



National Youth Parliament Festival 2019: Be The Voice of New India

Find Solutions and Contribute to Policy

Guidelines for Participation

I. Background

The Honourable Prime Minister shared the idea of youth becoming the voice of India in his Mann kiBaat address of 31st December, 2017:

“I got an idea whether we could organize a mock parliament in every district of India? Where the youth between 18 and 25 could sit together and brain storm about new India, find ways and chalk our plans. How could we realize our resolves before 2022? How could we build an India of the dreams of our freedom fighters?”

He categorically spoke about giving a chance to the youth to put forth their views on various issues concerning the country.

“I propose that a mock Parliament be organized... comprising one young person selected from each district who would participate and deliberate on how a new India could be formed in the next five years. How can resolve be transformed into reality?”

He reiterated his desire to organize the District Youth Parliaments in his address at time of the inaugural of the 22nd National Youth Festival on 12th January 2018.

II. OBJECTIVES OF ORGANISING THE NATIONAL YOUTH PARLIAMENT FESTIVAL

- To hear the voice of youth between 18 and less than 25 years of age, who are allowed to vote but cannot stand as a candidate for election, through deliberations in Youth Parliaments at district level and above.
- To encourage the youth to engage with public issues, understand the common

man's point of view, form their opinions and express it in an articulate manner

- To develop and enhance decision making abilities
- To develop in them a respect and tolerance for the views of others.
- To develop in them an understanding that respect for rules is essential for conducting any discussion systematically and effectively.
- To obtain and document their opinions on Vision of New India in 2022.
- To make available their views to policy makers and implementers to take it forward.

III: CRITERIA FOR PARTICIPATION

- Youth, to participate in Youth Parliament must be above 18 and less than 25 years of age as on 30th June, 2018. The onus will be on the participant to furnish correct information in this regard. Furnishing of false information will lead to disqualification from participation in the Parliament at whatever stage.
- Proof of age (in original) is to be carried by participant and will be checked before start of Walk-in process for screening for District Youth Parliament (DYP) and start of District Youth Parliament (DYP) for which any of the following documents can be accepted: class 10 certificate; birth certificate; passport; voter ID card; driving licence; pan card; Aadhaar card. A copy of the certificate is to be provided to the organisers.
- The individual need not necessarily be a student of an educational institution to participate in the Youth Parliaments.

IV: FORMAT

- Youth Parliaments will be conducted at three levels:
 - a) District Youth Parliament (DYP) will be conducted at the district level. Preliminary rounds of screening will be conducted to select youth for participation in the DYP. The youth will be selected through two screening processes i.e. digital & walk-in (explained below).
 - b) State Youth Parliament (SYP): The youth selected by a Jury from the District Youth Parliament will participate at the State level in SYP.
 - c) National Youth Parliament (NYP): The youth selected by a Jury from the State Youth Parliament will participate at the National level in NYP.

- The themes and subjects will be provided to the participants to conduct and facilitate participation at each of the above levels.

IV: TIMELINE

- Preliminary rounds for screening for participation in the District Youth Parliament (DYP):
 - a) Digital Process: Registration of participants and uploading of contents through YouTube video on mygov portal (innovate.mygov.in/youth-parliament): 12th to 18th January, 2019.
 - b) Walkin Process: Screening at designated Institutions in the Districts: 17th to 19th January, 2019
- District Youth Parliament (DYP) to be organized in specified districts: 24th to 28th January, 2019
- State Youth Parliament (SYP): 05th to 07th February, 2019
- National Youth Parliament (NYP): 23rd to 24th February, 2019

VI: SELECTION PROCESS

A: Selection at District Level

1. Preliminary screening for participation in the District Youth Parliament (DYP): 12th to 18th January, 2019

1.1: Digital Process: 12th to 18th January, 2019

Individuals to record their speech of 90-120 seconds on any one of the given subjects and upload the videos on youtube. The participants will register at MyGov site (innovate.mygov.in/youth-parliament), provide information and then provide link of youtube video. The video will be screened by a two member Screening Committee preferably of an educationist and an eminent member of the area. Multiple Committees may be set up depending on volume of participants.

The Evaluation Criteria for digital screening to select participants for District Youth Parliament (DYP) will be as given below:

- a) Articulation
- b) Content knowledge
- c) Clarity of thought

Each of the above evaluation criteria will carry 30 points. Final evaluation will be made out of 90 points. Maximum of 50 participants in order of merit per district will be selected for participation in District Youth Parliament (DYP).

1.2: Walk-in Process: 17th to 19th January 2019

Individual candidates can also walk-in & appear for screening at designated venues (known as Nodal Institutions) from 10 am to 5 pm from 17th to 19th January 2019. Any Youth within prescribed age bracket can walk-in and register at the designated Nodal Institution. Screening of youth registering at Nodal Institution for participation in District Youth Parliament (DYP) will be done by a two member Screening Committee by hearing each of the registered youth for 2 to 3 minutes. The Screening Committee will comprise preferably of an educationist and an eminent member of the area. Multiple Committees may be set up depending on volume of participants. The details of Nodal Institutions are given at **Annexure I**, which may be seen at innovate.mygov.in/youth-parliament.

The Evaluation criteria for selecting participants through Walk-in for District Youth Parliament will be as given below:

- a) Articulation
- b) Content knowledge
- c) Clarity of thought
- d) Demeanour

Each evaluation criteria will carry 25 points. Final evaluation will be made out of 100 points. Maximum of 50 participants per district will be selected in order of merit by the Screening Committee for participation in District Youth Parliament (DYP).

2. Conduct of District Youth Parliament (DYP): 24th to 28th January 2019

The District Youth Parliament (DYP) of the youth selected by the above two processes will be conducted in specified Districts. For practical reasons two or three Districts may be clubbed to make it more participatory and qualitative. Therefore, the DYP will be held in 494 districts across the country and the details of the Districts where the DYP will be held are given at **Annexure II**, which may be seen at innovate.mygov.in/youth-parliament.

A panel of 5 best speakers will be finalised by the Jury in order of merit in case there is a dropout. The three (3) best speakers from each District Youth Parliament (DYP) will participate at the State level. A certificate of merit will be awarded to the best speakers from the DYP in the panel. Every participant will be given a certificate of participation.

The evaluation criteria to select speakers for State Youth Parliament by the Jury will be as given below:

- a) Articulation
- b) Clarity of Thought
- c) Content knowledge
- d) Demeanor

Each evaluation criteria will carry 25 points. Final evaluation will be made out of 100 points.

B: Selection at State Level

Conduct of State Youth Parliament (SYP): 05th to 7th February 2019

Winners from each DYPTo sit together in State Youth Parliament (SYP) and deliberate on various issues in the presence of a Jury. The details of the Venue where the SYP will be held are given at **Annexure III**, which may be seen at innovate.mygov.in/youth-parliament.

The evaluation criteria to select speakers from SYP for participation in the National Youth Parliament (NYP) will be as under:

- a) Articulation
- b) Clarity of Thought
- c) Content knowledge
- d) Demeanour

Each evaluation criteria to carry 25 points. Final evaluation will be made out of 100 points. The concerned Jury will prepare a panel of 4 best speakers in order of merit in case there is a dropout. The 2 best speakers from each State Youth Parliament (SYP) will participate at the national level. A certificate of merit will be awarded to the best speakers from the State in the panel. Every participant will be given a certificate of participation.

C: Selection at National Level

Conduct of National Youth Parliament (NYP)

The final stage of the National Youth Parliament (NYP) will be held at New Delhi. Two (2) winners from each State will participate as speakers in the National Youth Parliament (NYP). In addition to this, the highest scorer from each District in the District Youth Parliament (DYP) will participate in the National Youth Parliament (NYP) as a delegate. Hence, around 700 participants are likely to participate in the National Youth Parliament (NYP) representing each district of the country. If a person is selected as a speaker for National Youth Parliament and is also the highest scoring speaker from the District then the next highest scorer from that district will be deputed as delegate to National Youth Parliament. The evaluation criteria to select the winners of the National Youth Parliament (NYP) by concerned Jury will be as under:

- a) Articulation
- b) Clarity of Thought
- c) Content knowledge
- d) Demeanour

Each evaluation criteria to carry 25 points. Final evaluation will be made out of 100 points. The three best speakers at the national level will be awarded Rs 2 lakhs, Rs 1.50 lakhs and Rs 1 lakh respectively along with a certificate of merit. Every participant will be given a certificate of participation.

VII: LANGUAGE

The youth can participate in Hindi, English or the official language of the State Government concerned from which the youth is participating at level of screening for DYP; DYP & SYP.

VIII: JURY

Jury will be set up at all three levels i. e. District, State and National levels. The Youth Parliaments i.e. DYP, SYP & NYP will each be adjudged by a five (5) member Jury. Each Jury will be comprised of the following members:

- Parliamentarian/Member of Legislative Assembly/Eminent political leader
- Retired/serving officers including uniformed service officers
- Eminent artist /Social Personality
- Eminent journalist/writers

- Educationist

At District and State levels, relevant local eminent personalities will be included to form the Jury. At the National final, nationally eminent personalities will be included in the Jury.

IX: TOPICS FOR DISCUSSION

The topics for discussion at different levels will be released as per following details:

1. Topics for Digital Process for screening for DYP: 12th January 2019
2. Topics for Walk-in Process for screening for DYP: 15th January 2019
3. Topics for DYP: 22nd January 2019
4. Topics for SYP: 3rd February 2019
5. Topics for NYP: 20th February 2019

The list of topics for each of the above levels will be hosted on www.nss.gov.in; www.yas.nic.in and innovate.mygov.in/youth-parliament

X: TREATMENT OF DATA

The data documented in the process will be the property of Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports.

XI: LOGISTICS

For District Youth Parliament (DYP), the participants will not be provided any travel cost or any other logistical support. They have to bear all expenses.

For State Youth Parliament (SYP), the participants will be provided boarding & lodging facility & their travelling expenses (ordinary bus/ sleeper class train fare) will be reimbursed.

For National Youth Parliament (NYP), the participants will be provided boarding & lodging facility and the travelling expenses (ordinary bus/ sleeper class train fare) will be reimbursed.