

the members present in the General Conference, if and when necessary.

- (b) Each and every member shall have the right to propose any amendment of the constitution.
- (c) Any proposal from the member for amendment of the constitution shall be submitted, in writing, to the headquarters at least 7 (seven) days before holding the General Conference or Special Conference held for that purpose.

**CONSTITUTION OF THE  
MIZO POST GRADUATE SCIENCE SOCIETY  
(MIPOGRASS)**

**PREAMBLE**

Keeping in view the need and demand of the people of Mizoram in the field of science and technology; to promote and make further development of science for the younger generation, the **Mizo Post Graduate Science Society (MIPOGRASS)** is established on the day of the 10<sup>th</sup> June 1995. The first General Conference of MIPOGRASS hereby adopt this constitution on this 20<sup>th</sup> February 1996 and declare that this constitution henceforth shall be binding on all members of the society. The society is purely a voluntary organisation.

**ARTICLE I**

***Title & Commencement:***

- (a) The society shall be known as the **Mizo Post-Graduate Science Society** or **MIPOGRASS** in short.
- (b) This constitution shall be known as the **Constitution of Mizo Post-Graduate Science Society**.
- (c) The society shall have jurisdiction over all matters of the society.

**ARTICLE II*****Headquarters & Sub-Headquarters:***

- (a) The headquarters shall be located at Aizawl, and the designations of the Office Bearers shall be as follows:-
  - (1) President
  - (2) Vice President
  - (3) General Secretary
  - (4) Assistant Secretary
  - (5) Treasurer
  - (6) Finance Secretary
- (b) If and when a need arises for establishment of sub-headquarters, it may be done so with the prior permission of the headquarters.
- (c) The sub-headquarters may, if so established, have the power to make new rules and regulations of their own, if necessary, with the approval of the headquarters.

**ARTICLE III*****Aims & Objectives:***

- (a) To foster Mizoram towards the study of science and technology.
- (b) To motivate the experts in the field of science and to utilise their knowledge for the progress of

**ARTICLE XIII*****Miscellaneous:***

- (a) The society shall act in the name of the President of the society.
- (b) The society is a non-political body and shall not interfere directly or indirectly in politics.
- (c) The society shall work for all its members without discrimination or disparity.
- (d) The society shall be dissolved by not less than two-third votes of the members in a conference attended by the representatives, convened at not less than one month's notice.
- (e) In the event of termination of the society, any property provided by the government shall be handed over to the same or to any authority as decided by the conference which dissolves the society.
- (f) The society shall open bank account(s) which will be jointly operated by the President and Treasurer, and Finance Secretary, if necessary.

**ARTICLE XIV*****Amendment of the Constitution:***

- (a) Amendment to the whole or any part of the constitution may be made by not less than two-third of

used.

- (g) Within ten (10) days from the date of election, the outgoing Office Bearers shall hand over their charges of functions to the newly elected Office Bearers, who shall automatically take charge of functions of the Office Bearers.
- (h) The Office Bearers' meeting can nominate the appointed Office Bearers, if necessary, which will be taken up by the Executive Committee for final decision.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

##### ***Quorum:***

In all meetings of the society, one-fifth of the total members form the quorum.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

##### ***Resignation:***

- (a) Any resignation from the Executive Committee, or from the membership shall be addressed to the President in black and white.
- (b) If the President resign from his post, he shall tender his resignation to the Vice President.
- (c) Any case of resignation shall be taken up by the Executive Committee.

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- (c) To give support to and collaborate with institutions/organisations/NGOs in the field of science and technology.
- (d) To popularize the importance of utility of science among the Mizo students.
- (e) To organise seminar/symposium, etc. at an appropriate time.
- (f) To publish scientific journal/magazine.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### ***Membership:***

- (a) Any person who is having/reading Master degree or above in basic/allied sciences may become a member upon payment of ₹ 50/- (Rupees fifty only) as membership fee .
- (b) A member can become Life Member upon payment of ₹ 500/- (Rupees five hundred only).
- (c) An eminent person, with significant contribution to the activities of the society and/or the advancement of science may apply for Patron Membership. However, eligibility shall be decided and approved by the Executive Committee, and on approval, the member shall become a Patron upon payment of ₹ 1,000/- (Rupees one thousand only).

**ARTICLE V*****Executive Committee:***

- (a) There shall be an Executive Committee having the highest powers and functions next to the General Conference.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall consist of the following members:
  - (1) All the Office Bearers of the headquarters.
  - (2) All the appointed members of the Executive Committee.
  - (3) All the appointed Advisers of the society.
  - (4) The Office Bearers of sub-headquarters, if established, while staying in the headquarters.

**ARTICLE VI*****General Conference:***

- (a) The supreme power over the society shall rest in the General Conference.
- (b) The General Conference shall be held at least once in a year, and the conference shall be arranged by the Executive Committee.
- (c) All members are expected to attend the General Conference.
- (d) If and when necessary, a special conference may

ters relating to spending and raising of funds for the welfare of the society.

- (c) In the case of death of a member, an amount of ₹ 500/- (Rupees five hundred only) shall be given to the family or nearest kin of the deceased, as condolence gift in cash or kind or both.

**ARTICLE X*****Election and Appointment:***

- (a) The Office Bearers of the headquarters shall be elected by the General Conference for a term of two (2) years.
- (b) The General Conference shall either first elect the President and the General Secretary by designation, and the other four (4) Office Bearers without assigning designations thereof, or elect the Office Bearers post-by-post, as decided by the Executive Committee.
- (c) Voting at the election shall be done by secret ballot. Only the member of the society shall have the right to vote.
- (d) Election shall be conducted by returning officer who is not a member of the society, appointed by the Executive Committee.
- (e) Election shall be done by official nomination or nomination from the floor.
- (f) In the election, a system of simple majority shall be

**(e) Treasurer**

He/she shall -

- (i) be responsible for the safe custody and proper maintenance of the funds of the society.
- (ii) be responsible for the annual account audit as per the Societies Act.

**(f) Finance Secretary:**

He/she shall -

- (i) be responsible for maintenance of all receipts and payments, and shall hand over the account to the Treasurer within a week.
- (ii) act on behalf of the Treasurer in the latter's absence.
- (iii) present finance report at the General Conference.
- (iv) initiate annual audit of accounts.

**ARTICLE IX*****Welfare:***

- (a) The general fund contributed by members of the society can be utilised for the purpose of welfare gifts and aid to members.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall decide upon all mat-

also be held. The special conference shall have all the powers and functions of the General Conference.

**ARTICLE VII*****Powers and functions of the Executive Committee:***

- (a) All the executive powers and functions of the society shall be vested in the Executive Committee, whose decision shall be final in such matters.
- (b) The power and control over the finance, properties and assets of the society shall be exercised by the Executive Committee, and its decision on such matters be final.
- (c) It shall exercise the power to take disciplinary action on members, to decide on re-enrolment of members, and to make decision on termination of membership.
- (d) It shall have the power to make and enforce new rules and regulations, if necessary, to supplement the existing ones for the effective set up and undertaking of the society
- (e) It shall bear the responsibility to carry out the resolutions of the General Conference and the activity programmes of the society.
- (f) In case of resignation of any member of the Office Bearer, it shall be the responsibility of the Executive Committee to assign designation to the Office

Bearers, or to make new appointment to fill the vacant post.

- (g) It shall exercise the power to nominate Adviser(s) and Executive Member(s), in addition to those nominated by the meeting of the newly elected Office Bearers.

## ARTICLE VIII

### *Powers & Functions of the Office Bearers:*

#### **(a) President**

He/she shall -

- (i) have the supreme power over all the issues related to the society;
- (ii) preside over all the Executive Committees and General Conferences;
- (iii) be responsible for taking active part in all the activities insisted by the society;
- (iv) be responsible for settling disputes among the members over the issue related to the society;
- (v) have a power to check finance and accounts.

#### **(b) Vice President**

He/she shall -

- (i) act on behalf of the President in the latter's ab-

sence;

- (ii) presides over the meeting, related to the personal issue of the President;
- (iii) act as the President in the event of occurrence of vacancy in the office of the President, by reason of death, resignation or removal or otherwise, until the date on which a new President is elected.

#### **(c) General Secretary**

He/she shall -

- (i) be responsible for taking active part in all the activities of the society;
- (ii) keep the official files and records;
- (iii) issue and receive circulars, correspondences and communications of the society.

#### **(d) Assistant Secretary**

He/she shall -

- (i) assist the General Secretary;
- (ii) shall act on behalf of the Secretary in the latter's absence;
- (iii) be responsible for any special function entrusted to him/her by the President.