



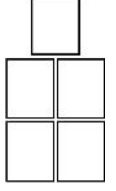
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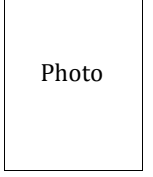
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**APPLICATION FORM FOR MEMBERSHIP**

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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Mobile:

E.mail:

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- Permanent Address :

5. Educational Qualifications :
6. Membership in Professional Bodies/Organisations :
7. Awards/Rewards Received :
8. Category of Membership Applied for :

- a. **Ordinary Member** : Rs. 2,116/-
- b. **Life Member** : Rs. 5,116/- (Renewal after 10 Years)
- c. **Institutional Member** :
  - i. **Panchayati Raj Institutions** : Rs. 2,116/- (Per Year)
  - ii. **Municipalities/Corporations** : Rs. 7,116/- (Per Year)
  - iii. **Training/Research Institutions** : Rs. 5,116/- (Per Year)
  - iv. **Colleges/Universities** : Rs. 5,116/- (Per Year)
  - v. **Schools/NGO's/Youth Clubs** : Rs. 2,116/- (Per Year)
- d. **Corporate Member** : Rs. 25,116/- and above
- e. **Donor Member** : Rs. 50,116/- and above
- f. **Patron Member** : Rs. 1,00,116/- and above

- ❖ An Ordinary Member may, at any time, become a Life Member by making a lump sum payment equal to that amount of Ordinary Membership.

9. 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.

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Date:

**SIGNATURE OF CANDIDATE**



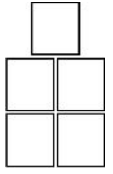
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## ABOUT THE ACADEMY

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 12<sup>th</sup> November, 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 respectively.

*Dr. Subhash C. Kashyap*, former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, is the *Founder Chairman*, 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 Board of Governors 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, Hon. Distinguished Fellows, Hon. Visiting Senior Fellows, Hon. 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 Ordinary/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/Ordinary, 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 weeks.
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 **Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India (AGRASRI), Tirupati**, as follows :
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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 Ordinary 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 and Cheques, 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 membership amount may be remitted directly through NEFT, as per the below details:

- **Account Holder** : **Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India, Tirupati**
- **Account No** : **003311011001100**
- **IFSC Code No** : **UBIN0800333**
- **Bank Name** : **Union Bank of India**
- **Branch Name** : **Balaji Nagar, Tirupati-517502, Andhra Pradesh**
- **Branch Code** : **333**

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

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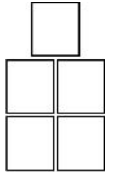
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### **Key-Policy Makers of AGRASRI for the Years: 2021-2023**

- **Hon. Visitor**  
**DR. C. RANGARAJAN**, Former Governor of Andhra Pradesh and Reserve Bank of India, New Delhi.
- **Hon. Chief Patron**  
**SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR**, Former Union Minister for Panchayati Raj, Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- **Founder Chairman**  
**DR. SUBHASH C. KASHYAP**, Former Secretary-General of Lok Sabha, New Delhi.
- **Chairman, Board of Governors**  
**PROF. V. R. PANCHAMUKHI**, Former Chairman, Indian Council of Social Science Research, New Delhi.
- **Chairman, Hon. Board of Advisers**  
**DR. T.HANUMAN CHOWDARY**, Former IT Adviser to Govt. of Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.
- **President, Executive Council**  
**SMT. D. BHARATHI SUNDAR**, Co-founder of AGRASRI and Social Activist, Tirupati.
- **Director and Member-Secretary**  
**Dr. D. SUNDAR RAM**, Founder of AGRASRI and Formerly ICSSR Senior Fellow, S.V. University, Tirupati.
- **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/Paarishramika Shakti National Award**
  - ❖ **Rajiv Gandhi Gram Swaraj National Award**
- **EXCLUSIVE PROGRAMMES**
  - **Chittoor District Formation Day Lecture**
  - **Chittoor District Centenary Visishta Rathna Award**
  - **Chittoor District Centenary Shiromani Awards (in 7 Categories – Education, Medicine, Law, Industry, Journalism and Media Studies, 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 REFERRED JOURNAL)**
  - **The Grassroots Governance Journal (ISSN: 0973-0257)**  
**The Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)**, Govt. of India, New Delhi, has provided publication grant for the publication of the journal for 5 Years from 2011-2016.

## **Impressions on AGRASRI Programmes by Selected Distinguished Policy Makers**

1. AGRASRI is a unique Academy in the field of grassroots studies and governance, which provides a bridge between the elected representatives of Panchayati Raj and Nagar Palika Institutions, academicians and researchers and others working in the respective fields.

**DR. MANMOHAN SINGH**

*Hon'ble Member of Parliament (Rajya Sabha) and  
Former Prime Minister of India, New Delhi, 27 July, 2016.*

2. 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, GoI, New Delhi,  
27 February, 2007.*

3. 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 Sundar, 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 Sundar have also established the Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture and Rajiv Gandhi National Awards Development Fund. I had the privilege of delivering the 5<sup>th</sup> Rajiv Gandhi Memorial Lecture in the year 2006. The work of Dr. Sundar Ram and Mrs. Bharathi Sundar in the interest of strengthening the democratic structure of governance is commendable.

**PROF. M.S. SWAMINATHAN**

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

4. 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,  
20 August, 2008.*

5. 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,  
20 August, 2012.*

6. 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.*

7. 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. RAJENDRA.K. PACHURI**

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

8. The Academy of Grassroots Studies and Research of India is an autonomous, independent and non-political organisation and every year the Academy honour the eminent personalities and have made an excellent progress in all academic and administrative spheres since its inception.

**DR. HARSH VARDHAN**

*Hon'ble Union Minister for Science & Technology and Earth Sciences, Govt. of India, New Delhi,  
8 August, 2016.*