

# HUMANIST

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## FIVE BASIC POINTS OF THE HUMANIST PARTY

### 1. ACTIVE NON-VIOLENCE:

The Humanist Party governs itself according to the non-violent action and struggles for removing violence from power (transformation of the psychosocial background).

### 2. HUMAN BEING AS THE CENTRAL VALUE:

The Humanist Party places the human being as the central value, expressing: "Nothing above the human being and no human being below another". Thus, those who place another power above the human being cannot speak of Humanism.

### 3. CO-OPERATIVE SYSTEM:

The Humanist Party, in matters of economy, defines itself as co-operativistic, aiming at raising this form of social organization to the category of a political system, overcoming monopolies, bureaucracies and nationalizations.

### 4. NON-DISCRIMINATION:

This is a defining point of our Humanism. For us, there exist only human beings, and any difference of nationality, sex, race, religion, etc. is not essential.

### 5. PRINCIPLE OF OPTION AND OF NO MONOPOLIES:

The Humanist Party makes the option effective as a concrete political expression of freedom and struggle against every form of monopoly: economic, organizational and ideological ones. Every monopoly implies the appropriation (or the attempt of appropriation) of the whole by a part of it. Besides, where there is a monopoly, there is no freedom.

**In international matters**, The Humanist Party of India encourages the integration into Asia and the solidarity with the peoples struggling for freedom. **These five points, abridged from the "Declaration of Principles" and the "Bases of Political Action", are a reference for adopting stands and a response to specific aspects of the political reality.**

## TRADITIONAL POLITICS, POLITICIANS AND PARTIES

CORRUPT-DEMAGOGIC-AUTOCRATIC-IMPROVISED-SLOW-  
INCONSEQUENT-NEGLIGENT-IRRESPONSIBLE-UNETHICAL-  
IDEOLOGICALLY STERILE-DIVIDED-INEPT-DESPOTIC-AD HOCIST-  
INEFFICIENT-SECTORIAL-OBSOLETE-CHAUVINIST-ARROGANT-  
SELF-SEEKING-ORGANISATIONALLY CHAOTIC-UNDEMOCRATIC-  
CYNICAL-UNPROFESSIONAL-NARROW-MINDED - HYPOCRITICAL -  
POWER-BROKING - DISREGARDING - SHOW-ORIENTED -  
COMMUNAL - PETTY - CASTEIST - VIOLENT - INTOLERANT -  
UNACCOUNTABLE - ELECTION-ORIENTED - COMPROMISING -  
DISCRIMINATORY - MONEY-MAKING - AUTHORITARIAN - DON'T  
FULFIL PROMISES, AND WHAT NOT.

## OUTLINE OF A NEW WAY OF MAKING POLITICS OR WHAT POLITICS SHOULD BE

ETHICAL - PRINCIPLED - PARTICIPATIVE - REPRESENTATIVE-LONG-  
TERM PLANNED - CONSEQUENT - RESPONSIBLE - UNITING - NON-  
DISCRIMINATING - CONSULTATIVE - UPDATED - SELFLESS-  
FUTURISTIC - NON-VIOLENT - ORGANIZATIONALLY STRONG -  
DEMOCRATIC - NATIONAL - SINCERE - TOLERANT - ACCOUNTABLE -  
GRASSROOT - SELF-CRITICAL - BROADMINDED - WITH SOLIDARITY  
- CO-OPERATIVE - CONTINUOUSLY WORK ORIENTED -  
PROFESSIONAL - EFFICIENT - CLEAN - NOT CHAUVINIST - HONEST -  
NON-SECTORIAL - UNCOMPROMISING - JOYFUL - FORCEFUL -  
COMMUNICATIVE - SENSIBLE - YOUNG - IMAGINATIVE - NEW -  
PEOPLE-ORIENTED AND MUCH MORE.

## HUMANIST PARTY

Humanist Party of India was founded on 10 Dec 1984 by the Humanists. Recognizing that politics affects all aspects of our lives, Violent-Divisive-Corrupt politicians are causing increasing violence and discrimination in our lives, the Humanists decided to give a new Orientation to India.

This new Orientation, based on the Non-violent and Non-discriminatory principals of Mahatma Gandhi, Martin Luther King and Silo, will take the country out of the direction-less political vacuum.

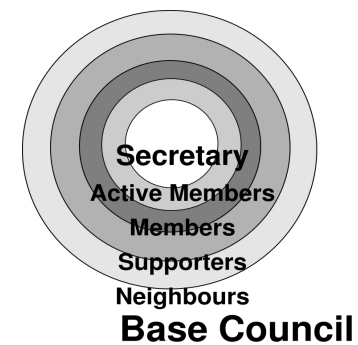
In the first phase of activities, HP took note of the political situation by launching grass-root activities across India and participating in various elections at all levels, spreading the organization in various parts of India.

Now, in the next phase of activities, HP has announced participation in the next Parliamentary elections in order to steer the nation towards a Humanist Government. The trends of last elections in Maharashtra, Bihar and UP have given strength to our thought and we believe that India is ready to adopt a Humanist Government.

## HUMANIST PARTY - ORGANIZATION

### BASE COUNCIL

General Secretary  
Organizational Secretary  
Political Action Secretary  
Diffusion Secretary  
Relations Secretary  
Administration Secretary  
Finance Secretary  
Social Action Secretary  
etc. as required.



### A WELL-FORMED BASE COUNCIL (MINIMAL CONDITIONS)

- 10 Affiliates (4 Secretaries/activists)
- 30 Supporters
- 50 Copies of "The Humanist Voice" sold every month
- Meeting Place
- Internal Elections

Internal elections are conducted once a year for assigning the HP offices democratically. the HP uses the election system of single list with proportional representation.

### SECRETARIATS OF THE BASE COUNCILS

A base council is strong when each and every member contributes in some way towards the fulfillment of actions and objectives and not when the majority remains idle while everything is carried out by a few activists.

A base council is cohesive and united when all members do the same when the need arises. But, a far better base council is that in which the most dynamic activists take up different functions called: Secretariats.

This division of functions enables the base council to organize and fulfill several actions and objectives simultaneously, instead of sequentially - when everybody does the same thing. This constitutes the essential difference between just a group and an organized, efficient team.

Thus, the combined result of an organized team becomes far more intelligent and efficient than the undifferentiated action of a gang-type group.

A base council can start being called as such, when the following first four secretaries are appointed.

**1. GENERAL SECRETARY:**

Generally, the activist who starts a new base council or its most dynamic and committed member becomes the General Secretary.

His/her general function is to coordinate the other secretaries and activities, and to be the public representative of the base council.

Regularly- once a week - he/she reports to a higher council member on the activities carried out, results obtained, various developments, plans, etc.

He/she may hold informative/introductory meetings for members and new affiliates, hold interviews and press conferences, give speeches in public, clarify on ideological and organizational matters, etc.

**2. ORGANIZATION SECRETARY:**

This secretary is responsible for the growth of the base council and its expansion, starting new base councils oriented by the initial one.

He/she suggests and carries out plans/actions for making new affiliates, for appointing more secretaries, for reaching new places, etc.

**3. MOBILIZATION SECRETARY (Also called Political Action):**

He/she is in charge of planning and organizing campaigns and operations through which the HP participates actively in the political life of the neighborhood as a force to reckon with. Through taking stands on issues, our activists are mobilized for affiliations, rallies, morchas, signatures, strikes, etc so that the base council is seen and felt at large.

The secretary has to be aware of local issues, other political forces and their stands, etc.

**4. DIFFUSION SECRETARY (Also called Mass Media):**

He/she is in charge of getting the HP known to and covered by the mass media, establishing regular contacts with journalists, writing and sending press releases, organizing press conferences and interviews which other secretaries may give, etc.

On the other hand, this secretary plans for wall writings, sale of our newspaper, hand-made poster sticking, banner hanging, leafleting, etc, for cresting and maintaining public awareness of the HP.

Provided the above mentioned secretariats are covered, the following may also be assigned:

**5. RELATIONS SECRETARY (Also called Public Relations)**

This secretariat establishes regular contacts with other political parties and any other organization of interest in the neighborhood. the same may apply for government officers and personalities. Through its agency, information, good-willingness and joint actions may be the outcome.

**6. SOCIAL ACTION SECRETARY:**

Being aware of social problems and aspirations - through opinion polls, etc - this secretariat may help solve them through organizing co-operative efforts in the fields of production, consumption, services or a particular action towards solving conflicts or materializing benefits. Primarily, the secretary in charge aims at organizing and clarifying the beneficiaries themselves, that is, those concerned.

**7. PUBLICATION SECRETARY:**

This secretariat carries out all printings required by the base council (leaflets, posters, banners, etc). It may include the design or art work. On the other hand, it collaborates with "The Humanist Voice" in writing articles, translating, sale and subscriptions, etc.

**8. ADMINISTRATION SECRETARY:**

He/she prepares and circulates the minutes and reports of the base council, collecting from and distributing to all secretaries, activists and affiliates relevant information on activities carried out, news, notices, calls, etc.

**9. FINANCE SECRETARY:**

A secretariat which plans and implements fund-raising activities and programs, establishes contacts with possible or actual donors, and keeps updated accounts of the base councils income and expenditure. He/she may conduct these tasks individually or along with other activists (i.e. a fund-raising operation).

**10. CLARIFICATION SECRETARY:**

He/she may study our ideology thoroughly, understanding its implications regarding issues to be taken, framing our stands under its light, contributing to the base council's program adapted to local conditions, etc. The secretary may even prepare clarification materials and organize meetings where ideological points are better explained and debated.

All the above-mentioned secretariats may count on as many joint secretaries as possible or required, and all of them have a provisional character until and unless ratified by internal elections.

The base council secretaries work as a team, each one proposing, discussing and deciding from each one's point of view given by their different functions. Every campaign or activity carried out will involve every one of them equally, but in different capacities.

While carrying out joint actions, they may simultaneously do what any plain activist (not a secretary) may be doing, or may simultaneously orient a group of activists in their action, but the secretaries always continue fulfilling their specific functions as such.

The basic task of the base councils as such, and for each activist in particular, is to carry out the program of activities (daily, weekly, monthly, etc) given by the higher council or by the base council itself.

Ideally, every activist should get new affiliates, sell and subscribe for "The Humanist Voice", invite new people to participate in the current activities and actively support the base council needs and actions.

Any activist should be encouraged and supported for forming his/her own base council - starting with a minimum of 4 members - which will branch out from the original one.

The new base councils formed - specially those operating in places far away from higher councils - enjoy great autonomy and tactical freedom for implementing activities fitting their local conditions.

The broad framework for the activities is only given by the HP's 5 Basic points and the need to grow.

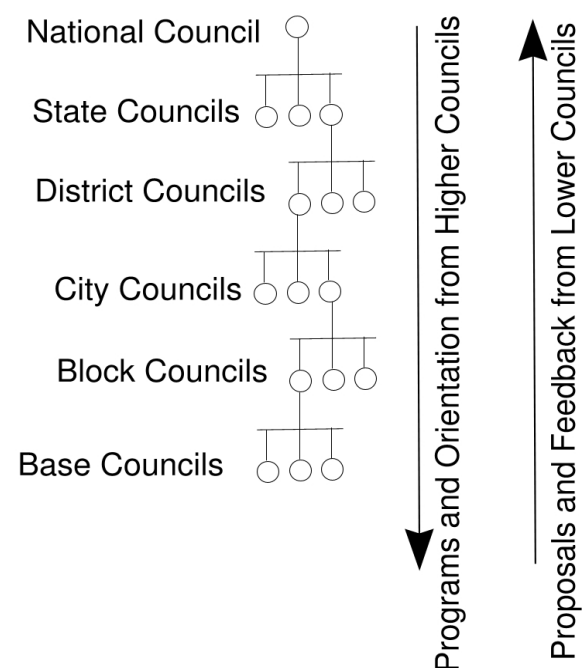
That is, any activity in agreement with 5 Basic Points and which makes the base council grow is a good one.

All the party offices assigned in new base councils have a provisional character until the HP's organizational elections which will ratify the officers (secretaries) or change them according to the electoral results.

The very first task of any newly formed base council nucleus (4 main secretaries) is to get volunteer activists to cover the other remaining secretariats.

A good task for every secretary is to get at least one assistant secretary for his/her functions. In this way, they are already preparing replacements for the present secretaries in case of rising to higher councils or when absent, etc.

**Councils and their work-areas**



### OUR SYMBOL

The symbol of the Humanist Party is a stylized version of the Moebius ribbon (known in Topology, a branch of Mathematics). This ribbon can be produced by anyone by just making one twist in a paper or cloth ribbon and linking its two ends. Now, the closed ribbon (in fact, a ring) has the curious property of having only one continuous surface. A continuous line can be drawn along the ribbon, shifting the sides, without coming across any edge or stopping the drawing. In this sense, the ribbon shows that the two sides are interconnected without interruption.

The Moebius ribbon represents the tri-dimensional version of the infinity sign used in Mathematics, Logic, etc. The infinity symbol is the closest one that represents what we understand about man, or the way we see man as open to the future, open to transformation and to possibilities without limit. The human being has infinite possibilities of change and development.

The infinity symbol also implies a relationship between the two worlds: internal and external, between the society and the individual, between social and personal change, etc. A relationship of feedback, of receiving and giving of apparent opposites closely inter-related and inter-influenced simultaneously. The ribbon surface is white, the edges are black and the background is orange.

### PARTY FUNDS

The H.P. raises its funds through donations and contributions from members and supporters. Donations are accepted provided our ideology and stands are not compromised. Therefore, for instance, the HP does not accept donations from a single source with which it may be unduly identified or which may try to blackmail the party.

The HP aims at drawing increasing support from the small, medium and big national enterprises, affected by government policies and threatened by multinational corporations. Funds from monopolies and foreign sources are ruled out.

However, basically, the day-to-day expenditure of the HP is covered by the voluntary contributions which the activists spend from their own pockets and raise from selling the Party newsletter, from affiliation contributions, from those they mobilize for campaigns, etc.

Finally, the HP keeps no funds for future use. Funds are raised and spent according to activities planned and carried out without delay.

No party member earns his/her living from party funds.

FUNDS	ORIGIN	USE
Big Amounts	Big National Companies	Election ( Occasional Election Campaigns )
Medium Amounts	Medium National Companies	Election ( Occasional Election Campaigns )
Small Amounts	Small National Companies, Shops, Members and supporters, Sale of Party Newsletter, Affiliation Contributions	Daily Action of Base Councils

### PARLIAMENTARY ELECTIONS 2009

**Elections to 15th Loksabha**  
**are expected anytime by March-April 2009**  
**HP invites Honest, Public-spirited Young people**  
**believing in Humanism to participate as**  
**PEOPLE'S CANDIDATES in this historic moment.**  
**If you believe in yourself and in the**  
**positive future of India, with self-confidence,**  
**Contact us immediately**  
**so that the work in your constituency**  
**can begin immediately**

### PERSONAL TRANSFORMATION OF HP MEMBERS

This point is already clear for the activist members of the HP. The framework of non-violence, selfless work, social solidarity, direct communication, team work, ethical standards, cooperative effort, lofty ideals and personal clarification, etc. go on transforming the activist at the same time that he/she progresses in helping society through the party activities.

This is why people who join the HP with the usual mentality of traditional politics either get transformed or go away by themselves, since they don't find the atmosphere they expect.

Our activists - as they increase their participation - go on subduing and eliminating the violence with which the violent society has polluted them. Thus, right thinking and right feeling accompanied by right action go on producing the simultaneous transformation of the individual and his environment.

**On the other hand, as regards those who do not actively participate in the HP, and who eventually will be governed by it, the party envisions a holistic program in which education, mass media, voluntary social and cultural programs will play a decisive role in producing a Humanist transformation and renaissance of the best humanistic values lying dormant or suppressed in our culture, arts, sciences, religions, folklore and traditions. This, which is not to be subordinated to other issues, will result in a new type of Indian citizen, with fresh values and meanings, work ethos, social responsibility, etc. in sum, more human. The government policies - due to their characteristics and implementation - will surely provide the appropriate atmosphere and environment to make all this possible and desirable.**



## THE HUMANIST PARTY OF INDIA

### MEMBERSHIP FORM

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#### DEDICATED TO HUMANIZATION OF INDIA

**Nothing above the Human Being, No Human below Another**

FULL NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

S/o, W/o : \_\_\_\_\_

COMPLETE POSTAL ADDRESS : \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth / Age \_\_\_\_\_ years

Phone : \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_

I promise that, as a Humanist Party member, I will not participate in any form of violence.

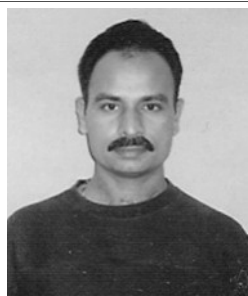




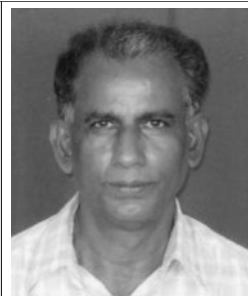

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Member's signature

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Introduced by (Signature)

Received yearly membership amount Rs. Ten.

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Signature of enrolling member & Date .

**HUMANIST PARTY -- National Council**

						
Ravi Desai International Secy.	Atul Jadia Press Secy.	Sudhir Gandotra General Secy.	Shankar K. Dravid Relations Secy.	Parimal Merchant Political Action Secy.	V. Raghavan Organization Secy.	Jayesh Bhayani Social Secy.

**Sudhir Gandotra – General Secretary** : Participating in Humanist activities since early 1980, Sudhir is among the founding members of HP. After launching activities in TamilNadu, Bengal, Haryana, Delhi, U.P., Himachal, Chandigarh, Punjab & participating in Maharashtra, Sudhir now conducts activities from North India.

**Parimal Merchant – Political Action Secretary** : Participating in Humanist activities since 1981, Parimal is among the founding members of HP. Parimal has been the HP Candidate to Maharashtra Assembly in 1987 and to Loksabha in 1999. Currently he is conducting activities on Political issues, specially with the youth, in Maharashtra, Kerala, Karnataka.

**Atul Jadia – Press Secretary** : Participating in Humanist activities since 1987, Atul is working with the villagers/slums of Mumbai and Andhra for the Live issues of Education, Development, Quality of life, Health.

**Jayesh Bhayani – Social Secretary** : Participating in Humanist activities since 1989, Jayesh has been the HP candidate to Loksabha in 1989. He is active in his constituency with the Humanist activities.

**Shankar K. Dravid** : Relations Secretary : Participating in Humanist activities since 1991, Shankar is a natural leader, deeply connected with the people of his neighborhood. Specialist-Car-mechanic by profession, Shankar has the fantastic ability of going beyond his limits and connecting with people on the socio-political issues of life, based on non-violence and leaving all discrimination behind. Mumbai Municipal Commissioner recognized his abilities in 2001 for bringing awareness to people's lives. Shankar has been the HP candidate in 1997 to Municipal Corporation and in 1999 to Maharashtra Assembly. Active in social-political activities since the age of 15, Shankar is conducting Humanist activities in Mumbai, Pondicherry and Tamil Nadu.

**Ravi Desai – International Affairs Secretary** : Participating in Humanist activities since 1987, Ravi is known in his area for many successful campaigns. Ravi has been HP candidate to Mumbai Municipal Corporation in 1985. Ravi got people of his area, compensation in matters where even the local MLA failed. People have named a society as Ravi Co-operative society due to his tireless efforts for the area.

**V. Raghavan – Organization Secretary** : Participating in Humanist activities since 1992, Raghavan, an electrical engineer by profession, is known for his abilities to understand and connect to people on political issues very naturally.

## THE HUMANIST PARTY OF INDIA HIGHLIGHTS OF PROPOSED MANIFESTO

- § Voting Age to be 15 years    § Free-uniform-compulsory Humanist education for all till Class XII
- § Schools within walking distance    § Free Health facilities through AIIMS type Hospital in every district
- § Unemployment benefit @ Rs. 2,175 per month across the country    § Housing for all
- § Dignified life for Farmers-Youth-Women and Laborers    § Genuine Co-operativism at all levels of Economy
- § Maximum age for President, Prime-Minister, Minister, Chief Minister to be 60 years
- § Anyone can be in these positions only once    § Right to recall Elected Representative at all levels
- § No discrimination of any kind, giving Human being the highest value in society and life
- § Comprehensive Peace and Disarmament agreements with all neighboring countries aiming at open-borders
- § Violence not to be the way out for resolving any issue whatsoever
- § Social-audit, Open-transparent Government, Transparent public-life to end Corruption
- § Money to remain an instrument of exchange and not a power symbol
- § Environment to be taken due care of in all development activities    § Agriculture land not for Industry and no SEZ
- § Organized, proper and participatory expenditure and progress in all field of life like Science, Technology, Sports etc.

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