Inter-Parliamentary Union

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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