि महिलाओं को शिक्षा, तकनीक, वित्तीय संसाधनों और निर्णय प्रक्रिया में समान अवसर प्राप्त हों। 'वसुधैव कुटुम्बकम्' की भावना के अनुरूप विभिन्न देशों की महिला नेतृत्वकर्ताओं के बीच संवाद, सहयोग और अनुभवों का आदान-प्रदान एक ऐसे भविष्य की नींव रख सकता है, जहाँ महिलाएँ केवल परिवर्तन की सहभागी नहीं, बल्कि उसकी दिशा निर्धारित करने वाली नेतृत्वकर्ता भी हों। मुझे विश्वास है कि विभिन्न देशों की महिला नेतृत्वकर्ताओं के बीच यह संवाद सहयोग और साझा संकल्पों को नई दिशा देगा। #BRICSWomenLeadersSummit
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