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Title: Madam Speaker welcomed Her Excellency Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad, i.e. Parliament of Bangladesh.

MADAM SPEAKER: Hon. Members, at the outset, I have to make an announcement.

On behalf of the hon. Members of the House and on my own behalf, I have great pleasure in extending a warm welcome to Her Excellency Dr. Shirin Sharmin Chaudhury, Speaker of the Jatiya Sangsad, that is, Parliament of Bangladesh, who is visiting India as our honoured guest. She arrived in India on Wednesday, the 12th February, 2014. She is now seated in the Special Box.

Hon. Members, India-Bangladesh share age-old civilizational links. Our ties are characterized by close friendship, cooperation and understanding. This visit is taking place at an opportune moment when both the countries are unequivocally strengthening bilateral and multilateral cooperation at all international fora, including SAARC, Commonwealth and the United Nations. I am confident that this visit would further reinforce the excellent bilateral relations between our two countries for the benefit of our people.

We wish her an enriching and memorable stay in our country. Through her we convey our greetings to the people, Parliament and the Government of Bangladesh.

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