



Inter-Parliamentary Union

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Why in News

Recently, the President of the **Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU)** addressed Members of Parliament at the Central Hall of the Indian Parliament.

Key Points

- **About:**

- IPU is an **international organisation** of national parliaments. It was established in **1889 in Paris**.

It was founded by statesmen **Frédéric Passy of France** and **William Randal Cremer of the United Kingdom**.

- It works with **close co-operation** with the **United Nation** (UN), regional parliamentary organisations, international intergovernmental organisations and **non-governmental organisations** for the arbitration of conflict.
- It is a **unique platform** for observing political opinions and trends around the world.

- **Aim:**

- To **promote parliamentary dialogue** world-wide and **works for peace and cooperation among the peoples**.
- To **promote democratic governance, accountability, and cooperation** among its members.

- **Slogan:**

For democracy. For everyone

- **Functions:**

Promoting parliamentary action by addressing international concerns in **six main areas:**

- Representative democracy.
- Peace and security.
- **Sustainable development.**
- Human rights and humanitarian law.
- Women in politics.
- Education, science, and culture.

- **Members:**

- **179** countries are **members** of the IPU.
- **13** regional parliamentary assemblies are associate members.
- India is a member.

- **Headquarters:**

Geneva, **Switzerland.**

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