

# THE CONSTITUTION



# OF

# DEVANA PARAPURA

# (DP)

# (SRI LANKA)

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The official name of this party shall be the **Devana Parapura**, abbreviated as DP.

## **Article 2 –Objectives of the Party**

The objectives of DP are

- (a) To be a party of capable, enterprising and self-confident citizens, who are capable of taking responsibility for themselves, for their families, for their community and for the country
- (b) To be a democratically formed party, whose members will actively participate in the daily work of local governments, the state administration, Parliament and Government
- (c) To improve the productivity of Sri Lanka by training, recognizing & empowering youth (second generation) in order to ensure the maximum usage of resources in Sri Lanka in line with legal terms and green concept.
- (d) To be a party whose members will actively participate in the development of our lifestyle on the development of the culture of work and housing, the culture of free time and human relations
- (e) To be a party contributing to the huge task of reaching harmony between the economy and the environment.

## **Article 3 - Membership**

3.1 A person shall qualify for membership if;

- (a) He/she is a born, resident of or works in Sri Lanka.
- (b) He/she is an adult according to the laws of Sri Lanka.
- (c) He/she is of sound mind.
- (d) He/she subscribes to the objectives of the organization.

## **Article 4 – The Organizational System of the Party**

4.1. The Party organization is based on and its internal life is guided by the principle of Democratic Centralism. It is opposed to bureaucracy, liberalism, anarchism, individualism, ultra-democracy and factionalism. The Party is necessarily a monolithic organization and possesses a single will. It must not be a union of groups and factions which make contracts with one another and enter into temporary alliances or agreements. Freedom of thought and unity in action is the underlying message of democratic centralism, under which debates, polemics and contentions, among ideas are encouraged so as to combine and develop theory and practice in a conscious and sustained manner.

4.2. The fundamental principles of democratic centralism on which the Party bases itself are as follows:

- a. The individual is subordinated to the organization;
- b. The minority is subordinated to the majority;
- c. The lower committees are subordinated to the higher committees, and.
- d. The entire Party is subordinated to the National Council.

#### **Article 5 – National Committee**

5.1. Management of the DP shall be vested in the National Committee consisting of maximum of 20 members in which at least 20% should be represented by female.

5.2. Below officials should be mandatorily selected with the simple majority of National Committee.

- President
- Vice President
- General Secretary
- Treasurer
- National Organizer
- Administrative Secretary
- Media Secretary
- Educational Secretary

5.3. A quorum of the National Committee shall be half of its National Committee plus one.

5.4. If the president is unable to attend, then a chairperson nominated by the meeting shall chair that meeting

#### **Article 6- Powers of the National Committee**

The National Committee shall carry out the day-to-day running of the DP and shall have the power to:

6.1. Administer the finances, appoint bankers, and direct the opening of banking accounts for specific purposes and to transfer funds from one account to another, and to close any such account;

6.2. Fix the manner in which such banking accounts shall be operated upon, providing the Executive Committee passes all payments;

6.3. Adjudicate on all matters brought before it which in any way affect the DP.

6.4. Cause minutes to be made of all proceedings at meetings of the Committee and general meetings of members.

- 6.5. Make, amend and rescind rulings and by-laws
- 6.6. Have the power to form and dissolve district committees and appoint and remove district secretaries, form and dissolve Overseas committees and appoint and remove overseas secretaries and form and dissolve any sub-committee/sard appoint and remove head of committees as required for specific purposes
- 6.7. May at their discretion employ a person or persons to carry out certain duties required by the DP, at salaries or remunerations for such period of time, as may be deemed necessary.
- 6.8. Should a vacancy occur on the National Committee during the season, simple majority of National Committee can appoint the successor.
- 6.9. Appoint an officer/s or agent of the National Committee to have custody of the DP's records, documents and securities.

#### **Article 7 - National Committee Meetings**

- 7.1. DP shall hold regular monthly meetings during the academic term, except when holidays, examination periods or other events make meeting impractical.
- 7.2. DP meeting day/time will be determined in the end of each previous meeting and that should be formally informed by the Secretary.
- 7.3. When required for voting, a quorum shall consist of a simple majority of the membership plus one officer.
- 7.4. President can call National Committee meetings other than monthly meetings if required.

#### **Article 8 –Annual General Meetings**

- 8.1. The Annual General meeting of the DP must be held prior to the end of the calendar year.
- 8.2. The Secretary shall give at least fourteen (14) days' notice of the date of the Annual General Meeting, to members.
- 8.3. The Annual General Meetings shall have the following;
  - A. Receiving and approving reports from the president on the activities of the party for the previous year.
  - B. Receiving annual reports on projects.
  - C. Receiving and approving audited financial reports from the treasurer.
  - D. Deliberating any issue, which may be raised by the members.
- 8.4. Attendance at the general Meetings.

The annual general meeting shall be attended by;

- A. Members of the National Committee.
- B. All District Secretaries.
- C. All Heads of Sub Committees
- D. Any persons or organizations that may be sharing aspirations with the organization and are sympathetic to the aims and objectives of the organization at the approval of National Council.

8.5. The quorum at the Annual General meeting shall be a minimum of the National Council members

#### **Article 9 –Extraordinary General Meetings**

9.1. Extraordinary General meetings may be called by the National Committee

9.2. The secretary shall give at least seven (7) days' notice, in writing, of the date of the General meeting to the members. Notice of General meetings shall set out clearly the business for which the meeting has been called. No other business shall be dealt with at that General meeting.

9.3. The quorum at the Extraordinary General meeting shall be a minimum of the National Committee members.

#### **Article 10 – Disciplinary Measures**

10.1. In the event of violation of Party discipline by any member including all members in National Committee, the Disciplinary committee appointed by National Committee will chaired by the secretary of administration it will take the proper disciplinary measures, such as warning, censure, public censure, demotion, removal from the Party posts, suspension from the Party membership and putting on probation for a period not exceeding one year, and expulsion. The maximum punishment is expulsion from the Party.

10.2. Disciplinary committee should be consisted of atleast members in which atleast 2 members should be from National Committee where this committee should be appointed for each calendar year.

10.3. All Party committees must take stern action against members found guilty of violating the dignity of women.

10.4. Members whose revolutionary spirit has suffered erosion and who are not improving despite repeated education may be advised to leave the Party.

#### **Article 11 –Sources of Funding**

11.1. The funding sources of the organization shall include but not limited to the following;

- A. Money contributed by members.
- B. Money accruing from fundraising activities.
- C. Donations from donors and beneficiaries.
- D. Loans.
- E. Government and its line ministries.
- F. Profits from output sales.
- G. Any other lawful source.

11.2. Bank account(s) of the organization shall be opened with any commercial bank agreed upon by the National Committee. The same members may further decide on such other financial institutions deemed fit.

## **Article 12 –Alterations to the Constitution and By Laws**

12.1. No alteration, repeal or addition shall be made to the Constitution except at the Annual General meeting, or General meeting, called for that purpose and notice of all motions to alter, repeal or add to the Constitution shall be given to members fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General meeting, or seven (7) days prior to a general meeting called for such purpose.

12.2. The secretary shall forward such notices of motion to each Executive Committee member at least fourteen (14) days prior to the Annual General Meeting or seven (7) days prior to a general meeting.

12.3. Alterations to the By-laws can be made only at National Committee Meetings provided notice of the proposed alteration/s has been duly notified to Committee Members.

12.4. Such motions, or any part thereof, shall be of no effect unless passed by a seventy five percent (75%) majority (special resolution) of those present and entitled to a vote at the Annual General Meeting, Extraordinary General Meeting or National Committee Meeting, as the case may be.

## **Article 13 –Dissolutions**

13.1. DP may be dissolved by a special EGM called for this purpose by the National Executive. If, on the closure of the DP, any property of the DP remains after satisfaction of the debts and liabilities of the club and the costs, charges and expenses of that winding up, that property shall be distributed:

- (a) To another incorporated club having objectives similar to those of the DP
- (b) For charitable purposes