Computer Science Society
README.md

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Ashoka University

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CS
Society

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1. Manifesto

Administrative Ethos[1]:

- Maintain academic integrity in all endeavors
- Conduct in line with CASH, CADI and ARC guidelines

Objectives:

- Bring like-minded people together via collaborative projects, showcases, competitions and other community events
- Encourage growth and skill-building through regular workshops and talks
- Interdisciplinary collaborations with other clubs and societies
- Increase visibility of CS@Ashoka via guest talks, inter/intra-university events, such as Hackathons, Competitive Coding Events, Research Talks etc
- Provide a space for interested people to take up and lead projects, seek help and support from peers and seniors.

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[1] OAA Handbook & Guidelines for Academic Societies:
https://my.ashoka.edu.in/SIS/UploadedFile/OrientationMaterial/Handbook_&_Guidelines_7cba3d39-12fe-4f6f-a4a4-3e48ba4f35a9.pdf

2. Organisation

Factsheet:

Category   : Academic Society (Office of Academic Affairs)
Budget   : 5000 INR/annum
Inception   : 2016 (restructured in 2020)
Faculty Advisor(s) : Mahavir Jhawar (officially, Prof. Ravi Kothari)
Past Presidents   : Koishore Roy   Onish Garg
Flagship Event(s)   : Mahavamsa, RedBrick Hacks
Departments   : Research, Development, Competitive Coding
Partnerships   : CodeChef, DigitalOcean, WiCS, WireByte, (upcoming: ACM, Google DSC)
Communications   : cs.society@ashoka.edu.in , @cs.ashoka (IG)
Current Leadership : Tanvi Roy (PoC), Soham Bagchi, Soham De, Manish Rajani (PoC),
Yashvardhan Jain (PoC), Akshat Singh, Vibodh Nautiyal
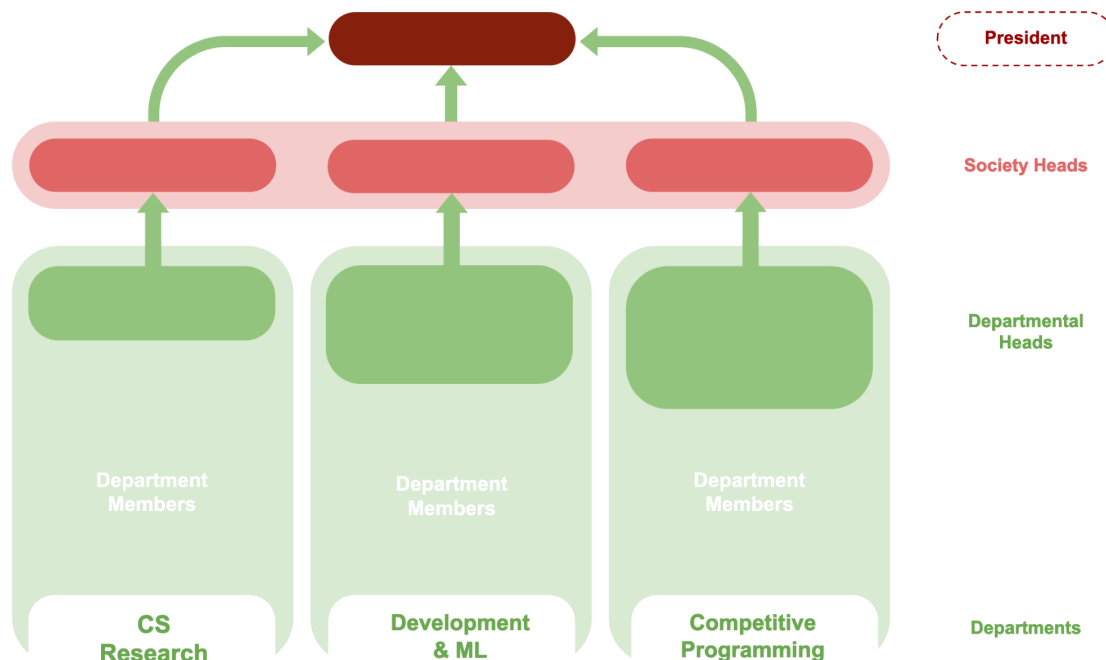
Society Hierarchy: Each department has Departmental Heads (the most active members) and a single PoC (chosen among the Heads). The 3 PoCs are nominal positions, and collectively form the Society Heads. The President of the Society is elected every semester, among the Departmental Heads

Inductions:

- Membership is open-to-all
- Common Inductions[2] - CS Society and WiCS (one can be a member/ in the leadership of both societies simultaneously)
- Inductions to happen once a year (Spring Semester). Exceptional cases to be dealt with on a case-by-case basis

President Elections:

- A president is elected for a renewable term of 1 semester
- A president must be an active member of the CS Society for at least 2 semesters.
- Presidential candidature is open to all Departmental Heads only
- Every Departmental Head gets a single vote; the outgoing president may only vote to break ties. Simple majority gets a candidate elected.
- The President can be removed on grounds of inactivity, incompetence or disciplinary offenses by a strong majority vote (at least 50%) among Departmental Heads.

Departmental Head Selection:

- Departmental Heads[3] are the most active and enterprising members of the Department
- The number of Departmental Heads are generally proportional to the number of members. Currently Research has 1 head while Development and Competitive Coding have 3 heads each
- Among the departmental heads, a single Point-of-Contact (PoC) may be mutually appointed to easy outgoing communications. The three PoC's together form the 'Society Heads'. *This is a nominal position only*.
- New departmental heads are appointed when vacancies arise. A department may decide[4] to increase their number of heads should there be a non-trivial increase in membership

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[2] Sample Induction Form: https://forms.gle/Zy9KXgpvWWPNxtxJ9

[3] The Departmental Heads from all departments together form the *Leadership* of the Society. The *President* represents the Leadership, i.e Departmental Heads

[4] All department-wide decisions to be taken by majority vote among heads. President may resolve ties

3. Events

Annual Events:

- **RedBrick Hacks** (in collaboration with WiCS). The hackathon has a separate induction process and may involve people outside both CS Society and WiCS
- **Mahavamsa** (Annual Competitive Coding Contest)

Regular Events:

- **Alumni Connect** - UG students connect with CS Alumni for advice on grad school, internships and beyond
- **Hacktoberfest** (in partnership with DigitalOcean)
- **Project Showcase:** Undertaken by the Development Wing
- **Competitive Coding** Contests (in partnership with CodeChef)
- **Research Reading Groups**: Undertaken by the Research Wing
- **Resume Reviews**: Reviewed by Alumni and seniors

Other Events:

- **Workshops**: These are technical workshops meant to introduce UGs with new skills and technologies. Previous workshops include: Introduction to LaTeX, ML without Code, Introduction to Web Development, Introduction to Git/Github etc
- **Competitions**: These often accompany workshops to nudge participants to apply skills learnt during the workshop, and get some monetary reward in return
- **Talks**: We invite distinguished speakers from around the world to give talks and inspire students
- **Member-led Workshops**: We encourage members to lead workshops on any topic they are interested and proficient in
- **Sasta ICP**: A UG21 students-led initiative to teach the basics of programming

4. Internal Guidelines

Brand Guidelines:

- **Logo:** The CS Society logo[5] uses 2 fonts (League Spartan, Open Sans) and 2 colors (red (196,18,47) and blue (13,56,98))
- **Logo Usage:** There are 2 permitted lockups. Logo must be used on white background
- **Ashoka Logo:** Ashoka Logo to be used according to university-wide brand guidelines

Promotion Guidelines:

- Members to be promoted to Departmental Heads after at least 1 semester of active membership
- Promotion should be transparent and based on engagement/ commitment levels - metrics for evaluating engagement can be decided by Department
- Inactive members to be impeached from leadership by a strong majority vote among all Department Heads

Amendment Guidelines:

- Current leadership is advised to consult previous leadership while amending this constitution.
- All amendments must receive a strong majority vote among Departmental heads to be approved

General Guidelines:

- **Affirmative Action**: Leadership is advised to non-cis male member at any point
- While most leadership roles are renewable, senior leadership is advised to step down to an advisory position after multiple terms to increase participation of newer members in the leadership
- Members are expected to step down voluntarily in the event of any CASH/ CADI/ SH allegations against them, via formal or informal channels

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[5] Brand Guidelines: https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1f6T4SiE44QwDoK2Dcr9ab_vHS-B1j831xsQnShXSTZQ/edit?usp=sharing