‘Bala Parliament’ as a part of Balasabha’s

Details about Balasabha, our ‘neighbourhood groups of children’ was explained in ‘Making an Impact Article’ - 20. Details about the Nadariyan Campaign which was organised as an activity of Balasabha’s was explained in ‘Making an Impact Article’ - 174. Bala Parliament is yet another activity conducted by our team as a part of Balasabha. It aims at nurturing democratic values and leadership qualities among children by ensuring their participation in the democratic process. Bala Parliament is the activity through which this objective is achieved.

Bala Parliament serve as a tool to educate the children, make them aware and understand the democratic process
and its importance. Selected students from each Balasabhas constitute Bala Panchayaths in CDS level. Selected students from each Bala Panchayths will take part in Bala Parliaments activity in district level. 10 students (5 boys and 5 girls each) will be selected from district activity (Bala parliament, district level competition) for the State Level Bala Parliament. Issues and challenges faced by the students from different backgrounds are discussed in this forum and documents are prepared.

Bala Parliaments are conducted in districts as a one day activity. In State Level it will be a 2 day activity. Bala Parliament is organised by Kudumbashree in the old Legislative Assembly Hall Every year. From among the 140 students from all districts, President, Prime Minister, 10 Ministers, Opposition leader, Speaker, Deputy Speaker, Secretary General, Secretary and Guard are selected. The remaining students would be parliamentarians and will be divided as ruling party and opposition.

Ministers are selected and discussions are done focusing on 10 topics. Through Bala Parliament, the students familiarize with the democratic process and make awareness. The topics of discussion include the rights of children, various issues faced by them, the topics related to children in regional development etc. After Bala Parliament, the Balasabha members are taken to the New Legislative Assembly Complex and Legislative Assembly Museum for visit. Let me share with you all with pride that the aim of our Bala parliament is helping the younger generation to learn more about democracy and decision making.