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Kolkata: Merchant's Chamber of Commerce & Industry (MCCI) on 6th May 2017 organized an interactive session with Meira Kumar, former Speaker, Lok Sabha.

A five-time MP, Kumar made history on being unanimously elected as the first woman Speaker of India in the 15th Lok Sabha. She's known for her charming and soft-spoken personality, and proved that she could tackle the toughest of problems with ease as she often did in Parliament with a smile to calm down the agitated members and resume the proceedings of the house.

The session was jam-packed with MCCI members, media, and other dignitaries. After the welcome address by Hemant Bangur, President, MCCI; Kumar spoke about her experience in her usual demeanour for which she's respected across all party lines.

Kumar spoke on 'challenges of parliamentary democracy in India.' She said: "We should take pride of being the largest functioning democracy in the world that has 1/5th of the humanity. After getting out of the shackles of colonial rule many other countries in Asia and Africa also moved towards democratic system, some failed; whereas some worked."

She enlightened listeners with her views and vision on strengthening our democratic polity and empowering people. "We're a great nation, great society; how many countries have so many religions, caste, and cultures? We respect each other, and can't afford to destroy this unity in diversity that's made our country special", said Meira Kumar.

In fact, she shared her views on all contemporary issues of Indian politics. Her interesting anecdotes, wit and oratory skills left no room for boredom.

"With around 125 crore people, there come diverse issues and views, but ultimately at the house of Parliament we've to resolve them zeroing in on one idea, vision or law. Let there be discussions, but don't disrupt the Parliament", she added.

From the latest Nirbhaya judgement to EVM controversy, the veteran politician answered all questions of

reporters. Talking on EVM issue, Kumar stressed that when questions are arising about its transparent functioning it should be examined to thwart all confusions.

Though, As far as the Kashmir unrest issue she denied to make any categorical statement but said that since the centre is in strong position they should be able to find a solution.

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