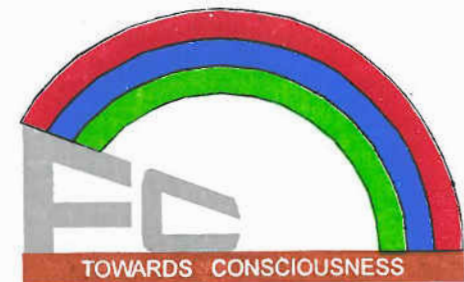


FOUNTAIN CLUB

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CONSTITUTION

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PREAMBLE

We, brought together as a Club, with consciousness as our motive; in pursuance of higher aspirations, promotion of fraternity and harmony; Affirming dignity and integrity in our dealings towards common interests; do hereby adopt, enact and give to ourselves this Constitution on this day the Twenty-eight of April Two Thousand and Seven.

Article I

A. **Name** : The name of the Club shall be "Fountain Club" and shall be abbreviated as 'FC'.

B. **Motto**: The Motto of the Club shall be "*Towards Consciousness*".

C. **Depiction of the Club's Name and Motto:**

1. Name – Fountain Club :

The "*Fountain*" means - the Source of a beginning, a reservoir buoyed with enthusiasm and energy. Therefore, the name of the Club is chosen as "Fountain Club" so that through this Club, we may grow, develop and progress further as a combined forces of potentials, with a positive mindset for changes towards a wider and brighter prospect of life.

2. Motto - "Towards Consciousness"

Consciousness- a state of being *Aware, Receptive* and *Perceptive*:-

- (i) Being *aware* is being acquainted, conversant or knowledgeable.
- (ii) Being *receptive* is being responsive, interested and willingness to consider and accept new ideas.
- (iii) Being *perceptive* is being alert, aware, sensitive, comprehensive and understanding.

D. **Emblem:**

- (i) The emblem shall consist of a fountain giving out the three primary colors - Red, Blue and Green flowing from left to right.
- (ii) The three primary colors signifies the overall combination of awareness, information and knowledge.
- (iii) The three colors shall be in the form of an arc with the Red in the upper layer, the Blue in the middle and the Green at the lower layer which shall be of equal width.
- (iii) Placed beneath the fountain, the letters F & C form a right angled triangle which symbolizes an upright Fountain Club working towards its aspirations.
- (iv) The motto of the Club – “*Towards Consciousness*” is inscribed on a concrete stone slab below the flowing fountain and the initials of the Club, signifying the solid foundation.

E. **Flag:**

The back ground of the Flag shall be white signifying *Fraternity, Understanding and Nobleness of thoughts* amongst the Club members. The Insignia/Emblem of the Club shall be placed in the heart of the Flag. The flag shall be rectangular in shape and of standard size in length and breadth, ie, 3:2.

Article II

Aims and Objectives:

The Club members having different abilities and talents shall aim to strive for a common Goal through this Club, which binds and ignites the members to ever move ahead in unison to *greater heights embracing wider prospects of life* ;

- ☼ To promote better understanding and co-operation amongst the Club Members and the Society in general.
- ☼ To safeguard the rights and privileges of its Members.
- ☼ To value, promote and preserve our rich Cultural and Traditional Heritage.
- ☼ To organize Games and Sports as well as other co-curricular activities to promote talents and generate awareness.
- ☼ To promote harmony and the Spirit of social integrity amongst the members and the Society at large.
- ☼ To strive for excellence in all spheres of individual and collective activities.
- ☼ To create awareness and consciousness to the people of the various aspects of rights and privileges, be it health, social and economic welfare or practices.
- ☼ To promote literacy, education and upliftment of the living standard of the people.
- ☼ To generate awareness on environmental issues and civic senses.
- ☼ To mitigate and deal with any events for the interest of all concerned.

Article III

Membership:

1. A member of the Club shall be a person experienced in social dealings with background as a leader in either students, youth or other social organizations.
2. The Club shall comprise of two categories of membership viz; *Members and Associate Members:*
 - (a) *Members* shall mean those persons present and functioning since the inception of the Club or those associate members conferred a full fledged member by a decision of the Club.
 - (b) *Associate member* shall be a person qualified by *Article III (1)* who is willing to serve and abide with the ideals of the Club.
 - (c) An associate member has to serve a minimum period of 3 years to become a full fledged member unless, otherwise the Club decides unanimously, viewing various considerations.
3. *Membership Fee :*
 - (a) Membership fee shall be realized from all members and associate members unless and until the executive body decides otherwise in the case of the members.
 - (b) Membership fee shall be continued for the associate members until he/she becomes/conferred a full fledged member and decided under clause (a).
 - (c) In the event of the demise of a member/associate member, his/her next of kin maybe inducted as

member/associate member, if he/she qualifies the *Article III clause 1* or his/her due share may be realized impartially and in all fairness, after deliberation in the executive body meeting.

Article IV

Cessation of Membership :

A member/associate member shall cease to be a Fountainer as and when the executive body decides on the basis of the following points:-

- (a) He/she fails to abide by the ideals enshrined in the constitution.
- (b) He/she fails to execute the responsibilities as may be entrusted to him/her.
- (c) He/she in any way taint or attempt to tarnish the image of the Club by way of his/her conducts, deeds or words.
- (d) He/she fails to clear his/her membership fee for a period of six months.
- (e) He/she may be removed on the ground of proven misbehavior and incapacity.
- (f) In the event of disqualification/cessation of a member/associate member, he/she shall have no claims to any assets of the Club, whatsoever.

Article V

Jurisdiction:

The jurisdiction of the Club shall cover and extend to the whole of Nagaland.

Article VI

Executive Body.

1. The executive body shall comprise of the Founding members/conferred members of the Club and shall be designated as Executive Members.
2. The Executive body shall be led by a team of incumbent officials as designated below:-
 - (i) Chairman
 - (ii) Vice Chairman
 - (iii) General Secretary
 - (iv) Joint Secretary
 - (v) Finance Secretary
 - (vi) Treasurer
3. The executive team of incumbent officials shall be responsible for execution of all day to day affairs and shall also execute the decision(s) of the Executive Body and General Body meetings.
4. An executive body may be convened anytime as per the convenience of the Chairman, depending on the issues at hand or as provisioned in Article XII(i).

5. The executive body may sanction any additional posts as and when the need arise subject to the approval of the general body meeting.
6. In case of the failure of an executive official to attend 3(three) consecutive meetings, he/she shall be subjected to an explanation call, whereby lack of proper justification shall constraint him/her to step down from his/her/ post.

Article VII

General Body:

1. The general body shall comprise of the members and the associate members and shall deliberate issues, make policies and plans.
2. The general body meeting shall be convened at least once a year, conveniently on fourth Saturday of April every year unless otherwise decided in the executive body meeting.
3. The general body shall be presided over by the Chairman assisted by his/her incumbent officials as per their defined roles.
4. The general body shall consider and approve the annual reports and accounts presented by the General Secretary, Treasurer or any other officials.
5. The body shall appoint or elect the executive officials or any other post(s) as and when the need arise.
6. An extra ordinary meeting of the general body may be convened specifying the purpose, with at least a forth-night notice.

Article VIII

Powers and Functions of the Executive Body

1. Chairman :

- (a) He/she shall convene, preside, prorogue and adjourn the executive body meeting as well as the general body meeting.
- (b) In the event of a tie in decision making in either body meeting over any issue, the decision of the Chairman shall be final and binding.
- (c) In times of exigencies, he/she shall have the discretionary power to sanction an amount of Rs.5000/- (Rupees five thousand) only, which shall be accountable in the next executive body meeting.
- (d) The Chairman shall take decision and serve notification in case of emergency, which shall be tabled in the next executive body meeting for approval.
- (e) He/she shall assume the role of any executive official(s) in the event of the vacancy created by way of resignation, impeachment or other extra ordinary circumstantial absence or direct any of his/her incumbent executive officials to take charge until such time the vacancy is filled.

2. Vice Chairman :

- (a) He/she shall aid and assist the Chairman in the day to day activities of the Club.

- (b) He/she shall act and assume the powers and functions of the Chairman in the event of resignation, impeachment, demise or any other inevitable absence.

3. General Secretary :

- (a) He/she shall be responsible for the maintaining and keeping of all the records pertaining to the Club.
- (b) He/she shall record the meeting minutes of both the bodies and shall notify/circulate the same to all the members and associate members.
- (c) All meetings/sittings shall be called by the General Secretary in consultation with the Chairman and shall fix the time and place of the proposed meeting(s).
- (d) He/she shall record and serve notification only in the official language.
- (e) He/she shall maintain an attendance Register for Executive and General Body meetings.
- (f) He/she shall assist the Chairman in the execution of official duties.
- (g) He/she shall assume the powers and functions of the Chairman vide Article XV clause (4)

4. Joint Secretary :

- (a) He/she shall assist the General Secretary in the execution of all the official works.
- (b) He/she shall act and assume the powers and functions of the General Secretary in case of death, resignation, impeachment or temporary absence of the General Secretary.

5. Finance Secretary :

- (a) He/she shall be responsible for generating and mobilizing of the Club's fund.
- (b) He/she shall perform his/her duties with prior approval from the executive body and shall do so with the concern of the Chairman.
- (c) He/she shall open a bank account in the name of the Club to be jointly operated along with the Chairman and the Treasurer of which two signatories shall be valid.

6. Treasurer :

- (a) He/she shall be responsible for recording and maintenance of all books of accounts.
- (b) He/she shall collect and record the membership fee and other collections/donations.
- (c) He/she shall record all the fund disbursements with prior approval of the executive body.

Article IX

Tenure :

1. The tenure of the elected executive body shall be 2(two) calendar years.
2. The tenure may be extended to a maximum period of 3(three) months under circumstantial compulsion as maybe decided by the general body.

Article X

Qualification :

1. Any member desiring to contest for the election to the executive body shall be a full fledged member of the Club *vide Article III (2) (a)*.
2. All members of the Club, including the incumbent officials, are eligible to contest for any post [*vide Article VI(2)*] of the executive body.
3. Any member shall hold only one post at any given time (one member one post).

Article XI

Election :

1. The general body shall appoint the Election Commission from amongst the members.
2. The Commission shall comprise of 3(three) members to be headed by a Commissioner.
3. The Commission shall administer, direct and control the election procedures.
4. The voting may be through voice vote or by secret ballot as may be decided by the Commission.
5. The term in office of the Election Commission shall expire once the election process is over.
6. All members/associate members are eligible to cast one vote for one post.
7. The newly elected executive body shall assume office within a period of 1 (one) month.

Article XII

Meetings :

1. The executive body shall sit for at least once in three months in a calendar year or may be convened at any time depending on the necessity/issue at hand.
2. The general body shall meet at least once in a calendar year preferably on the 4th Saturday of April every year.
3. Any extra ordinary meetings/sittings may be summoned with prior information of at least 14 days.

Article XIII

Official Language :

The official language shall be *English* with *Tenyidie* as the correlated language.

Article XIV

Quorum :

The quorum for all the executive body meetings shall be 2/3(two-thirds) majority. However, simple majority shall prevail in the general body meeting(s).

Article XV

Resignation :

1. The Chairman, if he wishes to resign, shall submit his resignation letter addressed to the Vice Chairman.
2. All other executive officials who desire to resign before the expiry of the tenure shall submit his/her resignation letter addressed to the Chairman.
3. The tendered resignation(s) shall be tabled in the general body meeting within a forth-night, wherein deliberation and there upon decision shall be taken as to whether the resignation shall be entertained or not.
4. In the event of the Chairman and the Vice Chairman tendering their resignations at the same time, the letters should be addressed to the General Secretary, who in turn shall convene the general body meeting as necessitated in clause 3.

Article XVI

Dissolution :

In the event of dissolution of the Club and after clearance of all liabilities, balance if any, the members shall distribute the assets of the Club, in all fairness, alongside the share of the associate member, keeping in view their contribution to the Club.

Article XVII

Interpretation :

In case of any lack of clarity or absence of direct pertinence, the decision of the executive body, in consultation with the Constitution Drafting Committee, shall be final and binding.

Article XVIII

Amendment :

19. An amendment may be initiated by any member of the Club in the meeting of the general body through written address to the President.
20. The amendment is deemed passed if it secures a 2/3 (two-thirds) majority of the members of the general body present and voting.

The Constitution Drafting Committee consists of the following persons :

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3. Shürhovol Naleo, Member
4. Seyievizo Tsükrü, Member
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