



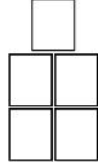
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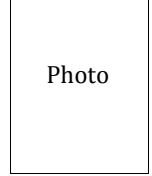
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APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP

1. Name (In Block Letters) :
2. Present Position/Designation :
3. Date of Birth and Age as on date :
4. Nationality :
5. Address for Correspondence :



- Office Address

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- Permanent Address

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6. Educational Qualifications :
7. Membership in Professional Bodies/Organisations :
8. Awards/Rewards Received :
9. Category of Membership Applied for :
 - a. Annual Membership :
 - b. Life Membership :
 - c. Corporate Membership :
 - d. Donor Membership :
 - e. Patron Membership :

❖ *An Annual Member may, at any time, become a Life Member by making a lump sum payment equal to five times the amount of annual membership.*

10. Any other additional information :

I have read the Memorandum of Association and Rules & Regulations of the Association and agree to abide by them. The required particulars are furnished in application and information given is correct.

Place:

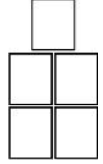
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SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE



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ABOUT THE ACADEMY

The Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI) was founded by social activist couple *Dr. D. Sundar Ram* and *Mrs. D. Bharathi Sundar*. It came into existence on 2nd October, 2001, which was registered under the Societies Registration Act, xxi of 1860, as autonomous, independent, non-profit and Non-Governmental Professional Organisation, being headquartered at Tirupati, a World renowned Hindu pilgrim centre. The Academy was inaugurated by the then Member of Parliament (Lok Sabha) and Champion of Decentralisation Movement in India, *Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar* on 20 August, 2002 at Hotel Bliss (Darbar Hall), Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. This is a unique Academy in the field of Grassroots Studies and Governance in the country. It provides a bridge between the elected representatives of Panchayati Raj and Nagar Palika Institutions, administrators, academicians, researchers, social activists and others working in the field, under the nurture of *Dr. D. Sundar Ram* and *Mrs. D. Bharathi Sundar*, Founder and Co-founder of the Academy.

Established as the premier institute for promoting and providing for the study of panchayati raj and nagar palikas, strengthening policy making, and for service delivery, the Academy is rapidly adapting itself to the requirements of modernising panchayati raj administration by improving its capacity and administrative skills. The Academy has an outstanding record of training, research and consultancy in the field of panchayati raj, rural development, women empowerment, social development and allied themes.

Dr. C. Rangarajan, Former Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi and *Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar*, Former Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Government of India are the *Hon. Visitor* and *Hon. Chief Patron* of the Academy.

Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap, former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, is the *Chairman* of the Academy Board of Governors, while *Prof. V. R. Panchamukhi*, former Chairman of the Indian Council of Social Science Research, Govt. of India, New Delhi, is the *Chairman* of the Hon. Board of Advisers of the Academy. A distinguished group of policy makers, scholars, administrators and researchers have been associated with the Academy, as Members of its Board of Governors, Board of Advisers, Executive Council, Distinguished Fellows, Visiting Senior Fellows, Visiting Fellows and Guest Faculty.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE ACADEMY

Academy's programmes and research activities are run on the basis of its membership support as well as the research grants receives from the respective Union and State Governments and funding organisations, and donors and well-wishers from time to time. The Rules of the Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India provide for membership from among academics, researchers, elected representatives of Panchayati Raj, Nagar Palika Institutions, social scientists, practicing administrators at senior level, NGO functionaries, social activists and grassroots women leaders. The eligibility requirements for membership and the procedure are as under:

ELIGIBILITY

For Annual/Life Members, academicians, researchers or elected representatives of Panchayati Raj, Nagar Palika Institutions, NGO functionaries, Social Activists and Philanthropists may be considered on recommendation of the Executive Council of the Academy.

For Patron, Donor and Corporate Membership, persons having philanthropic nature and significant contributions made to the Indian community, are invited by the Academy, on recommendation of the Executive Council.

PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

1. The applicant is required to fill up the prescribed form, which can be had from the AGRASRI headquarters on payment of Rs.100/- (non-refundable) in Cash or through Bank Draft in favour of AGRASRI, Tirupati. The Academy offers Life/Annual, Corporate, Donor and Patron Membership, for which a membership form is prescribed. After every 10 years, the Life Membership must be renewable by the Members by paying the prescribed fee to the Academy.
2. The application received will be considered by the Executive Council for admission of new members. The recommendation of the Executive Council will be communicated to the applicants which generally takes 2-3 months.
3. In the event of applicant getting admission as Member, he/she shall be required to pay membership subscription through Cash or Demand Draft in favour of **AGRASRI, Tirupati**, as follows :
 - a. Annual Membership : Rs. 1,560/- \$ 50
 - b. Life Membership : Rs. 5,000/- \$ 125 (*Renewal after every 10 Years*)
 - d. Corporate Membership
 - i) Panchayati Raj Institutions : Rs. 2,500/- (Per Annum) \$ 100
 - ii) Municipal Bodies : Rs. 3,500/- (Per Annum) \$ 120
 - iii) Colleges/Universities : Rs. 2,500/- (Per Annum) \$ 100
 - iv) Training/Research Institutes : Rs. 2,500/- (Per Annum) \$ 100
 - v) Industries/Companies : Rs. 5,000/- (Per Annum) \$ 125
 - e. Donor Membership : Rs. 50,000/ and above \$ 1,000
 - f. Patron Membership : Rs. 1,00,000/ and above \$ 2,000

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The services offered by the Academy to its members include supply of its Working Papers and Occasional Papers, information and advice on panchayati raj administrative problems and participation in the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture, National Panchayati Raj Day Lecture, Chittoor District Formation Day Lecture and AGRASRI Foundation Day Lecture programmes, besides regular National Conferences, Seminars, Workshops and other activities.

The Grassroots Governance Journal (Bi-annual) is supplied to the Life and Corporate (excluding Donors and Patrons) members on payment of 25 per cent of the subscription of the journal. The annual members are required to pay 50 per cent subscription for the journal. The research publications of the Academy are supplied to all categories of the members on the basis of payment by DD/Cheque with 15% discount. All remittances – in the forms of bank Demand Drafts, Cheques, Money Orders, etc. - may be drawn in favour of **Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI), Tirupati** and payable at Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh. Add. Rs. 80.00 as bank commission for outstation cheques.

The domestic membership amount may be remitted directly through NEFT in **AGRASRI Current Account No: 003311011001100. IFSC Code No: ANDB0000033, Andhra Bank**, Balaji Nagar Branch, Tirupati-517502, Andhra Pradesh.

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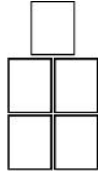
For complete information about the donations for the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture and National Awards Fund, list of publications, subscription to the journal and membership particulars, please write to **Dr. D. Sundar Ram, Founder Director, AGRASRI, Plot No.11, Sri Venkata Sai Nilayam, Thummalagunta, S.V. University P.O., Tirupati-517502, Andhra Pradesh.**

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Key-Policy Makers of AGRASRI for the Years: 2017-2020

- **Hon. Visitor**
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- **Hon. Chief Patron**
Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, Former Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- **Chairman, Board of Governors**
Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap, Former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, New Delhi.
- **Chairman, Hon. Board of Advisers**
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- **SPECIAL PROGRAMMES**
 - ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture
 - ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Outstanding Leadership National Award
 - ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Best District Panchayat National Award
 - ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Best Taluk Panchayat National Award
 - ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Best Gram Panchayat National Award
 - ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Mahila Shakti National Award
 - ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Yuva Shakti National Award
 - ❖ Rajiv Gandhi Gram Swaraj National Award
- **EXCLUSIVE PROGRAMMES**
 - Chittoor District Formation Day Lecture
 - Chittoor District Centenary Visishta Ratna Award
 - Chittoor District Centenary Shiromani Awards (in 7 Categories – Education, Judiciary, Medicine, Literature and Arts, Women, Youth and Special Jury)
- **REGULAR PROGRAMMES**
 - Youth Empowerment Day Celebrations (12 January of every year)
 - Women Empowerment Day Celebrations (8 March of every year)
 - Chittoor District Formation Day Lecture (1 April of every year)
 - Chittoor District Centenary Awards (1 April of every year)
 - National Panchayati Raj Day Celebrations (24 April of every year)
 - Anti-Terrorism Day Celebrations (21 May of every year)
 - Sadbhavana Diwas Celebrations (20 August of every year)
 - Gram Swaraj Day Celebrations (2 October of every year)
 - AGRASRI Foundation Day Lecture (12 November of every year)
 - Human Rights Day Celebrations (10 December of every year)
 - Good Governance Day Celebrations (25 December of every year)
 - Capacity Building and Taining Programmes (Through out the Year).
- **RESEARCH PUBLICATION (BI-ANNUAL)**
 - **The Grassroots Governance Journal (ISSN: 0973-0257)**
The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR), Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India, has provided publication grant for the publication of the journal for 5 Years from 2011.
Founders: Dr. D. Sundar Ram - Mrs. D. Bharathi Sundar (Social Activists)

Impressions on AGRASRI Programmes by Distinguished Policy Makers and Scholars

1. Publication of The Grassroots Governance Journal is highly commendable initiative and I wish all success in this noble task.

- Dr. Manmohan Singh

Hon'ble the then Leader of Opposition in Rajya Sabha, New Delhi, September 19, 2003.

2. I compliment the initiatives of the Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India, in association with the Rajiv Rural Development Foundation, in reminding the country at large of the services rendered by Rajiv Gandhi during his short span of life and wish the organisations the very best in their endeavours in the service of the country.

- Shri Somnath Chatterjee

Hon'ble the then Speaker of Lok Sabha, New Delhi, August 16, 2004.

3. I have known Dr. Sundar Ram since the establishment of the Academy and have been deeply impressed by the way in which the Academy has grown from very humble beginnings to its present significant status in the academic community which is playing such a key role of advocacy in the development of Panchayati Raj in the country.

- Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar

Hon'ble the then Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Youth Affairs & Sports, Gol, New Delhi, February 27, 2007.

4. I have known Dr. D. Sundar Ram, Founder and Director of the Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI) since the last several years. Dr. D. Sundar Ram and Mrs. D. Bharathi, Co-founder of AGRASRI are both very active scientists as well as social activists. They are being trying their best to empower the women and men members of panchayats. In addition to their advocacy and publication activities, Dr. Sundar Ram and Mrs. Bharathi have also established the Bharat Ratna Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture and Best Panchayat Awards Corpus Fund. I had the privilege of delivering the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture in the year 2006. The work of Dr. Sundar Ram and Mrs. Bharathi in the interest of strengthening the democratic structure of governance is commendable.

- Prof. M.S. Swaminathan

Founder, M.S. Swaminathan Research Foundation, Chennai, March 9, 2007.

5. It was a great pleasure to participate in the convention organised by AGRASRI which has played an important role in bringing about a significant transformation in the rural areas. I congratulate Dr. Sundar Ram and his colleagues.

- Dr. C. Rangarajan

The then Chairman, Economic Advisory Council to Prime Minister, New Delhi, August 20, 2008.

6. Very good and dedicating work is being carried on by the Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India. I hope the Government should give monetary contribution to the Academy.

- Dr. Bal Ram Jakhar

Former Speaker of Lok Sabha, Former Governor & Former Union Minister, New Delhi, August 20, 2012.

7. I appreciate the work done by the Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India at the grassroots level and bring the change in the life of deprived.

- Prof. Sukhadeo K. Thorat

The then Chairman, ICSSR & Former Chairman, UGC, New Delhi, 20 August, 2014.

8. It is a privilege to be here in the midst of doers at the grassroots level. My compliments and congratulations to the Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India, Tirupati. My salute to Dr. D. Sundar Ram for his dynamism and outstanding leadership.

- Dr. R.K. Pachuri

Noble Laureate in Peace, New Delhi, 20 August, 2015.