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Kerala Legislative Assembly

Certificate Course in Parliamentary Practice and Procedure

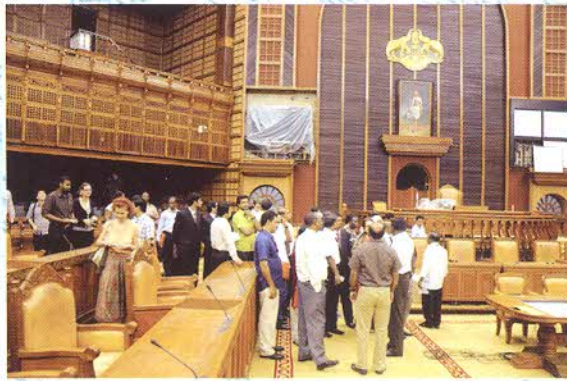
Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST)

An integral Division of the Secretariat of the Kerala Legislature

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PART – I

Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST)

Established in 2011 as an integral division of the Kerala Legislature Secretariat, the Centre for Parliamentary Studies and Training (CPST) is the premier training centre providing opportunities for systematic study and training in various disciplines of parliamentary institutions, processes and procedures to the Legislators, officials and all stakeholders of parliamentary democracy. The CPST has embarked upon various programmes of training in Parliamentary and Legislative fields, thus imparting professionalism, expertise and orientation to those who actually work for the parliamentary system.

The CPST organises various programmes to help the legislators acquire a deeper and broader understanding of complex national and global issues and to impart the much needed exposure to the environment, culture and traditions of parliamentary institutions so as to enable them to appreciate better the nature of their role and place in the overall context of parliamentary system, leading to a more informed response to their work in relation to the Legislature. The CPST aims to encourage the Members and the general public to learn the principles and practice of democratic decision-making and promote collaboration and professional development among parliamentarians.

There are various stakeholders who make a parliamentary democracy work successfully. Besides Members and Legislature staff, these stakeholders include the media, the civil service, the academic community including students, civil society and the citizens at large. In the course of its evolution, parliamentary democracy has evolved several highly specialized procedures and processes, of which legislators, policy-makers, administrators and others should have a good knowledge.

In a parliamentary democratic set up, it is only the institution of Legislature, which can impart such knowledge to all stakeholders of democracy. Thus, the onerous task of conducting relevant studies and enabling the required orientation and training of the stakeholders falls on the Legislature itself.

PART – II

Certificate Course in Parliamentary Practice and Procedure

INTRODUCTION

Indian parliamentary democracy has no match in the world and democratic values are part and parcel of the life of common man in India. Thus democracy, the life breath of one of the greatest nations of the world, has been, is and will be very significant for India. A democratic parliament for its part 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 is 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 of many democratic innovations in India, Kerala Legislative Assembly, as part of its Quasiquintennial initiatives conducts a Certificate Course in Parliamentary Practice and Procedure in the distance education stream to propagate the idea, principle, 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.
- ◆ The Course shall be a basic level certificate course on parliamentary practice and procedure.
- ◆ The Course shall be run 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 CPST which was established as an integral division of the Secretariat of the Kerala Legislature.

