

# Parliamentary Affairs



Youth Parliament Competition & Quiz Contest for Schools & Colleges is the flagship programme of Parliamentary Affairs Department.

The ongoing Youth Parliament Competition & Quiz Contest Scheme at School & College level as well as other statewide programmes that the Deptt. of Parliamentary Affairs has been organising are a collective steady step towards creation of a transparent and healthy parliamentary culture based on ethical and moral values essential for mutual sharing of democratic ideals and understanding among our young school and college-going children. Conduct of Youth Parliament has been proved to be essential for creating awareness of a spirit of vibrant parliamentary democracy among the citizens of the state, particularly the youngsters, and the budding generation next of our state. It indeed happens to be a vital part of Human Resource Development Programme.

Youth Parliament Competition & Quiz Contest for schools & colleges-

| Year       | No.of Schools participated | No. of colleges participated |
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| 2009 -2010 | 2410                       | 401                          |
| 2010 -2011 | 2410                       | 401                          |
| 2011 -2012 | 2410                       | 412                          |

No. of Bills passed by West Bengal Legislative Assembly during the last year is 29.

1. After formation of the fifteenth Legislative Assembly a number of important bills have been passed by W.B.L.A. Some of them are mentioned below:
  - I. The Singur Land Rehabilitation & Development Bill, 2011;
  - II. The Gorkhaland Territorial Administration Bill, 2011;
  - III. The West Bengal Staff Selection Commission Bill, 2011;
  - IV. The West Bengal University Laws (Amendment) Bill, 2011;
  - V. The West Bengal Tax on Entry of Goods into Local Areas Bill, 2012.
2. Further, In order to propagate the patriotic feelings and create democratic mindset among our school and college-going youngsters, it has been decided that Essay Writing Competitions will be held from the current year in Bengali/English/Hindi/Urdu languages. For this year (2012), so far 170 essays at school level and 36 at college level have been received.