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Constitution of "Society And You" (SAY)

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Article I: Name of the Party

The Name of the Party shall be "Society And You" and in short it shall be called as "SAY"

Article II: Objectives of the Party

- 1. SAY aims to empower the democratic values of the common man (Citizens) of India as envisaged in the constitution for better self-rule which would further strengthen the democratic institutions.
- 2. To bring Clarity and Transparency in all project developments, government spending's. to make India a 100% Literate Nation, better health care facility and to eradicate hunger.
- 3. In India an average 25% of the People do not Vote, SAY aims to Create Awareness about The importance of casting a VOTE in elections. To ensure that the Elected Representative is made accountable and how to work for the benefits of the Society.
- 4. Follow the Preamble of our Constitution, which is **Sovereign**, **Socialist**, **Secular**, **Democratic Republic**
- 5. **Justice**, Speedy Delivery of social economic and political justice to every citizen and ensuring free Legal assistance to all needy citizens.
- 6. **Liberty** of thought, expression, belief, faith, worship and freedom to live without fear.
- 7. Equality of status and of opportunity in all spheres of life for a citizen.
- 8. **To promote Fraternity among all** and assuring the dignity of the individual and the Unity and integrity of the Nation.
- 9. **SAY** Party Shall Bear True Faith And Allegiance To The Constitution Of India As By Law Established And To The Principle Of Socialism, Secularism And Democracy, and Would Uphold The Sovereignty, Unity And Integrity Of India



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Article III: Membership of the Party

1. Membership of the Party

- a) Membership is Open to any Indian Citizens of India who is 18 years of age or above and an individual can become a party member on submitting the prescribed declaration and payment of the membership fee as prescribed from time to time.
- b) Members Should not have criminal cases or indulge in criminal activities.
- c) Members should not be affiliated to other Political parties.
- d) Should work for the common good of the people
- e) Should work for the welfare of all citizens to eradicate hunger and poverty
- f) Working Members of the Party should donate towards the welfare of the society.
- g) Empowering The Members of the Party to spend the donated money for welfare of the Society and Social Causes
- h) Party Membership can be taken at any Party Offices or can Register online via the SAY website (subject to approval of above Terms)

2. Membership Process

- a) Membership to the party individuals can become a party member on submitting the prescribed declaration and payment of the membership fee as prescribed from time to time.
- b) Active Members will be honoured and recognised for all their work.
- c) Active members are persons who work for the party to promote and conduct activities for the welfare of the people at least 3 months in a year .
- d) Membership can be taken online or at the party office by submitting the required mandatory information in the website or at the party office
- e) Units in the **Ward** will be the base, then Panchayat, Assembly, Then district Executive, State Executive and National Executive.



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- f) All members are free to participate in all general events of the party.
- g) Only Active members or members with a minimum prescribed activity for the party will be able to vote for events or stand for elections within the party.
- h) Party representatives elected or nominated will be able to participate in the party executives
- i) Deactivating an active member can be done only after a notice is served to him and a reply to this regard is received by the 3 member state committee that hears his appeal.
- j) Members can point out their differences and they should be treated as internal democracy.
- k) Membership can be deactivated if the members are not active for more than 3 years.
- I) Members will be evaluated based on their activities provided by the respective committees.

3. Suspension of Members (Disciplinary Action)

- a) Members can be Suspended if the State / District / Ward / Area unit feels it has not fulfilled the basic criteria of membership.
- b) Membership will be suspended in case a member is found working against the party constitution.



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c) Membership will be suspended in case a member is prima facie found to be guilty based on the complaint received. The complaints can be related to anti party activities or against the party constitution. An internal impartial enquiry will be conducted and a decision will be taken by the committee based on the reports submitted by the enquiry committee. Suspension can be revoked after the submission of the initial enquiry report by the appointed respective committee.

4. Deactivation / Cessation of Membership

- a) Membership can be deactivated if a member is not active for more than 3 years.
- b) In Case of Death or Joining another Political Party
- c) if a member chooses to leave the Party they can do so by submitting their resignation letter to the party office or through the online portal of the party using their online user id.
- d) Members can be deactivated if the State, District, Panchayat or ward feels it has not fulfilled the basic criteria of membership.
- e) Members can be deactivated On being convicted by a court of law for a crime involving moral turpitude

5. Merger

a. Party can choose to give membership to a group or merge a party to SAY provided that the existing Political Party has decided to work as per the constitution of SAY.



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Article IV: Organs of the Party (Organizational Structure)

Powers and Functions of each of these organs

Organization of the Party

1. Ward Level

The basic level Will be Ward Level There will be a Ward President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Office Bearers, members.

Powers

- a) The Primary Member is the most important factor.
- b) They will elect the Ward President of the party, They will also elect the other office bearers and heads for that Ward.
- c) They shall overlook the enrolment of new members.
- d) They will decide on how to spend the party funds for the welfare of the people in that area as per the classification or percentage of funds allocated for the different projects.
- e) They will select a project leader.
- f) They will discuss the issues of the area and find solutions for the same.
- g) They will receive complaints of the common people and take it up and solve the same through legal means or via the Party Infrastructure.
- h) Encourage members to connect with others and increase membership.
- i) Help the local self-government with ideas and projects for the people.
- j) Form a Team to Help Citizens to use the RTI and Legal Cells of the party to improve and develop that area.

2. Block Level

There will be Block President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Office Bearers.

- a) Block Level will be a council of Elected representatives of Each ward and they will choose a President, vice president, Secretary and Treasurer.
- b) The Block Council will form committees or teams to guide the wards under them on to promote the party activities and engage ward representatives to raise public issues in the area assigned.



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- c) Form Team to Monitor the Wards Performance, they will decide on how to spend the funds of the party for the welfare of the people in that area as per the classification or percentage of fund allocated for the different projects.
- d) They will select a project leader or Teams for the District activities and representation. They will discuss the issues of the wards in the District and find solutions for the same
- e) Help the local self-government with ideas and projects for the people.
- f) Form Team to hear the Grievances of the Ward Office Bearers and members regarding Suspension, Deactivation and complaints.

3. District Level (District HO)

District level will consist of Ward Presidents, Ward Secretary, Block Council Members, District President, District Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, Office Bearers, and other appointed representatives form wards or Block councils.

Powers

- a) Form Team to elect the other office bearers and heads for District. They shall overlook the addition of active members.
- b) Form Team to Monitor the Block Councils Performance, They will decide on how to spend the money allocated for the welfare of the people in that area as per the classification or percentage of funds allowed for the different projects. They will select a project leader or Teams for the District activities.
- c) They will discuss the issues of the wards and blocks in the District and find solutions for the same, They will receive complaints of the common people and take it up and solve the same through legal means via the Party Infrastructure.
- d) Help the local self government with ideas and projects for the people.
- e) Form Team to hear the Grievances of the Ward Office Bearers and members regarding Suspension, Deactivation and complaints.

4. State Level (State HO)

The state level will have heads of the Wards, Blocks and Districts, They will elect the State President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Office council and Office Bearers.



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Powers

- a) Form team to elect the other office bearers and heads for State.
- b) They shall overlook the addition of District members, Form Team to Monitor the District Party Performance.
- c) They will decide on how to spend the money in the party funds for the welfare of the people in that Districts, Block level, wards, etc. as per the classification or percentage of funds allowed for the different projects.
- d) They will select a project leader or Teams for the State and District activities They will discuss the issues of the wards in the District and find solutions for the same.
- e) They will receive complaints of the common people and take it up and solve the same through legal means via the Party Infrastructure.
- f) Help the local self government with ideas and projects for the people.
- g) Form Team to hear the Grievances of the Wards, Blocks, District members regarding Suspension, Deactivation and complaints.
- h) Will Recommend to the National level on the Merger of other State Parties and electoral alliance of other Political Parties.

5. National Level

The national level will consist of State heads, State Vice President, State Secretary, State Treasurers, and other appointed members like Political Analyst, journalist head, IT Head, Complaints Form Head, RTI Heads, Legal Heads, News Head, Campaign heads of State Etc.

These members will elect the National President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, Other office Bearers, Executive and Committee heads.

Powers

- a) Form team to elect the other office bearers and heads for National Executive.
- b) They shall overlook the addition of State members and Committees.
- c) Form Team to Monitor the State Party Performance.
- d) They will decide on how to spend the Party funds and how to allocate the funds for state, district, block, ward, etc. for the welfare of the people in that area as per the classification or percentage of funds allowed for the different projects.
- e) They will select a project leader or Teams for the State activities, They will discuss the issues of the States and find solutions for the same.



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- f) They will receive complaints of the common people and take it up and solve the same through legal means via the Party Infrastructure.
- g) Help the local State government with ideas and projects for the people.
- h) Form Team to hear the Grievances of the Ward Office Bearers and members regarding Suspension, Deactivation and complaints.
- i) Will Recommend to the National level on the Merger of other State Parties and electoral alliance of other Political Parties.
- j) The National Executive has the power to amend the constitution of the Party with inputs or representations of the State.
- k) The National Committee has the power to set up a woman cell to hear the grievances of women Members or other executives of the state.
- I) In Case of Emergency, The National Committee has the power to suspend, dissolve any organ, committee, team or remove any office bearer, member, team, committee of National, State, District or Ward for any Reasons or cause related to Party. The National Committee has also the power to appoint any other disciplinary or other committee to oversee the functions of the Dissolved or Suspended Body.

Article V: Office Bearers of the Party

1. Office Bearers of the Party

- a) The Basic Level will consist of
 - Ward president, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, secretary and office Bearers,
- b) The Block Level will consist of
 - Block president, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, secretary and office Bearers,
- c) District Level will consist of
 - District President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, secretary and office Bearers
- d) State Level will be
 - State President, Vice Presidents a, Treasurer, secretary and office Bearers
- e) National Level will consist of
 - President, Vice Presidents, Treasurer, secretary and office Bearers



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2. <u>Term of Elected Representative</u>

The Term for each Elected Representative will be 3 Years. Election Nomination for each post will be done six months prior to the finishing of tenure of the existing terms of representative and representative post. Election to be done before 60 Days of the Tenure expiry of the represented post. Newly elected members shall assist the existing representative for a period of 30 working Days till he takes Oath of Office.

The newly elected Person however will not interfere with Day to day activities of the existing elected representatives till their term is over.

3. <u>Extension of Elected Representative</u>

There shall be no extension for elected Representatives, the Election has to be done mandatorily, and where election is not done the higher Authority of that location shall appoint a Representative to the existing post. The existing representative cannot be reappointed to the same position. The election has to be conducted within a period of 3 months. The Extension of the Representatives can be done only if there is a natural calamity or as per orders of the National committee.

Article VI Rules of Dispute Resolution & Discipline

1. Rules of Dispute Resolution & Discipline

- a) A member should be secular minded and should set and exemplary for other citizens.
- b) He shall not break the law or be part of any activities that violates the law of the land.
- c) Difference of opinions within the members should to be discussed and debated in a healthy manner.
- d) Members shall not work or associate with any another political group.
- e) Members can discuss on any subjects and express their opinion, thus upholding secularism within the organization.
- f) Religion can be discussed but this cannot in any way be linked or influenced to any political decisions of the party.
- g) Data or files cannot be taken out of the office for third party activities.



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- h) Members should spend enough time with family and should not find excuses to deliberately avoid them.
- i) A member can make a complaint against any member through his login or via a letter, the matter has to be investigated and rectified in a proper manner, If the matter cannot be solved within the jurisdiction then it has to be sent to the district or higher level for a solution.
- j) A member can appeal the decision of the local committee to higher levels or the national Committee if the member feels his issue was not addressed in a proper manner.

Article VII Basic Rules of Conduct of Business

1. Meetings

- a) Meetings for the party should be held weekly or monthly as per the decision of the members in the jurisdiction.
- b) Districts and higher levels should have meetings at least once in a quarter.
- c) The minutes of the meetings conducted in each office to be Kept in a separate minutes book for the members to check or refer, it should also have a system to upload to the website m so that other members in the jurisdiction can see the same.

2. <u>Decisions</u>

- a. Decisions on the vision and to help in projects should have clarity and be updated in the system.
- b. Vision of the party to be emphasised and funds to be spend as on the VISION

3. <u>Penalties</u>

a) The respective jurisdiction can assign penalties for its members in case warnings were not respected, for incompletion of work, etc. Points can be deducted in a fair manner.

4. <u>Quorum</u>

- a) All meetings can be attended with a minimum of 1/3 members or if the members are online with video conferencing etc.
- b) The meetings has to be informed via phone, sms, whatsapp, email, Notice etc. to all members



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Article VIII Party Funds & Accounts

Party Funds & Accounts

1. Funds

- a) funds will be collected from party members, all funds collected and paid should have a mobile number and SMS receipt should be there.
- b) Third party fund collections can be done for project oriented.

2. Bank Accounts

- a) Party shall open number of bank accounts for Wards, districts, State and National Level
- b) There shall be Two authorized signatory for each Bank account namely, The available balance will be shown in the office and in the website at any time.
- c) The account may be operated by any two of the three
- d) authorized signatories.
- e) However, one of them must be an Accounts Officer.
- f) All Payments and Receipts shall be done via the bank accounts of the
- g) election expenses also to be under the preview of each

3. <u>Auditing</u>

- a) All accounts has to be audited within the party and by an external auditor.
- b) all details of income and expenses of ward, district, State and national should be available in a public domain.

Article IX Party Constitution's Amendment Procedure

Party constitution can be amended at national level, required inputs should be from the Wards, Districts, State for such amendment. voting pattern or suggestions will via app, ballot paper, online platform or general body. The majority decision will be passed discussed and passed by the national executive.



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Article X Merger, Split and Dissolution Procedure

1. Mergers

Party can choose to give membership to a group or merge a party to SAY, provided the Party follows the SAY Constitution. Any Litigations or Liabilities of the Party prior to the merger will not be covered by SAY

2. Split

if members want to leave the organization, they can do so by Logging in their web user account and deactivating the account or by letter to their authorised office, however they are not authorised to use the name of the party or symbol of the Party for other organizations or Party

3. Dissolution:

if the Party is unable to stand an election it can be dissolved in 5 years.

Article XI Mandatory Provision under section 29A (5) of RP Act, 1951

1. "Society And You "(SAY) shall bear true faith and allegiance to the constitution of India as by law established and to the principles of socialism and democracy and would uphold the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India"