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Speaker of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly to visit the Netherlands

The Speaker of Uttar Pradesh Legislative Assembly, Mr. Hriday Narayan Dikshit, will lead a delegation to the Netherlands from September 22-24, 2019.

During the visit, the Speaker will meet with Ms. Pia Dijkstra, Chair of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the Dutch House of Representatives, attend a presentation on the working of the Dutch Parliament, and have a tour of the Dutch Parliament Building Complex (Binnenhof) in The Hague. The delegation will also meet Mr. Jaap Smit, the King's Commissioner (Head of the Province) for South Holland.

A book *The Way India Thinks* authored by Mr. Dikshit will be released during the visit at an event at the Gandhi Centre - the Cultural Centre of the Indian Embassy in the Hague. The Speaker will also meet and interact with members of the Indian Community during the event.

The visit aims to enhance understanding and establish contacts between legislative bodies of the two sides. Further, it will connect important authorities of the State of Uttar Pradesh with the Province of the South Holland, the country's most populous province and one of the most industrialised areas in the world. The provincial capital of South Holland is The Hague, while its

largest city is Rotterdam. The Port of Rotterdam is the 9th largest port in the world and the largest port in Europe. South Holland is located in the western part of the Netherlands and contributes 21% to The Netherlands' GDP.
