

**SHREE LOHANA MAHAPARISHAD**

**CONSTITUTION**

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PREFACECONSTITUTION

With a noble intention that Raghuvanshis residing in the remote areas can be contacted and information of the works of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad is reached to the people belonging to Raghuvanshi community residing abroad and the community people residing abroad can become more active in the activities of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad, it was decided in the meeting of Central General Committee held in the month of December 2020 to decentralize the existing seven zones in India as per the existing Constitution of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad which came into effect in November 2013 and to make 15 Zones in India and in addition thereto, it was unanimously decided to make eight Zones now to contact the community people residing abroad.

Besides this, more clarification in some of the clauses of Constitution was found necessary.

Further discussions were made with regard to above matter in the Managing Committee meeting held on the date 26<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and after making thorough study of the Constitution, the Constitution Amendment Committee was formed under the leadership of the Constitution Expert, Community Leader Shri Mahendrabhai Ghelani to make necessary amendments-additions in the Constitution that came into effect from the year 2013.

In addition to the Chairman Mahendrabhai Ghelani, the Mahaparishad President Shri Satishbhai Vithalani, Senior Vice-President Shri Jitubhai Thakkar, Trustee Shri Ravindrabhai Vaghani, Trustee Shri Yogeshbhai Lakhani, Ex-President and Trustee Shri Pravinbhai Kotak, Legal Experts Shri Kunalbhai Vajani, Shri Krunalbhai Gadhia, Shri Nitinbhai Saujani of U.K., Shri Yatinbhai Dawada of U.K., Shri Aroonbhai Samani of Africa, Shri Maheshbhai Mulani, Shri Mukeshbhai Saglani and Shri Dhirubhai Mirani were included in this Constitution Amendment Committee.

About twelve meetings of the Constitution Amendment Committee were held physically or on Zoom App for thoroughly studying each clause of Constitution and making discussions thereon. Details of the amendments-additions suggested by the Committee were presented by the Constitution Amendment Committee Chairman Shri Mahendrabhai Ghelani in the meeting of the Managing Committee held in June 2022 at Nashik.

After a lengthy discussion in the meeting of the Managing Committee held in the month of June at Nashik, one resolution was passed unanimously to call suggestions regarding amendments in the Constitution from the community people in addition to the amendments proposed to be carried out and thereafter to put these amendments-additions before the Central General Committee in December 2022.

Accordingly, advertisement was placed in Raghukul Vishwa and on the website of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad and suggestions were called regarding amendments in the Constitution from the community people belonging to Raghuvanshi community.

After considering the suggestions received from members in the meeting of Managing Committee held in Nashik, it was decided to place the same before the forthcoming Managing Committee Meeting to be held in the month of December to take proper action.

After completing all these processes, Shri Mahendrabhai Ghelani had given information in detail regarding making necessary amendments in the Constitution, in the meeting of Managing Committee held on the date 17<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Raipur.

Members of the Managing Committee approved the said amendments and a resolution was passed unanimously to place these amendments before the Central General Committee going to be held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Raipur and to obtain approval of the Central General Committee.

After thorough discussions in meeting of the Central General Committee held on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at Raipur, approval was granted unanimously to the amendments in the Constitution.

All the representatives of the Central General Committee who remained present have granted approval to the recommendations of amendments in the Constitution and have passed the same unanimously.

As decided in the meeting of the Central General Committee held on the 18<sup>th</sup> December 2022, the amended Constitution will come into force with immediate effect.

the Constitution with the amendments placed before the meeting of the Central General Committee at Raipur and unanimously approved therein has been published. At this stage we thank all people of Raghuvanshi community, community well-wishers and all the members of Managing Committee and Central General Committee for contributing their time for amendments in the Constitution.

Jai Raghuvansh

Jai Jalaram

Jai Mahaparishad

Raipur

Presented by

Dt. 18-12-2022

Constitution Amendment Committee

Chairman

Mahendra K. Ghelani



# SHREE LOHANA MAHAPARISHAD

## CONSTITUTION

### 1. Name:

- (1) Name of this Trust shall be 'Shree Lohana Mahaparishad'.
- (2) Wherever the expressions 'Mahaparishad', 'community', 'Mahajan' and 'Trust' have been mentioned herein, the same shall, unless repugnant to their context, mean 'Shree Lohana Mahaparishad', 'Lohana community', 'Lohana Mahajan' and 'Lohana Trust' respectively.

### 2. Office of Mahaparishad:

The Central Office of Mahaparishad will be at Mumbai; however, the Managing Committee of Mahaparishad will have power to have divisional administrative office/s and sub-office/s temporarily at other places for administrative convenience of Mahaparishad.

### 3. Accounting year of Mahaparishad:

The Accounting year of Mahaparishad will be from 1<sup>st</sup> day of April to 31<sup>st</sup> day of March. The Managing Committee will have power to make change in accounting year subject to the government directions.

### 4. Object:

The object shall be to take measures to achieve overall progress of Lohana community in social, economic, moral, spiritual, industrial, commercial, physical, intellectual , educational fields and to make all possible efforts to give effect to the same, to take up all the works for community's prosperity and development and to carry out all the activities as found necessary for unity, brotherhood, co-operation, harmony and organization in community, in consistency with unity, progress and prosperity of nation.

**5. Activities:**

The Mahaparishad can undertake various activities in a way that the above objectives are not hindered, such as:

- (A)** For the fulfilment of the aforesaid objects, Mahaparishad will make efforts to establish Mahajan in such villages or cities which do not have Lohana Community Mahajan, but have at least 25 families belonging to community or in the group of villages situated close to one another within the area of 100 kilometres. Further, where Mahajans and Trusts are inactive, Mahaparishad will make efforts to make them active by giving necessary guidance or as far as possible, will become helpful in the community welfare activities of such Mahajans, as per Shree Lohana Mahaparishad Constitution.

- (B)** Determine to eliminate the differences and to carry out social reforms from time-to-time keeping in view the spirit of community integration.
- (C)** It will provide or facilitate scholarship or other help to the needy community student/s within the limits of its fund or will establish – can establish educational centres, institutions, trusts, hostels, vocational schools, libraries, reading-rooms, etc. or will be helpful in such community welfare activities or will consistently make efforts for the same.
- (D)** To link the entrepreneurs, experienced and successful industrialists and various businessmen of the community with the youths embarking on new businesses and to give necessary guidance to make their activities smooth and speedy and to organize necessary seminars, exhibitions for the same and to make efforts to be more helpful to each other for the said purpose.
- (E)** Help the community people to get employment or develop their business by establishing or assisting in setting up 'employment exchange' or consumer stores, co-operative societies or co-operative banks without any expectation of financial benefit of any kind.

**(F)** Wherever necessary and as far as possible it will construct, encourage to construct or be helpful to construct on ownership basis or low rent residential houses (Nivas Gruh) and guest-houses (Atithi Gruh) for the economically weaker section of the community.

**(G)**

To establish or assist in setting up Gruh Udyog or similar activities or institutions for the needy women, widows, children or abandoned community members.

**(H)**

Create facilities of low-cost hospitals or subsidized medicines to be provided to help the community members who are sick, by setting up clinics at places of demand, offering free or cheaper medical facilities to the needy community members or assisting in such activities and also establishing trusts if required for such works or for their ancillary activities.

**(I)** Consistently make efforts to ensure that the Bharatiya culture, religious feelings and spirituality keep growing in the community and will be as far as possible helpful to the community institutions carrying out such activities and will establish temples, ashrams, prayer-halls or boarding-houses serving foods charitably (Annakshetras) or be helpful to the institutions carrying on such activities.

- (J)** In addition to the aforesaid activities and objects, it can, with the approval from the Managing Committee, carry out such other community welfare activities which are not included in the above clauses.
- (K)** In the event if it is required to form any separate trust or institution or to promote such trust or institution for any activity or activities mentioned in above sub-clauses (A) to (J), it shall be binding on the newly formed trust or institution to make specific provision in its trust deed or in its constitution/Memorandum of Association that the President of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad or the nominee suggested by the President of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad shall be ex-officio Trustee or member of Board of Directors in such newly and separately formed or promoted trust or institution.

**6. Member:**

**(1)**

Lohana Mahajans, boys and girls hostels, and Mahajans established in India and abroad working for the benefit of Lohana community members and their families, who are consistent with the aims and objectives of the Mahaparishad as recognized by the Managing Committee (Karobari Samiti), and organisations other than Mahajans which are working

for the benefit of Lohana community members and their families, and have been registered with a Government-recognized officer or with Shree Lohana Mahaparishad for at least 3 years shall be included as a member of the Mahaparishad without any discrimination. This will exclude those whose membership has been permanently cancelled due to disciplinary action and those whose membership has been suspended for a limited period of time will not be included as members during the period of suspension.

**(2)** The Managing Committee (Karobari Samiti) of the Mahaparishad shall have the right to decide whether to recognize or re-recognize any Mahajan, hostel or institution mentioned in Clause 6 (1) above or to revoke the recognition given as per Clause No. 6 (1) and that decision shall be final and binding. The Managing Committee will decide whether any Mahajan, hostel or institution can be a member of the Mahaparishad or not and such decision shall be final and binding.

**(3)**

Mahajans and institutions which are not registered with Shree Lohana Mahaparishad or newly established Mahajans or institutions must send a report and photos of the activities carried out previously and presently by them and future

activities planned for upliftment of the Lohana community along with their membership application for the Central General Committee (Madhyastha Mahasamiti).

- (4)** Any person for the membership of Central General Committee, Trusteeship, Managing Committee and office bearer in any manner shall be active in social activities and shall be physically and mentally competent and it is desirous that they should be familiar with the usage of latest technologies or digital media like email, social networking sites, etc.

In addition, the person should never have been declared insolvent financially or otherwise, or should not have been convicted for any criminal or immoral act or offence for a period exceeding two years.

- (5)** The members of Mahaparishad will pay the membership fee/delegate fee not exceeding Rs. 3000 per delegate per meeting or as fixed by the Managing Committee from time to time to meet administrative or other expenses in Mahaparishad and to attend the Managing Committee and Central General Committee meeting or other conferences or meetings organized by Mahaparishad.

**7. Central General Committee (Madhyastha Mahasamiti):**

- (1)**

According to Clause No. 6, the Managing Committee or official administrative body of every recognized Mahajan in India and abroad shall elect or appoint a competent delegate aged 18 years and above on a basis of one delegate per population of 1000 community members of a town or village having minimum 1000 community members. Within which equal priority should be given to youth and women delegates. But in any case, any Mahajan can send maximum 30 delegates only.

In case of village/city having population of less than 1000 community members, a group of Raghuvanshis of nearby villages/cities should be formed and one delegate membership should be given per community group of 1000 residing within an area of 100 kilometres. Even if the community group formed within 100 kilometres area does not reach up to a population of 1000 community members, for any reason, then the Managing Committee is authorized to take one delegate from such area, so that institutions of every area and through them the people belonging to Raghuvanshi community can remain in contact with the mother institution (Matrusanstha).

Similarly, the hostels and recognized institutions as per Clause No. 6 can also send one delegate. In no



circumstances number of such delegates of Central General Committee shall exceed 1000, but if number of the said delegates exceeds 1000, then the Managing Committee can revise this policy regarding granting representation in the ratio of population of community people. All the present and former Trustees of Mahaparishad, in addition to the Trustees of Trusts formed by Mahaparishad, power of electing Trustees of which Trusts vests in Mahaparishad, shall be deemed as the ex-officio representatives of the Central General Committee. The Chairperson of Advisory Committee will be deemed as the ex-officio member of the Central General Committee. The present donors in Raghukul Aarogya Nidhi and Raghukul Shikshan Nidhi promoted by Mahaparishad and the Trusts or Funds that may be formed hereafter and the person donating Rs. 50 lakhs to the Trust promoted / created by Mahaparishad can become ex-officio members of Central General Committee. The Managing Committee shall have power to mention larger amount of the donation in place of Rs. 50 lakhs in future for implementation of this provision. In addition thereto, the President of Mahaparishad can co-opt maximum 100 delegates in Central General Committee.

- (2)** If the Convention of Mahaparishad (Adhivation) cannot be held within five years from the date of previous Convention, then new Central General Committee will be formed every five years. Information regarding such newly formed Central General Committee will be published on the website and newsletter of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad.
- (3)** Every Mahajan, hostel and recognized institution will be informed by the office of the Mahaparishad about six months before the due date of the Convention or the due date of the announcement of the selection of the President.
- (4)** Each Mahajan, hostel and recognized institution of community will have to elect or appoint its representatives as per Clause 7(1) and will have to inform the office of Mahaparishad about the same in writing six months before the expected date of Convention or expiry of term of Central General Committee or expected date for selection of the President. If any Mahajan, hostel or recognized institution of community fails to inform the office of Mahaparishad in writing about the names of its representatives six months before the expected date of Convention, if going to be held, or expiry of term of Central General Committee or expected date for selection of the President, then the said Mahajans, hostels and recognized institutions will not get membership

in the newly-formed Central General Committee. The Central General Committee formed in such manner will be deemed to have been formed as per Clause 7 of the Constitution and it will ratify the appointment of the President selected by the Selection Committee and will hand over charge to the new President.

- (5) Term of the Central General Committee shall be maximum five years.
- (6) The retiring President will form the new Central General Committee in consultation with the incoming President selected by the Selection Committee.

**8. Office and meetings of Central General Committee:**

- (1) The office of Mahaparishad decided as per Clause 2 itself shall be deemed as the office of Central General Committee.
- (2) The members will have to be intimated in writing about the upcoming meeting of Central General Committee, 21 days before the date of scheduled meeting.
- (3) Quorum of Central General Committee meeting will be of 141 members.
- (4) It shall be duty of the Secretaries to call such meeting as per the resolution, if any passed by the last meeting of Central General Committee and if no such resolution has been passed, then as per the Constitution, within the period of

maximum two years from the last meeting, with the permission of the President.

- (5)** However, if the Secretaries fail to call such meeting for any reason, then at least 100 delegates of Central General Committee may request the President with their proposed agenda to call the meeting. If such proposed meeting is not called accordingly within maximum 45 days of submission of request for any reason, then the signatory members can call such meeting. If the President or the Senior Vice-President is not present in such meeting, then the members present can elect one of them as the Chairperson of the said meeting only and can transact the businesses on agenda only. Such meeting will be deemed as valid as per the Constitution. Resolutions put up before such meeting shall be within the framework of the Constitution and the same can be passed by majority votes of the members present.
- (6)** Mahajan or institution of any zone or region or city or village can give invitation for meeting of Central General Committee of Mahaparishad. Apart from that, meeting of Central General Committee can also be held via video conferencing or other audio-visual medias, being capable of recording and identifying the members of Central General Committee and

capable of recording and storing proceedings of such meeting with date and time.

The resolutions put up before such meeting can be passed by majority votes of the members present and the same shall be binding on all.

- (7) If any meeting is adjourned for want of quorum, then such adjourned meeting will meet at the same venue half an hour after the scheduled time. It can transact the businesses as per the agenda only. Quorum will not be required for such adjourned meeting.

**9. Scope of Central General Committee:**

- (1) Central General Committee will co-operate in all the works and every activity of the Managing Committee to achieve the aims and objects of Mahaparishad and will make active efforts for implementation of resolutions passed in the Convention.
- (2) Central General Committee will ratify the appointment of the President selected by the Selection Committee and will hand over charge to the new President.
- (3) If any post of the delegate of Central General Committee falls vacant on account of death, resignation or for any other reason, then the respective Mahajan or institution can appoint new representative from its side within one month

as per its policies and rules. The respective Mahajan or recognized institution will have to intimate the office of Mahaparishad in writing within one month from the date of such appointment of new representative.

If any Mahajan or recognized institution has not elected or appointed its representative in the formation of Central General Committee or has not intimated about appointment in writing, or if the post of any delegate of Central General Committee falls vacant for whatsoever reason and it is not filled, then also Central General Committee can carry out its functions and all the works carried out by it shall be deemed as valid and binding.

- (4) The organizing team of the place where meeting of Central General Committee has been called can collect necessary funds with the permission of the Managing Committee to meet expenses of the said meeting and/or can collect fee as per requirement from the attending members.

#### **10. Standing Committees:**

- (1) The President of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad can form Women's Committee, Youth Committee, Education, Hostel Committee, Skill Development Committee, Healthcare Committee, Thalassemia Committee, Housing Scheme Committee, Cultural Committee, Sports Committee,

Professional Committee, Various Types of Business Development and Employment Committees, I.T. Committee, Liaison, Co-ordination and Communications Committee, Environment Committee, Matrimonial Committee, Legal Committee, Jivdaya Committee, Tourism Committee, Spiritual Committee, Government Employee Committee, Gruh Udyog Committee, International Award Committee, Senior Citizen Welfare Committee, Humanitarian Assistance and Disaster Relief Committee, Political Empowerment Committee or other committees in accordance with the objects of Mahaparishad. Number of such committees shall not exceed 30. Term of these committees shall be up to the period of formation of next Central General Committee after their appointment. The Chairperson of the Standing Committee will be selected by the President of Mahaparishad.

- (2)** The Chairperson of each Committee will appoint office bearers of his/her committee. Office bearers of Mahaparishad will be ex-officio members of these Committees.
- (3)** These Committees will carry out well organized activities of their respective fields in India and overseas. These Committees can form the Zonal/Regional Committees as per

the convenience and requirements with the permission of the President to achieve progress by carrying out activities and making development in their respective field of works and can also get co-operation of other institutions working in the respective fields. If required, these Committees can also appoint Sub-Committees.

- (4)** The Chairperson of each Standing Committee can collect funds with the written consent of the President for the activities of the Standing Committee after preparing its budget. However, any balance fund remaining after incurring expenses shall have to be deposited in Matrusanstha Shree Lohana Mahaparishad. No Committee or Chairperson can retain the balance amount with it/them. Complete accounts of income and expenditure of such fund shall have to be submitted from time to time to the Treasurers of Mahaparishad together with supporting documents. The balance amount of fund will be kept as reserved for achieving the objects of the relevant committees. If the relevant committee cannot use such balance fund for its activities within the period of two years, then the President of Mahaparishad can divert the said unused fund for other objects of Mahaparishad.



- (5) Each committee will have to submit annual report of its activities and accounts in the meetings of the Managing Committee.
- (6) Standing Committees / Sub-Committees and their office bearers shall carry out activities and make appointments as per the guidance of the President.

**11. Formation of the Managing Committee (Karobari Samiti):**

- (1) After obtaining the ratification of the Central General Committee, the new President shall constitute a Managing Committee of the Mahaparishad consisting of 151 members from among the delegates of the Central General Committee including the Co-opt members within two months after taking charge as the President. He will appoint 1 Senior Vice-President, 2 Secretaries and 2 Treasurers from amongst them. Further, Zonal Presidents of 15 Zones in India and 8 Zones (may be increased to 12 Zones) abroad will be appointed by the President of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad. Each Zonal President will be deemed as ex-officio member of the Managing Committee. The present Trustees of Mahaparishad and the Chairperson of Advisory Committee will be deemed as ex-officio members in the Managing Committee. Besides them, former Presidents of Mahaparishad will be deemed as ex-officio members in the

Managing Committee. In addition thereto, the President can co-opt maximum 21 members in the Managing Committee. Such 21 members need not be delegates of the Central General Committee. Out of total 151 members, 46 members shall be from the location where Main Office of Mahaparishad is situated.

The details of newly formed Managing Committee will be published in the website and newsletter of Mahaparishad.

- (2) The Managing Committee will be answerable to the Central General Committee.
- (3) The President, Vice-President, Secretaries and Treasurers of the Managing Committee shall also be the President, Vice-President, Secretaries and Treasurers of the Central General Committee and the President, Vice-Presidents, Secretaries and Treasurers of Mahaparishad respectively. Taking into consideration administrative workload, the Central General Committee can grant approval for more posts with the recommendation of the President.
- (4) Term of the Managing Committee shall be till the new Managing Committee is formed.

## **12. Office and meetings of the Managing Committee:**

- (1) The Main Office of Mahaparishad itself shall be deemed as the office of the Managing Committee.

- (2) The Secretaries of the Managing Committee will call meetings as per the resolution, if any passed by the last meeting of the Managing Committee and if no such resolution has been passed, then as per the requirement, from time to time or in accordance with constitutional requirement, but it shall be duty of the Secretaries to call a meeting of the Managing Committee within the period of maximum six months. Mahajan or institution of any Zone or Region or city or village can give invitation for meeting of the Managing Committee of Mahaparishad. However, it will be desirable that ordinarily such meetings of the Managing Committee are held in the cities or villages of different zones from time to time.

Apart from invitation by Mahajan or institution of any Zone or Region or city or village, meeting of the Managing Committee can also be held via video conferencing or other audio-visual medias, being capable of recording and identifying the members of the Managing Committee and capable of recording and storing proceeding of such meeting with date and time.

The resolutions put up before such meeting can be passed by majority votes of the members present and the same shall be binding on all.

Quorum of the Managing Committee meeting will consist of 51 members.

- (3)** With the instructions or permission of the President, the Secretaries may invite non-members in the Managing Committee meeting as may be deemed necessary for participating in the workings of Committee, but such invitee members shall not have right to cast vote.
- (4)** Quorum of the Managing Committee meeting will consist of 51 members. The Managing Committee shall have power to frame such rules for its meeting and affairs that are consistent with the Constitution,. The members will have to be intimated in writing about any such meeting, fifteen days before the date of the meeting, but in extraordinary circumstances, such meeting may be called with five days' notice.
- (5)** If the meeting the Managing Committee is adjourned for want of quorum, then such adjourned meeting can meet at the same venue fifteen minutes after the scheduled time. It can transact the businesses on the agenda only. Quorum will not be necessary for such adjourned meeting.

- (6)** The Managing Committee can appoint Sub-Committees as required for convenience of operations; however, the Managing Committee cannot delegate the duties, which it has to discharge, and the powers, which it has to exercise, to the Sub-Committee or Sub-Committees.

If required, the Managing Committee may, subject to the laws, frame such rules which are consistent with the Constitution for proper maintenance, safety and management of amounts and funds under the charge of the Treasurers of Mahaparishad.

**13. Duties and powers of the Managing Committee:**

- (1)** For the purpose of achieving aims and objects of Mahaparishad, it shall take up all the activities, create schemes for prosperity and progress of community and will take active steps to implement the same.
- (i)** It will implement and facilitate implementation of the resolutions passed and decisions taken in the Convention of Mahaparishad and by the Central General Committee.
- (ii)** The Managing Committee will prepare the budgets.
- (iii)** The Managing Committee will present the report of the works and activities carried out by it in the meeting of Central General Committee.

- (iv)** It will maintain the accounts of Mahaparishad and Central General Committee and after receiving of audited accounts, it will include the same in the Annual Report.
- (v)** It will submit the Annual report and get it published digitally and in print.
- (vi)** It will present the report of the works carried out by the Central General Committee in the Convention.
- (vii)** It will employ salaried persons as per requirement for offices of Mahaparishad, Central General Committee and Managing Committee and will regulate their salaries, leaves, dismissal, etc.
- (viii)** It will accept conditional or unconditional gifts as consistent with the aims of Mahaparishad and will get the same implemented accordingly and it can raise funds to implement the aims of Mahaparishad.
- (ix)** It will direct the Board of Trustees for investment and administration of funds and properties of Mahaparishad and will extend co-operation to the Trustees to discharge their duties.
- (x)** The responsibility of forming new Central General Committee at least 3 months before expiry of term of the Central General Committee will rest on the Managing Committee.

**14. Filling the posts fallen vacant in the Managing Committee:**

- (1) If any office bearer or member of the Managing Committee remains absent in three consecutive meetings, then the said post shall be deemed as fallen vacant.
- (2) If any vacancy is created due to death, resignation or absenteeism, the President will fill up the vacant posts by appointing new members from amongst the delegates of the Central General Committee within one month from the date of vacancy ; however, if such posts remain vacant and are not filled up within the stipulated time due to any reason, the Managing Committee can still carry on its duties and the same shall be deemed as valid.

**15. Selection of the President:**

- (1) The selection committee will declare the name of the President-designate six months before the date of Convention if it is to be held, or six months before the commencement of the term of the next Central General Committee (Madhyastha Mahasamiti). The President selected by the selection committee will also be the President of Central General Committee and Managing Committee.
- (2) If the post of President of Mahaparishad falls vacant for any reason, then the Senior Vice-President will take charge as the Acting President for a maximum period of six months

and during the said period he will call the meeting of the Central General Committee and form the new Selection Committee as per the Constitution within a period of maximum three months. The Selection Committee so formed will select the new President within a period of maximum two months from its formation. The Senior Vice-President (Acting President) will call the meeting of the Managing Committee within one month of the announcement of President-designate and hand over charge to the new President selected by the Selection Committee. The new President so selected will hold the charge of the President of the Managing Committee and the Central General Committee for the remaining term of Central General Committee. The President selected for the balance term due to vacancy will not require ratification of the Central General Committee.

**(3)** For the purpose of selection of the President, the Selection Committee comprising of 45 members will be formed as follows:

(A)	Present President	- 1
(B)	Senior Vice-President	- 1
(C)	Secretaries	- 2
(D)	Treasurers	- 2
(E)	Zonal President of each Zone in India	-15



- (F) Zonal Presidents out of the - 2  
Overseas Zones as suggested by them
- (G) Trustees as suggested by the Trust Board  
- 2
- (H) Representatives appointed by the delegates of  
the Central General Committee of the relevant  
Zone in consultation with Zonal President of each Zone  
- 15
- (I) Chairperson of the Advisory Committee - 1
- (J) 4 eminent persons suggested by the Advisory Committee,  
who are prominent in community service. Such individuals  
may or may not be delegates of the Central General  
Committee. However, their appointment in the selection  
committee shall be ratified by the Central General  
Committee at least one year before the scheduled date for  
selection of the President.
- (K) In case of tie arising in the Committee, the President shall  
have right to give casting vote.
- (4)** Keeping in mind the tradition of Mahaparishad and  
immediate requirements of society, the Selection Committee  
will prudently make recommendation to the Central General  
Committee for selection of a sincere person having reputable  
character in the society and commitment towards social  
service, for the post of President.

- (5)** Any member other than the five individuals mentioned in above Sub-Clause 3 (I & J) in the Selection Committee, will not be deemed as ineligible for the President just on account of being a member of this Selection Committee and if found to be fit, the Selection Committee can recommend its own member also for selection on the post of President.
- (6)** The Selection Committee will be formed at least one year before end of term of the present Central General Committee. This Committee will announce selection of the President six months before the period of completion of its term and it is mandatory for the person selected for the post of the President to be appointed as a delegate in the newly formed Central General Committee.
- (7)** The term of the Selection Committee will be till the formation of the new Selection Committee by the newly formed Central General Committee as per Sub-Clauses (3) to (6) of Clause No. 15. However, the present Central General Committee shall have power to make changes in the appointment of members of Selection Committee formed by the previous Central General Committee.
- (8)** Even if the post of any member of this Selection Committee falls vacant due to any reason, the Committee can carry on its duties. Decision taken by the Selection Committee shall

be agreeable to and binding upon all and nobody shall have right to raise objection therein.

- (9) Nobody can hold the post of President for more than two full terms. It is clarified therein that if any President has been selected for the balance term during interim period on the post of President fallen vacant as per Clause 15 (2) under any circumstances, then such interim term will not be counted in the condition of two full terms as per this clause.

**16. Duties and powers of the President:**

- (1) The President will implement the resolutions passed in the Convention of Mahaparishad and the resolutions or decisions of the Central General Committee or the Managing Committee and will supervise all the operations of Mahaparishad.
- (2) The President shall give special attention to ensure that the Central General Committee and the Managing Committee perform all the activities consistent with the aims and objects of Mahaparishad and will also guide to implement all the schemes formulated and decisions taken for community progress.
- (3) If any issue arises regarding the interpretation of any Clause of the Constitution or the rules therein, then the President will give decision on the same as well as on the issues about

the order or manner of carrying out works. The decisions taken by the President shall be deemed as final and binding.

- (4) The President has the power to appoint as well as to terminate the appointment of the office bearers .
- (5) In the Convention, the Central General Committee meetings, Managing Committee meetings or any other meetings, the immediate past President will be given seat on dais with due respect, as the -mentor

#### **17. Duties of the Vice-President:**

- (1) The Senior Vice-President of Mahaparishad will extend cooperation to the President. He/she will keep the activities of Mahaparishad functional, will encourage and expedite the same and supervise the works of Mahaparishad in co-ordination with the Zonal Presidents and local Mahajans. In the absence of the President, the Senior Vice-President will carry out and facilitate routine administrative works of the office.
- (2) If the post of President of Mahaparishad falls vacant for any reason, then the Senior Vice-President will take charge as the Acting President for a maximum period of six months and during the said period he will call the meeting of the Central General Committee and form the new Selection Committee as per the Constitution within a period of

maximum three months. The Selection Committee so formed will select the new President within a period of maximum two months from its formation. The Senior Vice-President (Acting President) will call the meeting of the Managing Committee within one month of the announcement of President-designate and hand over charge to the new President selected by the Selection Committee. The new President so selected will hold the charge of the President of the Managing Committee and the Central General Committee for the remaining term of Central General Committee. The President selected for the balance term due to vacancy will not require ratification of the Central General Committee.

**18. Zonal Presidents:**

- (1) With the intention to spread awareness regarding the activities of Mahaparishad up to the farthest of Raghuvanshis and benefit of such activities carried out by Mahaparishad is availed by the Raghuvanshis residing in each area; the Raghuvanshis residing in the respective areas can easily contact the representatives of Mahaparishad, the seven administrative zones which existed earlier in India have now been distributed into 15 zones keeping in mind

density of population of Raghuvanshis. The Zonal President will be appointed by the President from amongst the delegates including co-opt members of the Central General Committee.

The Zonal President so appointed shall need to participate in all the meetings, including the meetings of the Central General Committee and Managing Committee held for community development.

Whenever the President will visit the Mahajans/institutions of any Zone, he will inform the Zonal President of the respective Zone and the presence of the Zonal President shall be necessary during such visit.

- (2)** With the intention to maintain the link between Mahaparishad and the Raghuvanshis settled abroad, at present 8 Zones have been formed in foreign countries taking into consideration the population density of Raghuvanshis settled abroad and in future, new Zones can be formed as per requirements in other countries or by restructuring the present Zones in consultation with the local Mahajans / institutions over there. With the intention to spread awareness regarding the activities of Mahaparishad amongst the Raghuvanshis settled in the overseas Zones and to continue activities of Mahaparishad in the respective areas,

the President will appoint Zonal Presidents in such Zones by consulting the local Mahajans / institutions. The overseas Zonal Presidents may not necessarily be delegates of the Central General Committee.

- (3)** At present the following Zones have been formed in India:
- (A) Saurashtra-1 (Zone-1) – Rajkot City, Rajkot District, Surendranagar District.
  - (B) Saurashtra -2 (Zone-2) - Halar (Jamnagar District-Devbhoomi Dwarka District), Porbandar District
  - (C) Saurashtra-3 (Zone-3) - Gir–Somnath District, Junagadh District, Diu District
  - (D) Saurashtra-4 (Zone-4) - Amreli District, Bhavnagar District, Botad District
  - (E) Kutch (Zone-5) - Kutch District
  - (F) North Gujarat (Zone-6) - Arvali District, Banaskantha District, Gandhinagar District, Mehsana District, Patan District, Sabarkantha District
  - (G) Central Gujarat (Zone-7) - Ahmedabad City, Ahmedabad District, Anand District, Chhota Udepur District, Dahod District, Kheda District, Mahisagar District, Panchmahal District, Vadodara District

- (H) South Gujarat (Zone-8) - Bharuch District, Dang District, Narmada District, Navsari District, Surat District, Tapi District, Valsad District, Dadra-Nagar Haveli District, Daman District.
- (I) Mumbai (Zone-9) – Greater Mumbai
- (J) Maharashtra (Zone-10) - Thane District, Nashik District, Pune District, Raigad District, Ahmednagar District, Aurangabad District, Beed District, Dhule District, Hingoli District, Jalgaon District, Jalna District, Kolhapur District, Latur District, Nanded District, Nandurbar District, Osmanabad District, Palghar District, Parbhani District, Ratnagiri District, Sangli District, Satara District, Sindhudurg District, Solapur District.
- (K) Vidarbha (Zone-11) - Akola District, Amravati District, Bhandara District, Buldhana District, Chandrapur District, Gadchiroli District, Gondia District, Nagpur District, Wardha District, Vasind District, Yavatmal District.
- (L) Central India (Zone-12) - Madhya-Pradesh State- Chhattisgarh State.
- (M) South India (Zone-13) - Andaman Nicobar, Andhra Pradesh, Goa, Karnataka, Kerala, Lakshadweep, Puducherry, Tamil Madu, Telangana.



- (N) East India (Zone-14) - Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jharkhand, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Orissa, Sikkim, Tripura, West Bengal.
- (O) North India (Zone-15) - Chandigarh, Delhi, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh, Jammu Kashmir, Ladakh, Punjab, Rajasthan, Uttarakhand, Uttar Pradesh.

Thus in all 15 Zones have been formed.

- (4)** At present there are six Divisional Vice-Presidents abroad. Against this, eight new Zones- Canada, USA, U.K. and Europe, G.C.C. Zone (Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, United Arab Emirates, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman, etc.), Kenya Zone, Uganda Zone, Tanzania Zone, Rest of Africa Zone are formed at present. In future, further Zones can be created overseas by establishing contact with the Raghuvanshis settled in Australia, New Zealand, Japan and Far East countries.
- (5)** As per requirement the President can form more Zones in consultation with the Senior Vice-President and Secretaries so that a link can be established with more and more Raghuvanshis.

## **19. Duties of Zonal Presidents:**

- (1)** The Zonal Presidents will extend active co-operation to the President in every activity of Mahaparishad and it shall be

duty of the Zonal Presidents to keep the activities of Mahaparishad functional, to encourage and expedite the same and to spread awareness about the works and objects of Mahaparishad amongst the representatives, Mahajans and institutions in their zones. .

- (2) The Zonal Presidents will submit reports of the various activities carried out in their zones to the Managing Committee every six months.
- (3) Before the Selection Committee is formed as per the Clause 15(3) for selection of new President by the Central General Committee, the overseas Zonal Presidents will discuss among themselves and recommend the names of any two Zonal Presidents from amongst themselves to the Central General Committee who can take active participation in the Selection Committee.

## **20. Regional Presidents:**

- (1) At present there are 48 regions under 15 Zones in India as under:
  - (A) Saurashtra Zone 1- A) Rajkot, B) Rajkot District, C) Morbi District, D) Surendranagar District
  - (B) Saurashtra Zone 2- A) Halar (Jamnagar and Devbhoomi Dwarka District), B) Porbandar District

- (C) Saurashtra Zone 3- A) Somnath-Veraval District, B) Junagadh District
- (D) Saurashtra Zone 4- A) Bhavnagar, B) Botad, C) Amreli District
- (E) Kutch Zone- A) Mandvi-Mundra, B) Rapar-Bhachau, C) Bhuj, D) Gandhidham-Anjar, E) Nakhatrana-Lakhpat-Abdasa
- (F) North Gujarat Zone- A) Mehsana-Patan, B) Banaskantha, C) Gandhinagar-Sabarkantha-Arvalli District
- (G) Central Gujarat Zone- A) Ahmedabad City and District, B) Anand-Vidyanagar-Kheda-Nadiad District, C) Vadodara-Mahisagar-Chhota Udepur District
- (H) South Gujarat Zone- A) Surat-Tapi District, B) Bharuch-Narmada District, C) Navsari-Dang City and District, D) Valsad City and District
- (I) Mumbai Zone- A) Mumbai East, B) Mumbai West
- (J) Maharashtra Zone- A) Konkan, B) North Maharashtra, C) Marathwada, D) West Maharashtra
- (K) Vidarbha Zone - A) Nagpur, B) Amravati, C) Akola
- (L) Central India Zone - A) Chhattisgarh, B) Madhya Pradesh 1, C) Madhya Pradesh 2
- (M) South India Zone - A) Tamil Nadu-Puducherry, B) Kerala, C) Andhra Pradesh-Telangana, D) Karnataka, E) Goa

- (N) East India Zone - A) Bengal and Assam Region, B) Odisha, Bihar and Jharkhand
- (O) North India Zone - A) Delhi and N.C.R., B) U.P., C) Rajasthan
- (2)** The Regional Presidents and Secretaries shall take efforts to expedite the activities of Mahaparishad and will regularly submit reports every two months to their Zonal Presidents about the progress of work in their regions.
- (3)** The Regional Presidents will remain in contact with the local Mahajans and will carry out the activities of expediting the works consistent with the objects of Mahaparishad as along with the co-operation of Mahajans.

**21. Secretaries:**

Two Secretaries of the Managing Committee appointed by the President as per Clause 11 shall continue till the new Secretaries are appointed. Both these Secretaries shall also be the Secretaries of Mahaparishad and the Central General Committee.

**22. Duties and powers of the Secretaries:**

- (1)** The Secretaries will do the needful to ensure that the aims and objectives of Mahaparishad are achieved through implementation of activities or schemes for community

development formulated by the Central General Committee and the Managing Committee..

- (2)** The Secretaries will maintain entire record of the Central General Committee, the Managing Committee and Subject Consideration Committee and will exchange carry out all correspondence pertaining to Mahaparishad under the signatures of the Secretaries or Joint Secretaries.
- (3)** They will implement and facilitate implementation of the resolutions of Convention, Central General Committee and Managing Committee.
- (4)** They can appoint temporary or permanent staff for Mahaparishad office with permission of the President. .
- (5)** They will summon the meetings of the Managing Committee and the Central General Committee as per the resolutions passed therein or as per the provisions of the constitution by instruction and approval of the President.
- (6)** They will maintain regular and systematic records of the resolutions passed by the Convention, the Central General Committee and Managing Committee and the same will be published in the newsletter and official website of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad [lohanamahaparishad.org](http://lohanamahaparishad.org) and/or other websites related to the activities of Lohana community., .

- (7) The Secretaries will discharge relevant duties and can keep cash up to Rs. 5000/- for office expenses.

**23. Treasurers:**

The Treasurers of the Managing Committee appointed by the President as per Clause 11 shall continue till the two new Treasurers are appointed. Both these Treasurers shall also be the Treasurers of Mahaparishad and the Central General Committee.

**24. Duties and powers of the Treasurers:**

- (1) They will maintain or delegate the maintenance of books of accounts of all the activities and administrative tasks as well as the income and expenditure of Mahaparishad. , They will arrange to collect or recover or facilitate collection or recovery of funds and donations. Additionally, they will supervise all the financial matters of Mahaparishad. At the end of every financial year, they will arrange to audit the accounts from the Auditors appointed by Mahaparishad and will submit the audit report to the Managing Committee. The audited accounts will be published in the newsletter and official website of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad [lohanamahaparishad.org](http://lohanamahaparishad.org) and/or other websites related to the activities of Lohana community.

- (2) At the end of every financial year, they will prepare the budget of Mahaparishad and submit the same to the Managing Committee.
- (3) They will make payments for expenditures incurred as per the resolutions of the Managing Committee and the Central General Committee. They will sign the expense vouchers also verify and sign the accounts..
- (4) The Treasurers will discharge other relevant duties and will enjoy appropriate powers.
- (5) They shall be responsible for proper maintenance, safe-keeping and management of the amount and funds under their custody and will discharge their duties as per the policies/rules which will be framed from time to time by the Managing Committee in regard to financial matters.
- (6) For the administration of Mahaparishad, and for day-to-day expenses, the President and either of the two Treasurers will jointly sign cheque/operate online transaction for maximum amount up to Rs. 1,00,000/- Joint signatures/approval of the President and any one of the Trustees will be required for cheque or transaction exceeding the amount of Rs. 1,00,000/-.

**25. Adhivation (Convention):**

- (i) If possible, the Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad shall be held every five years. Mahajan or institution of any State, City or Village can give invitation for the Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad.
- (ii) Before holding Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad or during the same or thereafter if Mahajan or Mahajans or Institution of any State, City or Village gives invitation to hold coming Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad, then the Working Committee of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad shall pass proper resolution on the same and decide place and time of the coming Adhivation (Convention) and accordingly the next Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad shall be held at the place and time determined. Due to any circumstances if it is not possible to hold Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad at the place and time determined, then the Working Committee shall give permission to the Mahajan or Mahajans or institutions giving invitation, to hold the coming Adhivation (Convention) at some other place and time.
- (iii) If it is not possible for the invitee state, region, Mahajan or Mahajans or institutions to hold Adhivation (Convention) at



the time fixed after the last Adhivation (Convention) or if no invitation has been received for the next Adhivation (Convention) or if the invitations received are not accepted then on completion of five year of the last Adhivation (Convention) the Working Committee shall take proper steps to hold the next Adhivation (Convention) that is to say possible within ten years, after the last Adhivation (Convention), the Working Committee of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad shall make arrangement to hold the next Adhivation (Convention) or shall get the same arranged.

- (iv) As mentioned in above Clause (iii) if the Working Committee of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad is required to organize the next Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad then the Working Committee shall carry out all activities in respect of the Adhivation (Convention) and a welcome committee out of the entire community members of the state or city determined by the Working Committee shall be formed for the same and proper activities of the Adhivation (Convention) shall be carried out further.

**26. Representative of the Adhivation (Convention) and right to vote:**

- (i) On the occasion of each Adhivation (Convention), each member Mahajan, Hostel or institution shall send representative as much as their number of members in the Central General Body (Madhyastha Mahasamiti), who has completed 18 years of age.
- (ii) In addition to the youth, women, senior citizen those who are willing for community service, to the community members, holding degree or diploma of any university, who has completed 18 years, of age residing in their area, or person holding senior post at State Level, Person Holding Government Title or Corporation or Councilor and Freedom fighter can be sent as self-representative, However, under any circumstance the number of such representative shall not be more than the representatives of the Adhivation (Convention) of local Mahajan or institution of their area.
- (iii) The said Mahajan, Institution or representative shall have to pay Rs.1000/- (Rupees One Thousand) per male Representative and Rs. 500/- (Rupees Five Hundred) for female representative as delegation fee. The Central General Body (Madhyastha Mahasamiti) shall have right to make amendments in the said amount of fee from time to time.

- (iv) The trustees of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad, Members of the Working Committee and members of the Central General Body (Madhyastha Mahasamiti) shall be deemed as representatives in the Adhivation (Convention) and they too will have to pay delegation fee as mentioned in sub-clause (iii) above.(v) Each representative shall have right to participate in the activities of the Adhivation (Convention) and shall have a right to vote.

#### **27. Audience in the Adhivation (Convention):**

If the Swagat (Welcome) Committee thinks proper it shall allow any person of the community as audience in the Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad. However, the audience remaining present in the said manner shall not take part in the activities of the Adhivation (Convention) or discussion nor shall they can vote. Whether to collect entry fee for the audience or not, and if, it to be collected then the amount will be determined by the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee) with the consent of the Working Committee.

#### **28. Various Sammelans (Get-together):**

At the time of Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad and any other convenient time, the Central General Committee (Madhyastha Mahasamiti) and/or the Managing Committee of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad shall organize Women's get-together, workers get-together, students get-together, volunteer's get-together, get-together of the trustees of various organization of the community, Doctor's get-together, Professional's get-together in respect of employment or One's own community get-together or get-togethers, as per the aims of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad or shall extend co-operation and guidance to organize such get-togethers.

**29. Formation of Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee):**

As to the Mahajan or Mahajan's or institution of state or village whose invitation to organize the Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad is accepted by the Working Committee the Mahajan or Mahajans or institution of the said state or village shall form a Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee) for the coming Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad generally 4 (four) months in advance before the date fixed for holding the Adhivation (Convention) and shall hand-over the names the

Secretaries and Treasurers of the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee), and members of the Samiti, to the Working Committee of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad. The said Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee) shall select a President of the coming Adhivation (Convention) generally 3 (three) months before the fixed date of the Adhivation (Convention) and shall immediately inform about this to the Working Committee of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad.

**30. Membership and Membership Fee of the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee):**

- (i) Any person of the Community residing in the state, city, village where the Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad is to be held or who is originally an inhabitant of the said state, city or village can become member of the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee) by paying the fee determined by the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee). However, due to any circumstance if, the Samiti requires more members then by obtaining the prior consent from the Working Committee the Community members residing in other state, city or village can also become members.
- (ii) The power to determine membership fee of the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee) is given aforesaid Swagat Samiti

(Welcome Committee). If any community member of his own willingly wants to give any amount, then the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee) shall use the same towards expenses of the Adhivation (Convention).

**31. Powers and Duties of the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee):**

- (i) Responsibility of making all arrangement and preparation in respect to Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad shall be on the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee). In addition to the same all facilities in respect of all other kinds of get-together of the Community held on the occasion of the Adhivation (Convention) shall be provided by the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee).
- (ii) All arrangement of entire programme in respect of the Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad, publishing detail programme of the activities or get-together and or Adhivation (Convention)during the period of Adhivation (Convention) or get- together and carrying out other works and arrangements in respect of the Adhivation (Convention)shall be responsibility of the Samiti.

- (iii) Entire expenses in respect of Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad shall be borne by the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee). And if necessary, funds shall be collected to meet such expenses. After completion of the Adhivation (Convention), the Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee) shall publish the said report along with the audited accounts at an earliest after the Adhivation (Convention) within a maximum period of 3 (three) month and shall send the copy thereof to the Working Committee of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad.
- (iv) After deducting the expenses in respect of Adhivation (Convention) from the funds collected for the expenses of the Adhivation (Convention), the balance amount shall be handed over to the Working Committee.
- (v) The Working Committee of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad shall make an arrangement of any conditional funds or other funds received on the Adhivation (Convention) for the Adhivation (Convention), as per the terms and conditions of the funds received.
- (vi) The Working Committee of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad shall take a decision in respect of the Amount to be spent on various activities from out of the amount of funds raised on

Adhivation (Convention) by giving a priority to the state holding the Adhivation (Convention) and the same shall be binding to all.

**32. Sub-Committee:**

The Swagat Samiti (Welcome Committee) can appoint sub-committee(s) as per the requirement, for the smoothness of its activities.

**33. Think Tank Committee (Subject Expert Committee):**

- (i) Number of the members of the Think Tank Committee shall be of one-tenth of the total number of representative present in the Adhivation (Convention) of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad or shall be of minimum 21 (Twenty-one) members. However, the Mahajans can elect or appoint member for the said committee in the ratio of 1:10 from of its representatives and shall depute them for this Committee.
- (ii) The President of the Adhivation (Convention) shall have a right to co-opt one-tenth (1:10) of the number of the committee in the Think Tank Committee.



- (iii) Such Think Tank Committee shall frame resolution as per the requirements to fulfill the aims of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad or shall carry out due deliberation on the resolution received for the same and shall produce necessary resolution in the Adhivation (Convention) in the form of proposal by determining the names of the persons who will propose and support.

#### **34. Amendments in the Resolution:**

The representative willing to incorporate changes in the resolution produced at the Adhivation (Convention) by the Think Tank Committee, shall have to hand-over his suggestion in writing to the President of the Adhivation (Convention) and if the said amendment is consistent to subject, then the President shall allow to carry out such amendments.

#### **35. Discussions and Control over the Resolution:**

- (i) The President of the Adhivation (Convention) shall control the discussion on the resolutions and stipulated time limit for the same, produced in the Adhivation (Convention) and in the Think Tank Committee.

- (ii) Rules of General Body Meeting shall be applicable to the activities of the Think Tank Committee and the Adhivation (Convention).

### **36. Formation of the Board of Trustees:**

- (1) The Board of Trustees will comprise of at least 4 and maximum 8 members for investment and management of properties or funds of Mahaparishad. However, if the selected President is not the Trustee of Mahaparishad, then he/she will be deemed as an ex-officio Trustee during his/her tenure as the President and in such circumstances, the Board of Trustees will comprise of maximum 9 members. The members of Board of Trustees of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad will also be deemed as the Trustees\_of Raghuvanshi Charitable Trust.
- (2) The Board of Trustees shall be answerable to the Managing Committee and the Central General Committee.
- (3) The President of Mahaparishad will be deemed as ex-officio Managing Trustee of Board of Trustees for administration of Board of Trustees. Besides that, the President of Mahaparishad will also be deemed as the Managing Trustee of Raghuvanshi Charitable Trust.
- (4) Every four years, 50% of the Trust Board members will retire by rotation during the meeting of Central General

Committee. The Central General Committee will appoint new Trustees in place of those retiring by virtue of rotation. The retiring Trustees will not be eligible to reappointment for a period of up to 4 years after their retirement. Thereafter they shall be eligible again for trusteeship.

- (5) This Board of Trustees will discharge its duties in the interest of Mahaparishad and will frame its necessary rules in consistence with the Constitution and resolutions of the Central General Committee and the Managing Committee..
- (6) The term of the Trustee appointed as the member of Board of Trustees will be 8 years.

**37. Filling up vacancy in the Board of Trustees:**

- (1) If the post of any Trustee falls vacant on account of death, resignation or for any other reason, then the Managing Committee will select new Trustee for the balance term of the vacant post in this manner.
- (2) Clause 36(4) shall not be applicable to the Trustee appointed for the remaining term on the post of Trustee fallen vacant as per Clause 37(1) and he/she shall be eligible for reappointment as the Trustee.

**38. Scope of work of the Board of Trustees:**

- (1)** The Board of Trustees shall manage all the funds and properties of Mahaparishad in accordance with the terms and conditions of the Trust Deed and subject to the resolutions passed by the Central General Committee and the Managing Committee from time to time.
- (2)** It will invest the funds of Mahaparishad as per the resolutions and suggestions of the Managing Committee in consistence with the Trust Deed and as per the legislative regulations for Trusts. The Trust Board will release funds for expenses as decided by the Managing Committee. Bank account operations can be carried out by cheque or online transaction under the joint signatures/approval of the President plus one other Trustee from among the members of the Trust Board..
- (3)** On completion of the financial year, the Trust Board will prepare annual report of its works and will forward the audited accounts to the Managing Committee for publishing in newsletter and on official website.
- (4)** Meeting of the Board of Trustees should be called within the maximum period of six months. Such meeting can be held physically or through video conferencing or other audio-visual mediums, which is capable of recording and identifying the members of Board of Trustees and recording

and storing proceedings of such meeting with date and time. The resolutions placed before such meeting can be passed by majority votes of the members present therein and the same shall be binding on all.

It is necessary to inform minimum 8 days in advance for calling such meeting. Quorum for meeting of Board of Trustees shall be 1/3<sup>rd</sup> of members of Trust Board.

- (5) Before the Selection Committee is formed as per Clause 15(3) for selection of new President by the Central General Committee, the Trustees will discuss among themselves and recommend the names of any two Trustees from amongst themselves to the Central General Committee who can take active participation in the Selection Committee.
- (6) If any Trustee remains absent in three consecutive meetings without obtaining permission of Board of Trustees in writing, then the post of such Trustee will be deemed as fallen vacant.

**39. Formation of the Advisory Committee and its scope of work:**

If any kind of problem arises to the President or office bearers of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad in the administration or management of the mother institution (Matrusanstha), and if any ambiguity arises regarding the Constitution, then an Advisory Committee will be formed to find a solution to the problem by studying it closely.

- (1)** There shall be one Chairperson plus 20 members, thus total 21 members in the Advisory Committee.
- (2)** The President of Mahaparishad will appoint the Chairperson of Advisory Committee from amongst the community members who are physically and mentally fit, reputed, sincere, dedicated to selfless community service, and are experienced and capable of giving proper guidance.
- (3)** The Chairperson of Advisory Committee in consultation with the President, Trustees and Senior Vice-President of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad, will appoint 20 members from the community in the Advisory Committee who are sincere, experienced, and dedicated to selfless service representing different Zones in India and abroad, within the period of three months from his/her appointment.

It is not necessary that Chairperson of the Advisory Committee and 20 members should be the delegates of the Central General Committee.

- (4)** As and when required, the Chairperson of Advisory Committee will call the meeting of Advisory Committee physically or through video conferencing or other audio-visual mediums, which is capable of recording and identifying the members of Advisory Committee and

recording and storing proceedings of such meeting with date and time.

- (5) At the time of formation of the Selection Committee as per Clause 15(3) by the Central General Committee, the Chairperson of Advisory Committee will recommend to the Central General Committee 4 other members in addition to him/her for appointment in the Selection Committee.
- (6) If the post of Chairperson of Advisory Committee of Mahaparishad falls vacant for any reason, then the President of Mahaparishad will hand over charge to one of the remaining members of the Advisory Committee as the Acting Chairperson on this vacant post.

#### **40. Appointment of Auditor:**

The Managing Committee will appoint Auditor or Auditors for the period up to its term for auditing accounts of Mahaparishad, Central General Committee, Managing Committee, Board of Trustees and other Committees of Mahaparishad and will fix their annual remuneration.

**Note:** The Auditor so appointed cannot become member of any Standing Committee or be appointed on any other post of Mahaparishad during the entire term of their appointment as an Auditor.

**41. Change in the Constitution:**

- (1) The Central General Committee shall have full powers to make any kind of change or amendment in the Constitution.
- (2) Any community member, Mahajan or institution can suggest change or amendment in the Constitution to the Managing Committee. However, the Managing Committee will send such suggestions regarding changes in the Constitution received from community members or Mahajans before two months from date the intimation about the upcoming meeting of the Central General Committee.
- (3) The Managing Committee can also suggest change, or amendment in the Constitution. There shall be no time constraint for the Managing Committee for making such suggestions.
- (4) The suggestions for change or amendment to be made in the Constitution will be placed before the meeting of the Central General Committee for consideration. The same can be passed by 2/3<sup>rd</sup> majority of the members present in the meeting of the Central General Committee.
- (5) If the quorum is not completed within half an hour from the scheduled time of the meeting of the Central General Committee, in which the suggestions for making change or amendment in the Constitution referred to in the above sub-



clauses (1) to (4) will be placed, then the meeting will have to be called again as per the rules for consideration of the proposed changes or amendments in the Constitution which were going to be placed before the said meeting.

- (6) The changes or amendments to be made in the Constitution as per in the aforementioned sub-clauses (1) to (4) are passed in the meeting then those will be deemed as the part of the Constitution.
- (7) **The Central General Committee shall have right to take decision with regard to the date and time of giving effect to the amendments suggested in the Constitution.**

**42. Interpretation of the clauses of Constitution:**

If any issue with regard to interpretation or definition of any clause or sub-clause of the Constitution arises during any meeting, then the President shall have right to give explanation or take decision in respect thereof and such decision shall be agreeable and binding to all.

If any such issues arise at any time other than in the meeting, then the Advisory Committee will study the same and will give its decision and the decision given by the Advisory Committee in this matter shall be final and binding on all.

**43. Disciplinary action:**

- (1) Central General Committee: If any member of the Central General Committee commits any acts or makes propaganda against the aims and objects of Central General Committee which may prove to be harmful to the aims and objects in any manner or breaches discipline or misbehaves in the meeting, then, after granting sufficient opportunity of giving clarification in writing or in person, the Central General Committee will have power to take disciplinary action against such member by majority of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of members present in the meeting.
- (2) Managing Committee: If any member or any member of Managing Committee as per Clause No. 6 of the Constitution of Mahaparishad commits any acts or makes propaganda or behaves against the aims and objects of Mahaparishad and which may prove to be harmful to the aims and objects in any manner, then after granting sufficient opportunity of giving clarification in writing or in person to such member, the Managing Committee will have power to take disciplinary action against him/her by majority of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of members present in the meeting.

**44. Emergency circumstances:**

If any natural calamity or man-made disaster or severe epidemic has occurred and the term of the Central General

Committee and the President expires during the said period itself, then meeting of the Managing Committee members can be called physically or through video conferencing or other audio-visual mediums, which is capable of recording and identifying the members of the Managing Committee and recording and storing proceedings of such meeting with date and time.

The term of the Central General Committee and the President can be extended as per the resolution by majority of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of members present in the meeting called in this manner.

**45. Special Privilege:**

If any circumstance or situation arises for which no provision has been made in this Constitution, then in such circumstance or situation, the Managing Committee will have power to take necessary actions or decisions which are in consistency with this Constitution. However, majority of 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of members present in the meeting called after giving sufficient notice shall be necessary for taking such actions or decisions.

**Note: -**

- (1)** The Constitution of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad has been originally drafted in Gujarati language. If translation of this

Constitution or any of its clauses is done in English or any other language and if any dispute arises in interpretation of any clause of Constitution in the respective language, then the interpretation as per the clause of Constitution written in Gujarati language shall be deemed as final and binding and shall be agreeable to all.

- (2) As errors were noticed in the English translation copy of the earlier Constitution, translation has been done again by use of professional services, wherein the errors of the earlier English translation have been corrected along with amendments made by the Constitution Amendment Committee. The Constitution Amendment Committee recognizes the efforts of Shri Dhirubhai Mirani, Shri Krunalbhair Gadha and Shri Vaibhav Buddhadev in drafting the English translation of the amended Constitution of Shree Lohana Mahaparishad.