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**Visit of Hon'ble Speaker of the National Assembly of Namibia to
India from 27 March to 31 March 2017**

Hon. Prof. Peter H. Katjavivi, Speaker of the National Assembly of the Parliament of the Republic of Namibia, visited India from 27-31 March 2017 on an official visit at the invitation of Hon'ble Mrs. Sumitra Mahajan, Speaker of the Lok Sabha (Lower House of the Parliament of India). Speaker Katjavivi was accompanied on his visit to India by several Members of Parliament and Parliamentary officials.

Speaker Katjavivi held a meeting with his Indian counterpart, Mrs. Sumitra Mahajan on 27 March 2017. The discussions between both leaders underscored growing bonds of friendship and solidarity between the two countries and focussed on issues of mutual interest, including strengthening of bilateral ties between the two Parliaments, cooperation in capacity building of Namibian Parliamentary officials and Members of Parliament, and sharing of experiences in parliamentary practices and civil society engagement.

During his visit, Speaker Katjavivi observed proceedings in both Houses of Parliament. A banquet was hosted by the Indian Speaker in his honour.

Speaker Katjavivi called on President of India, H.E. Mr. Pranab Mukherjee and Vice-President of India, Hon. Mr. M. Hamid Ansari on 28 March 2017. He also met the Vice-Chancellor and interacted with the faculty during his visit to Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU).

Speaker Katjavivi also visited Agra to see the world renowned Taj Mahal during his stay in India.

The visit of the Speaker of Namibia to India provided an opportunity to continue the momentum imparted by the historical State Visit of the President of the Republic of India to Namibia in June 2016 and strengthen bilateral cooperation between the two countries and the two Parliaments.

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