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The institution is committed to address its thrust areas like accessibility, accountability, and affordability. In the view of its vision and mission, the institute thrives upon creating accountable citizen for today and tomorrow which in return shapes the collective common tendency and ensures peaceful co-habitation and aims at establishing beauty and peace in the society at large. The institute's department of Political Science, organizes a study tour every winter assembly session. This year (2023-24), the department sent two students for the CPA (Commonwealth Parliamentary Training Course). This course is useful for political science students to understand the democratic process.

The Commonwealth Parliamentary Training Course and Observation of Legislative Assembly Work Study Tour aims to provide parliamentarians and legislative practical insights into parliamentary procedures, legislative processes, and governance practices. This program fosters the professional development of political science students, focusing on strengthening democratic practices within the Commonwealth by sharing knowledge and observing legislative best practices. The course not only encourages capacity building among students but also nurtures the ideals of transparency, accountability, and effective governance.

The training course is designed to be immersive, practical, and interactive. The format typically includes lectures, case study analyses, practical workshops, and question-and-answer sessions led by experienced parliamentarians, legal experts, and policy advisors. Each session is tailored to cover specific aspects of parliamentary work, such as drafting legislation, interpreting parliamentary rules, and understanding budget approvals. Participants are encouraged to actively engage in discussions and apply the concepts learned to hypothetical and real-world scenarios. Additionally, the study tour includes a practical observation component, wherein participants attend live sessions of legislative assemblies to witness parliamentary operations first-hand. They observe debates, committee discussions, and legislative decision-making processes, gaining valuable insights into how legislative practices function on the ground. This ~~part~~ ^{aim} of the program enables participants to compare different parliamentary models, both bicameral and unicameral while observing diverse approaches to governance across Commonwealth countries.

Objectives

Enhancing Parliamentary Knowledge: By attending comprehensive sessions on legislative procedures, parliamentary decorum, and committee functioning, participants deepen their understanding of the core principles governing parliamentary democracy.

Skill Development: The training aims to equip members with critical skills, such as effective communication, public policy analysis, and leadership in legislative matters.

Exposure to Best Practices: By observing different legislative assemblies within the Commonwealth, participants gain exposure to a range of parliamentary practices, which they can adapt or refine for their own assemblies.

Strengthening Democratic Practices: The course emphasizes the importance of upholding democratic values, ensuring transparency, promoting active public engagement, and adhering to ethical standards in governance.

Networking and Collaborative Opportunities: Participants students develop professional networks with counterparts from another university, facilitating future collaboration on common legislative initiatives or cross-border projects.

Output of the Training Course

Enhanced Competency in Legislative Practices: Participants students return with a stronger grasp of parliamentary norms, legislative drafting, and committee oversight, enabling them to participate more effectively in their respective assemblies.

Improved Policy-Making Skills: Exposure to various approaches to policy-making and budget discussions aids participants in enhancing their own analytical and decision-making capabilities.

Action Plans for Implementation: Participants students often draft action plans detailing how they intend to implement best practices observed during the tour within their own parliamentary framework, creating a roadmap for strengthening their local governance structures.

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