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Dated, Panchkula 16/01/2017

Subject: Regarding programmes/events to be held during Swarn Jayanti Year- Swarn Jayanti Youth Assembly Programme.

Kindly refer to the subject cited above.

To commemorate the Swarn Jayanti year of the State, the State Govt. has decided to organise Swarn Jayanti Youth Assembly Programme across the Colleges in the State. The inaugural youth assembly would be held at Govt. College Sec.-14 Karnal on 25th Jan 2017.

Background:

With a view to strengthening the roots of democracy, inculcate healthy habits of discipline, tolerance of the views of others and to enable the student community to understand the working of our Parliamentary institutions, the State Government, Department of Higher Education is organizing Youth Parliament Competitions for the Colleges throughout the State. These competitions will be conducted in each district. Winners at district level will participate at Division level competitions. Four winners of Division levels will participate at State level.

Format of the Competitions:

The Competition would be held in two stages - the first stage at the district level where the institutions will be divided into various
groups. Winners at district level will participate at Division level competitions and finally at the State Level between the winners of the division level.

Each participating institution will prepare a single team of 5-7 students who will participate as a team representing the institution.

The District level/Division level/State level programmes will be held in following colleges:

1. **District Level**
   1. Govt. College, Sec. 1, Panchkula.
   2. S.D. College, Ambala Cantt.
   4. Arya College, Shahabad, Kurukshtara.
   5. Govt. College, Sec. 14, Karnal.
   8. G.V.M. College, Sonipat.
   13. Govt. College, Sec. 9, Gurgaon.
   15. Govt. College, Palwal.
   17. Govt. College, Bhiwani.
   18. Govt. College, Mahendergarh.
   19. Y.M.D. College, Nuh, Mewat.

2. **Divisional Level Programmes:**
   1. S.D. College Ambala Cantt.
   2. Govt. College Hisar.

3. **State Level Programme**: Govt. College, Sector-1, Panchkula.

**Duration of the Youth Parliament sitting**

The duration of the sitting of the "Youth Parliament" should not exceed 1.30 hours. Out of this, nearly 20 minutes may be devoted to Questions and the remaining time be utilized for debate on the given topics indicated in the literature on the subject.

**Topics/Issues**

The matters to be raised in the "Youth Parliament session" may relate to subject of welfare activities, defence, social reforms, economic development, communal harmony, public health, education, internal security, use of modern technology etc. Special emphasis may lay on issues relating to human rights, health and education. A list of suggested areas on which items may be presented is as follows:

1. Should Parliament have unfettered powers of legislation?
2. Reservation for women in legislative bodies and in services.
3. Women Empowerment
4. Transparency in Government
5. Need to prescribe some minimum education and experience in public service for legislators.
6. National integration with focus on growth of ethnicity.
7. Electoral Reforms with focus on corruption.
8. Are Naxals and Maoists a serious threat to national security?
9. Ways to check corruption and inefficiency in Public Sector.
10. Indiscipline among youth- who is responsible?
11. Democracy as a form of Government
12. Is science a boon or a bane?
13. Who serves the country best- a soldier, a teacher, a doctor, a scientist or a politician?
15. Youth's participation in Nation Building

In addition to above, the host institute may decide other topics which are relevant to the concept of democracy, national integration etc. No direct or indirect remarks may be made in the speeches which may cast aspersion on political parties or leaders/persons etc. and controversial topics based on actual events of recent occurrence should be avoided. It would be desirable to take up issues, based on hypothetical events for expounding upon the basic principles proposed to be debated.

Language

The participants may speak in English/Hindi.

Venue

The host institution shall ordinarily hold the "Youth Parliament Session" in its own premises with the help of available facilities. Needless expenditure should be avoided.

Seating Arrangements inside the Chamber of Youth Parliament

The working of Youth Parliament should broadly follow the pattern of the working of Lok Sabha/Vidhan Sabha. The lay-out of the Chamber of their Youth Parliament should resemble as far as possible the lay-out of the Chamber of Lok Sabha. The dias and chair of the Presiding Officer should be one the straight base of the semi-circle. The seating arrangement for members should be in the shape of a horse-shoe, as it is in the Lok Sabha. The Chamber of Lok Sabha is a semi-circular Hall with the Speaker sitting in a canopied chair, place conspicuously at the Centre of the diameter connecting the two ends of the semi-circle. There is dividing space in front of the Speaker's rostrum. On the left of the rostrum are the seats for the opposition and on the right are the seats for the Government benches. Lightly raised above the Chamber of the Youth Parliament is the gallery for the visitors, the 'Press', the 'diplomats' and the 'distinguished visitors' etc.
Prizes:

At the State Level, the following would be awarded:
Trophies (Ist, IIInd and IIIrd)
At District and Division Level, Certificates would be awarded.

Role of teachers:

Teachers of all social sciences would act as moderators and one of them would act as the Speaker. It will be the responsibility of college Principal and staff to maintain discipline among students during the programme.

The Inaugural Youth Assembly would be held at Govt. College Sec. 14 Karnal on 25th January 2017 and Concluding State Level Programme would be held at Govt. College, Sector-1, Panchkula on 14th April, 2017.

After district level competitions, four competitions at Division level and then on State level will be organized.

Please make use of it and may also bring it to the notice of all other participating colleges as well.

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