



## **Event: Bangalore City 'B' Zone Level -Model Legislative Assembly Session Competition**

**Date:** 10/03/2026

**Venue:** Banashankari Zilla Panchayat Hall, Bengaluru.

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### **Introduction:**

The Model Legislative Assembly Competition is an academic initiative aimed at providing students with practical exposure to the functioning of democratic institutions and legislative procedures of Karnataka's Legislative assembly - Vidhan Sabha. This competition simulates the proceedings of legislative assembly of Karnataka, allowing students to understand how debates ,policy discussions ,and decision making processes takes place in a legislative assembly system.

### **Objectives of the event :**

- To provide students with practical exposure to the functioning and procedures of the Karnataka Legislative Assembly through a simulated legislative environment.
- To promote awareness among students about democratic governance, legislative debates, and public policy formulation.
- To encourage active participation of youth in understanding the law-making process and parliamentary procedures.

- To develop students' skills in public speaking, logical reasoning, and policy analysis through structured discussions and debates.
- To help students understand the roles and responsibilities of elected representatives in addressing public issues.
- To enhance knowledge about legislative questioning, budget discussions, and accountability mechanisms in governance.
- To provide a platform for students to discuss contemporary social, economic, and political issues affecting society and environment.
- To strengthen leadership qualities, teamwork, and decision-making abilities among participants.
- To foster respect for democratic values, constitutional principles, and the rule of law among young citizens.
- To create awareness about the importance of responsible governance and citizen participation in a democratic system.

### **Description of the event:**

#### Preliminary Proceedings of the Session [ 10:30 –11:00 A.M] :

- Participants were assembled inside the zilla panchayat hall and were individually allowed to pick a paper using chit system determining their role as either Ruling or Opposition member.
- The determined ruling or opposition member were given a seated arrangement inside the hall room.
- The session gathering started at **10:30 AM** and was addressed by the Chief guest and few distinguished dignitaries ,who shared their valuable thoughts and encouraged the participants to understand the functioning of the legislative assembly and the importance of democratic governance.
- After the dignitaries shared their valuable speech , the session began with rendition of our Karnataka state anthem “Jaya Bharata Jananiya Tanujate” , creating a sense of pride and unity among all present there.
- The session then continued with a voting process in which both Ruling and Opposition party members voted for the session Speaker and Deputy Speaker . Then, the ruling party elected their Chief Minister and Deputy Chief Minister . Similarly ,the members of the opposition party conducted a voting process to elect their Leader of Opposition.
- After the Chief Minister was elected, the portfolio for ruling party members were assigned such as – The Home Minister , Law Minister, Education Minister, Agriculture Minister, Youth Minister, Panchayat and Rural development Minister, Health Minister, Minister for Women and Child ..e.t.c.

#### Question Hour and Zero hour [11:00 A.M – 1:45P.M ] :

- Following the preliminary proceedings of the session, the Question hour commenced at 11: 00 A.M . During this session, each members of opposition party were given opportunity to raise various issues concerning the state of Karnataka. They questioned the ruling party on several public concerns and sought explanations regarding the policies and actions of the government through the concerned ministers . The ruling party members responded to these questions by providing clarifications , justifications and possible solutions to the issues raised. The session reflected an active and engaging discussion, closely resembling the functioning of a real legislative assembly. The questions which were urgent public importance and which required a detail discussion such as Budget related queries and education scams were deferred to the

#### Zero hour discussions which started from 1:00 P.M.

- Zero hour is the period in the legislative proceeding where members raise matters of urgent public importance .Opposition Members are required to submit a predetermined question and seek permission from the Speaker before raising the issue in the House. Once permission is granted, the opposition member is allowed to present the matter and seek a response from the concerned ministers from the ruling party . Here there is no mandatory rule of giving one chance to only one member , instead ,any opposition member can question the concerned ministers regardless of number of questions until the required answer is sought and approved by the speaker . The zero hour session ended at 1: 45 P.M.
- The Bill introduction session was resumed at 2:30 P.M after lunch. Bill Introduction [2:30 P.M - 3:00 P.M] and Discussion [3:00 P.M - 4:00 P.M].
- Following the earlier proceedings, the Bill Introduction Session commenced from 2:30 P.M . The Bill title was “The Karnataka Prohibition Of Unauthorized Practice of Law (Fake Advocates) Bill,2026” . During this session, the ruling party introduced the proposed bill in detail, explaining the nature of the bill, its objectives, the issues it intended to address, and the necessity for its implementation. The introduction provided the members with a clear understanding of the purpose and significance of the proposed legislation.
- After the bill was presented, a question session relating to the bill for discussion took place from 3:00 P.M to 4:00 P.M . During this time, the opposition members raised several questions and critically examined the provisions of the bill. They expressed their concerns and objections regarding certain aspects of the drafting and implementation of the proposed legislation.
- Subsequently, the Speaker delivered a ruling and conducted the voting process to determine whether the bill should be approved. Based on the votes cast by the members, the Speaker announced the decision in favour of passing of the bill at 4:00 P.M .

### **Requested second Zero Hour session :**

- Following the voting process, from **4:00 P.M -4: 10 P.M another Zero Hour was conducted**, as several members had additional queries and wished to raise further issues concerning various problems faced in the state of Karnataka. Members requested for the permission of the Speaker to raise these matters and discuss them briefly in the House for which the Speaker approved for an additional 10 minutes as zero hour session.

### **Vote of Thanks and Competition conclusion:**

- The **vote of thanks** commenced after snacks break at **4:30 P.M .** Few dignitaries present on the stage presented the vote of thanks , mentioning the proceedings taken place and expressed their gratefulness to witness a structured model assembly competition. They shared their views on the participants engaging and cooperating in the competition with a sense of proudness towards us.
- The judges present there were judiciously analysing every participants throughout the complete assembly session-,based on their relevant questioning and answering capabilities ,their respect towards following the rules and regulations of assembly ,preserving the dignity of the assembly , presenting themselves in a proper attire ,the participating level of the law student participants and few other criteria .
- Before the event concluded, the judges announced the Top 10 participants who had qualified to participate at Karnataka State Level Model Legislative Assembly Competition and were awarded with prizes and certificates in recognition of their performance. Even the participants were awarded with certificates of participation .
- The event concluded with every member present there singing our Nation Anthem -"Jana Gana Mana" , bringing the session to a respectful and patriotic close by 5:30 P.M.

### **Conclusion:**

The Model Legislative Assembly Competition proved to be an enriching and educational experience for all the participants. It provided students with practical exposure to the functioning of a legislative assembly, including procedures such as Question Hour, Zero Hour, bill introduction, debates, and voting. Through active participation in discussions and deliberations, the students were able to develop a deeper understanding of parliamentary practices and democratic governance in Karnataka. Overall, the event served as an excellent platform for students to enhance their public speaking, critical thinking, and analytical skills. The competition not only encouraged constructive debates on important public issues but also inspired participants to actively engage with matters of governance and policy-making. The programme was successfully conducted and left the participants with valuable learning experiences and insights into the legislative process in a practicable and engaging manner.

### **Event Mentors:**

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