



**KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY MEDIA AND
PARLIAMENTARY STUDY CENTRE (PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES)[K-LAMPS (P.S.)]**

**POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN
PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES
PROSPECTUS**

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PART – I

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Any democratic Parliament for its part will seek to foster a vibrant civil society and to work closely with it in finding solutions to problems the country is facing and in improving the quality and relevance of legislation. Informing citizens about the work of Parliament should not just be a concern but also a responsibility of Parliaments themselves. Indian Parliamentary Democracy being one of the largest and strongest in the world, strives to impart democratic values to its people through the functioning of Parliament and State Legislatures. The Open and Distance Learning System with its inherent flexibility and affordability has emerged as an important mode for providing education and awareness to various sections of the society. The Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST), an integral division of the Kerala Legislature Secretariat formed in 2011, was the premier institution providing opportunities for systematic study and training in various disciplines related to parliamentary institutions, processes and procedures. Sabha T.V. is the intrinsic division of the Secretariat of Kerala Legislature which aims at broadcasting live proceedings of the Kerala Legislative Assembly along with general information programmes with keen analyses of affairs related to the Legislative Assembly. Sabha T.V. which has been instrumental in telecasting the proceedings of Legislative Assembly with transparency and accountability has now started streaming its programmes online through various social media and OTT platforms. The Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training and the Sabha TV of the Kerala Legislative Assembly was conjoined in March 2021 to form Kerala Legislative Assembly Media and Parliamentary Study Centre (K-LAMPS) with two divisions viz. 'Parliamentary Studies' and 'Media' functioning under the Centre to streamline and channelise the functioning of both for executing various programmes of the Kerala Legislative Assembly in a more efficient and multifarious manner. The K-LAMPS (Parliamentary Studies) intends to start a Post Graduate Diploma Course namely Post Graduate Diploma in Parliamentary Studies in the distance education stream to propagate the idea, principle, philosophy and practice of parliamentary democracy. The Centre has embarked upon various programmes of study for imparting professionalism, expertise and orientation to those who work as part of the parliamentary system in addition to providing insight to all stakeholders of parliamentary democracy including students from schools and colleges, academicians and general public about the role played by elected representatives in law making and good governance in a parliamentary democracy.

AIMS

- To promote exchange of ideas between Legislators and experts in various fields, including social, economic, scientific, developmental and technical fields, through interactive sessions, seminars, study tours etc. leading to enhanced quality of governance and to promote the well being and quality of life of the citizens of the State.
- To provide all stakeholders in parliamentary democracy, the opportunity to understand the importance of the role each of them plays in ensuring the development of the nation.
- To enhance the quality of legislation and rule making by providing opportunities for study and research.
- To enhance public participation in law making by imparting the necessary orientation and knowledge about the practices and procedures in the Assembly.
- To give the youth and children a practical experience of the parliamentary procedures through organising Student Parliaments and Model Assemblies.
- To ensure proper understanding in implementation of rules by providing training in parliamentary procedures to Government officials of various departments.
- To ensure efficiency of the staff of the Legislature Secretariat through training programmes, discussions, seminars etc.

PART – II

POST GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN PARLIAMENTARY STUDIES



INTRODUCTION

Indian parliamentary democracy has no match in the world in terms of electoral process, civil liberties, functioning of government, political participation, as the democratic values are part and parcel of the life of the common man in India. A democratic parliament will seek to foster a vibrant civil society and to work closely with it in finding solutions to problems facing the country and in improving the quality and relevance of legislation. Informing citizens about the work of Parliament is not just a concern for the fourth estate, but a responsibility of Parliaments themselves. The Open and Distance Learning System with its inherent flexibility and affordability has emerged as an important mode for providing education and awareness to various sections of the society in the present day educational scenario. Being the forerunner in many democratic innovations in India, the Kerala Legislative Assembly successfully conducts a Post Graduate Diploma Course in Parliamentary Studies in the distance education stream to propagate the idea, principle, virtues, philosophy and practice of parliamentary democracy.

NATURE OF THE COURSE

- The Course shall be an awareness and learning programme designed for those who have no experience with parliamentary procedure and for those who are interested in learning parliamentary practice and procedure.
- It shall be a Post Graduate level certificate course on parliamentary practice and procedure.
- It shall be conducted in distance education mode and shall include contact classes along with assignments and workshops.
- The Course shall be managed, regulated, conducted and controlled by the K-LAMPS(P.S.) which was established as an integral division of the Secretariat of the Kerala Legislature.
- Decision of the Centre shall be final in all matters related to the course, including academic, administrative, financial as well as matters not expressly dealt with printed or online documents.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

- Minimum qualification for applying for the Course will be a pass in any degree or equivalent course as approved by the Universities in India.
- Maximum number of seats shall ordinarily be 300 (Three hundred) for an academic session or as decided by the Governing Body for the Course.
- Minimum number of students to commence a batch shall be 10 (Ten).
- There shall be Admission fee and Course fee for admission to the Course.
- Admission will generally be open to all eligible candidates and there will be no upper age bar for admission to the course.

DOCUMENTS / MATERIALS TO BE UPLOADED WITH DULY FILLED UP APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION

1	Certificate of degree/equivalent examination to prove qualification.
2	Address proof.
3	Community Certificate (from revenue authority concerned) for fee concession for S.C./S.T. learners.
4	Identity Card issued for students of Government Approved Colleges/Institutions for fee concession.
5	Age proof for students below the age of 35 years who wish to avail fee concession
6	One passport size photograph (150 x 200)
7	Identity Card issued to personal staff of Members of KLA/Staff of Kerala Legislature Secretariat and other Govt. employees for fee concession

REGISTRATION

A student shall be considered to have 'Registered' in the course only if he/she remits the Admission fee, Course fee and Examination fee and submits the Application for Examination on time. Such Registered candidates only shall be eligible to appear for exams in three consecutive chances. However, he / she will be required to pay exam fee every time as he / she wishes to appear for exams within this period.

DURATION OF THE COURSE

Duration of the course shall be one year.

CONTACT CLASSES

- Personal Contact Programmes (PCPs) shall ordinarily be arranged by the K-LAMPS (P.S.) to facilitate interaction between the learners and subject experts, who give due academic counselling to the learners.
- Contact class centres shall ordinarily be at Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode or as decided by the K-LAMPS (P.S.). Days (14 in total including online classes) of contact classes will be notified on the official website as well as via SMS to registered mobile numbers of learners.
- If situations arise which prevent holding of contact classes, online classes will be arranged.

MEDIUM OF INSTRUCTION

Medium of instruction shall be English and Malayalam.

STUDY MATERIALS

Study materials prepared by K-LAMPS(PS) will be printed and supplied to the learners. While these Self Learning Materials (SLMs) give the learners the required academic guidance, learners are advised to supplement with their reading by thoroughly going through the books suggested for reading.

SYLLABUS

Syllabus is shown in Annexure-1.

EXAMINATIONS

- Examinations will be conducted at the end of the course and the centres of examination shall ordinarily be at Thiruvananthapuram, Ernakulam and Kozhikode.
- Application for examination shall be made in the prescribed form along with the prescribed fees.
- Medium of examination shall be English
- Learners have to submit an assignment for each paper within the stipulated time. Learners have to appear for written examination for four papers and a combined viva voce for all four papers.

SCHEME OF EXAMINATION

Scheme of Examination is shown in Annexure - 2

CERTIFICATE

Certificate shall be issued by and under the name and seal of the K-LAMPS (Parliamentary Studies)

FEES AND FINES			
Item		Amount	Remarks
Fee for Application Form and Prospectus		200	
Fee for Admission		350	
Course Fee	1. General	4000	
	2. Learners belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes	1000	
	3. Unemployed students of Government approved Colleges/ Institutions below the age of 35 years, Personal staff of Members of the Kerala Legislative Assembly/ Staff of Kerala Legislature Secretariat including those who are in deputation, contract and daily wages	2000	
	4. MLAs & Ex-MLAs	1000	
	5. Other Govt Employees	3000	
Late fine for course fee and admission fee		50	
Examination fee		100	For each paper
Examination fee for Learners belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes		NIL	
Examination Fee - Late Fine		25	For each paper
Revaluation fee		100	For each paper

Note:-

1. The bank charges for remitting the fee should be borne by the learner himself.
2. Fees and fines are to be remitted directly or via Online transfer to the Account No 37005174195 maintained in the Vikas Bhavan Branch of SBI with IFS code SBIN0070415.
3. Course fee can be remitted in two equal instalments. First instalment should be paid at the time of admission and second instalment should be paid within four months. Fees and fines once remitted will not be refunded.

VERIFICATION OF ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS FOR FINALISATION OF ADMISSION

- A learner's enrolment shall remain purely provisional and may be cancelled subsequently on grounds of non-fulfilment of minimum eligibility criteria, dependent on the verification of his/her original documents to the satisfaction of the Centre. Learners are therefore required to produce the original documents (copies of which submitted with the application form during admission) for verification on such dates as will be notified.
- Admit Cards for appearing at the Examination will in no case be issued until all the documents in original are submitted and verified and all fees and fines are

CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION

Apart from the non-fulfilment of basic eligibility criteria, admission of a learner may be cancelled by the K-LAMPS (PS) without refund of the fees and fines deposited on any of the grounds mentioned below:

- Suppression of information or submission of false information found at any stage after admission;
- Misconduct/indiscipline; and
- Adoption of unfair means at the examination hall and any other matter found objectionable by the K-LAMPS (PS).

WEBSITE

Learners may go through the official website of the Kerala Legislative Assembly www.niyamasabha.org. The notification for admission for course, mode of application, prospectus, schedule of contact classes, examination, viva voce, result of examination etc. will be published in the website.

PART-III



K-LAMPS(PS) – Other Initiatives

- Classes on Constitution of India for High School and Higher Secondary School students in over 1000 schools in the State of Kerala.
- 'Model Legislative Assembly' by School and College students in various districts of the State as part of the, Diamond Jubilee Celebrations of Kerala Legislative Assembly.
- 'Constitution Literacy Programme' jointly organized by Kerala Legislative Assembly and Kerala State Literacy Mission Authority
- Joint initiatives with UNICEF

With the aim of contributing to the welfare of children, youth, women and the marginalized sections of the society, the Centre has been associating with the UNICEF Office for Tamil Nadu and Kerala since the launch of the CPST-UNICEF Joint Initiative on 5th August 2015. Honourable members of the House have actively participated in the seminars and discussions held on various topics including child rights, rights of women, progress towards sustainable development goals etc. UNICEF was a partner in the 'Festival on Democracy' organized by the Kerala Legislative Assembly and various other activities aimed at promoting democracy and sustainable development.

- Parliamentary Internship Programme

The Parliamentary Internship Programme (PIP) aims to provide an opportunity to students of Law Colleges and Post Graduate students in Political Science under various universities to acquaint themselves with the functioning of parliamentary democracy and democratic institutions in general, Indian parliamentary system and specifically about the legislative procedure and activities of Kerala Legislative Assembly. The Programme also aims at imparting requisite skills and knowledge to enable the interns to develop a proper perspective about the role of Legislature in the parliamentary system which, in turn, will help them while working in their judicial career. A number of students, from Law Colleges all over India regularly do their internship from the K-LAMPS (Parliamentary Studies).

- A programme 'Festival on Democracy' consisting of several National Conferences on various topics of national interest was inaugurated on 06 August 2018 by the Honourable President, Shri Ram Nath Kovind.
- National Legislators Conference on "Challenges in the Empowerment of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in Independent India" was held on August 6th and 7th, 2018. Elected representatives from all over India deliberated on various issues and brought out the "Thiruvananthapuram Declaration" on the topic.
- National Students' Parliament was held from 23rd to 25th February, 2019 with the participation of over 2000 young men and women from Universities all over India and interaction with over 50 eminent leaders from all walks of life. The youth of India voted and passed resolutions in the various sessions and pledged to work for the unity, integrity and prosperity of all citizens.
- The K-LAMPS, on 2022 May 26, 27, conducted a two-day national conference of women legislators from all over the nation under the theme 'Power of Democracy'. The conference named the 'National Women Legislators' Conference, Kerala-2022'

was inaugurated by the then Hon'ble President of India Shri Ram Nath Kovind. Through this venture Kerala Legislative Assembly tried to bring together all elected women representatives from both houses of Parliament, State Legislatures, State Councils as well as Union Territories to the Kerala Legislative Assembly, Thiruvananthapuram on May, 2022 for a two-day brainstorming session.

- K-LAMPS jointly with the UNICEF organised a third session of the state level climate forum on 16th December 2023.
- Orientation programmes for newly elected Members of the Kerala Legislative Assembly.
- Discussion and Seminars on a variety of current issues for Members of the Legislative Assembly.
- Visit by Members of Parliament of various nations to the Kerala Legislature.
- Training for Officials of Government Departments.
- Seminars and discussions for Members of Kerala Legislative Assembly and Youth in co-operation with UNICEF.
- Training Programmes for Officials of Legislature Secretariat of Kerala, as well as other State Legislatures.
- Attachment Training Programmes with Institute of Management in Government, Kerala.
- Attachment Training Programmes with PRIDE (Parliamentary Research and Training Institute for Democracies), New Delhi
- Attachment Training Programmes with the Institute of Secretariat Training and Management, New Delhi.
- Training Programmes for media personnel.
- Training Programmes for Watch and Ward personnel.
- Visit and study programmes for College Students.
- Visit and study programmes for School Students.
- Study Programmes on Constitution of India, its importance and its manifestation in the daily lives of Indian citizens.
- Essay writing, quiz and debate competitions for school and college students.
- The Centre aims to come up with a number of schemes to further contribute to the strengthening of our democracy
- Training Programmes for Journalism P.G. Diploma students.

PART - IV

Annexure – I

SYLLABUS

PAPER - I

PARLIAMENTARY DEMOCRACY

Introduction to Parliamentary Democracy, Evolution of Parliamentary Democracy in India, Indian Constitution and Parliamentary Democracy, Parliamentary Democracy in Kerala, Challenges to Parliamentary Democracy

PAPER - II

LEGISLATURE, EXECUTIVE & JUDICIARY-CONSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS

Indian Union - Parliament and Executive, States -Executive and Legislature, Indian Judicial system, Election

PAPER - III

LAWS AND RULES REGULATING PRACTICE AND PROCEDURE OF PARLIAMENT AND KERALA LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, Kerala Legislative Assembly, Business of the house, Committee System, Parliamentary Privileges

PAPER - IV

LEGISLATIVE PROCEDURE AND PROCEDURE IN FINANCIAL MATTERS

Introduction, Bills-Classification, Content & Publication, The Structure of a Bill, Drafting of Bill, Publication of Bill, Enactment of Law, Role of the Business Advisory Committee, Introduction and consideration of a Government Bill, The stages of a Private Member's Bill, Reconsideration of Bills returned by Governor/President, Subordinate Legislation, Budget, Procedure in Financial matters in Kerala Legislative Assembly