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Part -Nomenclature, Aims and Objectives

Article I. - Nomenclature.

- The name of the party shall be "UNITED STATES OF INDIA PARTY" and this constitution may be called the "Constitution of the United States of India Party".
- 2. It shall come into force with effect from 16th March 2016.

Article II. - Aims and Objectives.

1. The chief aim and objective of the party shall be to work as a revolutionary social and economic movement of change with a view to realise, in practical terms, the supreme principles of universal justice, liberty, equality and fraternity enunciated in the Constitution of India, to be followed by State in governance, and in particular summed up in the following extract from the Preamble of the Constitution:

"We, THE PEOPLE OF INDIA, having solemnly resolved to constitute India into a SOVEREIGN SECULAR DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC and to secure to all its citizens:

The party will be resolve Democracy, Socialism and Secularism as its basic tenets.

Justice, social, economic and political; Liberty of thought, expression, belief, faith and worship; Equality of status and opportunity; and promote among them all Fraternity assuring the dignity of the individual and the unity and integrity of the Nation;"

2. The party shall regard its ideology as a movement for ending exploitation of the weaker sections and suppression of the deprived through social and economic change in keeping with the above stated chief aim, and its political activity and participation in governance as an instrument of furthering such a movement and bringing in such a change.

- 3. This being the chief aim of the party, the strategy of the party in public affairs will be governed by the following general principles:
 - I. That all citizens of India being equal before law are entitled to be treated as equal in true sense and in all matters and all walks of life, and where equality does not exist it has to be fostered and where equality is denied it has to be upheld and fought for.
 - II. That the full, free, uninhibited and unimpeded development of each individual is a basic human right and State is an instrument for promoting and realising such development;
 - III. That the rights of all citizens of India as enshrined in the Constitution of India and subject to such reasonable restrictions as are set out in the Constitution, have to be upheld at all costs and under all circumstances;
 - IV. That the provisions of the Constitution requiring the State at Center and in States to promote with special care and protect the socio-economic interests of the weaker sections of the society denied to them for centuries, have to be upheld and given practical shape in public affairs as a matter of prime most priority.
 - V. That economic disparities and the wide gaps between the 'haves' and the 'have nots' must not be allowed to override the political principle of "one man, one vote, one vote, one value" adopted by our republic.
 - VI. That unless political empowerment is secured for the economically deprived masses they will not be able to free themselves from the shackles of economic and social dependence and exploitation.
- 4. In particular and without prejudice to the generality of the aims stated above the Party will work specially towards the following objectives:
 - i) To work with special concentration for the Child & Women welfare.
 - ii) To organize and take up Health, Educational, and other people Welfare programmes for the needy Women and children on priority basis.
 - iii) To encourage and promote family welfare activities among needy people.
 - iv) To arrange and provide medical aid and other assistance necessary for living of the needy people who are incapable or handicapped or mentally/physically retarded and financially unfit.
 - v) To start and assist the relief measures in those parts of the country, which may become affected by natural calamities like famine, fire, flood, earthquakes or any other unforeseen disturbances.

- vi) To fight against HIV/AIDS and other communicable diseases.
- vii) To undertake activities for sensitizing and educating people to preserve the natural resources of our nation to maintain the ecological balance in the area.
- viii) To promote Natural medicine among the citizens of India.
- ix) To help poor, widows, handicapped, orphans, old aged, mentally retired people.
- x) To work and fight against discrimination based on Caste, Creed, Colour, Gender, Religion, Faith, Race & Nationality.
- xi) To encourage organic farming and its related activities in the country.
- xii) To work for the welfare and upliftment of economically and politically backward classes and depressed classes in the country.
- xiii) To work for the welfare of Agricultural workers, Farmers, Unorganized Labours, Industrial Labours and Migrated Labours.
- a. The Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes, the other Backward Castes, and the minorities, are the most oppressed and exploited people in India. Keeping in mind their large numbers, such a set of people in India is known as the USI Party. The Party shall organise these masses.
- b. The party shall work for these down trodden masses to
 - i. to remove their backwardness;
 - ii. to fight against their oppression and exploitation;
 - iii. to improve their status in society and public life
 - iv. to improve their living condition in day to day life
- c. The social structure of India is based on inequalities created by caste system and the movement of the Party shall be geared towards changing the social system and rebuild it on the basis of equality and human values. All those who join the party with the commitment to cooperate in this movement of social change shall be ingratiated into the told of the Party.
- 5. Towards the furtherance of the above noted aims and objectives the organizational units of party as designated in this constitution, shall be empowered to-
 - purchase, take on lease or otherwise acquire, and maintain, moveable or immovable property for the party and invest and deal with monies of party in such a manner as may from time to time be determined;
 - 2. raise money with or without security for carrying out any of the aims and objectives of the party;

- 3. to do all other lawful things and acts as are incidental or conducive to the attainment of any of the aforesaid aims and objectives,
- 6. The Party will not in any manner promote or instigate or participate in violence.
- 7. The party will be contest election conducted by the Election Commission of India within five years of its registration and therafter

Provided that none of these activities will be undertaken without the express approval of the National President.

Part II - Membership and Organisational Structure

Article III. - Membership.

- 1. Any person who is a citizen of India, has attained the age of 18, accepts the Constitution and ideology of the Party, and is not a member of any other political or social organization whose aims and objects are not approved by the Central Executive Committee of the Party, can become a member of the United States of India Party by paying an annual subscription of rupees 10/-.
- 2. The subscription amount shall be increased by rupees ten after every three years, provided that the National Executive Committee of the Party shall have the power to review the subscription amount at any time.
- 3. The year of membership shall be from 1st^t April to 31st March.
- 4. A person shall have the option to become a member at a place of which he is 'ordinarily resident' or at a place where he ordinarily works.
- 5. Every member shall have the right to vote in election to any of the constituent units of the Party, and to contest such an election to any of Tice of the Party, unless disqualified by any rule made under this Constitution.

Article IV. - Organisational structure.

- 1. The central organization of the United States of India Party shall include
 - i. The National President of the Party.
 - ii. The National Vice President of the Party.
 - iii. General Secretaries of the Party.
 - iv. Secretaries of the Party.
 - v. Treasurer of the Party.
 - vi. Central General Council.
 - vii. National Executive Committee.

- 2. The local organization of the United States of India Party shall include
 - i. A State/UT General Council for each State/UT.
 - ii. A State/UT Executive Committee.
 - iii. A District General Council for each District.
 - iv. A District Executive Committee for each district.
- 3. i). The primary unit of the Party shall be the District Executive Committee.
 - i. The District General Council shall consist of delegates each elected by 1000 members of the party registered in that district. .
 - ii. The District Executive Committee shall consist of 15 members including a President (who shall also be the President of the District General Council), a Vice-President, 2 General Secretary, 3 Secretary and a Treasurer. The District Executive Committee shall be elected either by vote or by consensus by the delegates comprising the District General Council.
 - iii. The State/UT General Council shall consist of all office bearers of the District Executive Committees of the Districts contained in the State/UT concerned.
 - iv. The State/UT Executive Committee shall consist of 11 members including a President (who shall also be the President of the State/UT General Council), a Vice President, one General Secretary, one Secretary and a Treasurer. The State Executive Committee shall be elected either by vote or by consensus by the delegates comprising the State General Council.
 - v. The Central General Council of the Party shall consist of Presidents and other office bearers of all State/UT Executive Committees.
 - vi. The National Executive Committee shall consist of 25 members including a National President, 4 National Vice President, 4 General Secretary, and a Treasurer. The National Executive Committee shall be elected by Central General Council.
 - vii. The office bearers of the District Executive Committee shall be removable by the President of the Committee after obtaining the approval of the President of the State Executive Committee of the State concerned.
 - viii. The office bearers of the State/UT Executive Committee shall be removable by the President of the Committee after obtaining the approval of the National Executive Committee.

- ix. The number of office bearers of State/UT and District Executive Committees shall be decided according to the Rules framed by the National Executive Committee under the Constitution.
- x. The term of all General Councils and Executive Committees of the party and their office bearers shall be three years.
- xi. The nominations of members of anybody if anyone is restricted to a minimum scale, not exceeding $1/3^{rd}$ of the strength of committee / body.
- xii. The election process to various offices of the party is democratic and its will be conducted every three years for all positions of office bearers and organs of the party.
- 4. The National President shall preside over the general meetings of the party and the meetings of Central General Council and National Executive Committee. Meetings of Central General Council and National Executive Committee shall be convened by the National President as and when required and agenda for these meetings shall be approved by the National President.
- 5. The National President shall exercise all powers of the National Executive Committee when the Committee is not in session. But decisions taken during this period shall have to be rectified by the next session National Executive Committee.
- 6. In the absence of the National President all functions of the National President can be performed by the National Vice President, provided that all decisions taken by the National Vice President in such a situation shall be put up before the National President for *ex post facto* approval.
- 7. In the event of unfortunate demise of the National President the National Vice President shall immediately and automatically assume charge as National President and shall continue to function as such until the end of the current term of the National President.
- 8. The Quorum for valid meetings of the various Committees, Councils and other representative bodies of the party shall be a minimum of 1/3rd members of the Committee / Council / Body present in the said meeting.

Article V. - Central Secretariat.

 To carry out the policies and programmes laid down by the party and the Central General Council the President shall be assisted by a Central Secretariat which shall consist of such number of General Secretaries, Secretaries and other such officials as may be appointed by him with the approval of National Executive Committee. The President shall be in charge of the funds and shall keep proper accounts of all investments, incomes and expenditures with the assistance of the Secretariat.

2. All monies received for the party and the central organization of the party shall be deposited in an account in a nationalized bank in the name of the party and such account shall be operated jointly by either the National President or the National Vice President or by an office bearer of the National Executive Committee duly authorized by the National President and National Treasurer in this behalf.

Provided that a sum of money required for day to day and emergent expenditures shall be kept at the disposal of the National President and the National Vice President or in the Office of the Party.

- 3. The Accounts of the party may be submitted to the auditor on panel of the CAG for audit and same accounts will be submitted within a period of 6 months after each financial year.
- 4. The fund of the party will be used for political purpose only and the party will abide by the instructions issued by the election commission from time to time in the maintenance of its accounts.

Article VI. - National Executive Committee.

- 1. The National Executive Committee shall be the highest executive authority of the Party. It shall be the final authority in all matters relating to the interpretation and application of the provisions of this Constitution. The Committee shall also have the powers, in special cases and to remove difficulties, to relax the application of provisions of the Constitution without violating the provisions of the Constitution.
- 2. The National Executive Committee shall frame rules for administration and execution of any provisions of this Constitution and for any other administrative matter not specifically provided in the Constitution but not inconsistent with it.
- 3. The National Executive Committee shall frame Rules for maintaining discipline in the Party.
- 4. The National Executive Committee shall superintend, direct and control the functioning of all State /UT and District Executive Committees and Councils.
- 5. The National Executive Committee may take such disciplinary action provided herein against any committee or office bearer of any committee other than the National President or the National Vice president, as it may deem appropriate.
- 6. To meet any special situation, the National Executive Committee shall have the powers to take such action in the

interest of the Party as it may deem appropriate, provided that if any action is taken which is beyond the powers of the Committee defined in the Constitution it shall cause the same to be laid before the Central General Council for ratification as early as possible.

- 7. The National Executive Committee shall prepare accounts of the Party and the Central General Council every year.
- 8. The National Executive Committee, with the approval of the National President, may appoint one or more auditors or inspectors or other officers to examine the record, papers and account books of all or any constituent bodies of the Party, and it shall be incumbent on the office bearers of all constituent bodies to furnish all required information to the auditors, inspectors or other officers and to allow them access to all offices, accounts and records.
- 9. The State/UT Executive Committees shall frame rules which shall not be inconsistent with the provisions of this Constitution and the rules framed by the National Executive Committee for proper functioning of the State/UT and District units of the party. No such rule shall be valid unless approved by the National Executive Committee and the National President.

Article VII. - State/UT and District Executive Committees.

- 1. Each State/UT Executive Committee and each District Executive Committee shall be responsible for the affairs of the Party within its respective jurisdiction.
- 2. Each District Executive Committee shall prepare an annual report on the activities of the Party in the district and work of the District General Council, including an annual statement of accounts, and submit it to the State President to be laid before the state/UT Executive Committee.
- 3. Likewise, each State/UT Executive Committee shall prepare an annual report on the activities of the Party and of the State/UT General Council, including an annual statement of accounts, and submit it to the National President to be laid before the National Executive Committee.
- 4. On a failure of any State/UT or District Executive Committee to function in accordance with this Constitution or any rules framed or directions issued by the National Executive Committee, the latter with the approval of the National President or the National President, may, suspend the said Committee and form an adhoc Committee to carry on the work of the Party in the respective jurisdiction.
- 5. All such vacancies in the State/UT and District Executive Committees as occur due to resignation, death or removal, shall, unless otherwise directed by the National Executive

Committee or the National President, be filled in the same manner in which the vacating incumbent was elected/nominated, and the new incumbent thus elected/nominated shall hold office for the residual term of the said \office.

6. No action of any committee once properly constituted, shall be invalid merely by reason of any vacancy.

Article VIII. - Rules of Discipline.

- 1. The following shall constitute acts of indiscipline:
 - a. To act contrary to the declared policies of the Party;
 - b. To indulge in open and public criticism of the policies of the Party.
 - To form a group within the Party or to give support to any member with the object to challenge the authority of a constitutionally appointed office bearer of the party;
 - d. To spread ill feelings among members or to carry out a campaign of vilification;
 - e. To obstruct the working of the Party in any way;
 - f. To misappropriate the funds of the Party;
 - g. To join a party or a group or an association not recognized by the Party or whose principles are not approved by the National Executive Committee;
 - To misuse authority vested by virtue of being an office bearer of the Party, or to fail to use such authority and thereby to bring about a failure of the functioning of a constituent of the Party; and
 - i. To oppose an official candidate set up by the Party in any election.
- 2. Any member guilty of any act of indiscipline shall be liable to punishment which may include one or more of the following:
 - a. Expulsion from the Party which may be permanent;
 - b. Suspension from the membership of the Party for a specified period;
 - c. Removal from office;
 - d. Imposition of disability to hold office which may be for a specified period or permanent.
- 3. Any member against whom charges of indiscipline are levied shall be tried by the State/UT Executive Committee or the

National Executive Committee as the case may be; although the National President can directly take cognizance of any case of indiscipline.

- 4. A member aggrieved by an order of punishment may appeal before the National President, who may, if he considers appropriate, refer the appeal to National Executive Committee for hearing or proceed to hear the appeal himself.
- 5. The National Executive Committee shall issue orders in cases of appeal on the approval of the National President.
- 6. The order/approval of the National President shall be final.

Article IX. - Amendment of the Constitution

The Central General Council by a simple majority can make an amendment barring article XI of this Constitution: Provided that an amendment of this Constitution can also be carried out by a resolution of the National Executive Committee, being the highest executive authority of the party, provided the amended provisions do not militate against the aims, objectives and basic party structure, and are aimed at more effective functioning in a given situation.

Article X. - Amalgamation & Dissolution.

In case of any proposal for amalgamation or dissolution of the Party, a majority of three fourths of the Active members present and voting, supported by resolution of at least two-third members of the National Executive shall be required.

Article XI. - Mandatory Provision.

The United States of India Party shall bear true faith and allegiance to the Constitution of India as by law established and to the principles of Socialism, Secularism, and Democracy and would uphold the Sovereignty, Unity and Integrity of India.