
Guideline

AN IMPORTANT NOTE:

- The organizers reserve the right to modify the rules or guidelines at any time. Any such changes will be communicated to the participants promptly.
 - Decisions made by the judging panel will be final and binding on all teams. No appeals or queries regarding the judgment will be entertained.
 - Prize pool is subjected to the number of participants and on the discretion of the organizing committee.
 - **Cliffesto'25** reserves the right to disqualify any team at any stage for non-compliance with the rules or misconduct.
 - For any queries or clarifications, participants are encouraged to contact the **Cliffesto'25** organizing team
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Youth Parliament

Youth Parliament is not just about presenting ideas and arguments; it's about nurturing a sense of responsibility, understanding governance, and developing the skills necessary to engage in democratic processes.

1. Teams and Speakers:

Team Composition: Youth Parliament will involve 2 parties:

- **Ruling Party:** Will propose policies and defend the government
- **Opposition Party:** Will critique government policies and propose alternatives
- **Speaker:** A speaker will be the highest presiding authority over the functioning of the house, and will be pre-chosen by the organizing committee.

Speaker Order: Each party has a designated order for speaking, consisting of:

- **Prime Minister:** Ruling Party's Leader
- **Leader of Opposition:** Opposition Party's Leader
- **Members of Parliament:** participate in debates and discussions

2. Structure of the Youth Parliament:

- **Speaking Time:** Each speaker will be allocated a set time to speak, that is, 3 minutes.
- **Policy Presentation:** Each party will be given 5 minutes to present their policies or bills.
- **Debate Session:** 10 minutes for open debate among parties.
- **Question Hour:** 5 minutes for questions from the opposition and neutral parties.
- **Timekeeper:** A timekeeper will monitor the speakers' time and alert them when time is up.

3. Participation:

- **Maximum Participants:** 40 participants.
- **Members Per Party:** Participants will be equally divided among ruling and opposition parties.

4. Youth Parliament Objectives:

- Foster understanding of parliamentary procedures.
- Promote engagement in democratic processes.
- Develop skills to articulate and defend policies effectively.



5. Rounds:

The competition shall be conducted in 2 rounds:

1st Round:

- During this round, a bill will be presented in the house by a member of the organizing committee.
- Ruling party will have to support the bill and present their arguments in its favour.
- Opposition party will be responsible to present their arguments against the bill.
- Each member of parliament will be given 2 minutes to present their arguments.
- Speaker holds the right to give a maximum of 30 seconds more to few members, if their arguments are found to be especially appealing by the audience.

2nd Round (Zero hour):

- During this round, opposition party will question the ruling party over the actual policy decisions taken by the ruling party of the government of India.
- The policy to discuss on will be decided by the members of the opposition and can be changed whenever a new opposition member begins to speak.
- A maximum of 3 policies can be discussed on.
- Changing the topic frequently will result in the deduction of points of the member of opposition who chooses to do so.
- No uniform/pre-decided time frame will be provided, the speaker reserves the right to interrupt a member if he/she is found to be presenting for a long duration.
- Members are responsible to present their willingness to speak, it's not guaranteed that each member will get an opportunity to speak in this round.
- Speaker holds the right to decide who will be given the opportunity to speak.

6. Argumentation and Evidence:

- Arguments should be logical, well-structured, and supported by evidence (facts, statistics, expert opinions, etc.).
- **Refutation** is an important skill: members should address and challenge the arguments put forth by the opposing team.

7. Moral Code of Conduct:

- **Respect and Professionalism:** Speakers must show respect for their opponents and the speaker.
- **No Personal Attacks:** Personal insults or attacks on individuals are prohibited.
- **No Interrupting:** Members must not interrupt other members while they are speaking.
- **Adherence to Time:** Members must not exceed their allotted time, and should avoid speaking too briefly as well.
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8. Judging Criteria:

Judges will evaluate participants based on several criteria:

- **Content:** The quality, relevance, and persuasiveness of the arguments presented.
- **Delivery:** The clarity of speech, confidence, and style.
- **Refutation:** The ability to counter opposing arguments effectively.
- **Adherence to code of conduct:** Adherence to the moral code of conduct as is practiced in Lok Sabha and also those mentioned in this document.
- **Factual correctness:** The factuality of arguments presented.
- **Mass appeal:** The ability to attract and appeal to the audience.

9. Winners:

- **Prime Minister:** The member of ruling party with highest points received from the judges will be awarded the position of Prime Minister.
- **Leader of Opposition:** The member of the opposition party with highest points received from the judges will be awarded the position of Leader of Opposition.
- **Audience choice:** The member who is found to be the most charismatic and liked by the audience will be awarded as the Audience choice winner.

10. PRIZES

- Prime Minister- Rs 6000 only
- Leader of Opposition- Rs 6000 only
- Audience choice- Rs 3000 only
- The prize money will be awarded to winners via NEFT and will be processed within 25 working days after receiving the prize money from our sponsors.
- The winners will have to mail the following information (immediately after the announcement of results) to **cliffesto'25@nituk.ac.in** strictly in the following format:
 - Subject ▪ Competition Name, Member ID - your position
 - Body of mail: ▪ Account Holder's Name
 - ▪ Account Number
 - ▪ Bank name and Branch name.
 - ▪ IFSC Code



11. Certificate Policy:

- Certificate of Excellence will be given to all the winners.

The members who get disqualified due to disobeying any of the competition rules will not be considered for the certificate.

Important points:

- The event organizers and panel of judges hold the authority to disqualify any participant if he/she is found to be violating the moral code of conduct of the house.
- The decision of event organizers and the judging panel will be binding and final during the conduction of the event.
- The decision of the judging panel in deciding the winner will be final, binding and unobjectionable.
- Participants will be divided into ruling party and opposition party by the management team, preference will be given to initial registrants.