

## **I-Parliament- Session 7**

**August 8<sup>th</sup> to August 11<sup>th</sup> 2019**

I-Parliament is an initiative that brings together students from schools across India to discuss, debate, design and enact law in a simulated parliamentary session. It offers school students for the first time, the possibility of conveying their ideas to the law-makers of the land as all legislation generated during a session is looked at by a Member of the Lok Sabha.

Furthermore, I-Parliament is conceived, developed and executed by school students for school students and backed up by an expert mentor institution, which helps in planning and executing the sessions and the mission of I-Parliament.

The I-Parliament had its first session in April 2016 and has now completed seven sessions.

### **Behind the scenes:**

Preparation of I-Parliament begins before 2 months from the date of the Session

- **Inviting Schools/ Individual Participants**
  - Invitations are sent to schools with a tentative schedule.
  - Once schools confirm their participation with a list of students, the OC sends them a Confirmation Package (Attached herewith) and their allotments with specific parties and constituencies (mostly according to their preferences).
  - The Confirmation Package has the Schedule, Invitations and Background Guides.
  
- **Confirming Participation**
  - The I-Parliament team makes calls to the schools and individual participants, confirming the participation.
  - Checking payment status.
  - Clearing any other doubts that may arise.
  
- **Printing material**
  - I-Parliament team starts the printing and assembly of I-Cards.
  - Journal
  - Amendments
  - Bill
  - Newspapers
  
- **Final number of participants is given to Mr. Ajay Sharma to-**
  - Place the order for Stationary, Delegate's Handbook etc.
  - Decide the menu (along with help from team) and place order for food, snacks and water on all three days.
  - Organise for Chairs
  
- **Content Writing for Delegate Handbook and Journal**
  - The material for Delegate's Handbook (Attached herewith) is written by the Founders and selected people from the OC.
  - The material for Journal (Attached herewith) is written by the Member of Secretariat.

- **Other Arrangements**

Mr. Ajay Sharma organizes to collect Speaker's Chair from 10 Janpath, the stands for signs in the Parliament House and co-ordinates printing and putting up of the Backdrop and Standees.

Certificates are printed from In-time and books for prizes are ordered from Miland Books in Aurobindo Marg.

- **Identifying and Inviting Guests**

- This is usually done by the founding members with support from the CEO and I-Parliament team.
- As the topic for this session was "**Right to Education**", our focus was people from the
- Final list of Guests is given to Social Media team, who create and upload posters of each speaker onto Facebook and Instagram.

**Session 7 Details:**

- We had a total of 200 students participate from different parts of the country. Apart from participation from \_\_\_ schools, we also had individual delegates register and participate (List attached at the end of the document).

- **Parliament House**

- In this session, the Government was formed by the NDA.
- Apart from the scheduled Parliamentary proceedings, we also invited distinguished speakers to address the students.
- On Day 1 (8<sup>th</sup> August)

**New in Session 7:**

- Apart from Press Segment, a new addition this year was the **Judiciary Segment** known as **Iudicium** (Latin word for Judiciary). This followed the Moot Court format and delegates debates on specific topics. External Judges were invited to judge the semifinal and final rounds of the court.
- This time, a Budget Session was also added to the Lok Sabha Proceedings which took place on the second day of the event (Once the Govt. was formed)
- A separate schedule and reading (attached herewith) was made for each of these and shared with respective groups.

- **Key Events**

- **Day 1 Schedule-** First day is spent in the delegates holding separate **Parliamentary Party Meetings and Coalitions** which eventually leads to formation of the Government.
- **Day 2 and Day 3 Schedule-** Debating the topic, which here was Right to Education.
- **Day 4 Schedule-** Closing the debate and prize distribution.



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**Day 1 (8<sup>th</sup> August, 2019):**



Mr. Pawan Kumar Bansal (Politician and Former Minister of Railways) addressed 230 delegates on Parliamentary Procedure which was followed by each Political Party electing their Party Leaders and Chief Whips.



Also we had Ms. Atishi Marlena and Dr. Shiv Visvanathan talking to the delegates on 'Refreshing India's Education System'.

**Day 2 (9<sup>th</sup> August, 2019):**

On day 2 we had Mr. Rajeev Gowda (Politician and Academician), Dr. Shiv Visvanathan (Public Intellectual and Social Scientist) and Mr. Raghav Bahl (a television journalist turned media entrepreneur) talking to delegates on **Right to Education**.



Also we had Mr. Safdar Hashmi to discuss few points on **Quit India Day**.

**Day 3 (10<sup>th</sup> August, 2019):**



The delegates proposed and discussed amendments to Article 21A: Right to Education.

**Day 4 (11<sup>th</sup> August, 2019):**

The delegates continued to amend Article 21A: Right to Education and the Bill passed unanimously. The delegates were addressed by Mr. Vijay Mahajan and this was followed by the closing ceremony where delegates were awarded for their hard work and deliberation.



Apart from the parliamentary debates, we also had about 20 delegates as members of the press. These were divided into 4 groups and had their own separate debates called '**Free2Speak**' debates and had to name and publish one newspaper each.

**Topics for 'Free2Speak' debate:**

Day 1: Assam and NRC

Day 2: NCMC and Free Transport for Women

Day 3: Flood Relief India

Day 4: One Nation, One Election

They were able to publish newspapers named, '



In these four days, the students involved in Iudicium were engaged in three activities:

- 1.) Moot Court Competition
- 2.) Preparation of Case Summaries
- 3.) Legal Debate

Also, the Budget (attached herewith) was passed at the end of the I-Parliament session.

On the last day, we had the Prize distribution for which Sh. Vijay Mahajan honoured us by being the Chief Guest for the session. Mr. Mahajan is Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation and the Director of Rajiv Gandhi Institute of Contemporary Studies, Mr. Mahajan founded PRADAN, a well-known Indian non-government organization (NGO), in 1982. And he was also the founder of the BASIX Social Enterprise Group which is engaged in livelihood promotion and supported the livelihoods of over three million low income households in over 20 states in India and six developing countries.

**The list of Awards and Awardees are attached below:**

S.NO.	<b><u>(A) PRIZES ON THE THREE THEMES OF THE COMPETITION</u></b>	Delegate Name	School
1	<b>First Prize in Parliamentary Strategy and Political Negotiations</b>	Rudraaksha Sharma	ITL Public School
2	<b>First Prize in Making and Shaping Law</b>	Devika Nigam	Individual
		Lakshya Rehil	Individual
3	<b>Best Speech in Debating Proposed Legislation</b>	Avinandra Yadav	DPS RK Puram
4	<b>Best Speech in Zero Hour</b>	Anshu Singh	Individual
5	<b>Best Speech in the Question Hour</b>	Aditi Tyagi	Convent of Jesus & Mary
	<b><u>(B) PRIZES ON ROLES</u></b>		
6	<b>Best Parliamentary Party Leader Prize</b>	Rudraaksha Sharma	ITL Public School
7	<b>Best Chief Whip Prize</b>	Supraba Adhikari	Scindia School
8	<b>Best Minister Prize</b>	Siddhant Nagrath	Vasant Valley
9	<b>Best Shadow Minister Prize</b>	Uday Aman Chopra	Vasant Valley
10	<b>Best M.P. from Treasury Benches</b>	Ashwin Samant	Individual
11	<b>Best M.P. from Opposition Benches</b>	Siddhant Aggarwal	The Shri Ram Millenium School
	<b><u>(C) PRIZES ON SKILLS AND KNOWLEDGE:</u></b>		
12	<b>First Prize: Best Orator</b>	Madhav Gupta	The Shri Ram Millenium School
	<b><u>(E) OVERALL PRIZES</u></b>		
13	<b>Prize for Overall Best Delegate</b>	Rudraaksha Sharma	ITL Public School
14	<b>Prize for Best School Delegation</b>		
	<b><u>(F) PARLIAMENTARY STANDING COMMITTEE PRIZES</u></b>		
15	<b>Best Delegate from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Private Members Bill</b>	Diya Ahuja	Step by Step

16	<b>Best Orator from Parliamentary Standing Committee on Private Members Bill</b>	Sadan Khan	Individual
		Aadeep Aggarwal	Venkateshwar Global School
	<b><u>(G) PRESS PRIZES</u></b>		
17	<b>Best Newspaper- The Youth Chronicle</b>	Vaishnavi	Cambridge School, Srinivaspuri
		Ananya George	Convent of Jesus & Mary
		Manasvi Frazear James	Convent of Jesus & Mary
		Stuti Nagpal	G.D. Goenka Public School
18	<b>Best Article- An Urgent Call, Quality Education for all</b>	Aadya Shukla Tiwari	The Shri Ram Millenium School
19	<b>Best Speaker</b>	Manasvi Frazear James	Convent of Jesus & Mary
20	<b>Best Debate</b>	Ananya George	Convent of Jesus & Mary
		Kunal Grover	Individual
		Neha	St. Gregorios School
		Ashish Goel	Welham Boys School
		Stuti Nagpal	G.D. Goenka Public School
	<b>(H) JUDICIARY PRIZES</b>		
21	<b>First Prize in Moot Court</b>	Samarth Asija	Venkateshwar Global School
22	<b>Runner up in Moot Court</b>	Khushboo Bhardwaj	Sri Venkateshwar International
23	<b>Best Legal Debater</b>	Prischya Gulati	ITL Public School
24	<b>Most Outstanding Case Brief</b>	Prischya Gulati	ITL Public School
25	<b>(I) Outstanding Performance as Speaker</b>	Chahek Oberoi	Kothari International School
26	<b>Judges Appreciation</b>	Aekam	Individual

