

CONSTITUTION

Alumni Association of JNU (AAJ)
Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU)

1. Name:

The name of the Association shall be "ALUMNI ASSOCIATION OF JNU" (hereinafter referred to as "The Association or AAJ" as the case may be).

2. Purposes:

The purposes of The Association are:

To foster stronger relations between JNU alumni and others connected with the University in all fields;

To recognize and identify the role of JNU alumni as important stakeholders in the continuing quest to provide excellence in education by way of academic, and technical collaborations;

To realize the enormous benefits that can come from the engagement and support of JNU alumni with the University and seek their help in identifying strategic directions for JNU in the 21st century;

To provide opportunities for community service; to act as goodwill ambassadors for JNU within India and abroad;

To serve as effective interlocutors in the emerging economic and socio-political contexts within India and elsewhere and providing, as appropriate, material and intellectual support to the University, particularly in augmenting and locating its frontline research areas; and

To provide for academic and professional interaction and networking among JNU alumni and endeavour to create career opportunities for the JNU student community;

3. Seat of AAJ Office

The seat and office of The Association shall be located in Administrative Block, within the New Campus, JNU and the operations of The Association shall be carried out through this office.

4. Membership

The Membership of The Association shall be open to:

- (a) those who have acquired a graduate or post graduate degree from JNU;
- (b) those who have acquired M.Phil/PhD degree from JNU;
- (c) those who have worked in JNU as a post-doctoral visiting fellow for at least one year;
- (d) Existing and former members of the academic community of JNU (former members of academic community should have worked for at least two years in JNU);

(e) Vice Chancellor of JNU shall be an ex-officio patron of the Association and in that capacity shall enjoy all the privileges of a member;

5. Membership Registration and Fee

Any person who qualifies to be a Member of The Association as per Clause 4 of the Constitution shall register with the Office of the AAJ by filling up a registration form (either personally or electronically) and shall make a token payment of Rs.100 towards membership.

6. General Body

The entire membership of the AAJ shall constitute the General Body of the Alumni and shall meet once in a year at a designated place and time. The General Body shall have the power to consider and decide on all matters relating to AAJ and provide a broad policy framework towards the functioning of the AAJ. The General Body shall also elect an Executive Committee to carry on with activities of the AAJ

7. Executive Committee

The management of the AAJ and its activities shall be vested in an Executive Committee ('EC' hereinafter) nominated by the General Body for a year. It shall meet as many times as it deems fit (at least once in a semester) to carry out effectively the activities of the Association. The EC shall comprise of 11 members nominated/elected by the General Body, including

- (a) President (One)
- (b) Vice Presidents (One)
- (c) General Secretary (One)
- (d) Treasurer (One)
- (e) Joint Secretary (One)
- (f) Chief Advisor, Alumni Affairs, JNU (ex-officio member)

8. Powers of the Executive Committee

The EC shall have following powers and functions:

- (a) It shall have the power to co-opt 4 more members and shall have the power to nominate/invite eminent JNU alumni as Special invites;
- (b) It shall decide all its matters mostly by consensus and if no consensus could be reached on any matter, the same will be decided by a vote of majority members present. The co-opted members and special invitees will have no voting rights;
- (c) The EC shall have financial powers to oversee its activities such as to (i) open a bank account; (ii) to receive and spend money and to maintain proper accounts; and (iii) to create an Alumni Fund to further its purposes as mentioned in Clause 2.
- (d) The EC shall frame its own rules for conduct.

9. Chief Advisor, Alumni Affairs, JNU

The Chief Advisor, Alumni Affairs, JNU shall be the ex-officio member of the EC and shall form an official link between the Alumni and the JNU community in furthering the purposes of the AAJ.

10. AAJ Logo and Website

Information relating to the activities of the AAJ, including membership details will be placed on the AAJ website. AAJ website shall form part of the official JNU website and it shall have its own logo with JNU insignia scripted on it. No other body or agency shall, without due authorization from AAJ shall use JNU alumni insignia.

11. Amendments

The General Body has the power to carry out amendments to the Constitution from time to time with a view to realize effectively the purposes as stated in Clause 2. Any proposed amendments shall be circulated to all members of the Association along with the notice convening the meeting for that purpose.