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West Bengal Youth Parliament Competition Scheme In Educational Institutions

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WEST BENGAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMPETITION SCHEME FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

1. INTRODUCTION :

The Department of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of West Bengal has been conducting the Youth Parliament Competition Scheme in Educational Institutions with the School and College students of this State. The aim of the initiative has been to make the School and College students aware about the roles and activities of the Parliament and the Legislative Assembly. The ultimate objective is to instil in the young generation a sense of respect for the institutions of Parliamentary Democracy in the country. The Programme also helps in development of many positive qualities among the students like leadership and motivating skills, tolerance of others' views, oratory, original and innovative thinking about contemporary issues. With the 73rd and 74th Amendments of the Constitution of the country the scope for participation of the people in governance has been expanded vastly and this requires that the people should have proper knowledge and due regard for the procedure and practices of Parliamentary democracy. All these speak enough about the importance of Youth Parliament Scheme in Educational Institutions which is being implemented by the Department. With the passage of time the ambit of the Scheme has been expanded to incorporate newer components.

2. Components of the Scheme :

The Scheme is now having the following components :

- A. Youth Parliament Competition Programme.
- B. Youth Parliament Quiz contest Programme.
- C. Youth Parliament Quiz contest Programme on Character Building of Students.
- D. Youth Parliament Extempore Speech Competition Programme.
- E. State Level Essay Competition Programme.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SCHEME :

The Scheme with all its components is to be implemented all over West Bengal by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs, West Bengal with the active support and co-operation of the Department of Higher

Education and Directorate of School Education, West Bengal. The Director of Public Instruction, W.B., the Deputy Regional Education Officers, the District Inspectors of Schools and different functionaries of the School Education and Higher Education Department extend their whole-hearted support and co-operation in the implementation of the programme.

Besides, the District Magistrates of the districts and other officers of the general administration are to play a pivotal role in the scheme. There shall be a common organising committee at the Block /Municipality, District and State levels for the components of the Scheme at Sl. Nos. (A), (B), (C) and (D) mentioned at the previous page.

4. YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMPETITION PROGRAMME :

A. The basic and ultimate objective of this programme is to motivate the young generation to take active interest in the democratic process of the country and to prepare them in the role of responsible leaders in a polity based on the principles of Parliamentary Democracy.

The Youth Parliament Competition (YPC) Programme is held in School and College categories.

In the School category the Youth Parliament Competition (YPC) Programme has three tiers. The initial stage is Block/Municipal/Borough Level Competition. The next stage is the District Level and the final stage is the Division/ State Level Competition.

The Competition is being organized by an Organizing Committee comprising officials and non-official eminent personalities and including Representatives of Students, Youths, School and College Teachers throughout the state at all levels.

While the competition for school students starts from Block/Municipal/Borough level, the competition for college students starts from the District Level as the number of colleges is much lesser.

Only 1st Position holders of YPC at all levels are entitled to participate in the next stage.

B. ORGANIZING COMMITTEE :

I. Block Level Committee :

Name of the Committee : Block Level Organizing Committee

- for Youth Parliament Scheme In Educational Institutions.
- Patrons : Members of Parliament & Members of Legislative Assembly of the Concerned Area, Zilla Parishad Members elected from the Block, Sabhapati of the concerned Panchayat Samity and Chairpersons of Municipalities, if any, comprised within the Block.
- President : Block Development Officer of the concerned Block.
- Vice-Presidents : Heads of the Educational Institutions of the locality.
- Joint Secretaries : Joint Block Development Officer/ EOME/Extension Officer nominated by Block Development Officer; Block Youth Officer, Sub-Inspectors of Schools of the Educational Circles within the Block;
Representatives of Students, Youths, School and College Teachers.
- Treasurer : One Government Officer to be nominated by the Block Development Officer.
- Members : One representative from each organization of Students, Youths, School & College Teachers, personalities from local Drama Organizations, Cultural organizations, Siksha Karmadhaksha of the concerned Panchayat Samity, Pradhans of the Gram Panchayats within the Block.

The Committee shall have the right to co-opt new members including office bearers, if necessary, in the

interest of better and effective implementation of the programme.

The Committee will be formed by the Block Development Officer in consultation with the representatives of the Students, Youths, School & College Teachers.

Jt. Block Development Officer or any Extension Officer as may be nominated by the Block Development Officer shall act as the Convenor of the committee.

II. Municipal & Corporation Level Committee : (Excluding Kolkata Corporation)

Name of the Committee : Municipal/ Corporation Level Organizing Committee for Youth Parliament Scheme in Educational Institutions.

Patrons : Minister, M.P. & M.L.A. of the concerned Locality, Chairperson/ Mayor the concerned Municipality/ Corporation.

President : Sub Divisional Officer of the Sub Division.

Vice-Presidents : Headmasters/Headmistresses of the Higher Secondary and Secondary Schools within the Municipality/ Corporation.

Working-Presidents : One Councillor to be nominated by Chairperson/ Mayor of the Municipality/Corporation.

Joint Secretaries : One each from Students, Youths and School & College Teachers.

Addl. District Inspector of Schools/
Asstt. Inspector of Schools.

- Treasurer : One Officer to be nominated by Sub Divisional Officer preferably from the School Education (Secondary Education) Department.
- Members : Representatives of Students, Youths, School Teachers.
- Personalities from various Cultural Organisations of the locality.
- Government officials to be nominated by Sub Divisional Officer and the Executive Officer of the Municipality.
- The Executive officer of the Municipality shall act as the Convenor of the Committee.
- The committee will be constituted by the Sub Divisional Officer in consultation with the Chairperson/ Mayor and representatives of teachers and representative of student and youth organisations.
- The Committee shall have the right to co-opt new members including office bearers, if necessary, in the interest of better implementation of the programme.

III. Borough Level Committee : (Kolkata Municipal Corporation area)

- Name of the Committee : Borough Level Organizing Committee for Youth Parliament Scheme in Educational Institutions.
- Patrons : Minister, M.P. & M.L.A. of the concerned Area & Mayor of Kolkata Municipal Corporation.
- President : Chairman of the Borough

- Vice-Presidents : Heads of Secondary & Higher Secondary Institutions of the area. Noted Educationist, Drama Personality, Cultural Activist.
- General Secretary : One officer to be nominated by the concerned District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education).
- Treasurer : One officer of the corporation/ Borough or one officer to be nominated by the concerned District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education).
- Members : Representatives of Students, Youths, School and College Teachers;
Personalities from various cultural organizations of the locality;
Concerned officers of the Corporation and the State Government.

The nominated General Secretary will form the Committee in consultation with the Chairman of the Borough and shall act as the Convenor of the committee.

IV. District Level Committee :

- Name of the Committee : District Level Organizing Committee for Youth Parliament Scheme In Educational Institutions.
- Chief Patron : Senior Minister of the District.
- Patrons : Ministers, MPs, MLAs and Sabhadhipati of Zila Parishad;
Vice Chancellor (s) of Universities situated in the district, if any;
Noted Intellectuals, Educationists etc.
- President : District Magistrate of the concerned district.

- Vice-President : Addl. District Magistrate (General);
Shiksha Kramadhakshya of Zila Parishad;
Noted Educationists of the District.
Noted Intellectuals of the District.
Dy. Regional Education Officer of the Concerned Division.
Principal of the College selected as the venue where College level Competitions will be held.
- General Secretary : District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education).
- Treasurer : Assistant Inspector/Sub Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education) to be nominated by District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education).

For College Level event, the District Youth Officer or any other officer as may be nominated by the District Magistrate.
- Members : Principals of the colleges within the district.
Representatives of Students, Youths, School and College Teachers.
Drama & Cultural Personalities etc.

The Committee will be formed by the District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education) in consultation with the District Magistrate. The Committee also shall have the right to co-opt new members including office bearers, if necessary, in the interest of better implementation of the programme.

The Committee shall meet from time to time for organizing the Programme. The Committee shall also have to monitor the competitions under the Youth Parliament Scheme at the lower level.

The District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education) shall act as the Convenor of the committee for schools while the Principal of the

College selected as venue for the college level competition shall act as the Convenor for the College category.

V. Committee for Kolkata District :

- Chief Patron : Minister-in-Charge, Parliamentary Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.
- Patrons : Ministers and Members of Parliament and Legislative Assembly elected from Kolkata District;
Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Home & Parliamentary Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.
- President : Mayor, Kolkata Municipal Corporation.
- Vice-Presidents : Commissioner, Kolkata Municipal Corporation; Additional Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs Deptt.; Deputy Mayor, Kolkata Municipal Corporation; Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal; Commissioner of School Education, West Bengal;
President, West Bengal Madrasah Education Board.
- Jt. General Secretary : District Inspector of Schools (S.E.), Kolkata;
Deputy Regional Education Officer, Presidency Division.
- Joint Secretary : Representatives of School and College Teachers, Students and Youths, One Assistant Inspector of Schools (to be nominated by District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education), Kolkata.
- Treasurer : To be decided by the Committee.

Members : Representatives of Students, Youths, School and College Teachers; Personalities from various Drama and Cultural Organizations; Concerned Government officials; District Youth officer, Kolkata.

The Committee shall have the right to co-opt new members including office bearers, if necessary. District Inspector of Schools (Secondary Education), Kolkata will be the Convenor for School category while Deputy Regional Education Officer, Presidency Division shall act as Convenor for College Category. Representatives of Students, Youths, School and College Teachers.

VI. State Committee :

Chief Patron : Hon'ble Speaker, West Bengal Legislative Assembly.

Patrons : Deputy Speaker, West Bengal Legislative Assembly.;
Minister-in-Charge, Departments of Higher Education and School Education, Government of West Bengal;
Minister-in-Charge, Youth Services Department, Government of West Bengal;
Minister-in-Charge, Department of Sports, Government of West Bengal;
Chief Government Whip, West Bengal Legislative Assembly;
Leader of the Opposition, West Bengal Legislative Assembly;

President : Minister-in-Charge, Parliamentary Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.

- Working-President : Addl. Chief Secretary/Principal Secretary, Home & Parliamentary Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.
- Vice-Presidents : Secretary, West Bengal Legislative Assembly;
Director of Public Instruction, West Bengal;
Commissioner of School Education, West Bengal;
President, West Bengal Madrasah Education Board;
President, West Bengal Council of Higher Secondary Education.
- General Secretary : Additional Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.
- Treasurer : Assistant Secretary, Parliamentary Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal.
- Members : Representatives of Students, Youths, School and College teachers, Personalities from various Drama & Cultural Organizations.

C. SELECTION PROCESS :

Eight Schools from each Block, Municipality/ Borough shall be selected by the D.I. of Schools (Secondary Education) in consultation with the concerned Organizing Committee. Schools which have already participated in the previous year, may, if necessary, be avoided during selection of Schools to cover the maximum number of Schools over different years. At least one Girls' School shall have to be included in the selection. The overall performance of the School should be a criterion for such selection.

Number of Colleges in the State is much less. So, all the Government and Government aided General Degree Colleges of the State are entitled to participate in the Competitions.

D. Number of Participants For YPC :

One team for YPC will consist of 15 members. The limit shall have to be maintained strictly. The Participants will be divided into two groups one '**Ruling**' and the other '**Opposition**'

E. Selection of Students for the Team :

Selection of participants from among the students should be done carefully. Following types of students may be considered for selection :

- i) Students who have debating capacity;
- ii) Those acquainted with the social, economic, political and cultural issues concerning the country;
- iii) Students who have leadership qualities and are interested in extra curricular activities;
- iv) Students not below Class-IX.

Participating students should be encouraged to collect relevant data on the topics selected for question hour and other legislative business.

F. Duration of YPC :

Duration of each Session of YPC will be of 45 minutes only. Out of this, 15 minutes may be devoted to question-answers, and the remaining time may be utilized for discussion on Bill, Motion and Resolution etc.

G. Subjects for Discussion :

No direct or indirect remark or reference should be made in the speeches so as to cast aspersion on any political party or person etc. Matters related to welfare activities, defence of the country, social justice and social security, economic development, communal harmony, health care, student discipline etc. may be raised in the YPC.

H. Language :

The Participants may use Bengali, Nepali, Hindi or English language in the competition.

I. Venue :

Respective Organising Committees will select the venue for the Competition.

J. Panel of Judges :

A. Selection of Judges is an important issue which needs special attention of the Organizing Committee at each level. A Committee of Judges for holding the Competitions may consist of the following persons :

- i) One MLA/MP or Ex-MLA/Ex-MP;
- ii) A nominee of Sabhadhipati/ Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad/ Sabhapati, Panchayat Samity/Mayor-in-Council/ Chairman-in Council, Municipality/Corporation, as the case may be.
- iii) Representative of DI of Schools(Secondary Education);
- iv) Representative of BDO/SDO/DM as the case may be;
- v) Eminent Teacher/Professor/Cultural Personality etc.;

The Panel of Judges may be extended or formed according to the needs of the local area, but priority should always be given to those who have interest in the process of working of Parliamentary democracy in the country at the national or at the state levels. As 'acting' is an important part of the competition, judges from this field may also be included. For each level of Competition the Panel of Judges will be formed by the concerned organizing Committee.

Absence of any particular member of the panel of judges on the day of the competition will not vitiate the collective decision of the judges present.

B. At the State Level, evaluation of performance of the participants will be made by a Committee of Judges constituted as below :

- i) At least one MLA/MP or Ex-MLA/Ex-MP;
- ii) An Officer of the Department of Parliamentary Affairs or West Bengal Legislative Assembly Secretariat;
- iii) An Officer of the Department of Higher Education for College Level;
- iv) An Officer of the Directorate of School Education for School Level;
- v) Dramatist, Actor/Actress, Cultural Personalities;
- vi) Noted intellectuals.

The Committee of Judges will be constituted by the Parliamentary Affairs Department at the State Level.

Absence of any particular member of the panel of judges on the day of the competition will not vitiate the collective decision of the judges present.

K. Criteria for Evaluation :

The Committee of Judges will keep in view the following points while assessing the performance of the institutions as well as individual students. In the case of institutions, however, assessment is made on the basis of overall group performance of the students.

A. Criteria for assessment of the institution

		<u>Marks</u>
i)	Discipline and decorum.	10
ii)	Observance of Parliamentary procedure	15
iii)	Selection of subject for questions or Supplementaries & quality of answers thereto	20
iv)	Selection of subjects for debates	15
v)	Quality of speeches delivered & standard of debates	30
vi)	General Assessment	10
Total. :		100

B. Criteria for individual assessment

i)	Discipline and decorum	20
ii)	Promptness & alertness	10
iii)	Content of speech	30
iv)	Communication skill	30
v)	Overall assessment of his/her. performance	10
Total. :		100

Decision of the committee of judges in all cases will be final and binding on all concerned.

L. Prizes :

A. For institution :

Befitting prizes may be awarded to the winners as per decision of the concerned Committee.

B. For individual :

Following individual prizes may be given., One each for Speaker,

Secretary, Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition, Marshal, Best Parliamentarian, Best lady Parliamentarian etc.

In addition, there is also the provision of Cash Prizes for different components of Youth Parliament Scheme as per the consolidated statement as given at the end of this booklet.

Also the first Ranking Teams in the State Level Youth Parliament Competition only (not in any other components like Quiz Contest or Extempore Speech Competition) will be given financial support to witness the proceedings of Union Parliament.

M. Certificate :

The following certificates are issued in the competition at the Unit/Block, District and the State Levels :

- i) A certificate for each participating student.
- ii) A certificate to the students standing first on individual performance at the respective Unit/Block, District and State Level.
- iii) A certificate to each of the schools/colleges declared first, second and third in order of merit.
- iv) A certificate to the teacher-in-charge of each participating school and college for organizing the competition.

5. YOUTH PARLIAMENT QUIZ CONTEST PROGRAMME :

The Parliamentary Affairs Deptt., Govt. of West Bengal has been organizing the Youth Parliament Quiz Contest since 2006-2007 to draw more students towards the competition and to develop democratic attitude and respect among the younger generation towards the glorious history of the Indian freedom struggle which has ushered in the Parliamentary democracy in this country. This is also intended to sharpen the knowledge and presence of mind and as also the confidence level of the students. The Organizing Committees, formed as per guidelines of the Parliamentary Affairs Department as detailed hereinbefore make arrangements for holding the Quiz contest at the respective levels.

A. Tiers of the Competition :

Quiz Contests are held in three tiers for School students and in two tiers for College students.

The Quiz Contest of the School students will start from the Block/ Municipal/Borough level and for College students, the initial stage will be the District level. Students from Class IX to XII are entitled to participate in the competition for School students. Each participating School/College is expected to hold Quiz Contest within the institution before sending its teams for participation in inter-school or inter college competition. Champion students in the school/college level competition may be suitably rewarded by the concerned institution.

B. Language :

Bengali is the mother language of the majority people of the State. So, Bengali will be the main language of the Competition. But English, Hindi and other constitutionally recognized languages may also be the language for communication as well as answering the Quiz contest.

C. How to Participate :

The Quiz Team will consist of two students. For participation, any one or both the team members may apply to the organizing committee incorporating detailed information such as name, address of the Institution where they are reading and in which class they are reading etc.

D. Number of Teams from one Institution :

Normally, one selected Team from an institution represents it. But, as the institutions are not holding any internal competition for selection of the best team, more than one team from an institution may apply. However, keeping in view the number of teams applying for Quiz Contest, local organizing committees will decide and draw limit, if required, in respect of participation. But the spirit should be involving a large number of students in the contest. As such a liberal attitude should be taken up. If necessary, elimination round of contest may be arranged.

E. Subject for Quiz Contest :

The Youth Parliament Quiz Contest will cover the following topics:

- a) History of freedom struggle in India;
- b) Indian Constitution;

- c) Indian Parliament and West Bengal Legislative Assembly in work.

A few relevant questions may also be asked which have no direct link with the above mentioned topics. Question Setter's decision in this regard is final.

F. Proportion of Question may be as below :

- a) History of Indian Freedom Struggle : 40%
- b) Indian Constitution : 20%
- c) Indian Parliament and West Bengal Legislative Assembly in work : 30%
- d) Misc. : 10%

It is to be noted carefully that proportion of questions may vary. It is a tentative break-up only. The Quiz Masters will decide on the form and pattern of questions.

The competition will follow clock-wise and anti-clockwise movements alternately. Target team will get 20 seconds for answering a question. If they fail, the question will go to the next team for bonus marks. Bonus marks is just half of the full marks of a particular question. Time allotment for answering a bonus question is also half for the first team, thence instant answering scope for next teams. Quiz Masters will have the liberty to make suitable changes for the smooth running of the programme.

G. Prizes & Certificate :

Prizes and Certificates will be given to the successful competitors at all levels.

Printed Certificates will be supplied by the Parliamentary Affairs Department for all levels. Befitting prizes will be arranged by the concerned organising committee.

1st & 2nd Teams may be awarded prizes in the Block/Municipality/Borough Level competitions. In the district and state levels, prizes will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams.

Selected 1st & 2nd teams will be allowed to participate in the next stage of the Quiz Competition.

There is also the provision of Cash Prize in this segment as for different other components of Youth Parliament Scheme as per

the consolidated statement given at the end of this booklet.

6. Fund :

The Department of Parliamentary Affairs allots fund for all stages of the Competition.

The Department shall allot a sum of Rs. **6,500/-** to each participating school and college respectively for making preparatory arrangement. For conduct of the school level competition, the Department shall provide financial assistance of Rs. **58,000/-** per unit i.e. per Block /Municipality/Borough as the case may be. Also, for actual conduct of the district level competition, the department allots fund to the tune of Rs. **1,00,000/-**, Rs. **1,25,000/-**, Rs. **1,50,000/-** & Rs. **1,75,000/-** depending upon the district concerned for each of the school and college level contests. This allocation is inclusive of the expenditure to be incurred for Quiz Contest on Character Building of Students and Extempore Speech Competition at Block/ Municipality/ Borough and District Level.

From the 2012-13, for the purpose of promoting Youth Parliament Competition Scheme down to the grassroots level, the department has been providing ,through district administration, financial assistance to all Gram Panchayats of the State for organizing seminar and for creating awareness regarding parliamentary democracy amongst students and youth community. To enhance the level of involvement of Gram Panchayats the allocation per Gram Panchayat has been raised to Rs. **2,500/- in the current year.**

This is intended to strengthen the fundamentals of parliamentary democracy at the grassroots level.

For the State Level Competition, the department makes all arrangements including food and lodging for all participants and accompanying teachers and professors.

7. YOUTH PARLIAMENT QUIZ CONTEST PROGRAMME ON CHARACTER BUILDING OF STUDENTS :

The basic objective of Youth Parliament Competition Scheme is to strengthen the fundamentals of Parliamentary Democracy. Democracy is a government of the people and by the people. So, the factors like intellectual excellence, utilitarian motivation and general ethical standard of the people largely affect the performance of a democratic polity. As the students are the future leaders of the nation, development of sound moral character is only a must for them. Only the morally strong persons can elect the right people to rule the country, or if they are themselves elected, they can discharge their duties conscientiously and efficiently. With this long term goal in mind Parliamentary Affairs Department is introducing from 2015-16 a Quiz Contest Programme on Character Building of Students.

A. Tiers of the Competition :

Quiz Contest on Character Building of Students may be held in three tiers for School students and in two tiers for College students.

The Quiz Contest of the School students will start from the Block/Municipal/Borough level and for College students, the initial stage will be the District level. Students from Class IX to XII are entitled to participate in the competition for School students. There will be no such limit for College students.

B. Organizing Committee : The Organizing Committees, formed as per guidelines of the Youth Parliamentary Competition Scheme will make arrangements for holding this Quiz contest at the respective levels.

C. Language :

Bengali may be the main language of the Competition. But English, Hindi and other constitutionally recognized languages may also be the language for communication as well as answering the Quiz contest.

D. How to Participate :

The Quiz Team may consist of two students. For participation, any one or both the team members may make application to the organizing committee incorporating therein detailed information

such as name, address of the institution where they are reading and in which class they are reading etc.

E. Number of Teams from one Institution :

Normally, one selected Team from an institution represents it. But, as the institutions are not holding any internal competition for selection of the best team, more than one team from an institution may apply. However, keeping in view the number of teams applying for the Quiz Contest, local organizing committees may decide and draw limit, if required, in respect of participation. But the spirit should be involving a large number of students in the contest. As such a liberal attitude may be taken up. If necessary, elimination round of contest may be arranged.

F. Subject and Proportion of Questions :

Subject for Quiz contest on Character Building and proportion of questions among different segments of the subject for Quiz Contest may be as per Appendix-I.

It is to be noted carefully that proportion of questions may vary under particular situation. It is a tentative break-up only. The Quiz Masters may decide on the form and pattern of questions.

The competition may follow clock-wise and anti-clockwise movements alternatively. Target team will get 20 seconds for answering a question. If they fail, the question will go to the next team for bonus marks. Bonus marks may be just half of the full marks of a particular question. Time allotment for answering a bonus question may also be half for the first team, thence instant answering scope for next teams. Quiz Masters will have the liberty to make suitable changes for the smooth running of the programme.

G. Prize & Certificates :

Prizes and Certificates will be given to the successful competitors at all levels.

Printed Certificates will be supplied by the Parliamentary Affairs Departments for all levels. Befitting prizes may be arranged by the concerned organising committee.

1st & 2nd Teams may be awarded prizes in the Block/Municipality/

Borough Level Competitions. In the state/ division/ district level, prizes will be given to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd teams.

Selected 1st & 2nd teams will be allowed to participate in the next stage of the Quiz Competition.

There will also be the provision of Cash Prize in this segment as for different other components of Youth Parliament Scheme.

H. Fund :

The Department of Parliamentary Affairs will allot consolidated fund for all stages of the Competition as is done for other programmes under Youth Parliament Scheme. The details are in Para 6.

8. YOUTH PARLIAMENT EXTEMPORE SPEECH COMPETITION PROGRAMME FOR SCHOOL AND COLLEGE STUDENTS

OBJECT OF THE PROGRAMME :

Success of Parliamentary democracy largely depends on effective ventilation of needs and grievances of the people within the legislature and also outside it. Keeping this in mind, it may safely be said that the eloquence and oratory skills besides innovative and creative bent of imagination and quick presence of mind should be the qualities which need to be nurtured and nourished in young minds so as to enable them to cope with the challenges thrown up in a Parliamentary system.

Against this background, Department of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of West Bengal introduced within the West Bengal Youth Parliamentary Scheme in Educational Institutions a component of ***Extempore Speech Competition*** for the students of schools and colleges from the year 2014-2015.

IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PROGRAMME :

The scheme is implemented all over West Bengal by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs with the help of the Department of School Education and the Department of Higher Education, West Bengal. The Organization Committee for the Youth Parliament Scheme at the Block/Municipality/District/State levels will organize this component of the Scheme along with other programmes under the Scheme.

The Director of Public Instruction West Bengal and the respective District Inspectors of School(S.E.) are expected to extend their esteemed assistance and cooperation in this regard and are to be closely involved in the implementation of the programme.

SELECTION OF SCHOOLS & COLLEGES :

Institutions to be covered under the programme are to be selected on the same criteria as for Youth Parliament Competition Programme and as detailed at Page 10. To clarify, the school or the college which will be selected for youth Parliament competition this year will also be selected for Extempore Speech Competition.

TIERS OF THE COMPETITION:

Extempore Speech Competition will be held in four tiers for school students and in three tiers for college students.

The **Extempore Speech competition** for the school students will start from school level and from college level for college students. Students from IX to XII are entitled to participate in the competition for school students. There is no such limit for college students. The next tier for school students will be the Block/Municipal/Borough level (for Kolkata Municipal Corporation area). The third tier is the District level and the final stage is the State level. For students of college level the second tier will be the District level and the final stage is the State level.

LANGUAGE, DURATION OF SPEECH AND SUBJECT MATTER:

Bengali is the mother language of the majority people of the state. So, Bengali will be the main language of the competition. But English, Hindi, Urdu and Nepali may also be the language for the **Extempore Speech competition**.

Each participant will be given 5 minutes to speak extempore on a topic picked up by him or her. A large number of topics on diverse issues will be written on separate pieces of paper which will be kept carefully folded in a container. The candidate has to pick up a piece by lot and he/she will not be allowed to read the piece of paper before lifting it. The number of topics will be sufficiently more than the number of participating candidates. The candidate will be allowed two minutes prior to the speech to think over the topic. A warning bell will be rung at the end of 4.00 minutes and a final continuous bell will be rung at the end

of 5.00 minutes. After one candidate has spoken for two minutes, the next candidate will be asked to pick up his piece of paper.

Participants will be given the topics of speech from amongst issues having a linkage with the contemporary social, economic and welfare related problems of the country.

NUMBER OF TEAMS FROM ONE INSTITUTION:

The institutions will hold competition within the school/college involving the maximum number of students and will suitably reward the champions. But each institution is entitled to send only one student for the next level of competition.

PANEL OF JUDGES:

I. Unit Level (School/College):

A panel of three teachers to be nominated by the head of the concerned Institution.

II. Block/Borough (for Kolkata Municipal Corporation only)/Municipal/ Corporation Level:

A panel of three judges comprising:

1. A nominee of Municipality/Corporation / Panchayat Samiti/ Chairman of the Borough.
2. A nominee of the B.D.O./S.D.O. (in case of Municipality)/ Kolkata Municipal Corporation (for Kolkata)
3. A nominee of District Inspector of Schools (S.E.) for the concerned district.

III. District Level :

A panel of four judges comprising:

1. One MLA/MP or Ex-MLA/Ex-MP.
2. A nominee of Sabhadhipati / Siliguri Mahakuma Parishad / Mayor-in-Council/Chairman-in-Council, Corporation/ Municipality.
3. A representative of DI of Schools (Secondary Education) for school level.
4. A representative of Dy. Regional Education Officer of the concerned educational division for college level.

IV. State Level:

A panel of five judges comprising:

1. One MLA/MP or EX-MLA/ Ex-MP.
2. An officer of the Department of Parliamentary Affairs or West Bengal Legislative Assembly Secretariat.
3. An officer of the Department of Higher Education for college level.
4. An officer of the Directorate of School Education for school level.
5. One Dramatist, Actor/Actress/ Cultural Personality.

Absence of any particular member of the panel of judges on the day of the competition will not vitiate the collective decision of the judges present.

CRITERIA OF EVALUATION:

The speakers will be evaluated on a scale of 100. The breakup of which is as below-

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| 1. Content | - 30 marks |
| 2. Delivery | - 20 marks |
| 3. Appropriateness and Correctness of language | - 20 marks |
| 4. Diction | - 20 marks |
| 5. Worthwhile message | - 10 marks |

Decision of the panel of judges will be final and binding on all concerned.

PRIZE & CERTIFICATE:

Prizes and Certificates will be given to the successful competitors. Cash rewards will be provided to the 1st, 2nd, 3rd rank holders at the state level @ Rs. 6000/-, Rs. 4500/-, Rs. 3000/- respectively. For district level the 1st, 2nd, 3rd rank holders will be provided cash rewards of Rs. 2000/-, Rs. 1500/- and Rs. 1000/- respectively.

1st and 2nd and 3rd participant may be awarded befitting prizes in the Unit level and at Block/Corporation/Municipality/Borough Level Competitions. Selected 1st and 2nd participants in each level will be allowed to participate in the next stage of the competition.

Printed Certificates will be supplied by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs for Block / Corporation / Municipality / Borough/

District Levels. Prizes will be arranged by the concerned organizing committee.

FUND:

The expenditure for this purpose will be met out of the consolidated fund to be released by the Department on the scale as already mentioned in Para 6 herein before.

9. State Level Essay Competition for School & College Students

A. In 2012-13 the Department of Parliamentary Affairs introduced State Level Essay Competition for School and College Students. The object is to encourage the student community to think in innovative ways on various issues which are relevant to the democratic polity as also to the social and cultural heritage of the country. It would also inspire an original approach to analysis of different social and economic problems of the country and innovative solutions thereto. This would also bring into focus the skill of the students in respect of effective written communication and organized presentation of their unique ideas on contemporary social, cultural, economic and political issues. This would help them grow up as resourceful citizens of a country in a democratic set up, and thus the excellence of the polity of the country would be upheld. The Department does not lock the innovative ideas of the students within the files of the office but goes for proper documentation of the prize winning essays. The object is that the innovative conception and approach of the students is circulated to the widest extent and new avenues of thinking are opened up not only among the students but also among those who tend to think over various relevant contemporary issues.

B. Modalities of the Competition :

Unlike the other events of Youth Parliament Scheme in Educational Institutions the **State Level Essay Competition for School and College Students** is directly controlled from the Department. The Department issues a notification announcing the Topics of the Essay Competition and the Terms and Conditions of the Competition, and the students are asked to submit their contribution directly to the Department. The notification is published in leading newspapers in English and vernaculars besides sending copies of the

same to the Departments of School Education and Higher Education and also to the district administration for the widest possible circulation. The essays are examined by experts with the esteemed assistance from the Departments of School Education and Higher Education.

C. STATE LEVEL ESSAY COMPETITION, 2015-16 :

The State Level Essay Competition, 2015-2016 for students of the Government and Government-aided schools and colleges of this State has been organized by the Parliamentary Affairs Department, Government of West Bengal. Details of the Competition are given below.

Category of participants	Eligibility	Topic of Essay	Prizes and rewards	Medium of writing
School students	Students of classes from Class-IX to Class-XII in any Government or Government-aided school	Need for Consciousness of Values in Individual and Social Life (ব্যক্তি তথা সমাজজীবনে মূল্যবোধ সচেতনতার প্রয়োজনীয়তা)	1st Prize: Rs. 20,000/- and full volume of Rabindra Rachanabali 2nd Prize: Rs. 15,000/- and full volume of Rabindra Rachanabali 3rd Prize: Rs. 10,000/- and full volume of Rabindra Rachanabali	Bengali/English/Urdu/Nepali/Santhali/Hindi
College students	Undergraduate students in any Stream in any Government or Government-aided college	Parliamentary Democracy in Promoting Socio-economic Development: An Appraisal (আর্থ - সামাজিক উন্নয়নে সংসদীয় গণতন্ত্রঃ একটি মূল্যায়ন)	1st Prize: Rs. 20,000/- and full volume of Rabindra Rachanabali 2nd Prize: Rs. 15,000/- and full volume of Rabindra Rachanabali 3rd Prize: Rs. 10,000/- and full volume of Rabindra Rachanabali	Bengali/English/Urdu/Nepali/Santhali/Hindi

The envelope containing the essay along with the duly filled in Information Sheet as per the pro-forma below is to be superscribed with “**STATE LEVEL ESSAY COMPETITION, 2015-16**” and sent to **The Department of Parliamentary Affairs, G-Block, 1st Floor, Writers’ Building, Kolkata – 700 001** within **15.09.2015**.

D. Terms and Conditions:

(1) Word limit for the essays for participants in both categories is **1500 words**. Word limit should be strictly maintained (2) One student can participate in one language only. (3) Plagiarism will lead to cancellation of the essay. (4) Students must submit their essays in their own handwriting. (5) Credit will be given for organized and original thinking and also for quality of presentation with precision. There will be one single ranking taking into account all the essays written in different

languages. **(6)** The decision of the competent authority in the Department of Parliamentary Affairs will be final and binding in respect of all matters concerning the competition. **(7)** In case of two or more candidates securing the same score, the authority reserves the right to divide the prize money amongst the rank holders accordingly. **(8)** Consolation prizes may also be considered by the Department over and above the prizes declared above, if there are other commendable contribution besides those adjudged 1st, 2nd and 3rd. **(9)** The Deptt. reserves the right to edit and publish and circulate the competition essays in print or electronic mode. **(10)** Essays received without Information Sheet or received after the last date may be rejected. The authority is not responsible for any postal/courier delay. **(11)** An information sheet in the following proforma is to be enclosed with the essay as top sheet by stapling/stitching.

E. Information Sheet for Participation in the State Level Essay Competition, 2015-16

1	Name of the Institution	
2	Address of the Institution with Phone No.	
3	Name of the Student	
4	Father's Name	
5	Address	
6	Sex	
7	Date of Birth	
8	Class/Year(with stream) as on 1st August, 2015	
9	Contact Number of Parent/Guardian	
10	e-mail id, if any	

Declaration : I hereby declare that the information furnished by me above are true and correct and that the essay which is enclosed herewith is an original writing of mine and I will abide by the Terms and Conditions of the Competition.

Signature of the student with date

Certificate : Certified that the student named above is a bonafide student of this institution which is a Government/Government-aided school/college and the particulars furnished in row numbers 1 to 10 have been verified from relevant records and found correct.

Place:

Date : *Signature of the Head of the Institution with date and seal*

F. Last Date For Submission of Essays :

The last date for submission of essays by the students is **15.9.2015**, unless such date is extended by the Department. The Notice of extension of the last date is published in the leading newspapers in English and vernaculars. The Department requests the teachers and all concerned to keep watch over the newspapers in this regard during the fortnight close to the last date of participation as mentioned above.

10. Extension of the YPC Scheme to the Gram Panchayat Level

The Department of Parliamentary Affairs has decided that to enhance the level of awareness of the people in general and the new generation student-youth community, in particular, the Youth Parliament Competition shall be organized in a different way at the grassroots level below the Block level. At the Gram Panchayat level, in lieu of Youth Parliament Competition, there will be a Competitive Seminar. It has been decided that for organizing the Seminar Competition at the Gram Panchayat level, an organizing committee will be formed as follows :-

Gram Panchayat Level Committee

President	: Pradhan of the Gram Panchayat.
Member-Convenor	: Secretary of the Gram Panchayat.
Member	: Heads of all educational institutions under the Gram Panchayat; One Representative of Block Development Officer.

This committee shall organize a competitive seminar on Parliamentary Democracy and shall select a school as the venue for the purpose.

This committee shall function under the overall guidance of the Block level Committee and shall be monitored by the said committee.

This committee will also meet time to time and should be active to enhance the participation of the students in different programmes under Youth Parliament Scheme at the higher tiers. It may be impressed upon the participants in the seminar that West Bengal Youth Parliament Scheme in Educational Institutions is intended to strengthen the roots of Parliamentary Democracy in the country and to make it more effective in

fulfilling the needs and aspirations of the people. Against such background the community should be better sensitized to encourage the students to participate in the Youth Parliament Scheme in larger numbers in schools and colleges. The additional likely benefits for the students are development of many positive qualities in them like communication skill, oratory, innovative thinking and higher level of confidence all of which would help the students better shine in life and face the challenges of practical life. Proper realization of such expected enrichment of the students would motivate the parents and guardians to encourage their wards to participate in the Youth Parliament Scheme in a better way. Such enhanced participation will ultimately be conducive to the cause of strengthening Parliamentary Democracy in the country.

Rules of the Competition

1. Students and youths up to 40 years of age are eligible for the competition.
2. Maximum time to be allotted for a competitor is 7(seven) minutes.
3. A competitor shall have to choose any one subject out of the 4(four) topics mentioned hereunder and speak on that topic. A competitor shall get two chances for selection of his/her topic.

Judgement will be made on the basis of his/her delivery of speech, content, language etc.

Topics for the Competition

1. Parliamentary Democracy - a fall out of our Freedom Movement.
2. Role of the Opposition in successful running of Parliamentary Democracy.
3. Role and Responsibility of the Ruling Party in successful operation of Parliamentary Democracy.
4. Making of the Indian Constitution and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar.

The Department shall provide financial assistance to all Gram Panchayats at the rate of Rs. 2,500/- per Gram Panchayat for organizing this Competitive Seminar.

11. Orientation Course or Workshop :

The Department of Parliamentary Affairs organizes a workshop for School and College Teachers with the view to getting them acquainted with the rules and regulations including ideas and the motto for organizing the Competitions under Youth Parliament Scheme. There will be one-day workshop for School Level Competition. Five Teachers from each district will participate and those participants would become Master-trainers. The Master trainers would hold similar workshops in district level. One Teacher each from the Schools for the year within each Block/Municipality/Borough would join the district level workshop. These grassroots level Teachers would prepare their pupils for participation in the competitions.

The College Teachers in the state would be divided in three groups and there will be a one-day workshop for each group.

State level workshop will be organized by the Parliamentary Affairs Department while organizing the District level workshop is the responsibility of the District level Organizing Committee. Parliamentary Affairs Department will extend all sorts of help and co-operation for organizing the District Level Workshop.

In the State Level Workshop arrangements are made for catering to the needs of the Master trainers. Eminent persons including MPs and MLAs, officers of West Bengal Legislative Assembly Secretariat and other concerned officers take part in the Workshop as Resource Persons.

APPENDIX - I

YOUTH PARLIAMENT QUIZ CONTEST PROGRAMME ON CHARACTER BUILDING OF STUDENTS

Contents with weightage

Time: 30 mins.

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1. Acquaintance with India : Diversity in population
Glorious Past: Culture, literature, art, sculpture etc. Unity in diversity (6)
2. General Concept of the following : Social reformers, Raja Rammohan Roy, Vidyasagar, Dayananda Saraswati - Family as an institution - its role, objectives, advantages, Teaching of values, ethics and morality from family - National heroes: Mahatma Gandhi, Subhas Ch. Bose, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar (10)
3. Movements : Sufi movement, Bhakti Movement, Brahma Samaj, Ramakrishna and Vivekananda as teachers of tolerance. (6)
4. Constituent Assembly and framing of the Indian Constitution : Demand for establishment of Constituent Assembly----- Formation of Constituent Assembly-----objects of the Constituent Assembly-----Framing of the Indian Constitution ----- Role of Dr. Ambedkar-----evaluation of the Constituent Assembly. (10)
5. Preamble to the Constitution of India : Philosophy, Objectives----- nature and significance-----values and concept of Sovereignty, Socialism, Secularism, Democracy, Republic, Justice, Liberty, Equality, Fraternity. (8)
6. Rights and Duties of a citizen : Rights---Different kinds of Rights--- Duties-----Different kinds of Duties-----Relation between Rights and Duties-----Good Citizenship-----hindrances to good citizenship-measures to remove the hindrances to good citizenship. (8)
7. Fundamental Rights, Duties, & Directive Principles of State Policy: Fundamental Rights, different kinds of Fundamental Rights-----Fundamental Duties-----different kinds of Fundamental Duties-----rights and human rights-----

- Directive Principles-----Source-----Significance-----
implementations. (10)
8. Proceedings in Parliament and state legislature : Questionnaire, No-confidence Motion, Zero Hour, Adjournment Motion, Cut Motion, Censure Motion, Short Duration Discussion, Calling Attention Notice, Guillotine-----Law making process. (7)
 9. Election Commission : Relation between election & democracy -----composition, powers and functions of the Election Commission-----measures to ensure independence of the Commission as well as free and fair election-----constitutional provisions to safeguard the interest of the religious and linguistic minorities in india-----National and State Human Rights Commission. (7)
 10. Local Self Government : Aims and Objectives of Local Self Government-----Panchayati Raj, Municipalities and Municipal Corporation. (6)
 11. Women Empowerment: Reservation---Justification-Possibility of changing the system. (5)
 12. Universal Adult Franchise : Implementation in India-----success and failure-----measures to implement free and fair election. (6)
 13. Amendment procedure of the Constitution of India. (5)
 14. Raising of consciousness : Right to Information Act-----Consumer Protection Act. (6)

APPENDIX - II

Consolidated Statement of Cash Prizes for Different Programmes under Youth Parliament Scheme

West Bengal Youth Parliament Competition for Schools : **DISTRICT LEVEL**

1	Cash Grant to the District Level Winners (First/Second/third) of Youth Parliament Competition @ Rs.50,000/-, Rs. 35,000/- and Rs. 20,000/- respectively. (Grants will be given to the schools for purchase of Books and for organizing seminars on Parliamentary Procedures and Practices).	
2	Cash reward to the best individual performers (in the role of Speaker, Secretary, Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition and Marshal) in District Level Youth Parliament Competition (5 each of 21 districts @ Rs.1,200/- per performer)	
3	Cash reward to the other members of the YPC Teams (in the role of Best Parliamentarian/Best Lady Parliamentarian) in District Level Youth Parliament Competition (2 for each of 21 districts @ Rs.800/- per performer).	
4	Cash reward to each of the Winning Pairs (First/Second/Third) in District Level Youth Parliament Quiz Competition @ Rs.2,000/-, Rs.1,500/- & Rs.1,000/- respectively per student.	
5	Cash reward to each of the Winning Pairs (First/Second/Third) in District Level Quiz Competition on Character Building @ Rs.2,000/-, Rs.1,500/- & Rs.1,000/- respectively per student.	
6	Cash reward to the Winning Students (First/Second/Third) in District Level Extempore Speech Competition @ Rs.2,000/-, Rs.1,500/- & Rs.1,000/- respectively.	

West Bengal Youth Parliament Competition for Schools : **STATE LEVEL**

1	Cash Grant to the State Level winners (First/Second/Third) of Youth Parliament Competition @ Rs.2,00,000/-, Rs.1,50,000/- & Rs.1,00,000/- respectively (Grants will be given to the Schools for purchase of Books and for Organizing seminars on Parliamentary Procedures & Practices.)	
2	Cash reward to the best individual performers (in the role of Speaker, Secretary, Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition and Marshal) in State Level Youth Parliament competition (10 @ Rs.4000/- per performer in two Halls).	

3	Cash reward to the other members of the YPC Teams (in the role of Best Parliamentarian/Best Lady Parliamentarian) in State Level Youth Parliament Competition (4 performers in two Halls) @ Rs.3000/- each.	
4	Cash reward to each of the winning pairs (First/Second/Third) in State Level Youth Parliament Quiz Competition @ Rs. 6,000/-, Rs. 4,500/- & Rs. 3,000/- respectively per Student.	
5	Cash reward to each of the winning pairs (First/Second/Third) in State Level Quiz Competition on Character Building @ Rs. 6000/-, Rs. 4500/- & Rs.3000/- respectively per student.	
6	Cash reward to the winning Students (First/Second/ Third) in State Level Extempore Speech Competition @ Rs. 6000/-, Rs. 4500/- & Rs.3000/- respectively.	

West Bengal Youth Parliament Competition for Colleges : **DISTRICT LEVEL**

1	Cash Grant to the District Level Winners (First/Second/third) of Youth Parliament Competition @ Rs.50,000/-, Rs.35,000/- and Rs.20,000/- respectively. (Cash grant will be given to the college for purchase of Books and for organizing seminars on Parliamentary Procedures and Practices).	
2	Cash reward to the best individual performers (in the role of Speaker, Secretary, Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition and Marshal) in District Level Youth Parliament Competition (5 for each of 21 districts @ Rs.1,200/-per performer)	
3	Cash reward to the other members of the YPC Teams (in the role of Best Parliamentarian/Best Lady Parliamentarian) in District Level Youth Parliament Competition (2 for each of 21 districts @ Rs.800/- per performer).	
4	Cash reward to each of the Winning Pairs (First/Second/Third) in District Level Youth Parliament Quiz Competition @ Rs.2,000/-, Rs.1,500/- & Rs.1,000/- respectively per student.	
5	Cash reward to each of the Winning Pairs (First/Second/Third) in District Level Quiz Competition on Character Building @ Rs.2,000/-, Rs.1,500/- & 1,000/- respectively per student.	
6	Cash reward to the Winning Students (First/Second/Third) in District Level Extempore Speech Competition @ Rs.2,000/-, Rs.1,500/- & 1,000/- respectively.	

West Bengal Youth Parliament Competition for Colleges :

STATE LEVEL

1	Cash Grant to the State Level Winners (First/Second/third) of Youth Parliament Competition @ Rs.2,00,000/-, Rs.1,50,000/- and Rs.1,00,000/- respectively. (Cash grant will be given to the college for purchase of Books and for organizing seminars on Parliamentary Procedures and Practices).	
2	Cash reward to the best individual performers (in the role of Speaker, Secretary, Leader of the House, Leader of the Opposition and Marshal) in State Level Youth Parliament Competition (10 @ Rs.4,000/-per performer in two Halls).	
3	Cash reward to the other members of the YPC Teams (in the role of Best Parliamentarian/Best Lady Parliamentarian) in State Level Youth Parliament Competition (4 performers in two Halls) @ Rs.3,000/-.	
4	Cash reward to each of the Winning Pairs (First/Second/Third) in State Level Youth Parliament Quiz Competition @ Rs.6,000/-, Rs.4,500/- & Rs.3,000/- respectively per student.	
5	Cash reward to each of the Winning Pairs (First/Second/Third) in State Level Quiz Competition on Character Building @ Rs.6,000/-, Rs.4,500/- & 3,000/- respectively per student.	
6	Cash reward to the Winning Students (First/Second/Third) in State Level Extempore Speech Competition @ Rs.6,000/-, Rs.4,500/- & 3,000/- respectively.	

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