



MANIFESTO OF NOVA

The Guiding Document of the Nova Movement

The Nova Manifesto

Preamble

In the Name of Allah, The Most Merciful

There is No Power on Earth Except Allah

There is No Victor Except Allah

We the founders, Sparrows, members and allies of Nova united by a shared vision of establishing an intellectual culture in Pakistan through an intellectual movement and inspired by the pursuit of knowledge hereby ordain and adopt this Manifesto of Nova.

This document shall serve as the supreme guiding document of Nova's movement binding upon all members, offices and wings of Nova's movement established now or hereafter.

Article 1 (Nature and Name)

- The Movement shall be known as "Nova".
- It will work as an intellectual movement within Pakistan.
- It will not be a political movement or support any political interests.
- It will not be a religious movement or support any religious sect or interest.

Article 2 (Purpose)

- The sole purpose of the **movement is to revive the intellectual culture in Pakistan and to cultivate a reading culture in the Pakistan** for the development of intellectual thought in society.

Article 3 (Ideological Pillars)

- Justice and Equality will be the hallmarks of this movement.
- The movement shall adhere to the Constitution of Pakistan and remain within the confines of the law of the land.
- The movement will be non-violent and abide by the principles of non-violence.
- The movement will be a passive intellectual struggle to promote education and intellectual development.
- Tolerance of views and freedom of thought will be practiced universally.
- Any freedom of thought as such which hurts the religious feelings of any religion or is blasphemous in nature shall not be tolerated and criticized collectively.
- There will be only three weapons that shall be used by the movement which are books, pen and paper.

Article 4 (Organizational Structure)

PART I (Manifesto of Nova)

- The Manifesto of Nova will be the supreme guiding document for all members.
- All the Leaders, Sparrows and members of the movement are bound to uphold it.
- Any structure or decision contravening it is null and void.

PART II (Office of Chairman)

- The Chairman is the supreme executive authority of Nova.
- The Chairman is bound to implement the Manifesto of Nova.
- The Chairman is answerable to the House of Nova on all important matters.

PART III (House of Nova)

- The House of Nova is the supreme legislative body of Nova.
- It is the Upper House of Nova responsible for the ideology of Nova to remain intact.
- It is a collective body of ten-member forming the core leadership of Nova.
- It elects the Chairman every three years.
- It further has two arms; Mission and Corporate, under its jurisdiction and a lower House of Sparrows.
- The House of Nova shall elect a new Chairman in case of the death of the Chairman, resignation or absence due to any other reason.
- The House of Nova is responsible for electing a new member to the House of Nova from the Lower House of Sparrows in case of death, termination or resignation of any member of the House.
- The House of Nova can bring forth a vote of no confidence against the Chairman citing credible reasons provided the vote is supported by 2/3 of the members of the House. In case of no-confidence motion succeeding, a new Chairman shall be elected within 3 months, If the Co-Chairman puts forward his nomination for the position of Chairman, the Secretary General shall act as the acting Chairman till the election of a new Chairman.
- Any member of the House of Nova can challenge any executive order of the Chairman and put it to a vote. The decision in that case must have the support of the 1/3 of the House for it to be implemented.
- The House of Nova can turn the termination of any member of Nova, terminated at any period null and void through a 2/3 majority. The case can be pursued by any member of the House.
- The House of Nova will scrutinize the nominations forwarded by Sparrows for election to Chief Sparrow in the Lower House (House of Sparrows)

PART IV (Mission Arm)

- The Mission Arm is Headed by the Secretary General.
- Mission arm of the movement is responsible for implementing the manifesto of Nova through its different wings
- The Mission Arm will have Media, Research and Analysis, Education wings and Council of Eleven, Awareness Campaigns under its jurisdiction. More wings and committees can be established by the Chairman when deemed necessary for different objectives and operations of the movement.
- The Mission Arm also holds the lower house of Nova i.e. House of Sparrows

PART V (House of Sparrows)

- The House of Sparrows is the Lower House of Nova which serves the purpose of implementing the Manifesto through all means available.
- The House of Sparrows will be headed by a Chief Sparrow elected by the Sparrows through a vote. The office of the Chief Sparrow will fall under the Secretary General. He will be elected for one year.
- The House of Sparrows will debate policy and strategies for the expansion of the movement. All Sparrows are eligible to join the House of Nova.
- The members of the House of Sparrows shall act as Ambassadors of Nova.
- The Chief Sparrow can be removed through a vote of no-confidence, for the motion to succeed, 2/3 majority is required in the lower house. A new Chief Sparrow to be elected within a week. Secretary General shall act as interim Chief Sparrow.

PART VI (Corporate Arm)

- The Corporate Arm will be headed by a Finance Advisor who shall be appointed by the Chairman.
- The Corporate Arm will be responsible for generating funds and management of those funds for the movement
- The Corporate Arm will be responsible for the taking the necessary accounting and monetary decisions for the development of the Nova Houses, the Tea cafeterias of Nova.

Article 5 (Chain of Command & Division of Powers)

- The member of Nova will be the first and foremost rank/ designation of an individual joining the movement. He shall fall under the Chief Sparrow and report to him.
- The Sparrows of Nova will be divided into different provincial and task based networks and will be responsible to their team leaders. Sparrows will fall under the domain of Secretary General and Chief Sparrow respectively. Secretary General will not task any Sparrow without taking the Chief Sparrow into consideration to avoid any conflict.
- The Heads of all wings and committees will report to the Secretary General.
- The Finance Advisor will report to the Chairman.
- The Secretary General will report to the Chairman.
- The Chairman shall report to the House of Nova.
- The House of Nova cannot take any decision contradicting with the Manifesto of Nova.
- The Chairman has the final decision on all matters of policy and strategy.

Article 6 (Responsibilities and Duties)

- The **Chairman** is responsible for overseeing the strategic direction of the movement. He must use his powers when necessary to prevent the movement from making any strategic miscalculation. He must make every effort to accomplish the purpose of the movement. He must take every decision for the expansion and welfare of the movement and not let any prejudice affect his judgment and reasoning. He is solely responsible for ensuring justice in the movement. He must uphold the ideological pillars of Nova.

- The **Secretary General** is responsible for the organization and mobilization of the Sparrows, members and general masses. He is responsible for expanding the movement at grass roots level. He must ensure cordial coordination with the Chairman in matters of policy formulation, organization and subsequently in its implementation. The two offices cannot operate without one another. The Secretary General is responsible for the management of different wings, committees, campaigns formed by the Chairman under the Mission Arm. He is responsible for the overseeing of all media operations of the movement as well.
- The **Finance Advisor** is responsible for all the generation of funds, management of funds and transparent accounting of the finances and advise the Chairman on financial matters. He is responsible to manage the Nova Fund.
- The **Head of Media Wing** is responsible for managing the Instagram, Website of Nova and all other matters related to print or virtual media. He is responsible for advising the Chairman on matters of virtual marketing and media affairs. He is responsible for virtual mobilization of the members and spreading virtual awareness of the movement.
- The **Chief Sparrow** is responsible for the management of the members, guiding them regarding the working of the movement, educating the members through a designed curriculum and for implementing the tasks and strategies outlined by the Secretary General and the Chairman. He is responsible for promoting members to the House of Sparrows with the approval of the Chairman and Secretary General.
- The **Sparrows** shall be responsible for the education of members, mobilization of masses aligning with the overall strategy of the movement and fulfilling their individual or collective tasks outlined in the overall strategies. The first and foremost duty of a Sparrow is to be educated.
- A **Member** is responsible for its own education and to uphold the Manifesto of Nova. He must strive to be an effective part of the movement

and reach the higher echelons through struggle. They should dedicate themselves to the revival of intellectual culture in Pakistan.

Article 7 (Membership Systems)

PART I (Members)

- The membership of Nova is open to all individuals.
- Anyone regardless of religion or any ethnic discrimination can join Nova.
- The Member is preferable if he is a book reader and writer as well.
- A member should be following all the Nova's media outlets to participate in the movement.

PART II(Sparrows)

- A member shall be elevated to a Sparrow through a proper system.
- A Sparrow must be an avid reader and should be well read in different subjects
- A Sparrow should be writer and must write extensively for Nova Website.
- A Sparrow should dedicate their time to the expansion of the movement.
- A Sparrow must carry out the tasks assigned to them for the expansion of the movement.
- A Sparrow must respect the norms of Nova and abide by the discipline of the movement.

PART III(Appointments)

- All appointments must strictly adhere to the discipline of Nova and work selflessly for the expansion of the movement.
- The Appointments must not be biased towards any member in any manner.
- The Appointments should respect the trust placed in them and act with justice in their duties
- Each Appointment must read a book a week and write occasionally in the website of Nova.
- The Appointments must dedicate their skills and expertise in the grooming of all members and respect constructive criticism, it is a part of their duty.

Article 8 (Prohibitions, Red Lines & Principles of Operation)

- Nova prohibits any political affiliations and activities under the auspices of Nova.
- Nova prohibits the use of violence in attaining our objectives.
- The norms and values of Nova must be respected and adhered to at all times.
- There should be no use of foul language and use of vernaculars in official correspondence.
- The Chain of command must be respected for the maintenance of order in the ranks.
- The internal matters of Nova must not be disclosed to unauthorized individuals.
- There must be no groupings of any sort and lobbying must be avoided
- No one should use Nova for furthering their own personal interests.
- The tasks assigned for the expansion of the movement should be carried out with all dedication and commitment.

Article 9 (Terminations & Expulsions)

- The Chairman can terminate any member or Sparrow of Nova citing reasons. His decision can be challenged by the House of Nova and reversed.
- Any member of the House of Nova can only be terminated with a **2/3 majority**. The Chairman cannot terminate any member of the House of Nova. House of Nova can reinstate terminated members with a **2/3 majority**.
- The Secretary General can terminate any Sparrow **with or without** the consultation of the Chairman. The House of Nova can reverse the decision with a **1/3 majority**. The House of Sparrows can reverse the decision with a **2/3 majority**. If there is a point of contradiction between the two houses, the Chairman shall make the final decision. The Chairman must be informed by the Secretary General of the termination twenty-four hours prior to termination.

- The Chief Sparrow and Secretary General can terminate any member. They must inform the Chairman twenty-four hours prior to termination of the member citing reasons for termination. The Chairman can reverse the decision. In case of the Chief Sparrow/General Secretary contradicting with the Chairman, the case shall be forwarded to the House of Sparrows for decision, **a 1/3 majority** in the House of Sparrows shall make the decision of the Chairman null and void. The Chairman can challenge the decision of the House of Sparrows again but for his decision to stand, the Chairman must have a **2/3 majority in both the Houses**.

Article 10 (Amendments to the Manifesto)

- For any amendments to the Manifesto of Nova, a 2/3 majority in both the Houses (House of Nova and House of Sparrows) is required for the amendment to be inculcated into the Manifesto of Nova.
- Any Sparrow or member of the House of Nova can propose amendment to the Manifesto but must bring the majority vote of two houses to implement the amendment in the manifesto.
- The Chairman cannot make any amendment to the Manifesto without the approval of the two Houses.
- No member can bring forth a proposal of an amendment without being promoted to the House of Sparrows.
- No Amendment shall be made to the **Article 11** of the Manifesto.

Article 11(Strategic Phases)

PART I (Mobilization of Reading Community)

Nova will mobilize and concentrate the complete reading community of Pakistan at one single platform.

- Awareness campaigns about the movement of Nova will be held to invite them to Nova's movement
- Reading circles to be convened at the grassroots level to mobilize the reading community
- Nova's movement to be expanded across university campuses to mobilize support of readers.
- Nova's members to mobilize their families and friend circles for the development of the intellectual culture at the family unit level.

PART II (Organization and Expansion)

The reading community will then be organized into cadres by Nova and assigned tasks to expand the intellectual culture to the general masses

- Seminars and empowerment drives will be launched for the general masses to inculcate them into the fold of our movement.
- Nova reading circles, article writing competitions and scholarly discussions to be organized for expansion of the movement's message.
- A Nova Podcast to be established to present the views of the general masses and engage them into intellectual discovery.
- Nova communities to be established at provincial level to inculcate the masses into the movement.
- Nova Tea Houses to be established to arrange and organize meetings of the Nova members with the general masses. The Nova Tea Houses shall act as libraries, centers of social life and a meeting point for the scholarly discussions and exchange of ideas.

Oath of Nova:

“I, _____ pledge loyalty to Nova’s movement, its Manifesto and shall serve its mission with determination, discipline, and will continue my sustained struggle for the development of an intellectual culture in Pakistan”

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