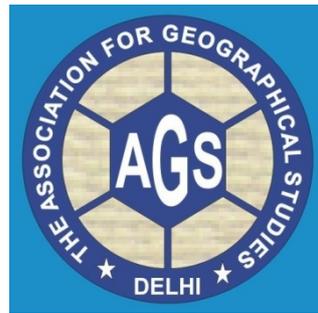
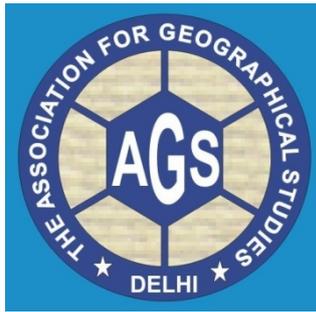


**The Association for Geographical Studies**  
*(Registered under Societies Act XXI of 1860)*

**CONSTITUTION**



**DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY**  
**DELHI SCHOOL OF ECONOMICS**  
**UNIVERSITY OF DELHI**  
**DELHI – 110007**



## **AIMS AND OBJECTIVES**

The objects for which the Association is established are as follows:-

- a. To promote mutual academic contact among members;
- b. To organize academic activities such as seminars, workshops, and field trips and raise funds for such activities and research projects;
- c. To take steps to improve teaching and research at all levels;
- d. To undertake publications of an academic nature relating to Geography;
- e. To maintain a library of books, journals and other allied materials;
- f. To promote the interests of Geography and Geographers;
- g. To institute prize/scholarship for recognition of scholastic achievements of students and teachers of Geography;
- h. To co-operate with other professional bodies and institutions in the promotion of the objectives listed above;
- i. To own, purchase or lease movable or immovable property to further any of the objectives above, and
- j. To promote the expansion of Geography in Colleges of Delhi and other academic Institutions and Universities in NCR.

# THE ASSOCIATION FOR GEOGRAPHICAL STUDIES

## CONSTITUTION

### Article 1

The name of the association shall be 'The Association for Geographical Studies' (hereinafter referred to as the 'Association')

### Article 2

The Office of the Association shall be situated at the Department of Geography, Delhi School of Economics, University of Delhi, Delhi – 1 10007

### Article 3

- (a) A member of the Association shall be a person who, having been admitted therein according to rules and regulations thereof, shall have paid a subscription, and shall not have resigned in accordance with such rules and regulations; but no person shall be entitled to vote or be counted as a member whose subscription at the time shall have been in arrear for a period exceeding three months.
- (b) A member may resign membership by a letter addressed to the President of the Association and delivered at the registered office of the Association. Such resignation shall take effect from the date of the letter or from the date of its receipt at the office of the Association.

### Article 4

The Association shall have the following seven categories of members:

- (a) Founder Members;
- (b) Life Members;
- (c) Honorary Members;
- (d) Benefactors;
- (e) Members Annual;
- (f) Associate Members, and
- (g) Institutional Members.

### Article 5

The following shall be the eligibility conditions for membership;

- (a) Founder Members–Life Member who are teachers in Geography of the University of Delhi and who have contributed rupees two hundred towards membership on or before April 20, 1979;
- (b) Honorary Member–Eminent scholars may be designated as Honorary Members by the Executive Committee;
- (c) Benefactors–Persons who have donated Rs. 10,000 or more (Rs. 1000 or more on or before April 20, 1990) may be designated as Benefactors by the Executive Committee;
- (d) Life members – Life Members shall fulfill all the eligibility conditions prescribed for Members and in addition shall have paid the prescribed fees;
- (e) Members – persons from any one of the following categories may become Members on payment of prescribed fees;
  - Person holding a Post-Graduate degree in Geography;
  - A teacher of Geography at any level;
  - Research workers who have a substantial interest in Geography; and

- Persons in services and professions who have an interest in Geography and who have been approved for Membership by the Executive Committee.
- (f) Associate Member – students of Geography at the undergraduate and post-graduate levels on payment of prescribed fees may become Associate Members.
- (g) Institutional Member- Any academic institution that undertakes Geography teaching and/or research.

#### Article 6

- (a) The following shall be the prescribed membership fees:
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|--------------------------|---|--------------------|
| i. Life Member           | – | Rs. 1000/-         |
| ii. Members              | – | Rs. 100/- p.a.     |
| iii. Associate Member    | – | Rs. 50/- p.a., and |
| iv. Institutional Member | – | Rs. 10000/-        |
- (b) The Executive Committee shall have the right to alter the prescribed membership fees from time to time.
- (c) The Association shall maintain a register of Members in which a separate section will be devoted to each of the seven categories of members. The register shall give (i) the name and address of each member; (ii) the date on which he was admitted, and (iii) the date on which he/she ceases to be a member.

#### Article 7

Members shall have the following rights and privileges:

- (a) Founder Members, Life members and Members –
- (i) To attend all meetings of the Association and to vote there at;
  - (ii) To elect office bearers of the Association;
  - (iii) To hold office under the Association on being duly elected to an office;
  - (iv) To participate in the academic activities of the Association;
  - (v) To receive a copy of the official journal of the Association; and
  - (vi) To receive a copy of the other publications of the Association at concessional rates to be prescribed by the Executive Committee.
- (b) Honorary Members and Benefactors
- (i) To participate in the academic activities of the association;
  - (ii) To receive a copy of the official journal of the association; and
  - (iii) To receive a copy of other publications of the association at concessional rates to be prescribed by the Executive Committee.
- (c) Associate Members –
- (i) To participate in the academic activities of the Association; and
  - (ii) To receive publications of the Association including the official journal at concessional rates to be prescribed by the Executive committee.
- (d) Institutional Members –
- (i) To participate in the academic activities of the association;
  - (ii) To receive a copy of the official journal of the association; and
  - (iii) To receive a copy of other publications of the association at concessional rates to be prescribed by the Executive Committee.

## **Article 8**

The following shall be the authorities of the Association:

- (a) The General Body; and
- (b) The Executive Committee.

## **Article 9**

The General Body shall consist of the following:

- (a) Founder Members;
- (b) Life Members; and
- (c) Members

## **Article 10**

The General Body shall have the following powers:

- (a) To amend the constitution of the Association
- (b) To consider the audited accounts of the Association for the preceding financial year
- (c) To consider the financial estimates placed before it by the executive Committee;
- (d) To appoint auditors for the Association;
- (e) To elect office bearers and authorities and to dismiss such office bearers and authorities;
- (f) To consider Annual Report of the Association
- (g) To lay down broad policies and guide-lines to be followed by the Executive Committee.

## **Article 11**

- (a) A meeting of the General Body may be called by the President as often as necessary but not less than once a year. The Secretary shall notify the date, time and agenda of such meetings.
- (b) Seven days' notice shall be given for the General Body meeting.
- (c) The President of the Association shall preside over the meeting of the General Body. In his absence, the Vice-President shall preside over the meeting.
- (d) The quorum for General Body meeting shall be one fourth of the total number of members of the Association.
- (e) Each member of the Association shall have one vote. A member may vote in person or by proxy.
- (f) At least ten Life Members of the Association may in writing request the president to convene a meeting of the General Body for a specific purpose. Upon receipt of such a request the President shall convene a meeting of the General Body within a fortnight.

## **Article 12**

The Executive Committee shall consist of the following:

- (a) The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and the Editor of the Association; and
- (b) Four elected members from the General body.

## **Article 13**

The Executive Committee shall have the following powers:

- (a) Subject to the decisions of the General Body, the administration and management of the Association shall be vested in the Executive committee;

- (b) The Executive Committee shall have all financial powers to carry on the activities of the Association;
- (c) The Executive Committee shall have all financial powers to carry on the activities of the Association;
- (d) The Executive Committee may frame rules for the smooth functioning of the Association;
- (e) Make appointments to casual vacancies in the positions of all the Office Bearers, until elections are held.

#### **Article 14**

- (a) The Executive Committee may meet as often as necessary as but not less than twice a year.
- (b) Four members shall form the quorum.
- (c) The President shall convene the meetings of the Executive Committee.
- (d) Three clear days notice shall be given for a meeting of the Executive Committee.
- (e) A record of the minutes of the meeting shall be kept by the Secretary.

#### **Article 15**

The following shall be the Office Bearers of the Association:

- (a) President;
- (b) Vice-President;
- (c) Secretary;
- (d) Treasurer; and
- (e) Editor

#### **Article 16**

The following shall be the qualification for the Office Bearers:

- (a) Only Life Member shall have the right to be elected/ appointed as Office Bearers of the Association.
- (b) Only a Professor/Associate Professor (in service or superannuated) of Geography shall have the right to be elected as the President of the Association.
- (c) Only a Professor/Associate Professor (in service or superannuated) in Geography or a person holding equivalent position shall be appointed as the Editor of the Association.

#### **Article 17**

The Editor of the Association shall be appointed by the Executive Committee for a period of three years.

#### **Article 18**

- (a) The Office Bearers of the Association other than the Editor shall be elected at a General Body meeting of the Association in the month of April.
- (b) The first President and Vice-President of the Association shall hold Office for a period of three years. The Succeeding Presidents and Vice-Presidents shall hold Office for a period of two years.
- (c) The Secretary and Treasurer of the Association shall hold Office for a period of two years.
- (d) The four elected members of the Executive Committee shall hold Office for a period of two years.
- (e) The election of the Office Bearers and the four elected members of the Executive Committee shall take effect from one week after the date of the election.

- (f) The Office Bearers of the Association and the four elected members of the Executive Committee shall continue to hold Office until their successors take over charge.
- (g) A person shall not hold more than one Office at the same time.

#### **Article 19**

The President shall

- (a) Convene and preside at all meetings of the General Body and the Executive Committee;
- (b) Be responsible for the working of the Association;
- (c) Exercise such other powers as may be prescribed by the authorities of the Association; and
- (d) Interpret rules prescribed by the authorities of the Association.

#### **Article 20**

The Vice-President shall

- (a) In the absences of the President carry on all the functions of the President;
- (b) Help the President in the working of the Association; and
- (c) Exercise all powers delegated to him by the President.

#### **Article 21**

The Secretary shall

- (a) Keep a record of all the minutes of all the meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body in consultation with the President;
- (b) Prepare agenda of meetings of the Executive Committee and the General Body;
- (c) Prepare a report of the work of the Association during the year for consideration of the authorities of the Association;
- (d) Be responsible for the running of the Association under the direction of the Executive Committee;
- (e) Maintain a register of membership and enroll new members;
- (f) Organize the academic activities of the Association;
- (g) Be authorized for expenditure upto a maximum of rupees five thousand (Rs 5000/-) within the rules prescribed by the Executive Committee; and
- (h) Keep charge of the office and property of the Association.

#### **Article 22**

The Treasurer shall

- (a) Prepare the annual budget for consideration of the Executive Committee;
- (b) Maintain the accounts of the Association as directed by the Executive Committee; and
- (c) Exercise supervision over financial matters under the direction of the Executive Committee.

#### **Article 23**

The Editor shall:

- (a) Edit and publish the journal and other publications of the Association;
- (b) Be assisted by an Editorial Board to be appointed by the Executive Committee;
- (c) Be responsible for the printing and distribution of the publication of the Association; and
- (d) Be responsible for keeping the accounts of the income and expenses relating to the publications of the Association.

#### **Article 24**

- (a) The financial year of the Association shall be from 1<sup>st</sup> April to 31<sup>st</sup> March of the following year.
- (b) The funds of the Association shall be kept in a scheduled bank approved by the Executive Committee.
- (c) All bank accounts of the Association shall be operated upon under the signatures of the President and the Treasurer.
- (d) The Association shall have three forms of funds: (i) Capital funds (ii) Reserve funds and (iii) Current funds. These shall be kept in separate bank accounts.
- (e) The Capital funds shall consist of:
  - i. Fees paid by the Founder Members;
  - ii. Fees paid by Life Members;
  - iii. Donations; and
  - iv. Any surplus in a financial year.The Capital funds shall be kept in fixed deposits in a scheduled bank.
- (f) All funds which would eventually be placed in capital fund accounts may temporarily be kept in a Reserve Accounts.
- (g) No expenses out of the funds of the Association will be incurred unless provision with regard to them is made under a specific head of a duly approved budget.
- (h) All expenses out of the Association funds will be incurred in accordance with rules made in this regard.

#### **Article 25**

The Executive Committee may authorize the formation of Branches of the Association in any Institution. Such Branch Offices of the Association shall be run by a Branch Secretary who shall be a Life Member of the Association belonging to that Institution. The Branch Secretary/s shall work under the general direction of the Secretary and the Executive Committee.

#### **Article 26**

If any question arises relating to the interpretation of the Constitution, or any rules framed thereunder, it shall be referred to the President whose decision thereon shall be final.

#### **Article 27**

- (a) A proposal to amend or delete any article of the constitution shall first be considered by the Executive Committee.
- (b) The Executive Committee shall place the proposal, along with its recommendation, before the next General Body Meeting of the Association.
- (c) An amendment shall be considered as passed if two thirds of the members present in the General Body approve of it.

#### **Article 28**

Whenever it shall appear to the Executive Committee of the Association that it is advisable to alter, extend or abridge such purpose to or for other purposes within the meaning of this act, or to amalgamate the Association either wholly or partially with any other Society or Association, the Executive Committee may submit the proposition to the members of the Association in a written or

printed report and may convene a special meeting for the consideration thereof according to the regulations of the Association.

But no such proposition shall be carried into effect unless such report shall have been delivered or sent by post to every member of the society ten days previous to the special meeting convened by the Executive committee for the consideration thereof, nor unless such proposition shall have been agreed to by the votes of three fifths of the members delivered in person or by proxy and confirmed by the votes of three fifths of the members present at a second special meeting convened by the Executive Committee at an interval of one month after the former meeting.

#### **Article 29**

Once in every year in the month of January, a list shall be filed with the Registrar of Joint Stock Companies, of the names. Addresses and occupations of the members of the Executive Committee then entrusted with the management of the affairs of the Association.

#### **Article 30**

The Association may sue or be sued in the name of the Secretary or in the name of such person as shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.

Provided that it shall be competent for any person having a claim or demand against the Association, to sue the President or the Secretary or the Trustees of the Association, if on application to the Executive Committee some other officer or person be not nominated to be the defendant.

#### **Article 31**

The Association shall be dissolved if three fifths or more of the members of the Association vote in person or by proxy in favour or such dissolution in a General Body Meeting of the Association convened for the purpose.

#### **Article 32**

If upon dissolution of the Association there shall remain after the satisfaction of its debts and liabilities, any property whatsoever, the same shall not be distributed among the members of the Association or any of them, but shall be given to the University of Delhi.

#### **Article 33**

All provisions of the Societies Registration Act XXI of 1860 (Punjab Amendment Act, 1957, as extended to the Union Territory of Delhi) shall apply to the Association.