

# National Youth Parliament 2024: A Platform for Intellectual Debate and Legislative Simulation

On October 24 and 25, 2024, Himachal Pradesh University organized a National Level Youth Parliament on the topic of Creamy Layer and Reservation (Amendment) Bill, 2024. The event witnessed participation from 170 to 180 students representing various universities across the country. It was essentially a mock parliament where participants were assigned portfolios of current Members of Parliament through an online screening round conducted beforehand.



On Day 1, the event was inaugurated by the Honorable Speaker of the Vidhan Sabha, Mr. Kuldeep Pathania, who served as the chief guest. Each participant was given one and a half minutes to deliver a speech, during which points of information or breaches of privilege could be raised by others. These interactions were scored and factored into the final evaluation.



Day 2 included a panel discussion featuring distinguished legal scholars, which was highly interactive and provided the audience with valuable insights and learning opportunities. The day's proceedings culminated in the presentation and discussion of the bill, which was eventually passed. The Honorable Vice-Chancellor of Himachal Pradesh University graced the event as the chief guest on the second day.



From the Centre Of Excellence, Shimla, several students including Kshitij Negi & Kumkum Verma from BA 3d-year, Ayush Verma, Mohit Thakur & Piyush Sharma from BA-2nd year and Divyansh Shyam & Kunal from BA-1st year participated in the competition. Among them, Ayush Verma from the Political Science Department, was assigned the portfolio of Shashi Tharoor. He excelled throughout the event, ultimately winning the competition and being honored with the Best Parliamentarian Award.