

RAJYA SABHA

Thursday, the 3rd April, 2025/13 Chaitra, 1947 (Saka)

The House met at eleven of the clock,

MR. CHAIRMAN *in the Chair.*

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

श्री सभापति: माननीय खरगे जी, आप गले के लिए क्या लेते हैं?

विपक्ष के नेता (श्री मल्लिकार्जुन खरगे): मैं थोड़ा गर्म पानी पीता हूँ। हमारी माँ ने हमें जो दूध पिलाया, उसके ऊपर चल रहा है सब कुछ।

श्री सभापति: क्योंकि आपका गला काफी मजबूत है।

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, pleased to extend birthday greetings to hon. Member of Parliament, Shri Samirul Islam. One of the youngest Members of the House, full of energy, he is in Rajya Sabha since August 2023, representing the State of West Bengal. Son of a farmer, a postgraduate from IIT-Delhi and Chemistry Professor at Dinabandhu Andrews College, Kolkata, Shri Samirul Islam has truly risen from the grassroots. An educationist by passion and profession, he is deeply committed to social work and currently serves as the Chairman of the West Bengal Migrant Workers Welfare Board. Shri Samirul Islam is also the President of Bangla Sanskriti Manch, an organization for the welfare of backward and vulnerable sections of the society. Shri Samirul Islam is married to Shrimati Sabnam Sultana, a practicing lawyer. The couple is blessed with two daughters — Inayat and Janat.

Hon. Members, on my own and on behalf of the House, I wish him and his family a long, healthy and happy life, and extend greetings to his family members and friends.

REFERENCE BY THE CHAIR

Rajya Sabha Day

MR. CHAIRMAN: Hon. Members, I extend my most profound salutations on this auspicious occasion of Rajya Sabha Day. The Council of States, our esteemed Rajya

Sabha, stands dignified as the House of Elders, the distinguished Upper Chamber of our parliamentary democracy. As the quintessential edifice of India's federal architecture, this venerable institution ensures comprehensive representation, equilibrium in governance and cultivation of contemplative sagacity. Rajya Sabha endures as a distinguished forum where provincial perspectives and specialized expertise converge to enrich our national trajectory. The hon. Prime Minister, Shri Narendra Modi, astutely remarked during the 250th Session that while Rajya Sabha may be designated as the Second House, it remains unequivocally paramount in its significance. The Parliament stands as our Polaris—our unwavering North Star—illuminating the path forward during the nation's most formidable challenges, serving as a beacon of guidance through turbulent times.

This commemorative occasion beckons us to consecrate ourselves anew to preserving the illustrious traditions that ought to characterize this magnificent institution which, unlike the Lok Sabha, maintains its perennial continuity. The gravitas of this institution ... (*Interruptions*)... Hon. Member, do not make light of a very serious occasion. It is a very, very important occasion. We have to go to our roots. The gravitas of this institution and the erudition and expertise of its distinguished Members remain of transcendent importance.

I implore the hon. Members to exemplify consummate conduct through excellence, unwavering devotion, steadfast commitment, profound scholarship, and discourse that stimulates intellectual contemplation and enlightenment. This exemplary standard must manifest with immediacy for the citizenry at large, as the Rajya Sabha must serve as the paradigmatic archetype for legislative bodies throughout the largest republic on the planet.

On this momentous occasion, I exhort all Members to reaffirm their solemn covenant to constructive deliberation, erudite discourse, and collaborative statecraft. Let us remain resolute in safeguarding the sanctity of this august assembly and fortifying the democratic foundations of our great nation Bharat.

MESSAGE FROM LOK SABHA

- I. **The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2025**
- II. **The Mussalman Wakf (Repeal) Bill, 2025.**

MR. CHAIRMAN: Message from Lok Sabha, Secretary-General.