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The Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs organizes Youth Parliaments in various educational institutions of the country with a view to strengthen the roots of democracy, inculcate healthy habits of discipline, develop tolerance of divergent views and to familiarize the student community with the parliamentary functioning and procedures.

- 2. Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has been implementing Youth Parliament programme since 1966 in Schools under the Directorate of Education, Government of NCT of Delhi and NDMC, Kendriya Vidyalayas, Jawahar Navodaya Vidyalayas and Universities/ Colleges. So far, around 8000 educational institutions and more than 4,00,000 students have been covered under the Youth Parliament programme of the Ministry.
- 3. To increase the coverage of the programme to hitherto untouched sections and corners, the Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs has developed a web-portal on Youth Parliament. Through the web-portal, the aim is to bring all the educational institutions of the country under the ambit of the Youth Parliament Programme.
- 4. National level celebrations focussed on Constitution and Fundamental Duties are being held all over the country to commemorate the Constitution Day and as a part of the celebrations, a special function to be attended by the Members of both the Houses of Parliament is being held in Central Hall, Parliament House, New Delhi at 11.00 am on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2019. Hon'ble President in the august presence of Hon'ble Prime Minister will launch the web-portal in the function.
- 5. All recognised educational institutions of the country, who are willing to participate in the Youth Parliament Programme, have to register themselves on the web-portal. After registration, they will be able to conduct youth parliament programme in their respective institutions. Participating students will get digital "Certificate of Participation" and teachers-in-charge / head of institutions will get digital "Certificate of Appreciation" for the programme.
- 6. All necessary guidance and instructions for organizing the programme will be available on the portal itself.
- 7. This portal will give shape to Hon'ble Prime Minister's vision of organizing youth parliaments in all parts of the country.