

**MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION**  
**OF**  
**NATIONAL INNOVATION FOUNDATION**  
**INDIA**

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### NATIONAL INNOVATION FOUNDATION, INDIA

1. **Name:**

The name of the Society shall be **NATIONAL INNOVATION FOUNDATION** (henceforth called as **NIF**), INDIA

2. **Head Office:**

The Office of the Society will be at : **C/o SRISTI**  
B4 Ravi Niketan  
Nehru Park  
Ahmedabad 380015

3. **Objectives and Basic Philosophy**

The objectives of the Society are :

- 3.1 To help India become an inventive and creative society and a global leader in sustainable technologies by scouting, spawning and sustaining grassroots innovations.
- 3.2 To ensure evolution and diffusion of green grassroots innovations in a selective, time bound and mission oriented basis so as to meet the socio-economic and environmental needs of our society.
- 3.3 To provide institutional support in scouting, spawning, sustaining and scaling up grassroots green innovations and helping their transition to self supporting activities, seeking self reliance through competitive advantage of innovation based enterprises and/or application of people generated sustainable technologies at grassroots level.
- 3.4 To evolve strategies and conduct, co-ordinate and support research, design and development efforts in the country on grassroots innovations so as to attain and maintain technological competence and enhance self reliance. To build linkages between excellence in formal scientific systems and informal knowledge systems and create a Knowledge Network to link various stakeholders through applications of information technologies and also otherwise.
- 3.5 To promote wider social awareness, and possible commercial and non commercial applications of know-how generated as a result of 3.1 to 3.4 and encourage their incorporation in educational curriculum, developmental policies and programmes.
- 3.6 To undertake any other activity that society consider appropriate to fulfil above objectives mentioned in 3.1 to 3.5.

#### 4.0 **Implementation:**

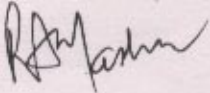
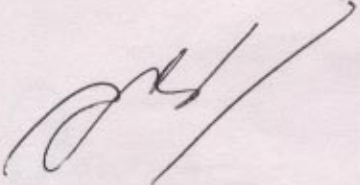
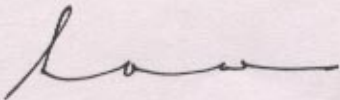
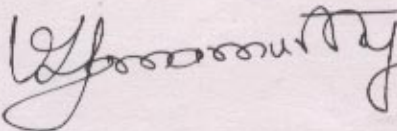
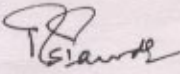
- 4.1 With a view to attain the objectives set out in para 3.1 above, the scheme for the Foundation will be implemented in the following manner:
- 4.2 A Registered Society under the Society Registration Act 1860 will be set up and the Society will be called **National Innovation Foundation, India** with its Head Office in Ahmedabad, Gujarat.
- 4.3 Build a National Register and a database of innovations and link local innovators with science and technological experts in formal and informal public as well as private sector to blend excellence in both sectors. It will also access existing Data bases such as Honey Bee data base created by SRISTI (Society for Research and Initiatives for Sustainable Technologies and Institutions) with the support of Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad, and other collaborating institutions and networks, and try to incorporate the same in the national register.
- 4.4 Ensure that augmentation of grassroots innovations whether institutional or technological in nature, help overcome or reduce the persistent poverty, socio-economic disadvantages, gender disadvantages, and non sustainable resource use strategies.
- 4.5 Forge linkages among innovators, investors and entrepreneurs wherever possible, help in generating respect, recognition and reward for innovators besides pursuing intellectual property right protection for them with in and outside the country.
- 4.6 Support value addition in traditional as well as contemporary knowledge, innovations and practices developed by local individual healers, herbalists, artisanal and other knowledge experts as well as communities.
- 4.7 Help set up a few incubators at leading academic and other locations for converting innovations into viable business solutions.
- 4.8 Use Information Technology to create Networks among various stake holders so that excellence in various scientific, technological and policy institutions is linked with creative and innovative individuals and groups thereof.
- 4.9 Set up and/or support R&D laboratories and library of books, periodicals, audio-visual aids, R&D databases to conduct such basic and applied R&D as necessary.
- 4.10 Contract technology development and consultancy projects to various institutes/ organisations/companies with strict monitoring of their performance to achieve objectives of scaling up various grassroots innovations.
- 4.11 Mobilise leading experts in various fields both from within and outside the country for primarily value addition in local innovations.
- 4.12 To organize periodic clearing houses for innovators to meet among themselves and also with other stakeholders.
- 4.13 Support joint ventures or other national and global initiatives of innovators to develop wider opportunities for diffusion of their innovations.
- 4.14 Carry out/guide research by scholars/students in collaboration with grassroots innovators.
- 4.15 Institute stipends, scholarships, associateships and fellowships to outstanding students, innovators, and other individuals working on innovations.

- 4.16 Conduct and promote national and international seminars, conferences, workshops, training programmes and study tours.
- 4.17 Undertake publications in the form of papers, books, monographs, journals particularly in local languages in the area of disseminating and augmenting grassroots innovations.
- 4.18 Every five year, society may undertake a self-assessment to find out whether the goals and objectives mentioned above are being achieved satisfactorily or not and take action as deemed appropriate.
- 4.19 To manage the Society with an institutional framework with independent and autonomous authority, responsibility and flexibility for dynamic operation to achieve the following:
  - 4.19.1 Competent people from within and outside the country are encouraged to participate in the activities of society.
  - 4.19.2 Mobility of staff from other organisations to the Society and back again is possible to ensure rapid build up of trained and skilled manpower to achieve the objectives of the Society;
  - 4.19.3 Special procedures are established to facilitate and enable smooth functioning of the Society and various activities including matters relating to personnel, finance, administration, purchase, travel etc. NIF can reorganise itself from time to time and make adjustment in the staffing structure and related matters as found in the best interest of the society.
- 4.20 To constitute or cause to be constituted centres at places in India, inter alia to utilize local talent to implement programmes undertaken by the Society. The Head Quarters of the Society shall be at Ahmedabad.
- 4.21 To receive grants, gifts, loans, subscriptions, donations or any other financial contribution in cash and securities and of any property, either movable or immovable from within the country or/and abroad including U.N. and other international agencies,
- 4.22 Subject to prevailing Laws and to invest and deal with funds and moneys of the Society and to vary, alter or transfer such investments from time to time.
- 4.23 To offer prizes and to grant scholarships, fellowships and stipends in furtherance of the objectives of the Society.
- 4.24 To do/get done, all such other lawful things as are conducive or incidental to administration of the Society and the attainment of the above objects.
5. All the incomes, earnings, movable and/or immovable properties of the Society shall be solely utilised and applied towards the promotion of the objects only as set forth in this Memorandum of Association and no portion thereof shall be paid or transferred directly or indirectly by way of dividends, bonus, profit or any manner, whatsoever to the members of the Society or to any person or persons claiming through any one or more of the members. No member of the Society shall have any personal claim on any moveable and/or immovable properties of the Society or make any profit, whatsoever, by virtue of his/her membership.
6. The name, address, occupation and designation of the first members of the Governing Council to whom the management of the Society is entrusted as required under Section 2 of the Societies Registration Act of 1860 are as follows:

No.	Name & Address	Designation
1.	Dr R A Mashelkar Secretary, DSIR & DG, CSIR, Govt of India, New Delhi	Chairperson,
2.	Prof Anil K Gupta President SRISTI & Professor Indian Institute of Management, Ahmedabad	Vice Chairperson
3.	Finance Secretary Ministry of Finance Govt. of India, New Delhi	Ex-officio Member
4.	Dr Vijay Kelkar Presently Executive Director International Monetary Fund	Member
5.	Dr E A S Sarma Presently Secretary Economic Affairs Govt. of India, New Delhi	Member
6.	Dr V S Ramamurthy Secretary, Deptt. of S & T Govt. of India, New Delhi	Ex-officio Member
7.	Dr R S Paroda Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR, Govt. of India, New Delhi	Ex-officio Member
8.	Prof Kuldeep Mathur Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi	Member

9. Ms Elaben Bhatt  
Chairperson, SEWA, Ahmedabad  
Member
10. Mr L N S Mukundan  
Chief Secretary, Govt. of Gujarat  
Gandhi Nagar  
Ex-officio Member
11. Ms Lalita D Gupte  
Joint Managing Director  
ICICI Ltd, Mumbai  
Member
12. Mr Anand Mahindra  
Managing Director  
Mahindra & Mahindra Ltd, Mumbai  
Member
13. Prof J L Saha  
Director  
Indian Institute of Management  
Ahmedabad  
Member
14. Mr T P Vartak  
President  
Four Eyes Foundation, Pune  
Member
15. Financial Adviser  
Department of Science & Technology  
GOI, New Delhi  
Ex-officio Member
16. Chief Innovations Officer  
National Innovation Foundation  
Ahmedabad  
Ex-Officio Member
17. Prof Indrajit Khanna  
Chief Secretary  
Government of Rajasthan  
Jaipur  
Member

7. We, the several persons, whose names and addresses are given below, having associated ourselves for the purpose described in this Memorandum of Association, do hereby subscribe our names to this Memorandum of Association and set out several and respective names hereunto and form ourselves into a Society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 this 1<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2000 at Ahmedabad.

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1.	<b>Dr R A Mashelkar</b> Secretary, DSIR & DG, CSIR, Govt of India, New Delhi	Chairperson	
2.	<b>Prof Anil K Gupta</b> President, SRISTI & Professor, IIM- Ahmedabad	Vice Chairperson & Exec. Director	
3.	<b>Dr E A S Sarma</b> Presently Secretary, Economic Affairs GOI, New Delhi	Member	
4.	<b>Dr V S Ramamurthy</b> Secretary Dept of Science & Technology GOI, New Delhi	Member	
5.	<b>Dr R S Paroda</b> Secretary, DARE & DG, ICAR New Delhi	Member	

6. **Prof J L Saha** Member  
Director  
Indian Institute of Management  
Ahmedabad

*J L Saha*

7. **Prof Kuldeep Mathur** Member  
Professor  
Jawaharlal Nehru University  
New Delhi

*Kuldeep Mathur*

8. **Ms Elaben Bhatt** Member  
Chairperson  
Self-Employed Women Association  
Ahmedabad

*Elaben Bhatt*

9. **Mr L N S Mukundan** Member  
Chief Secretary  
Govt of Gujarat  
Gandhinagar

*L N S Mukundan*