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## Tharoor's Ten Tenets

- 1) **Embrace a process of rejuvenation:**
  - Bring in fresh faces & young blood into its leadership at all levels.
  - Respect efforts & sacrifices of long-time party workers through appointments & authority.
- 2) **Decentralize the organization:**
  - Empower the party in the states by giving real authority to the PCC Presidents & empower the grassroots office-bearers. Offer a credible alternative to the BJP's centralization of authority.
  - Create the strong state leadership that in past eras strengthened the Congress' national appeal.
- 3) **Reimagine the role of AICC Headquarters:**
  - President to hold interactions with karyakartas twice a week & quarterly meetings with AICC departments & frontals. 5 VPs from, & broadly responsible for, five regions of the country. General Secretaries with thematic responsibilities.
  - CWC to meet monthly & plenary AICC sessions every 5 years. Party President & office-bearers limited to 2 five-year terms.
- 4) **Reiterate the core convictions of the party:**
  - The INC stands for "Inclusive India", respects India's diversity, celebrates pluralism, affirms secularism, supports civil liberties, offers a haven for the marginalized, fights for social justice, supports equitable growth, a robust national security posture & a confident foreign policy, keeping with our Nehruvian legacy.
- 5) **Broaden participation in the party:**
  - Revive & strengthen consultative mechanisms at national level including reviving Parliamentary Board & elections to 12 seats in a 23-member CWC)--end perception that decision-making is concentrated among few.
  - "Shadow Cabinet" to challenge the government daily & regular policy discussions to refine & update party stand.
  - Implement Udaipur Declaration of 2022--"one person one post", term limits for posts (normally 2 terms), 50% tickets for those under 50, & increased representation for women, youth, SC/ST/OBCs & minorities



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- 6) **Reinvigorate election management:**
  - Candidate selection meetings & nomination at least 3 months before elections. Use technology & data management techniques to improve our election management.
  - Candidates who lose two elections in a row will not be repeated for the same seat. No term limits for consistently successful elected incumbents
- 7) **Increased focus on youth:**
  - Appeal to large political potential of unemployed youth, youth-heavy workplaces & migrant hotspots.
  - Revamp & strengthen NSUI & IYC & frontals like Seva Dal and, through them, convince young Indians we understand their aspirations & can be trusted to promote them in government.
- 8) **Bigger role for women:**
  - Congress will support leadership by women, for women, ("Ladki hoon, lad sakti hoon" principle). More positions reserved in PCCs & in the electoral fray. The party will work to pass the Women's Reservation Bill.
  - The role & capacity of All India Mahila Congress will be strengthened.
- 9) **Outreach to industry & professionals:**
  - Embrace wealth creation and employment-generation in pvt sector, insist on distributing the revenues thus created to the poor and marginalized. Sustained effort to revive the MSME sector.
  - Reaffirm the Congress' history as the party of professionals by strengthening outreach to professional bodies.
- 10) **Return to the ethos of politics as social work:**
  - Congress party should not merely be seen as an instrument for fighting elections.
  - Indian National Congress should Return to the ethos of politics as social work for those who cannot help themselves.



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