

Press Release from Sikkim Legislative Assembly Secretariat

The delegation of Sikkim Legislative Assembly (CPA Sikkim Branch) led by Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Smt. Raj Kumari Thapa, Sikkim Legislative Assembly accompanied by Secretary, Shri Lalit Kumar Gurung, Principal Director, Shri Karma Tshering Gyatso Bhutia, Senior PS to Hon'ble Deputy Speaker, Shri Pradeep Gurung and PS to Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Aadarsh Chhetri attended the inaugural Ceremony of 11th CPA India Region Conference at Vidhan Soudha, Bengaluru, Karnataka on 11th September, 2025.

Before the Inaugural Ceremony of the 11th CPA India Region Conference, Hon'ble Speaker Shri Mingma Norbu Sherpa participated in the Executive Committee Meeting at Conference Hall of Vidhan Soudha.

Thereafter, Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha Shri Om Birla, also the Chairperson of the CPA India Region inaugurated the 11th Conference of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA) India Region. The Inaugural Ceremony was also addressed by the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri Siddaramaiah, Hon'ble Deputy Chief Minister of Karnataka Shri DK Shivakumar, Hon'ble Deputy Chairman, Rajya Sabha Shri Harivansh and Hon'ble Chairman, Karnataka Legislative Council Shri Basavaraja Shivalingappa. Earlier, the Hon'ble Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly, Shri U.T. Khader Fareed, delivered the welcome address.

In the inaugural Ceremony also present Presiding Officers, Secretaries and Senior Officers from State and UTs Legislature. The patriotic light and sound show and the culture programme was also organised during the Inaugural Ceremony.

The Hon'ble Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly Shri Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Hon'ble Speaker, Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly Shri Satish Mahana, Hon'ble Speaker, Uttarakhand Legislative Assembly Smt. Ritu Khanduri and Hon'ble Speaker, Karnataka Legislative Assembly Shri U.T. Khader Fareed attended the Inaugural Ceremony in their own traditional attire and were felicitated by the host CPA Branch.

The Conference will continue to discuss on the theme "Debates and discussion in the Houses of Legislature; Building people trust, meeting people aspirations" on 12th and 13th September, 2025.

As a part of the inaugural session, the dignitaries had to represent their respective States by wearing their traditional dresses and in this regard Hon'ble Speakers from Uttar Pradesh, Uttarakhand and Sikkim were declared as best attires

and were felicitated by the Speaker, Lok Sabha. The Hon'ble Speaker, Lok Sabha has nominated Shri Mingma Norbu Sherpa, Hon'ble Speaker, Sikkim Legislative Assembly as Panel of Chairmen for the Plenary Session.