

AIPPM Information Guide

Birth of the Concept

The All Indian Political Parties Meet is a non-technical yet powerful committee introduced in order to emulate political realities by bringing to light various layers of polity and governance in India. The agenda for this meeting is completely specific unlike previously simulated AIPM committees with broad agenda's. It is quintessential that members be thoroughly researched about all the current political happenings around the country and the members are also required to be aware of their character's political affiliations, interests, ideology etc.,

Members will be duly updated in case of any developments outside committee and shall be expected to respond to such dynamic circumstances while keeping their character's political interests in mind. Therefore keeping oneself updated with the latest changes in the every dynamic field of Indian Politics is a must. The chairs while serving as moderators will hold no political affiliations during the course of the Birth of the Concept committee. But kindly bear in mind, unlike the usual MUN procedures wherein which the Chairs hardly intervene, do expect a lot of interventions by the "us" in this committee.

Procedural Construct:

This meeting will adhere to neither parliamentary rules of procedure nor MUN rules of procedure. It would have its own independent set of rules of procedures which are subject to circumstantial change(s). The same would be intimated to the Members by the Chair as and when it becomes necessary. Members have the liberty to speak either in English or Hindi. There shall be no preferential marking in terms of the language spoken. However, all documentation will be only in English. Ethnic wear is recommended on all days of the meeting though formal western attire may be worn. Should we remind you, if you dress according to the individual you are representing it would be appreciated.

This meeting will function at 2 levels: -

1st: Public – When the committee is in public session, every word that is spoken shall be enshrined in public record and hence might be subjected to public critique. Media and outside observers will be present during public sessions.

2nd: Private – When the committee deems fit, it may motion for a private session. All exchanges in private sessions shall not be put on record and will be privileged and confidential. Outside observers and media personnel shall not be permitted. It is during these sessions that members may discuss the "less savoury" aspects of political functioning. This is to provide a moral-free, protected forum for the members to consider political realities. Guidelines regarding the use of unparliamentary language would be communicated in the meeting itself.

NOTE A Private Session has a time cap of 15 minutes which can be extended by five more minutes only by the discretion of the chair. In no case can the Private Session extend by more than 20 Minutes.

RED ALERT: Members cannot refer to anything that might have been said/done during the private sessions in public debate. If this cardinal rule is violated, it may lead to immediate suspension or in extreme cases, expulsion from the meeting or any other punishment as the Executive Board deems fit.

Memorandums: -

- a) A memorandum (memo) is written communication between a member and the concerned branch of his or her political party ordering certain action to be taken
- b) These shall be strictly confidential in nature. Ironically, the same might be read out aloud in the committee if the Chairs find it strategically or politically important at the given time and circumstances.
- c) Memos must be clear-cut and decisively framed. They would be rejected if not found in the stipulated format or if the matter exceeds five lines.
- d) They should be used to create favourable circumstances and hence advance one's political interests.
- e) It is important to use memos sensibly as they may backfire if not appropriately used. They should not be detrimental to the political party the author belongs to or political parties that are allies of the author's political party.
- f) It is important that members understand the internal organization/structure of their political parties to effectively use the same

Example of a memorandum

Memo From: - Leader of Opposition in Lok Sabha
To: - ABVP (Delhi University Branch)

Initiate a large-scale protest in Delhi against the Government's failure to protect women and against the degrading law and order condition in the National Capital. Burn effigies of prominent Ministers from the Government in front of Jantar Mantar. Threaten to torch the Public Transportation buses and lay seize to the Metro Stations.

Marking Criterion:

- 1) Political Craft: - The Political Parties Meet is not a forum for altruism. Hence, one's ability to further his/her political interest(s) is of paramount importance. Political „craft“ can be exhibited in various facets including but not limited to: -
 - a) Speechmaking
 - b) Lobbying/Bloc Formation
 - c) Ability to strategize
 - d) Policy portrayal

e) Use of memos (refer to point 6, procedure) concisely put, you must consider your own political interests whilst conducting yourself in the meeting. It is important to duly factor-in the political implications of what you say and do. A far – sighted and rational approach would be duly appreciated and rewarded.

2) Research: - Self-explanatory. There is no substitute for comprehensive research and contextual application of the same.

3) Policy Statement: - All members have to submit a policy statement that includes the following: -

a) A brief background of the character they are portraying

b) Their take on the agenda at hand. It is recommended that a member bolster his/her viewpoint by imbibing legal/technical referencing. Pure rhetoric is not advisable. The policy statement must be between 3000 to 3500 words. This should be a formal statement as shall be made public.

NOTE The POSITION PAPER carries 25% weightage in your marking scheme. It is mandatory to bring along two printed copies of your Policy Statement. Kindly begin with your research; a sample policy statement shall be released within a week from the date that this document is released.

4) Written Work: - The relevance, quality and feasibility of the same shall be taken into consideration

Outcome

The main purpose of this All India Parties Meet is to ensure that all the participating members come down to consensual solutions with respect to the issues at hand. For which the final document of this Meeting would be solutions in the form of recommendations to the Government to solve the existing issues for which all the political parties have arrived at a consensus. And for such document/s to be passed a 2/3rd majority of all the members present and voting is necessary. Unfortunately, Political Parties would "not have an option to abstain", thereby requiring political parties like SP, BSP and so on to come up with alternative voting strategies.

Usage of Electronic Devices:

As a Policy Matter, and to encourage creative thinking; usage of any and every electronic devices shall be strictly prohibited in the committee, except during the Private Session. Internet can only be used in the breaks.

It is compulsory to make the policy papers.

Policy papers to be mailed at

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last date of submission of policy papers are 3rd of July.

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