

## **RAJYA SABHA**

*Monday, the 18<sup>th</sup> September, 2023 / 27 Bhadra, 1945 (Saka)*

*The House met at eleven of the clock,*

*MR. CHAIRMAN in the Chair.*

*(The National Anthem, 'Jana Gana Mana', was played)*

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### **OATH OR AFFIRMATION**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Oath or Affirmation.

Dr. Dinesh Sharma (Uttar Pradesh)

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### **BIRTHDAY GREETINGS**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I take this opportunity to extend birthday greetings to hon. Member of Parliament, Shri Sanjeev Arora.

Shri Arora has been a Member of this august House since April, 2022. He is an industrialist by profession with a passion for social service. His efforts to promote cancer care in India is highly laudable. Shri Arora likes travelling and enjoys watching sports in his spare time. He is married to Shrimati Sandhya Arora and has a son Kavya and a daughter Ketki.

Hon. Members, on my and on your behalf, I wish him a long, healthy and happy life and extend greetings to his family and friends.

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### **PANEL OF VICE-CHAIRPERSONS**

MR. CHAIRMAN: I have to inform the hon. Members that the Panel of Vice-Chairpersons has been re-constituted with effect from 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2023, with the following Members: Shrimati Kanta Kardam; Shrimati Sumitra Balmik; Shrimati Mamata Mohanta; Shrimati Geeta alias Chandraprabha; Shri Akhilesh Prasad Singh; Shri Narain Dass Gupta; Shri V. Vijayasai Reddy; and Dr. Santanu Sen.

Hon. Members, you will be pleased to know that we are continuing with the same mechanism- 50 per cent women as Chairpersons. But I can assure you, it is only a matter of time; the percentage may go higher.

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## REFERENCE BY THE CHAIR

### **Felicitations on successful conduct of G20 New Delhi Summit**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, it gives me immense pleasure to congratulate the entire nation at the successful conduct of G20 New Delhi Summit that has filled heart of every Indian with pride and raised the leadership stature of the country at the global level.

I laud the Prime Minister's vision that made it truly people's G20. Having more than 200 meetings in 60 cities covering all the States and Union Territories of India, it is unprecedented. At the same time, the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Summit, with 42 delegations, was one of the largest in size, scale and scope. This has provided opportunity to the world to experience richness of diversity, democracy and talent of India.

India's G20 Presidency has proven to be inclusive, ambitious, action-oriented, decisive and people-centric. The outcomes of the G-20 Leaders Summit are transformational and would contribute to the reshaping of the global world order in the decades ahead.

With the Prime Minister's vision and guidance, the New Delhi G20 Leaders' Declaration was adopted unanimously and with consensus, including on difficult issues. It is globally acknowledged that India's leadership and endeavours were crucial in bridging the North-South divide and overcoming the strong East-West polarisation. This is reflective of India's elevated stature and standing and the work that this Government has done in the last nine years. It is a testament to the global trust and goodwill that India enjoys under the Prime Minister's leadership. It is a recognition that India is a voice of peace and moderation in a world ridden with divisions.

India's Presidency has been instrumental in bringing voice of the Global South into the heart of the G20 discourse. At the beginning of its Presidency, India hosted the Voice of the Global South Summit in January, 2023, with participation of leaders of 125 countries. The priorities and expectations of the countries of the Global South were brought onto the G20 Agenda. The Summit Declaration amplified and delivered