

**Samy steps up MIC reforms with 'Kelab Rakan MIC'**  
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MIC president Samy Vellu pushes ahead with his reforms by streamlining the machinery of the party's four wings into a single working engine, and introducing the "Kelab Rakan MIC" or MIC Partners Club to woo apolitical youths.

NONEUnder the streamlining exercise, the Wanita, Youth, Puteri and Putera movements would form a joint committee to operate as a single group without having to merge, he said.

The MIC chief (left) also said the four movements would each form a Volunteer Corps to assist the party in its social work.

"These are some of the changes that we have to make in order to better serve the community," he said when opening the Wanita MIC, Youth, Puteri and Putera annual general assemblies simultaneously at Putra World Trade Centre, Kuala Lumpur.

'Non-partisan, non-racial club'

On the Kelab Rakan MIC, Samy Vellu said there were no formalities involved such as registration because it would be formed throughout the country by non-MIC members.

"It will operate as a club but with certain regulations. The club will be open to all races and age groups, and will not be a political group. It will be free from politics," he said.

He said the club would cater for people who adopted "non-partisan and non-racial politics", especially among educated and urban youths.

Other changes include forming separate branches for the Youth and Wanita movements throughout the country, he said.

Samy Vellu said 15 Wanita branches were already in operation, while the party headquarters had approved the formation of an initial 150 Youth branches.

"More such branches will be formed so that they (the Wanita and Youth wings) can operate independently and organise activities for their respective group of people," he said.

'We will deliver'

Samy Vellu also ordered the four movements to prepare a "strategy for victory" plan of action within two months to face the next general election.

He also told the movements to mount a joint, aggressive voter registration.

"Our mission is to recapture all the parliamentary and state seats which we have lost in the last general election and to deliver the Indian votes to the Barisan Nasional," he said.

Other strategies to be implemented by the MIC would be an "e-campaign", using the Internet to muster support among the Indians, and carrying out people-centric activities through the "People First" campaign launched by the party a few months ago.

"The BN leadership is counting on us to deliver the Indian votes. We need to deliver," he added.

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