



# 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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