

Preamble

We, the students of Wesea (Western SouthEast Asia), coming together from the diverse regions of Northeast India and Northern parts of West Bengal, Chittagong, Mymensingh, parts of Sylhet in Bangladesh, and Kachin, Chin, and Naga areas of Myanmar, united by our common heritage and aspirations, solemnly resolve to form the **Wesean Student Federation**, otherwise known as the **WSF**. This federation stands as a beacon of unity, integrity, and fraternity among all Wesean students. Guided by the undying spirit of solidarity, we dedicate ourselves to protecting indigenous rights, promoting our rich Wesean culture, and enhancing the educational and intellectual prowess of our student body.

Resolved to **dismantle the barriers of ethnonationalism** and internal discord, we pledge to uphold the values of unity and integrity, fostering an environment where every voice is heard and valued. We commit to **standing against all forms of division and strife among Weseans, ensuring a cohesive and harmonious community.**

Through this federation, we vow to champion the collective interests of Wesean students, safeguarding **our traditions and rights** while paving the way for a future replete with academic excellence and cultural prosperity. On this historic day, the **17th of April 2024**, we adopt, enact, and give to ourselves this constitution, binding ourselves to these principles for the advancement and unity of all Weseans.

Chapter I: General Provisions

Article 1: Name & Establishment

- a) The name of this organisation shall hereby be the Wesean Student Federation or the WSF.
- b) The headquarters of the WSF shall be centrally located in Shillong, in recognition of its historical significance as the former capital under the British North Eastern Frontier Agency. This location symbolises the unity and centrality of our mission across the Wesea region.
- c) The Federation shall also establish and maintain branches across designated states and colleges throughout the Wesea region to effectively manage its operations and reach.

Article 2: Guiding Principles

- a) The guiding principle of the Wesean Student Federation is captured in the phrase: "United as Weseans first, transcending borders and ethnicities. For greater Unity of Our People." This principle serves as a constant reminder of our commitment to solidarity and collaboration across the diverse cultures and communities of the Wesea region.

Article 3: Symbols of WSF

- a) The emblem of the Wesean Student Federation shall be a unique combination of a phoenix and a hornbill. This emblem, rendered in golden colour, symbolises enlightenment, purity, and sincerity. This represents our shared bonds of fraternity and the pursuit of happiness & learning, embodying the resilience of the phoenix to rise up from its ashes into a new beginning and the cultural significance of the hornbill, a revered symbol throughout Wesea.
- b) While this bird serves as the central emblem of the WSF, individual wings and regional branches are encouraged to adopt their own symbols. These symbols should resonate with the local cultural and historical context, fostering a sense of identity and pride, yet aligning with the overarching values and mission of the Federation.

Article 4: Official Language

- a) The official language of the Federation shall be English. This will facilitate uniform communication and administrative efficiency across all branches and regions of the Federation.
- b) Individual wings and regional branches are encouraged to produce official documents in both English and the respective regional native languages. This

dual-language policy is intended to promote inclusivity and respect for the linguistic diversity within the Wesea region.

- c) The WSF actively supports the preservation and promotion of native languages. Members are encouraged to engage in language-sharing initiatives, teaching fellow members of the same ethnicity their native languages if they are not fluent. This practice fosters cultural exchange and mutual understanding among the diverse communities within the Federation.

Article 5: Aims and Objectives

- a) **Unity Across Borders:**
 - i) The WSF is committed to dismantling the artificial boundaries that separate the Wesean students across India, Bangladesh, and Myanmar.
 - ii) We aim to unite students across these divides, forming a cohesive and powerful collective that transcends geopolitical and ethnic barriers.
- b) **Advocacy and Protection of Indigenous Rights:**
 - i) At the heart of the WSF's mission is the protection and promotion of indigenous rights and identities.
 - ii) We are dedicated to elevating the voices and safeguarding the autonomy of indigenous communities throughout Wesea, ensuring their cultural heritage is preserved and celebrated.
- c) **Educational Enhancement:**
 - i) The WSF strives to elevate the educational standards and intellectual development of all Wesean students.
 - ii) By fostering academic excellence and encouraging intellectual exploration, we aim to empower students to achieve their full potential.
- d) **Anti-Ethnonationalism and Violence:**
 - i) In a stand against ethnonationalism and all forms of violence, the WSF promotes an environment of inclusivity and respect for fellow Weseans.
 - ii) We reject divisive rhetoric and conflict, instead celebrating the diversity within Wesea as a source of our strength and unity.
 - iii) Recognizing our role as the future leaders and influencers of Wesea, we pledge to foster a community focused on improvement and upliftment. Together, we aim to build a society that thrives on cooperation and mutual respect, actively working to counteract and prevent radicalization in all its forms.
- e) **Promotion of Wesean Culture:**
 - i) Central to our objectives is the promotion of Wesean culture. Through various initiatives and programs, the WSF will actively engage in cultural exchange and enrichment activities that honour and disseminate the rich cultural heritage of the Wesea region.

Chapter II: Structure & Governance

Article 6: Organisation Structure