



**REPORT OF THE STUDY VISIT OF  
THE ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DELEGATION  
HEADED BY SHRI BISWAJIT DAIMARY,  
HON'BLE SPEAKER, ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY  
TO MALDIVES FROM 22ND TO 25TH OCTOBER, 2022**



**ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY SECRETARIAT**  
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## **I. COMPOSITION OF THE ASSAM LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY DELEGATION**

1. Shri Biswajit Daimary,  
Hon'ble Speaker and Head of the Delegation
2. Shri Jitu Giswami, Hon'ble MLA
3. Shri Biswajit Phukan, Hon'ble MLA

Accompanying Official-

Shri Thang Joyful Tonsing, Secretary to Speaker as  
Secretary to the Delegation

## II. PREFACE

The Republic of Maldives is located in the Indian Ocean, has a land area of 298 sq.kms, spread over 1192 islands. Its capital is Male and Dhihevi is the main language of the country and English is also widely spoken.

Maldives has a Presidential form of Government with the President directly elected by the people and has a unicameral legislature known as the People's Majlis.

The Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP) is the ruling party at present. The Head of the State (President) is His Excellency Ibrahim Mohamed Solih and the Speaker of the People's Majlis is His Excellency Mohamed Nasheed.

The People's Majlis is the unicameral legislative body of Maldives. It has the power to enact, amend and revise laws, except the Constitution of the Maldives. The Majlis is composed of 87 members.

Like India, Maldives is also a Commonwealth country and was a Member of the Commonwealth Parliamentary Association, an organization comprised of parliaments of former British colonies. It was admitted into the CPA in 2000. However, it left the CPA in 2016. During the recent 65<sup>th</sup> CPA Conference in Canada in August, 2022, it was readmitted into the CPA.

The purpose of the study visit to the Maldives is to study the working of the parliamentary system there and to learn about the best practices which can be implemented in the Assam Legislative Assembly. Also, it is the purpose of the study visit to explore ways for cooperation between the Maldives and the State of Assam, especially in the areas of trade and tourism, administration of Autonomous Councils, etc.



During the visit, the Delegation met with the representatives of the People's Majlis headed by the Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of People's Majlis and the Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group headed by its Chairperson, Hon. Hissaan , MP and had fruitful discussions with them. The details of the discussions are outlined in the report.

The Delegation also visited the Maldives National Museum and donated some traditional handwoven textiles of Assam with the request to display them in the Museum.

The Delegation also visited an island in the Maldives, the Fenfushi Island and had informal interaction with the Chairman and Member of the Fenfushi Council to have a first-hand understanding of the working of the Council.

The Delegation places on record its thanks and appreciation to the Indian High Commission in Maldives for extending full cooperation during its visit to the Maldives and also for arranging all the official meetings on behalf of the Assam Legislative Assembly. I also place on record my appreciation and thanks to Shri Thang Joyful Tonsing, Secretary to Speaker and Secretary to the Delegation for his tireless efforts in drafting this report.

The Report of the Study Visit is placed before the Assam Legislative Assembly. The observations and key takeaways/actionable points arising out of the discussions held during the visit are placed at the end of the report for ease of reference.

BISWAJIT DAIMARY  
Hon'ble Speaker,  
Assam Legislative Assembly  
and Head of the Delegation

Guwahati  
The 20<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

### III. MEETINGS

#### **(i) Meeting with Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis**

The Assam Legislative Assembly delegation led by the Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Biswajit Daimary, along with other Members of the team met Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis at 11 am on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022 in the People's Majlis. The delegation was welcomed by Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis and Hon. Eva Abdulla, MP, Deputy Speaker of the People's Majlis. Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly signed the Visitor's Book at the People's Majlis.



***His Excellency Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker, People's Majlis welcoming Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam to the People's Majlis***



***Hon'ble Speaker, Shri Biswajit Daimary signing the Visitor's Book at the People's Majlis, Maldives***

Thereafter, a meeting was held in the Meeting Room of the People's Majlis.

The following Members/officers participated in the meeting:

**Representatives of Assam Legislative Assembly**

1. Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker
2. Shri Jitu Goswami, Hon'ble MLA
3. Shri Biswajit Phukan, Hon'ble MLA
4. Shri Thang Joyful Tonsing, Secretary to Speaker and Secretary to the Delegation

### **Representatives of People's Majlis, Maldives**

1. Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, MP, Speaker of the People's Majlis
2. Hon. Eva Abdulla, MP, Deputy Speaker of the People's Majlis
3. Hon. Mohamed Aslam, MP, Majority Leader
4. Hon. Ali Niyaz, MP, Decentralization Committee Chairperson
5. Hon. Ibrahim Shareef, MP, Foreign Relations Committee Chairperson
6. Hon. Hassan Latheef, MP, General Purpose Committee Chairperson
7. Hon. Ali Hameed, MP, Deputy PG Leader, Jumhooree Party
8. Hon. Hisaan Hussain, Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group Chairperson
9. Ms. Fathimath Niussha, Secretary General
10. Ms. Fathimath Filza, Counsel General

### **Representatives of Indian High Commission, Maldives**

1. Ms. Pooja Tillu, Counsellor, DHC
2. Shri Karan Yadav, First Secretary





***Some glimpses of the meeting with the Members of  
People's Majlis***





A brief summary of the proceedings of the meeting is given in the succeeding paras:-

At the outset, **Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis** made his opening remarks. While welcoming the Delegation from the Assam Legislative Assembly led by the Hon'ble Speaker and expressing his sincere thanks and gratitude to the Delegation for visiting the Maldives and the People's Majlis, Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis stated that the people of India and Maldives share the same culture and that we are basically the same people. He stated that they live in the Indian Ocean. He further stated that there is very substantial trade between India and Maldives. There are many small traders who go to India, buy some goods and sell them in Maldives. He also informed the Delegation that tourism and fishing are the mainstays of the Maldives economy. The fishing is sustainable, environment friendly and provide livelihood to many.

He stated that he understood that the Delegation have come here to meet with the Local Council Authorities and he informed that Local Councils were created under the 2008 Constitution, and that now they have elected Councils for the fourth time. He expressed his confidence that the experience of the Delegation on Local Councils in Assam would be very beneficial for the Local Councils in Maldives.

**Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly**, in his introductory remarks thanked the Majlis for welcoming the Delegation to Maldives. He stated that there are a lot of things to learn from Maldives like how they survive, how they conduct relations with other countries and how they run the economy. He commended the Speaker of People's Majlis on him being a champion of human rights and climate change, etc.

He stated that the administrative system in India is mainly 2-tier with the Central Government and State Government, however, in the Northeastern part of the country, within the State, there are Local Councils formed under the Constitution and state laws called Autonomous Councils or District Councils

which have powers of legislation and framing of rules and regulations.

**He stated that cooperation between Maldives and Assam is desirable and that Assam has wildlife, rivers, tea, handloom and handicrafts, hilly areas and has border with other countries. He emphasized that by cooperating with Maldives, we can do a lot together, especially in tourism and development of business. He commended Maldives on the fact that even though it is a small country, it is very well-managed and that people of India and particularly Assam have a lot to learn from Maldives.**

Thereafter, he invited the Hon'ble Speaker, Maldives to visit Assam and the Northeast on his next visit to India.

**Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis** informed the Delegation that atolls are primarily and historically the unit of devolution in Maldives. Within an atoll there are islands. So, the smallest devolution unit is an island. An Atoll Council consists of Island Council chiefs. Of course, there is a lot of work to be done primarily on how the Councils and atolls can generate their own revenue and the distribution of powers between the Central Government and the Local Councils.

**Hon. Mohamed Aslam, Majority Leader, People's Majlis** stated that there have been continued efforts and assistance from India, especially in the last few years which are significant. He expressed gratitude to India for the assistance of around US\$300 million in South Maldives. He said he would like to see more Indian investments in the tourism sector also. He also stated that he has seen Hindi movies, visited India a number of times and would like to visit Assam and Northeast India on his next visit.

**Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly** intervened to say that the Councils in India can take example from Maldives.

**Shri Jitu Goswami, Hon'ble MLA of Assam** stated that the food habits of Maldivian people and the people of Northeast India are similar. He stated that there is huge potential for cooperation between the two. **Stating that Assam is having a very rich cultural heritage, he expressed his opinion that Maldives can be a very nice destination for Assamese people. He invited the Maldives tour operators to come to Assam and suggested that the Assam tour operators should go to Maldives.**

**Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis** replied that Northeast and Maldives are very similar in that Maldives also have small villages and remote mountains. **He said that there is scope for fish trade with Assam and Maldives and that transport, cargo and tourist links are needed. He stated that Maldives can sell fish to Indian markets. He proposed that a trade forum be created. He said that there are also low income, budget islands in inhabited islands and tourist packages of one week in Assam and one week in Maldives can be started. He said that there is much scope for cooperation and joint efforts.** He also stated that the Decentralization Committee looks after the Councils and requested the Decentralization Committee Chairperson to address the Delegation .

**Hon. Ali Niyaz, MP, Decentralization Committee Chairperson** stated that Maldives is a unitary state and that in future, they can give more functions to Island and Atoll Councils.

On the query of Hon'ble Speaker, Assam regarding the Sessions of People's Majlis, **Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis** replied that there are three sessions in a year, every week the Majlis sits for three days from 9 am till the agenda is disposed of. He said that the Majlis is in session for more than 80 days in a year. **He mooted the idea of an exchange programme with the Councillors of Maldives going to Assam and that Councillors of Assam coming to Maldives, a two-week programme could be arranged which would be beneficial to the Councils of both. He also reiterated his viewpoint for establishing trade link and**

**exchange of private sector between Maldives and Assam. He expressed that this meeting can become very productive if an investment forum can be formed.**

**Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly** while agreeing to the suggestions made by the Hon'ble Speaker, People's Majlis also reiterated that when the Hon'ble MPs of Maldives visit Delhi/India for training, etc in future, the Assam Assembly can arrange for their visit to Assam.

**Hon. Ali Hameed, MP, Deputy PG Leader, Jumhoree Party** stated that there exists strong relationship between India and Maldives and extend his gratitude to India for always being a reliable partner for Maldives.

**Hon. Ibrahim Shareef, MP, Foreign Relations Committee Chairperson** accorded his warm welcome to the Delegation and stated that India is the closest neighbour of Maldives. He said that the relationship with India goes back centuries ago and that their forefathers used to go to India for their needs. India is their biggest trading partner. He also said that the Maldivian people drink a lot of Assam tea. He met a lot of Assamese businessmen when he used to travel to Kolkata although he has not yet visited Assam. He further stated that they would always look towards India especially for the security of the Indian Ocean.

**Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly** stated that a meeting could be arranged between the traders of Maldives and Assam. He assured that a meeting with the Assam Chamber of Commerce can be arranged in this regard.

He further asked regarding the process of debate and the steps taken to give more scope for participation of Members in the proceedings of the House.

**Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis** informed that there are 3 readings of a bill. 4 hours is allocated for fresh reading. After the first reading, it is referred to the Committee. Thereafter, the Committee presented its report to the Majlis and it is then voted. In the Committee, the

bill is considered line by line. He stated that **every bill goes to the Committee after the first reading.**

He further informed the delegation that 30% of the budget is spent on climate change adaptation and that **there are lots of work to do together on climate change and conservation.**

**Hon. Hisaan Hussain, Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group Chairperson** welcomed the Delegation and stated that Maldives share historical ties and robust relationship with India. She also said that she had done here schooling in India but never visited Assam. **She stated that trade and climate change ties be enhanced between the two countries.**

**Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis** summarized that **out of the discussion till now, three (3) points can be summed up- first, establishing of trade links, second, joint conservation efforts and third, exchange of councillors between Maldives and Assam.**

**Ms. Pooja Tillu, Counsellor, Indian High Commission, Maldives** stated that **the observations made regarding trade and conservation efforts are noted. The Indian High Commission will take up the matter with the Parliamentary Delegation and see how the matter can be taken forward.** She also stated that the High Commission can arrange for the visit of the Assam Chamber of Commerce to Maldives and take matters further forward. On the point regarding exchange of Councillors, she stated during the visit of the President of Maldives to India, an MoU was signed between National Institute of Rural Development (India) and the Local Government Authority (LGA) on the Maldivian side. Representatives of NIRD visited Maldives and had very productive meetings with the LGA and Local Council and Atoll Council members to assess the requirements for capacity building. Very soon, hopefully in November, the first batch of Maldivian Councillors would be sent for training in NIRD.

**Hon. Eva Abdullah, Deputy Speaker, People's Majlis** suggested that **follow-up action on Parliament-to-Parliament**



exchange be established through the Indian High Commission in Maldives.

**Hon. Hassan Latheef, MP, General Purpose Committee Chairperson** stated that Maldives has a lot to learn from India and a visit to India would be wonderful.

**Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis** stated that Assam tea is very appropriate drink in Maldives since they drink mostly black tea.

**Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly** committed that he would personally advise all the people of his constituency to do reforestation in their personal land also. **He suggested that it would be very helpful if the Hon. MPs of Maldives can address the Hon'ble MLAs of Assam and the people during their visit to Assam.**

In conclusion, **Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, Speaker of the People's Majlis** stated that they would like to work with Assam Institutions and Universities on issues like climate change, planting of trees, etc. He suggested that the Delegation visit an island in Maldives and see how things work there.

The meeting ended with a mutual vote of thanks.



*Photo session after the meeting with the Members of People's Majlis*

## Social media posts of People's Majlis and Hon'ble Speaker, Assam on the meeting



*Tweet by People's Majlis on the visit of the Assam Assembly delegation and reply of the Hon'ble Speaker, Assam*



**Biswajit Daimary**

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A pleasure to pay a courtesy call on Hon'ble President Mohamed Nasheed, MP, Speaker of the People's Majlis today. Had a fruitful discussion on future areas of cooperation between the Maldives and the State of Assam.

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***Facebook post of Hon'ble Speaker, Assam on meeting with People's Majlis***





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Hon. Speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly of India, H.E. Shri Biswajit Daimary paid a courtesy call on Hon. President Mohamed Nasheed, MP, Speaker of the People's Majlis.



***Facebook post of People's Majlis on the visit of the Assam Assembly Delegation headed by Hon'ble Speaker, Assam***

## **(ii) Meeting with the Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group of People's Majlis**

The Assam Assembly Delegation then had a meeting with the Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group in a Committee room in the People's Majlis.

The following Members/officers participated in the meeting:

### **Representatives of Assam Legislative Assembly**

1. Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker
2. Shri Jitu Goswami, Hon'ble MLA
3. Shri Biswajit Phukan, Hon'ble MLA
4. Shri Thang Joyful Tonsing, Secretary to Speaker and Secretary to the Delegation

### **Representatives of Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group of People's Majlis, Maldives**

1. Hon. Hisaan Hussain, Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group Chairperson
2. Hon. Ilyas Labeeb, MP
3. Hon. Hassan Latheef, MP
4. Hon. Ali Azim, MP
5. Hon. Hassan Ahmed, MP

### **Representatives of Indian High Commission, Maldives**

1. Smt. Pooja Tillu, Counsellor, DHC
2. Shri Karan Yadav, First Secretary





***Glimpses of the meeting with the Maldives-India  
Parliamentary Friendship Group***

A brief summary of the proceedings of the meeting is given in the succeeding paras:-

At the outset, **Hon. Hisaan Hussain, Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group Chairperson** extended her warm welcome and greetings to the Assam Assembly Delegation on their visit to Maldives and expressed her wish that the Delegation has a wonderful stay in Maldives.

**Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly** stated that the Assam delegation is very happy to be in Maldives for a new experience visiting the island and the Parliament. He also stated that he was a member of the Upper House of the Indian Parliament, Rajya Sabha for three (3) consecutive terms from 2008 to 2021 and that he has had experience in the Parliamentary Friendship Group. **He requested that if you deal with Indian Parliament, go deep and maintain a relationship with the State Assemblies also.**

**Hon. Hisaan Hussain, Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group Chairperson** informed that some MPs from Maldives had visited Gujarat State Assembly. To this, **Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly requested that during their next visit/training, they should also visit Assam and other neighbouring Northeast State Assemblies and take the experience of Northeast India.**

**Hon. Hassan Latheef, MP** stated that Maldives has a lot to learn from India, not only about Parliament but other Institutions as well. Visited Gujarat Legislative Assembly and it would be wonderful to visit Assam. He concluded by saying that he looked forward to visiting Assam.

**Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly** informed the Parliamentary Friendship Group members that in India, there is question hour for one hour during session days for Members to bring accountability to the Government and there is calling attention and zero hour to raise issues of public importance. He also stated that the Business Advisory Committee (BAC) decides if Members want to discuss on some important issues through devices like Short Duration Discussion (SDD). He said that he wanted to know about the

good things in the Maldives Parliament which can be introduced in the Indian Parliamentary system.

**Hon. Ilyas Labeeb, MP** stated that City and Atolls/Island Councils to make them accountable. He asked how Councils are made accountable in Assam.

**Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly** stated that in India, the Minister is responsible for making the Councils accountable. If Member raises a question on the floor of the House, the concerned Minister has to reply. For that, Councils give inputs on the questions/issues raised. He further stated that there are Councils under Sixth Schedule of the Indian Constitution and under the State laws.

**Shri Karan Yadav, First Secretary, Indian High Commission, Maldives** stated that this is the first meeting between an Indian delegation and the Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group after its reconstitution last year. **He requested the Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group to keep guiding the Indian High Commission on any issue in trade and other issues and that the High Commission is always ready to help in taking things forward either with the Indian Parliament or the State Assemblies.**

**Hon. Hisaan Hussain, Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group Chairperson** stated that she looked forward to building further relationship with India/Assam. She summarized that from the discussion, the following three focus areas of cooperation emerged:

- (i) **Functioning of political parties within Parliament in India**
- (ii) **Conduct of political party members within political parties**
- (iii) **Need for exchanges and meetings with Parliament of India including State Assemblies**

The meeting then ended with a mutual vote of thanks.



***Photo session after the meeting with the Members of the  
Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group***



**Social media posts of People's Majlis and Hon'ble Speaker, Assam on the meeting**

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Friendship Group meets  
with Hon. Speaker of  
the Assam Legislative  
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***Tweet by People's Majlis on the meeting between the Assam Assembly Delegation and Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group***



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Thank you Maldives-India  
Parliamentary Friendship  
Group of [@mvpeoplesmajlis](#)  
for the wonderful and fruitful  
meeting. We look forward to  
more cooperation in future

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***Reply of Hon'ble Speaker, Assam on the tweet by  
People's Majlis***



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Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group meets with Hon. Speaker of the Assam Legislative Assembly of India, H.E. Shri Biswajit Daimary.



***Facebook post of People's Majlis on meeting of Assam Legislative Assembly delegation with Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group***



### **(iii) Visit to National Museum, Maldives**

After working lunch hosted by the Indian High Commission Maldives, the delegation visited the National Museum, Maldives at 2.00 pm. The Maldives National Museum is one of the main tourist attractions of the Maldives. The museum has a vast and valuable collection of objects of the past that depict the history and rich cultural heritage of the Maldives.

During the visit, Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam Legislative Assembly handed over a letter addressed to the Director General, National Museum, Maldives regarding donation of traditional handwoven textiles of Assam and with the request to display them at the National Museum to Mr. Mohamed Thoriq, Minister of State for Art, Culture and Heritage. The Minister assured that he would look into the matter positively.



***Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker, Assam and Hon'ble MLAs Shri Jitu Goswami and Shri Biswajit Phukan handing over the letter and traditional handwoven textiles of Assam to Mr. Mohamed Thoriq, MoS Art, Culture and Heritage, Maldives***



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The 23<sup>rd</sup> October, 2022

To,  
Ms. Hawwa Nazla  
Director General  
National Museum, Maldives

**Subject: Donation of handwoven textiles from Assam and request for display in the National Museum of Maldives.**

*Respected Madam,*

Greetings in the name of the Assam Legislative Assembly!

I would like to inform you that on behalf of the people of the Indian State of Assam, I would like to donate the enclosed list of hand woven textiles from Assam for display in the National Museum of Maldives.

I sincerely hope this will foster greater ties and cooperation between the people of Maldives and the people of India, in particular the people of Assam. I am sure that displaying the traditional hand woven textiles of Assam in the National Museum of Maldives would go a long way in showcasing the culture and traditions of Assam among the people of the Maldives and the visitors to this beautiful country, particularly the visitors of the Museum. And I hope that this will serve as the first step towards much more cooperation in the future also.

An inventory list of the hand woven textiles of Assam which are proposed to be donated and a short write-up on the said textiles are enclosed for ready reference.

Yours sincerely,

  
(BISWAJIT DAIMARY)

***Letter from Shri Biswajit Daimary, Hon'ble Speaker,  
Assam to DG, National Museum, Maldives***

**LIST OF HANDWOVEN TEXTILES FROM ASSAM, INDIA**  
**DONATED TO NATIONAL MUSEUM, MALDIVES**

<b><u>Sl. No.</u></b>	<b><u>Name of Item</u></b>	<b><u>Quantity</u></b>
1	BODO GAMSА FROM ASSAM, INDIA	1
2	MUGA (GOLDEN SILK) BODO GAMSА FROM ASSAM, INDIA	1
3	TRADITIONAL BODO DOKHONA FROM ASSAM, INDIA	2
4	ENDI (ERI SILK) BODO JACKET FROM ASSAM, INDIA	1
5	ENDI (ERI SILK) BODO AARONAI FROM ASSAM, INDIA	6
6	BODO JWMGRA (WOMEN'S STOLE/SHAWL) FROM ASSAM, INDIA	2
7	COTTON AARONAI OF BODO TRIBE FROM ASSAM, INDIA	2
8	ENDI (ERI SILK) AARONAI OF BODO TRIBE FROM ASSAM, INDIA	2
9	BIHU GAMUSA OF ASSAM, INDIA	1
10	MEKHELA IN MUGA (GOLDEN SILK) OF ASSAM, INDIA	1
11	MEKHELA CHADOR IN PAT (MULBERRY SILK) OF ASSAM, INDIA	1 pair
12	ENDI (ERI SILK) AND MUGA (GOLDEN SILK) BODO DOKHONA OF INDIA	1

## Social media posts of the visit by Maldives National Museum and Hon'ble Speaker, Assam



Maldives National Muse...  
@NatMuseumMV

Some highlights from the visit of the honorable Speaker of the Legislative Assembly Secretariat of the Assam State of India, Mr. [@BiswajitDaimar5](#) to our Museum today. We appreciate the wonderful gifts that he has generously given and we thank him for his visitation.



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***Tweet by Maldives National Museum on the visit of Assam Legislative Assembly team***



***Tweet by Hon'ble Speaker, Assam on the visit to  
Maldives National Museum***



**Biswajit Daimary**  
 @BiswajitDaimar5



Visited the National Museum, Maldives. Handed over handwoven textiles of Assam to Mr. Mohammed Thoriq, Minister of State for Arts, Culture & Heritage along with letter requesting for display of the same in the Museum. We hope for close cooperation in future

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***Tweet by Hon'ble Speaker, Assam on the visit to  
Maldives National Museum***



**(iv) Visit to Fenfushi Island and interaction with Fenfushi Council (24<sup>th</sup> October, 2022)**

The Assam Assembly delegation headed by the Hon'ble Speaker visited Fenfushi Island and had interaction with Mr. Ahmad, Chairman of the Fenfushi Council. The delegation also met with Mr. Nasheed Fenfushi, Member of Fenfushi Council. The delegation was informed that the Fenfushi Council has 5 Members who are all elected. The Council has a small medical centre, one doctor as well as sea ambulance. The projects are funded by the Maldives Government. The Delegation also visited Fenfushi School and had informal interaction with some of the students.



***Hon'ble Speaker and Hon'ble MLAs with Mr. Ahmad,  
Chairman, Fenfushi Council***



***With Mr. Nasheed Fenfushi, Member of Fenfushi Council***



***The Assam Legislative Assembly Delegation visiting Fenfushee School and interacting with the students***

#### **IV. OBSERVATIONS AND KEY TAKEAWAYS/ACTIONABLE POINTS ARISING OUT OF THE DISCUSSIONS DURING THE STUDY VISIT**

**The observations and key takeaways/actionable points arising out of the discussions during the study visit to Maldives are outlined below:**

- (i) The practice followed by the People's Majlis in referring all bills to the Committee may also be considered in the Assam Legislative Assembly. It is worth mentioning that the provision for referring bills to the Committee/Select Committee already exists in the Rules of Procedure and Conduct of Business in the Assam Legislative Assembly. Referral of bills to the Committee will ensure that all stakeholders are consulted and will prevent hasty legislation, which often leads to discrepancies in the bill;
- (ii) There is much scope for cooperation between the Maldives and Assam especially in the field of trade and tourism, joint conservation efforts, exchange of councilors and exchange of private sector;
- (iii) Establishing of trade links and creation of a trade forum between Maldives and Assam may be explored. For this purpose, as a first step, a meeting may be arranged for the Assam Chamber of Commerce to visit Maldives and have discussion with the traders there;
- (iv) The Hon. Speaker, People's Majlis and MPs have been invited to also visit Assam and the Northeast India on their next visit to India;

- (v) The tour operators of Maldives may accompany them and the tour operators of Assam may also visit the Maldives. Tour package can be worked out like one week in Maldives and one week in Assam; and
- (vi) Exchange programme between the Councilors of Maldives and Local Councilors of Assam could be arranged which would be beneficial to the Councils of both.

In addition to the above, the following areas of cooperation emerged out of the discussion with the Maldives-India Parliamentary Friendship Group:-

- (i) Functioning of political parties within Parliament in India;
- (ii) Conduct of political party members within political parties; and
- (iii) Need for exchanges and meetings with Parliament of India including State Assemblies





**Meeting with the Hon'ble Speaker, People's Majlis  
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