

CONSTITUTION

OF

THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS THE PEOPLE YEARN FOR THE RETURN OF THE EARLY YEARS OF FORMATION OF MEGHALAYA WHEN THERE WAS A SENSE OF PURPOSE. DIRECTION AND HOPE.

HEREBY, IN THE YEAR ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED AND NINETY SEVEN DECLARE AND PLEDGE UPON THEMSELVES THAT THEY SHALL RESTORE THE PRESTIGE GLORY OF THE STATE WHEN BY AN ACT OF WISDOM AND FORESIGHT THE THREE REGIONAL PARTIES. NAMELY, THE HILL PEOPLE UNION. THE HILL STATE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY AND THE PUBLIC DEMAND IMPLEMENTATION CONVENTION RESOLVED TO AMALGAMATE INTO A UNIFIED PARTY TO BE KNOWN AS THE UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY TO FULFILL THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE PEOPLE FOR A CLEAN AND EFFECTIVE GOVERNMENT.

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Art. 1. Name of the party :

The name of the party shall be the United Democratic Party.

Art. 2. Headquarters :

The headquarters of the party shall be at Shillong.

Art. 3. Aims and Objects :

- (1) To secure the rights, justice, liberties and progress of the tribal people and for their all round development according to their own genius.
- (2) To build up the State for the development and benefit of the people and justice to all as guaranteed by the Constitution of India.
- (3) To strive for speedy attainment of Universal Education and rigorous advanced learning in modern technologies and skills of the tribal people, in particular, and of the State, in general.
- (4) To safeguard and preserve the identity of the tribal people and in particular to protect their interest, especially in respect of their

inalienable rights to land, forest, minerals and such other resources germane to their economic development.

- (5) To endeavour to protect and improve the environment and to safeguard the forests, lakes, rivers and wildlife.
- (6) To ensure the territorial integrity of Meghalaya and restore to the State the rightful areas and those contiguous areas predominantly inhabited by the tribal people ethnically related to those of Meghalaya.
- (7) To promote character, probity, transparency, accountability, discipline and fairness in the conduct of public affairs.

Article 4. Interpretation.

- (a) **“Active member”** means a member of the party who fulfills the criteria for such membership and declared accordingly.
- (b) **“Additional Secretary”** means the Additional Secretary of the Central Executive Committee.
- (c) **“Auditor(s)”** means the auditors authorized to make inspection of all the account books of the party and to report thereon.
- (d) **“Autonomous District Council”** (CEC) means the Central Executive Committee of the Party.
- (e) **“Books of Account”** means the account book(s) of the United Democratic Party maintained at different levels.
- (f) **“Central Executive Committee”** (CEC) means the Central Executive Committee of the Party.
- (g) **“District Executive Committee”** means the Executive Committee responsible for carrying out functions at the District level.
- (h) **“District Parliamentary Boards”** means the DPB for three District Councils of the Garo Hills. Khasi Hills and Jaintia Hills.
- (i) **“District Parliamentary Party”** means the Parliamentary Party of the respective District councils.
- (j) **“Fund”** means the general fund, the district fund and the election fund to be constituted separately.

- (k) **“General Council”** means the General Council of the Party which shall be supreme.
- (l) **“General Secretary”** means the General Secretary of the Central Executive Committee or of such other organs of the party.
- (m) **“Joint Secretary”** means the Joint Secretary of the District Executive Committee or of such other organs of the party.
- (n) **“Parliament”** means the Parliament of India.
- (o) **“Party”** means the United Democratic Party.
- (p) **“Primary Member”** means such members of the Party fulfilling the criteria and recognized as such.
- (q) **“President”** means the President of the Party. All other Presidents of the different organs of the Party will have a pre-fix to their designation by the name of the organ of which they head.
- (r) **“Secretary”** means the Secretary of the District Executive Committees.
- (s) **“State Legislature”** means the legislature of the State of Meghalaya.
- (t) **“State Legislature Parliamentary Party”** means the Parliamentary Party of the Party in the State Legislature.
- (u) **“State Parliamentary Board”** means the Parliamentary Board constituted by the Party from time to time.
- (v) **“Treasurer(s)”** means the custodian of the Party Funds at various levels.
- (w) **“Vice-President”** means the Vice-President of the Party. All other Vice-President of the different organs of the Party will have pre-fix to their designation by the name of the organ of which they head.
- (x) **“Year”** means the period of twelve Calendar months beginning from the First day of April and Ending on the 31st day of March following.

Art. 5 Membership :

1. Any person of the age of maturity who subscribes to the Principles of the Party shall on making a Declaration in the form prescribed in **Appendix – I** of this Constitution and pays the prescribed fees could become a member of the Party provided that he is not a member of any other Political Party, or is for any other reasons found to be unfit.
2. All applications for membership shall be made to the Secretary of the Party at the district to which the applicant belongs and acceptance or rejection of such an application shall be decided by the District Executive Committee concerned.
3. The members shall be according to the following categories:-
 - (i) Active Members.
 - (ii) Primary Members.
4. (i) Any Primary Member who has been such a member for a period of two years continuously will be eligible for being considered as an active member on such member fulfilling the conditions stipulated.
 - (ii) Any person who has been accepted to be admitted to the party shall on payment of the prescribed fee be classed as a Primary Member.
 - (iii) The annual subscription fees for Primary and Active members shall be prescribed from time to time.
 - (iv) The District Executive Committee in its discretion may admit any person directly as an active member on payment of the prescribed fees.

Provided in the case of any prominent political person, the concurrence of the Central Executive Committee is required before any such person is admitted directly as an active member.

- (v) Primary Members of the Party shall not be eligible to be elected as office bearers of the Party but they can become member of any Committee.

- (vi) The register shall contain the full name, father's name, address, age, profession and date of enrolment and in the case of qualifying member the date of their being qualified as such member shall also be made.

Art. 6 Co-option :

The various Committees of the Party constituted as provided for in this Constitution may, whenever necessary co-opt any other member to be a member of that particular committee.

Art. 7 Organs of the Party :

The organs of the Party are :

- (a) General Council
- (b) General Executive Committee
- (c) District General Council.
- (d) District Executive Committee.
- (e) Circle Unit.
- (f) Primary Unit.

Art. 8 General Council :

- 1 There shall be a General Council which shall be the Supreme Body of the Party constituted as follows :
 - (i) All office bearers and members of the Central Executive Committees
 - (ii) All office bearers of the District Committees.
 - (iii) Not more than 50 (fifty) representatives to be nominated by each District Committee.
 - (iv) The General Council shall be held once a year.
 - (v) The General Secretary shall cause notices to be served convening the General Council as decided by the CEC.

Provided where the General Council is not convened within the stipulated period, not less than 20 (twenty) members of the Central

Executive Committee may requisition the meeting of the General Council.

2. Special Session.

- (i) The Special Session of the General Council may be held at any time as decided by the Central Executive Committee.

Provided that such a Special Session shall be convened where not less than twenty of the members of the Central Executive Committee requisitioned such a Special Session.

3. Emergent Session.

The President may summon an emergent session of the General Council, if in his opinion there exists a situation which requires an immediate decision of the General Council.

4. Quorum :

One fourth of the total number of members of the General Council shall form a quorum in any session of the Council.

Provided that the Quorum required for amendment of the Constitution shall be in accordance with the provision of Art. 39.

Provided where the Quorum falls short of the prescribed numbers, the President or the Chair person may adjourn the meeting and reconvene for conducting the business of the day.

5. Interim Provision.

Where a situation exist in which the General Council was not held as hitherto provided, the existing Central Executive Committee will continue to function until such time when the General Council is held.

Art. 9 Powers and Functions of the General Council:

The General Council is the Supreme Authority of the Party to :

- (i) Decide the Policies of the Party.

- (ii) Review on all matters connected with elections to the Parliament, the Legislature and the District Council.
- (iii) Elect the President and other office bearers of the Party.
- (iv) Amend the Constitution of the Party.

Provided that notice of the proposed amendment shall be submitted to the General Secretary who shall circulate the same to the members at least ten days before the session.

- (v) Pass the Central Budget of the Party.
- (vi) Confirm, reject or modify any act or acts done by any committee or any other body of the Party.
- (vii) Receive the Annual Report through the General Secretary on the functions, policies and achievements of the Party.
- (viii) Delegate any of its powers to the Central Executive Committee.

Provided that such delegation of power shall be specified and the Central Executive Committee may act on such power delegate to it to the extent so specified.

- (ix) Decide on any other matters not specified under this Constitution.

Art. 10 Central Executive Committee.

1. There shall be a Central Executive Committee consisting of :-

- (i) President.
- (ii) Vice Presidents (4)
- (iii) General Secretary.
- (iv) Additional Secretaries (3)
- (v) Treasurer.
- (vi) Auditors.
- (vii) All M. Ps. M.L. As and M.D.Cs of the Party.
- (viii) Youth Wing President.
- (ix) Chief Youth Organiser.

- (x) Women's Wing President.
- (xi) Secretary Women's Wing.
- (xii) District Executive Committee President.
- (xiii) Secretaries of the District Executive Committee.
- (xiv) Five representatives from each district to be nominated by the District Executive Committees including the Youth Wing and the Women's Wing.

Art. 11 Powers and Functions of the Central Executive Committee.

The Central Executive Committee is the highest Executive Body subordinate to the General Council and shall be solely responsible to it for its functions and actions.

- (i) It shall carry out and implement all the resolutions, orders, directives and decisions of the General Council.
- (ii) It may delegate any specific function to any Committee formed by it or to the District Executive Committee.
- (iii) Prepare the Central Budget.
- (iv) Consider and adopt the audited accounts.
- (v) Prepare the Annual Report on the function of the Party.
- (vi) It shall supervise any of the works done by any Sub-Committee constituted by the CEC and in case of failure of such Sub-Committee, with the approval of the President, suspend that Sub-Committee and assume its functions to itself.
- (vii) Issue instructions to and call for reports from the districts.
- (viii) Take disciplinary action against any member and hear appeal filed by any aggrieved member except the elected representatives.
- (ix) For propagating its aims, objectives and programmes may establish and publish newspaper or issue leaflets, pamphlets, appeals, memoranda and other media and may delegate or empower any organ under it for this purpose.

- (x) Deal with any other matter as provided for in this Constitution and all other matters not falling within the purview of the district.
- (xi) It shall have the powers to make rules not inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution for the smooth functioning of the Party and may in particular provide for the following matters:
 1. The conduct of business and the procedure to be followed at the meeting of the Central Executive Committee.
 2. The Finance and Accounts to be maintained.
 3. Books of Accounts to be maintained.
 4. Prescribing fees and the manner of collection to be paid by the members including elected representatives.
 5. Prescribing the Registers and Roll of members.
 6. Party fund.

2. **Meeting and quorum.**

One Fifth of the total number of members of the Central Executive Committee shall form a quorum.

Provided, where the quorum falls short of the prescribed numbers, the President or the person presiding over the meeting may adjourn the meeting and reconvene for conducting the business of the day.

Art. 12 District General Council.

1. There shall be the District General Council for each District and shall consist of :
 - a) District President.
 - b) District Vice Presidents (2)
 - c) Secretary.
 - d) Joint Secretaries (2)
 - e) Treasurer.
 - f) Circle Units President.
 - g) Secretaries of Circle Units.

- h) M.Ps. M.L. As and M. D. Cs of the constituencies falling within that District.
- i) Youth Wing President.
- j) Women's Wing President.
- k) Organiser Youth Wing.
- l) Secretary Women's Wing.

2. The District General Council shall meet at least twice a year.

Provided that the District General Council may be summoned to meet at any time on a joint requisition of not less than twenty members of the District General Council by giving at least fifteen days notice.

Provided further the President of the District General Council may summon an Emergent Session if in his opinion there exist a situation which requires the immediate decision of the Council by giving seven days notice.

3. The Secretary shall cause notices to be served convening the meetings of the District General Council.

Art. 13. Powers and Functions of the District General Council.

The District General Council shall be the highest authority at the District level to:

- (i) Elect the District President and the District Vice Presidents (2).
- (ii) Elect the Secretary and all other office bearers.
- (iii) Pass the Budget.
- (iv) Confirm or otherwise any act done by any Committee, Sub-Committee or any other body subordinate to it.
- (v) Call for reports from any Committee or any other body subordinate to it.
- (vi) Take disciplinary action against any member from the Party except office bearers of the District and Members of the CEC whose cases shall be referred to CEC.

- (vii) Submit an Annual Report on the functions of the Party at the District level to the Central Executive Committee.
- (viii) Issues directives and instructions to the Committee or any other body subordinate to it.
- (ix) Formulate the policies of the Party at the District level in consonance with the policies enunciated by the Party.
- (x) Deal with any other matter that may be specified by the Central Executive Committee.

Art. 14 District Executive Committees.

1. There shall be a District Executive Committee for each District.
2. The District Executive Committee shall consist of :
 - (a) District President.
 - (b) District vice Presidents(2)
 - (c) Secretary.
 - (d) Joint Secretaries (2)
 - (e) Treasurer.
 - (f) Auditors.
 - (g) Circle Unit Presidents.
 - (h) Circle Unit Secretaries.
 - (i) District Youth Wing President.
 - (j) District Youth Wing Secretary.
 - (k) Ten (10) other members to be nominated by the District Committee.
 - (l) All M. Ps. M. L. As and M. D. Cs of the Constituencies falling within the District.
3. The District Executive Committee shall meet at least once in three months.
4. All meetings of the District Executive Committee shall be convened by the Secretary on the Directions of the District President.

Art. 15 Powers and Functions of the District Executive Committee.

The District Executive Committee is a body subordinate to the District General Council and the Central Executive Committee and shall be responsible to them for its functions and actions:

- (i) It shall carry out all the Orders, directives and instructions of the District General Council and the Central Executive Committee.
- (ii) Prepare a bi-annual report on the functions of the Party at the District level and submit the same to the District General Council and the Central Executive Committee.
- (iii) Prepare the District Budget.
- (iv) Supervise the working and functions of all the Committees or any other body subordinate to it.
- (v) Formulate and chalk out programmes for the achievement of the Party's aims and objectives at the District level.
- (vi) Shall deal with all financial matters of the district.
- (vii) Shall act as a conciliatory body in any dispute between party members.
- (viii) Supervise and control the working and function of the Circle Units and Primary Units and may constitute or abolish units and carry out any other act for the smooth running of such Units.
- (ix) To co-ordinate the working and functions between the different wings.
- (x) To supervise the working and functions of and to call for reports from various Committees appointed by itself or by the District Committee.

Provided that if any such Committee is not functioning as required, the District Executive Committee shall take over the functions of such Committees.

- (xi) Any other function that may be entrusted to it by a superior authority.

2. **Quorum.**

One fifth of the total numbers shall form the quorum.
Provided where the quorum falls short of the prescribed numbers, the District President or the person presiding may adjourn the meeting and reconvene for conducting the business of the day.

Art. 16 Circle Units and Primary Units.

1. Each District shall be divided into Circle Units.
2. Each Circle Unit shall ordinarily correspond to an M.L.A. Constituency.
3. The Circle Units shall consist of:
 - (i) The Circle Unit President.
 - (ii) Circle Unit Vice President.
 - (iii) Circle Unit Secretary.
 - (iv) Circle Unit Joint Secretary.
 - (v) Treasurer.
 - (vi) Auditors.
4. The Office bearers of the Circle Unit shall be elected in the General meeting of the Circle.
5. The names of the Office-bearers of the Circle shall be communicated to the Secretary of the District Executive Committee.
6. M. P., M.L.A and M. D. C. will be Ex-officio members of the Circle Unit from where they will be so elected.
7. Each Circle Unit shall be divided into Primary Units as is convenient.
8. The Primary Unit shall consist of :
 - (i) Primary Unit President.
 - (ii) Primary Unit Vice President.
 - (iii) Primary Unit Secretary.
 - (iv) Treasurer.
 - (v) Two other members.

9. The Office-bearers of the Primary Unit shall be elected at the General Meeting of the Primary Unit shall be elected at the General Meeting of the Primary Unit.
10. The names of the Office-bearers of the Primary Units shall be communicated to the Circle Unit Secretary and the Secretary of the District Executive Committee.

Art. 17 Functions of the Circle Units and the Primary Units.

1. The working functions and all other matters concerning the Circle Units and the Primary Units shall be under the jurisdiction and control of the District Executive Committee.
2. The District Executive Committee may issue orders or directives it may deem fit and proper for the smooth functioning of the Circle Units and the Primary Units.
3. The District Election Committee shall recommend names of candidates to the Central Election Committee on the recommendations of the Circle Units.
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Art. 18 Election Committee .

1. The Central Executive Committee shall constitute a Central Election Committee for matters connected with elections to Parliament, State Assembly and the District Councils.
2. The Central Election Committee is the final authority.
3. The District Executive Committee shall constitute District Election Committee.
4. The District Election Committee shall recommend names of candidates to the Central Election Committee on the recommendation of the Circle Units.

Art. 19 State Parliamentary Board.

1. There shall be a State Parliamentary Board consisting of:
 - (i) M. Ps., M. L. As and M.D. Cs of the Party.
 - (ii) Office-bearers of the Central Executive Committee.
 - (iii) Chairman and Secretaries of the District Executive Committees.
2. The President of the Parliamentary Party shall preside over the Parliamentary Board which shall elect its own Secretary.
3. The State Parliamentary Board shall meet at least three time a year to discuss and decide matters relating to the administration and developments in the State and the Districts.
4. The State Parliamentary Board shall act as the disciplinary authority of Elected Representatives and finally dispose off all such cases.

Art. 20 State Legislature Parliamentary Party.

1. There shall be a State Legislature Parliamentary Party Consisting of MLAs of the Party to:
 - (a) Elect the leader of the Party.
 - (b) Formation of Government.
 - (c) Coordinate all matters connected with affairs of the State Assembly.
2. The Leader of the Parliamentary Party shall preside over the Parliamentary Party which shall elect its own Secretary.

Art. 21 District Parliamentary Boards.

There shall be District Parliamentary Boards for each District Council consisting of :-

- (i) Members of the District Executive Committee.
- (ii) M. L. As and M.D. Cs belonging to the relevant Districts.
- (iii) Circle Units Presidents.
- (iv) Circle Unit Secretaries.

- (v) Five members to be nominated by the District Executive Committee.
- (vi) The District President shall head the District Parliamentary Boards shall meet at least three times a year to discuss and decide on matters relating to the administration and developments in the District.

Art. 22 District Parliamentary Party.

1. There shall be a District Parliamentary Party consisting of MDCs of the Party to :
 - a) Elect the leader of the Party.
 - b) Formation of Executive Committee.
 - c) Coordinated all matters connected with affairs of the District Council.
2. The Leader of the Parliamentary Party shall preside over the Parliamentary Party which shall elect its own Secretary.

Art. 23 Tenure.

1. The term of Office of all office bearers and the tenure of all Committees shall be for a period of two years from the date of appointment of such office bearers and / or constitution of such Committees.

Provided that the same person may be elected for the next term.

2. In case of the expiry of the term of an Executive Committee and because of unavoidable circumstances and the same could not be constituted, the President of the Central Executive Committee and the District President of the District Executive Committee may extend the life of such a Committee for a period not exceeding 6 (six) months.

Art. 24 Sub-Committees.

1. The Central Executive Committee shall have the Power to constitute Sub-Committees for the purpose of carrying out any specific work or works.
2. All such Committees shall cease to function after the completion of such work or works unless provided otherwise.

Art. 25. Powers and Functions of the President /District President .

1. The President shall function as the head of the Party.
2. The District President of the District Committee shall be the Head of the Party at the District level.
3. It shall be the sole responsibility of the President / District President to see that the programmes, objectives and aims of the Party are carried out and achieved in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.
4. The President / District President shall have the supervising authority over the functions and actions of any Office bearer of the Party.
5. Where the activities or otherwise of any Office bearer is found prejudicial to the interest of the Party and immediate action is deemed necessary the President shall suspend such Office-bearer and appoint another person in his place.

Provided that any such action of the President shall be immediately referred to the Central Executive Committee. Provided further that where the District President deemed it necessary to take disciplinary action against any office-bearer should report the matter to the Central Executive Committee through the District Executive Committee.

6. The President / District President shall sign all proceedings of meetings held under his Chairmanship and all other important correspondence or documents.
7. The President / District President may direct for convening any meeting of any Committee and may also direct any Committee to implement the decision of the Party.

Art. 26 Powers and Functions of the Vice-President/District Vice-President.

1. The Vice President/District Vice President shall be subordinate to the President / District President and shall at all time render his service and assistance to the President / District President.

Provided in the absence of the President / the District President of the respective organs of the Party, the Vice President/the District Vice President may in their respective jurisdictions preside over the meeting.

2. The Vice President/District Vice President shall assume the duty and act as the President / District President in case of the resignation, death or removal of the President / District President of the respective organs of the Party.

Art. 27 Functions of the General Secretary / Secretary / Youth Wing Secretary / Women's Wing Secretary / Circle Unit Secretary / Primary Unit Secretary.

1. The General Secretary / the Secretary / the Youth Wing Secretary / Women's Wing Secretary / Circle Unit Secretary / Primary Unit Secretary shall function, implement, carry out the decisions and the directions of the respective superior authority or bodies and shall be responsible to that body by which they were appointed.
2. The General Secretary / Secretary / Youth Wing Secretary / Women's Wing Secretary / Circle Unit Secretary / Primary Unit Secretary shall function, implement, carry out the decisions and the directions of the respective superior authority or bodies and shall be responsible to that body by which they were appointed.
3. The General Secretary / Secretary / Youth wing Secretary / Women's Wing Secretary / Circle Unit Secretary / Primary Unit Secretary shall act as the recorder of the Committees and it will be their duty to

prepare an extract of the relevant decision of that Committee and to forward the same to the persons or Committee concerned.

4. They shall sign all correspondences.
5. They shall be Ex-officio Secretaries of all the Sub-Committees constituted in their respective jurisdiction.
6. The General Secretary/the Secretary/ the Youth Wing Secretary / Women's Wing Secretary / Circle Unit Secretary / Primary Unit Secretary shall prepare an annual report on the working of the Party for reporting to their respective Committees / Units.
7. The General Secretary / the Secretary / the Youth Wing Secretary / Women's Wing Secretary / Circle Unit Secretary / Primary Unit Secretary shall have all the powers not directly entrusted to any other Office-bearer in their respective spheres.
8. In absence of the General Secretary / the Secretary / the Youth Wing Secretary / Women's Wing Secretary / Circle Unit Secretary / Primary Unit Secretary the Additional Secretary / the Joint Secretary shall assume the responsibilities on instructions of the President of the respective organs.

Art. 28 Powers and Functions of Additional Secretary and Joint Secretary.

1. The Additional Secretary / Joint Secretary shall be subordinate to the General Secretary and the Secretary of the respective organs and shall assist and help their superiors respectively.
2. In case of resignation, death or removal or absence of the General Secretary/Secretary the Additional Secretary/Joint Secretary with the sanction of the President of the organ concerned shall function as the General Secretary/Secretary.

Art. 29 Treasurer – Powers and Functions.

1. The Treasurer shall be the custodian of all the Party funds in their respective jurisdiction.
2. He shall maintain the books of accounts as prescribed.
3. Shall furnish all financial reports for the year as required under this Constitution.
4. Shall hold responsible for the safe keeping of the Party Fund and shall be liable to compensate for loss of the same.
5. Shall carry out all orders and directives issued by the Competent authority regarding the safe keeping of the Party Fund and maintenance of the record of the same.
6. Shall allow and facilitate the auditing of the cash balance and account books by the auditors appointed by the competent authority.

Art. 30 Auditors.

1. The Auditors shall have the authority to inspect and audit all the account books of the Party and to make a report accordingly to their respective Committee.

Art. 31 Youth Wing.

1. There shall be a Committee of the State Youth Wing consisting of :
 - (i) Youth Wing President.
 - (ii) Youth Wing Vice President.
 - (iii) Chief Youth Organiser.
 - (iv) Youth Wing Secretary.
 - (v) Treasurer.
 - (vi) Ten members to be elected at the General Committee of the Youth Wing.

2. The General Council shall elect the Youth Wing President, the Vice President, Chief Youth Organiser and the Secretary and they shall take necessary steps to call for the General Committee to elect other office-bearers and members.
3. At least two-thirds of the members of the Youth Wing shall generally be below the age of thirty five years.
4. The Youth Wing shall plan and supervise all youth activities and programmes of the Party.
5. The District Committees shall constitute Youth Wings of similar nature.
6. The Committee constituted shall meet at least once in three months and the General Committee once a year.

Art. 32 Women's Wing.

1. That shall be Committee of the State Women's consisting of :
 - i) Women's Wing President
 - ii) Women's Vice President
 - iii) Secretary
 - iv) Treasurer
 - v) Joint's Secretary.
 - vi) Ten members to be elected at the General Committee of the women's Wing.
2. The General Council shall elect the Women's Wing President and the Secretary and they shall take necessary steps to call for the General Committee to elect other office-bearers and members.
3. The Women's Wing shall plan and supervise all activities and programmes of the Party relating to women.
4. The District Committee shall constitute Women's Wings of similar nature.
5. The Committee constituted shall meet at least once in three months and the General Committee once year.

Art. 33 Party Elections

1. All elections within the party shall be conducted by a system of a secret ballot and each member shall have one vote irrespective of the fact that such member may hold two or more posts within a party.
2. The Central Executive Committee shall frame rules for the smooth conduct of any election within the party.

Art. 34 Party Fund.

1. There shall be a fund for the party to be known as the General Fund for the whole state and also a district fund for the respective districts and
2. All monies forming part of the party fund shall be managed and prescribed in the rules.

Art. 35 Discipline and Appeal

1. Every member of the party shall have a sense of dedication to be guided by the principles herein enunciated and exercise restraint in words and deeds through a self – imposed discipline as well as the discipline of the party.
2. No member of the party shall without the prior approval of the Central Executive Committee / District Executive Committee associate and be involved in any movement or organisation other than those of the party itself notwithstanding its effects upon the party in so far as such acts directly affect the policy or its stand.
3. Any member who violates the provisions as laid down in this constitution and the policies and principles for which the party stands shall be liable for such action against him by the appropriate authority as it deems fit and proper.
4. No member of the party shall be liable for disciplinary action without given such member an opportunity being heard.

5. Any member who is aggrieved by any action taken against him shall have a right of appeal to the next higher authority.
6. The final appeal shall lie to the Central Executive Committee and its decision shall be final.

Art. 36 Conduct of Elected Representatives.

1. Elected Representative of the party shall at all times at in a manner be fitting the trust bestowed upon such representatives by the party and the Electorate.
2. No Elected Representative shall knowingly or unwittingly act, utter or behave in a manner detrimental to the interest and integrity of the party.
3. No Elected Representative shall singly or in collaboration with other associate, negotiate, confabulate with other political parties or groups without the sanction of the State Parliamentary Board.
4. The State Parliamentary Board, either, suo motu, or on an information brought to its notice issue a show cause letter to such member calling for and explanation in writing.
5. Such letter shall stipulate the due date for offering the explanation, if any, or, extend the time, if desirable.
6. The State Parliamentary Board may grant an opportunity to hear such member in person.
7. Where the State Parliamentary Board after due consideration and for reasons to be recorded in writing finds such Elected Represented guilty of acts of misconduct affecting and /or harming the principles, polices and images of the party shall take such action as deemed fit and proper.

Art. 37 Flags / Symbol

The Flag of the party shall be of three vertical colours with scarlet red colour at the extreme left nearest to the flag post, parrot green colour at

the extreme right and white colour at the middle signifying respectively courage, valour and sacrifice (Scarlet Red), sincerity, honesty, integrity (White) and hope, hard work, survival (Green).

The Symbol of the party shall be embossed on the white portion.

N.B. The United Democratic Party has applied to the Election Commission of India the symbol of the "Drum".

Art. 38 Miscellaneous

- 1 The General Council or any other Committee except a sub-committee may when ever necessary delegate or invest any of its powers or function to a smaller Community.
- 2 The Central Executive Committee shall be the final authority in the interpretation of this constitution and its decision shall not be liable to be questioned by any person in a Court of Law.
- 3 Any person who does not attend three successive meetings of any Committee without prior intimating of his absence shall cease to be a member of that Committee concern.
- 4 The party shall chalk out programmes for time to time with a view to meet the aims and objects of the party.

Art. 39 Amendment

1. The Constitution may be amended by the General Council in a General or Special Session by a majority of two thirds of the members present, which shall be at-least fifty one percent of the strength of the members and voting.

Provided that notice to be proposed amendment shall be submitted to the General Secretary who shall circulate the same to the members at-least ten (10) days before the session to be scheduled.

Art. 40 Extra Provision

All committees and posts existing prior to the commencement of this Constitution and unless otherwise provided for shall cease to exist.

Art. 41 Declaration

The United Democratic Party hereby affirms that it will bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established and to the Principle of socialism, secularism and democracy and to uphold the sovereignty, unity and integrity of India.

(E.K. Mawlong)
President

(H.A.D. Sawian)
General Secretary.

(Framed under Sub clause 2 of clause XI of Art-II)

FINANCE AND ACCOUNTS

- 2.1 The Treasurer shall be responsible for proper maintenance of the accounts of the party.
- 2.2 All monies received for or on behalf of the Party shall be placed in account with the State Bank of India or any of the Nationalised Banks.
- 2.3 All monies of the Party shall be invested on behalf of the Party in Securities and other investments authorized by law, if it is in the interest of the Party to do so with the approval of the Central Executive Committee.
- 2.4 The General Secretary shall have the authority to sanction expenditure within the sanctioned budget /grant duly approved by the General Council and subject to such procedures and directions from time to time including delegation of such authority.
- 2.5 Payments by and on behalf of the Party Exceeding Rupees One Thousand shall ordinarily be made by cheque. All cheques above Rupees Five Thousand shall be jointly signed by two officials to sign cheque.
- 2.6 All bills for payment shall have an endorsement for payment sign by an authorised Office Bearers to whom the power has been delegated.
- 2.7 An imprest amount of Rupees Three Thousand may be kept by the treasury for cash payment.
- 2.8 The imprest amount shall be recouped on production of bills, Vouchers, receive certifying the amount incurred.
- 2.9 The budgeted estimates of the Party shall be finalized by the General Secretary and the Treasurer.
- 2.10 The budgeted estimates shall be submitted to the Central Executive Committees and the General Council for approval.
- 2.11 The budget estimates shall be shown under the following heads:

- a) the actual (receipts and expenditure) of the preceding year:
- b) the budget estimates (receipts and expenditure) for the current year:
- c) the actual (receipts and expenditure) upto the end of September in the current year.
- d) The revised estimates (receipts and expenditure) for the current year.
- e) The budgets estimates (receipts and expenditure) for the ensuing year.

2.12 The budgets estimates shall adhere to the time schedules as directed by the Central Executive Committee, from time to time.

UNITED DEMOCRATIC PARTY

**Form-I
(Membership)**

No.....

After I have carefully read and understood the Constitution of the United Democratic Party. I Shri/Smti of offer myself to be a member of the United Democratic Party today the day month..... year.....

I promise to obey the rules and follow the instructions of the Party that may be issued from time to time and I affirm my decision by stating my particulars below and put my signature hereunder.

- (1) Name (in Block Letters)
- (2) Father's /Mother's name
- (3) Address

- (4) Age
- (5) Occupation
- (6) Previous/present relation with other political parties if any

(7) The reasons why you have left the party which you have previously joined

(8) That I have paid the fee and contribution/donation Rs./- (Rupees) only.

Date :
Place :

Signature.

This is to certify that Shri./Smti, son/daughter of is a member of the United Democratic Party from and Rs./- (Rupees) only was received as fee/subscription.

Date :

Signature
United Democratic Party

RULES

[Framed under clause (xi) of Article 11 of the Constitution]

{Under Sub-Clause 4} Membership Fees :

- 4.1 The Primary Member shall pay an admission fee and an annual subscription fee of Rs.2 (Rupees Two) only.
- 4.2 The Active Member shall pay admission fees of Rs. 2/- (Rupees Two) only, and a further sum of Rs.10/- (Rupees ten) to be an Active Member and an annual subscription fees of Rs. 10/- (Rupees ten) only.
- 4.3 The Subscription Fees of the Elected Representatives shall be as follows :-
- (a) Member of Parliament @ Rupees 300/- (Rupees three hundred) only, per month.
 - (b) Member of Legislative Assembly @ Rs.200/- (Rupees two hundred) only, per month.
 - (c) Member of District Council @ Rs. 100/- (Rupees one hundred) only per month.
 - (d) Cabinet Ministers, including those holding Office of equivalent rank @ Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred) only, per month.
 - (e) Ministers of State, Executive Members of the District Councils, including those holding Office of equivalent rank, @ Rs. 400/- (Rupees four hundred) only, per month.
- 4.4 The monthly subscription fees shall be paid on or before the Fifth of each month.

Provided that a penalty equivalent of 10% (ten per cent) of such amount shall be imposed for failure to remit the subscription fee on due date.

[Framed under Sub-clause 4 of Clause XI of Art-II]

Register of Members

- 5.1 The District, Circle Units and Primary Units shall maintain a permanent register of all active and Primary members.
- 5.2 The Register shall contain the full name, Father's name/Mother's name, Address, Age, Profession and the date of enrolment and the date of Admission to the Party as Primary Member an active member.
- 5.3 The District Executive Committee shall supply a list of the members under the District Roll to the Central Executive Committee and the latter shall cause the same to be entered under the Central Roll.
- 5.4 The District Executive Committee shall keep the Central Executive Committee informed of any change made in the District Roll.
- 5.5 The District Executive Committee shall maintain a permanent register of all Members who are qualified to be members of the District Committee.