THE CONSTITUTION

OF

AWAZ

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1. ***Name***

This organization shall be called as "AWAZ".

2. ***"AWAZ"- Aims & Objectives***

"AWAZ" is a Delhi University based students' initiative trying to ensure just, transparent and accountable administration in the university.

"AWAZ"

- Is not an NGO.
- Is a student's movement for reinforcement of democratic values.
- Stands and strives for strengthening of practices and systems which encourage participatory democracy including transparency and accountability.
- Does not accept any project based funds from any donor organizations.
- Runs on time, money and ideas contributed by the students.
- Meets its financial liabilities through contributions made primarily by students.

3. ***Membership***

There shall be three levels of membership. They are: -

i. Executive Member.

ii. Primary/Basic Member.

iii. Associate Member.

i. *Executive member*

a. First executive members shall be the founder members of AWAZ.
b. The executive members shall appoint another set of executive members by majority decision at the end of every academic year i.e., each new executive member shall be appointed by the majority vote of the existing Executive members.
c. Only the outgoing executive members shall have right to vote.
d. Any person who aspires to participate in any election process shall not be eligible for executive membership.
e. The eligibility for executive membership is being a Basic member for a period of 6 months (1 semester).

ii. *Basic member*

a. Any one who shows allegiance to the aims and objectives of AWAZ and is also ready to commit and endeavour for the achievement of those aims and objectives shall be competent to become a Basic member.

iii. *Associate member*

a. Whosoever is supporting the cause in any way whatsoever shall be eligible.

4. ***Structure***

a. There shall be one convener and one co-convener among executive members.
b. There shall be one treasurer who shall be in charge of funds of AWAZ.
c. Convener and co-convener shall be elected by the executive members through majority voting.
d. Treasurer shall be elected through majority voting by executive as well as Basic members.

Explanation:-

- Convener should be a student of final year.
- There can be a joint co-convenership by two executive members if the Executive members by simple majority deem fit.

5. ***Meetings***

a. At least two meetings shall be conducted per semester. Nothing in the above article should stop the competent person/persons to call any emergency or informal meeting.
b. Any meeting convened shall proceed with the agenda only if at least half of the executive members are present.
c. Notwithstanding whether these entire executives are present or not any decision or decisions in the meeting shall be taken in accordance with the majority opinion of the executives.
d. Any decision taken in any such meeting shall be required to be formally accepted by the majority of the Basic members in a meeting of Basic members convened separately.
e. It shall be mandatory for the convener to conduct an issue based contingency meeting if three or more executive members so desire.
f. It shall be the duty of the convener or co-convener to ensure proper notification of any meetings of AWAZ, at least two days before the meeting.

6. ***Powers and Duties***

1. Convener:
    a. He/She shall be the chief spokesperson of 'AWAZ'.
    b. He/She or in his absence the co-convener shall be responsible for maintaining the decorum of meetings conducted by AWAZ members.
    c. He/She shall be the in charge of displaying the decisions taken in the meeting on notice board so that the members shall know about the proceedings of AWAZ. All the notices shall be signed by the convener.
    d. Convener or on his/her behalf any executive member alone shall have the power to display any notice or any printed material in the name of AWAZ. Any such notice should bear the signature of the convener or the co-convener, with the approval of convener.
    e. He/She shall coordinate with other members and bring out the AWAZ magazine every year.

f. Convener shall have the right to invite anyone interested in the meeting of AWAZ.

2. Treasurer:
    a. It shall be the duty of the treasurer to maintain detailed accounts of the expenditure incurred by AWAZ and to disclose the status of funds every three months to ensure transparency.

3. Members:
    a. All members shall be guided by the aims and objectives of the organization.
    b. No executive or primary/basic members shall participate in any political activity within his/her educational institution.
    c. In case of such participation he/she shall lose his/her executive or primary membership, and shall cease to be a member of AWAZ and AWAZ will not be responsible for any of his/her claim or act.
    d. The members may observe the surroundings and raise the relevant issues in the meetings and should also come up with the solutions. If the solution is accepted as it is or with some alteration, the member who made the proposal should be ready to lead the implementation process.
    e. It shall be the moral duty of each member whether executive/basic/associate to create awareness about Right to Information.
    f. All the members shall undertake such RTI projects allotted to them and approach actively to the projects.
    g. The executive members shall have the power to amend the AWAZ constitution with the 2/3rd majority vote.
    h. All members shall coordinate and help the executive members in bringing out the AWAZ annual magazine.

7. ***Miscellaneous***

a. Every executive, basic and associate member shall contribute Rs. 250, 50 and 10 respectively towards the AWAZ fund.
b. There shall be six executive and ten basic members and their names shall be published in the AWAZ magazine every year.
   Basic members can exceed ten to accommodate the interested first year students at the beginning of each academic year.
c. Any member can be impeached by 2/3rd majority of total executive members on ground of breach of duty or incapacity.
   It shall be the duty of the convener and responsibility of the other executive members to disqualify any member who takes part in any election process.
d. All executive and basic members should read and imbibe the constitution of AWAZ, shall know the duties they are bound by and should constantly endeavour to meet those obligations.
e. Definitions
   i. The expression "*participation*" in any election process/political activity, for all purposes, means participation as a candidate for any post and not any other involvement.
   ii. The expression "*incapacity*" means consistent failure to be present at meetings without any reasonable explanation or incompetency to handle the assigned projects.