REPORT ON THE YOUTH PARLIAMENT COMPETITION (YPC) 2026-27

Kolkata District: District-Level Event

23–24 September 2026 · Bethune College, Kolkata

The Youth Parliament Competition (YPC) 2026-27 for Kolkata District was organised by the Department of Parliamentary Affairs and the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, and hosted by Bethune College, Kolkata. The two-day event was held on 23 and 24 September 2026, and comprised the Youth Parliament Competition alongside allied competitions in Essay Writing, Quiz, and Extempore Speech, drawing participation from colleges across the district.

A total of 62 colleges from the Kolkata district took part, with approximately 850 participants in all, across the Youth Parliament Competition and the allied Essay, Quiz, and Extempore Speech competitions.

DAY 1: 23.9 2026

The Inaugural Programme, was graced by The Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal. Also present on the occasion was Smt Sampa Dhar, Special Secretary, Department of Parliamentary Affairs, Government of West Bengal. Dr Madhumita Manna, Director of Public Instruction (DPI), Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal was also present.

The inaugural session opened with the National Song and National Anthem followed by felicitation of dignitaries, the Principal's Welcome Address, and an address by the Hon’ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal. Prof Madhumita Manna also addressed the gathering on the occasion. Their presence lent institutional weight to the proceedings and was warmly received by the participating students and faculty. The session concluded with a formal Vote of Thanks delivered by Suparna Sengupta, Nodal Officer, YPC 2026-27 (Kolkata District) and Associate Professor and Head, Dept of Political Science, Bethune College.

Competitions

Following the inaugural session, the Essay Competition, the Youth Parliament Competition, the Quiz (Preliminary and Final rounds), and the Extempore Speech Competition were held simultaneously across designated venues, with a further round of competitions continuing in the post-lunch session.

DAY 2: 24.9.2026

On the second day, Dr Shankar Ghosh, Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Department of Parliamentary Affairs & Tourism, Government of West Bengal, visited the college and undertook a plantation programme on the campus. He subsequently addressed the student participants gathered in Gallery 5, and also visited the college archive. This was followed by the continuation of the Youth Parliament Competition through the morning session.

Prof Abhijit Dutta, Director of Public Instruction (DPI), Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, was present at the Valedictory Session, gave away the prizes, and addressed the audience on the occasion. The prize distribution ceremony was also attended by Dr Anirban Chattopadhyay, General Secretary-cum-Convenor, YPC 2026-27, DREO, Presidency Division and Dr Arindam Dasgupta, Joint D.P.I. (WB), SPIO, Member, YPC 2026-27 from Bikash Bhawan.

The event concluded with the Valedictory Session, comprising the National Song and National Anthem, Prize Distribution, a Cultural Programme and Vote of Thanks delivered by Dr Suchandra Chowdhury, Teachers’ Council Secretary and Assistant Professor, Department of Zoology, Bethune College.

In the **Youth Parliament Competition**, conducted over two days, Bethune College secured the First position followed by Scottish Church College in the Second position and Gokhale Memorial Girls' College in the third position.

In the individual categories of the Youth Parliament Competition, Suparna Sengupta of Bethune College was adjudged the Best Script Writer; Zaryab Noor of Vidyasagar Metropolitan College was adjudged the Best Speaker, Nasim Ali Khan of Maulana Azad College was adjudged the Best Secretary-General, Md. Nazir of Kidderpore College was adjudged the Best Marshal and Ankana Singha Roy of Bhawanipur Education Society College was adjudged the Best Leader of Opposition.

In the **Extempore** Speech Competition, Ajay Yadav of Maharaja Srishchandra College secured the 1st position, Shaily Das Adhikary of Women's Christian College secured the 2nd position, while Kajari Banerjee of Shri Shikshayatan College and Aadrita Chatterjee of Bethune College shared the joint 3rd position.

In the **Essay** Competition, Anurag Mitra of Jogesh Chandra Chaudhuri College and Mousumi Ghosh of Behala College shared the joint 1st position; Mahfujur Rahaman Molla of Ananda Mohan College secured the 2nd position; and Payel Sardar of Basanti Devi College and Bharati Hazra of Maulana Azad College shared the joint 3rd position.

In the **Quiz** Competition, City College represented by Jim Ahsan and Soham Chatterjee secured the 1st position; Bethune College, represented by Chandrima Ghosh and Prajukta Pal secured the 2nd position; and Shama Afreen and Sabra Khatoon representing Matiaburj College secured the 3rd position.

The Kolkata District round of the Youth Parliament Competition 2026-27, hosted by Bethune College, concluded successfully over the two days, with active participation from 62 colleges and approximately 850 participants, and the gracious presence of dignitaries from the Department of Parliamentary Affairs and the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal. The event reaffirmed the College's continued commitment to fostering civic awareness, debate, and parliamentary practice among students.

We place on record our sincere gratitude to the Department of Parliamentary Affairs and the Department of Higher Education, Government of West Bengal, for their valuable cooperation and support extended throughout the organisation of this event.