



Charcha - FAQs



General

Q. What is Charcha?

A. Charcha is a simulated virtual Youth Parliament by Yuva Galam. The Parliament sessions will be spread over two days, with two sittings. Over these two days, selected young parliamentarians will have an opportunity to debate issues that matter, listen to esteemed politicians, get mentored by professionals.

Q. What and Who is Yuvagalam?

Yuva Galam is a youth organisation based in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh working towards free and fair participation of youth in politics and policy advocacy. Our mission is to build capacitated youth in polity, political skills and civic leadership and build responsible engagement of youth, political parties and government in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. More details here: <https://yuvagalam.com>

Q. Who are the Speakers at Charcha?

We will have panel sessions from career politicians and policy professionals. Details about speakers will be revealed soon.

Selection:

Q. Who is eligible to apply?

Youth in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana aged between 15 and 29 years are eligible to apply.

Q. On what basis does one get selected?

Selection will be based on the application you submit. Yuva Galam will give importance to ensuring the diversity of participants in order to enrich discussions and experience for the participants.

Q. Is there reservation for some categories?

33% seats in the Charcha parliament are reserved for young women.
#GenderEquality can't wait.

Q. How many candidates will be selected?

Charcha has 40 parliamentary seats.

Language

Q. What is the primary language for the proceedings?

The primary language will be Telugu and English is also allowed.

Application

Q. What is the deadline for Charcha application/ What are all the important dates to note?

The timeline are as follows:

- Call for applications - 16th July 2020
- Close of applications - 30th July 2020
- Announce shortlisted candidates - 2nd August 2020
- Pay fees and confirm participation - 5th August 2020
- Finalisation of two parties and candidates - 9th August 2020
- Elections to party leadership - 10th August 2020
- Finalization of bills for discussion - 13th August 2020
- Day -1 of Charcha - 15th August 2020
- Day -2 of Charcha - 16th August 2020

Q. I missed the deadline, is there any way I can reachout?

We know we are living in uncertain times. Please reach out to us at info.yuvagalam@gmail.com for any help.

Q. Is there a fee for applying?

No. There is no application fee. However if you get selected, you are required to pay INR 250 towards participation. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer any waiver or scholarship towards the same.

Q. Are there any incentives for the participants/ do we get a certificate for participation?

Every participant is awarded a certificate of participation.

Q. Where can I find the detailed schedule?

Detailed schedule is below:

Agenda	Date	Time
Finalisation of parties and candidates	9 August	6.30 pm - 8 pm
Elections to party leadership	10 August	6.30 pm - 7.30 pm
Finalization of bills for discussion	11 - 13 August	Yuva Galam team members will coordinate with respective teams for this
DAY - 1 (15th August 2020)		
Session - I (Introduction to e-youth parliament and guest sessions)		10 am - 1 pm
Session - II (party meetings and guest speaker sessions)		3 pm - 6 pm
DAY 2 (16th August 2020)		
Session - III (Introduction of Bill 1 - debate and passing of the bill)		10 am - 1 pm
Session - IV (Introduction of Bill 2 - debate and passing of the bill)		2 pm - 5 pm
Closing		5 pm - 6 pm

Technology:

What tech-support do I need to participate in the Charcha?

Charcha will be hosted on the video conferencing platform called [Zoom](#). Therefore, you will be required to possess a device that supports this application.