

VIDYA ASHRAM
Decentralized Structure

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The Ashram Samiti is the highest body (Governing Body) of the VA Trust and the Executive Committee is the body that executes activities and programmes. The Executive Committee is a Central Committee. There is a need to decentralize the activities of the Executive Committee so that decision making is done at more localized levels and local variations can be factored into such decisions. The structure suggested below hopes to achieve this.

1. Apart from the Coordinator, there can be about 5-6 members in the executive Committee, each of whom will be a Regional Coordinator. The regions proposed are:

- i. Northern region comprising Uttar Pradesh and Bihar
- ii. Central Region comprising Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan
- iii. Western Region comprising Maharashtra and Gujarat
- iv. Southern region comprising the five southern states of Telangana, A.P., Karnataka, Tamil Nadu and Kerala
- v. Eastern Region comprising West Bengal and Orissa

More regions can be created/added depending on the spread of activity.

2. These Regional coordinators will be assisted by Regional sub-committees with at least three members apart from the Regional Coordinator. These sub-committee members will be assigned responsibilities such as finance and accounting, publications, organisational work etc.

3. The Finance Committee will allocate budgetary support to the Regional Committees based on received requests for such support for specific programmes/activities. Such allocations will be in addition to finance mobilization at the Regional level for work within the Region. These finances will be managed by the Regional Committees who will report back to the Finance Committee. Accounting practices, as suggested by the Finance Committee, will be adopted by the Regional Committees.

4. VA Publications in local languages will be undertaken by the respective Regional Committees and their distribution, including centrally published works, in the local Region will be the responsibility of the Regional Committee.