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ABOUT DELHI YOUTH PARLIAMENT

“The Youth need to be enabled to become job generators from job seekers”

- Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam

Youth play a crucial role in national development which is a constructive process of engaging all citizens in building a cohesive, prosperous and stable society. However, youth often find themselves marginalised from mainstream politics and decision making process despite making up for more than thirty percent of the population in our country, they struggle to gain the respect for their views and are seen as lacking the skills and experience to engage in political activity. Today’s youth need real opportunities to participate in political processes and offer practical and tangible solutions to become enablers of change thereby advancing a holistic form of development.

To enlighten the youth about legislative processes and boost their participation in legislative procedures, Delhi Legislative Assembly is organising the first Delhi Youth Parliament 2019 from 6th November to 8th November, 2019 at the premises of the Delhi Legislative Assembly, Old Secretariat, Delhi. It is a three-day event with participants of ages between 18 and 25, from different colleges and universities of Delhi.

The main objectives of Delhi Youth Parliament are to generate awareness among the young electorate of Delhi, apprise them of the working of the Legislature and also to seek solutions from the youth. Delhi Youth Parliament is an opportunity to demonstrate to young students, the role and purpose of the legislature as an institution for democracy and good governance. It provides a platform for young students to experience diverse aspects of a parliamentary democracy and to appreciate the nuances of legislative processes. It offers participants a valuable opportunity to develop experience and leadership skills to make a positive difference in shaping the future of their own communities.

To provide participants with practical experience of the legislative system, mock assembly sessions will be held in the House of the Delhi Legislative Assembly, where they will be enacting the role of legislators in the hypothetical state called *Indraprastha*. With the belief of “learning by doing”, the practice on the benches of a mock Assembly can be useful in deciding how to become an active citizen, either within or outside formal politics. They will gain an insight of how the Assembly conducts business, proposes bills and resolutions, debates and discusses issues relevant to the state and especially its citizens. Knowledge of procedures of the Legislative Assembly would help the young minds in developing an insight into the working of legislature and enable them to pursue and put forward the interests of their class and communities before the elected representatives for their betterment and overall development and conducive growth.