

DEED OF ASSOCIATION OF
PERSONS

This Deed of Association of Persons is made and entered into on this 24th day of September, 2025, at Nashik, by and between:

1. Dr. Pravin Prabhakar Joshi, son of Prabhakar Pandarinath Joshi, residing at N-9/C-12/4, Tuljabhawani Chowk, Pangre Mala, Old CIDCO, Nashik-422009 (hereinafter referred to as First Member).
2. Dr. Prakash Govind Landge, son of Govind Shankar Landge, residing at 19, Priyanka Park, Tidke Nagar. Near Mhasoba Maharaj bridge, Nashik 422 008 (hereinafter referred to as Member 2).
3. Principal Dr. Vishnu Namdeo Suryawanshi, son of Namdeo Tukaram Suryawanshi, residing at Rungtha Township Phase II, A8, Rajivnagar, Nashik 422009 (hereinafter referred to as Member 3).
4. Professor Dr. Rajendra Vinayak Vadnere, son of Vinayak Baburao Vadnere, residing at "Alpaviram", Plot 85, SSD Shravan Sector, Opp Burkule Lawns, Nashik 422008 (hereinafter referred to as Member 4).
5. Dr. Sunil Bhalchandra Supekar, son of Bhalchandra Gangadhar Supekar, residing at SANJARI Row house, Kashyapi society-C, Saubhagya nagar, Gangapur road, Nashik (hereinafter referred to as Member 5).
6. Principal Prashantkumar Nimba Patil, son of Nimba Uttam Patil, residing at 23, Chaitraban, Navshya Ganpati area, behind Union Bank, Sawarkar nagar, Gangapur road, Nashik- 422013 (hereinafter referred to as Member 6).
7. Principal Harshwardhan Ramchandra Kadepurkar, son of Ramchandra Pandarinath Kadepurkar, residing at 5, HariStuti Apartment, Street 1, Avenue 2, Serene Meadows, Off Gangapur Road, Near Paradise/ Ashirwad Apts, Nasik 422013 (hereinafter referred to as Member 7).
8. Dr. Sanket Sahebrao Mahajan, son of Sahebrao Mahadu Mahajan, residing at 39, Soham Bungalow, Dadoji Konddev Nagar, Behind Nirmala Convent School, Nashik-422013 (hereinafter referred to as Member 8).
9. Dr. Kumudini Krishna Banger, daughter of Vasudeo Narayandas Tolani, residing at B Syali Darshan, Mahkamalabad Road, near Swami Samarth Kendra, Radha nagar, Panchavati, Nashik-422003 (hereinafter referred to as Member 9).
10. Ms. Sujata Milind Babar, daughter of Krishnanath Ganpat Raul, residing at 2, Shree Ganesh Paradise Apartment, Ganesh Nagar, Pipeline Road, Satpur Nashik 422007 (hereinafter referred to as Member 10).
11. Ms. Vinodini Vadiraj Kalagi, daughter of Vijay Laxman Pitke, residing at 'Amaltash' bungalow, Behind Shri Guruji Hospital , Kale Nagar road, Nashik 422 005 (hereinafter referred to as Member 11).

1. Name & Address of AOP:

The members agree to form an Association of Persons (AOP) in the name of 'Science Forum Nashik' with its office at "Pravin Prabhakar Joshi, N-9/C-12/4, Tuljabhawani Chowk, Pangre Mala, Old CIDCO, Nashik-422009" The address of the office may be altered to a new location if required and the AOP shall take decision of such relocation of its members and shall follow the process of informing the concerned Government authority at the earliest and as per stipulated deadlines.

In this document masculine gender is used as pronoun for a person for consistence, convenience and brevity. Such references should, however, be construed to includes all genders.

The members understand that, as per the law, all members of the AOP are jointly and severally responsible for any liabilities, even though the AOP is a non-profit, no-surplus, no personal benefit entity and that members may voluntarily contribute corpus donations if required in conjunction with the joint decision practice mentioned in section 9.1.

2. Objective:

The AOP shall strive to realize the following:

(2.1) to assist in inculcation of the spirit of scientific temper in the minds of general population, particularly the young persons, by asking relevant questions and seeking answer to these questions through methods of science including experiments, building theories which explain these experiments in qualitative and quantitative manners and make such predictions which are falsifiable and not to subscribe to dogmatic, superstitious explanations;

(2.2) to develop interests in science content;

(2.3) to facilitate discussions on the current developments in the field of science, technology and their impacts on the lives of general population;

(2.4) to facilitate development of curiosity in the minds of populations so that they question the phenomena and seek to find answer through study of science content in an enjoyable manner and thereby propagate spirit of joyful learning to others;

(2.5) to assist the general population including the young minds to develop methods which will enable them to solve the problems (falling under the domain of science and technology) including those involving their daily life issues in a systematic, creative (including out-of-the-box thinking) and ecologically self-sustaining manner;

(2.6) to make use of the technology including information and communication technology (ICT) to achieve its objectives in cost-effective, efficient and effective manners.

3. Bank Account:

A bank account shall be opened in the name of the AOP '**Science Forum Nashik**' with the Bank of Maharashtra, College Road campus, Nashik 422005 in accordance with further rules mentioned elsewhere in this document particularly in section (9.6)

4. Management:

All members shall actively participate in management and decisions of the AOP as elaborated in the rules mentioned in section 9.

5. Accounts:

Proper books of accounts shall be maintained and closed on 31st March each year.

6. Admission/Resignation:

Registration of the Constituent Members: The acting and willing members of the informal body established in 1978 called "Science Forum Nashik" are invited to become the 'constituent members' of the AOP. The rules stipulated in these documents have been discussed in a meeting of the members dated 17 August 2025 and agreed upon by them, after due discussions and considerations. Those of the members who did not agree to the substantial provisions of this document had liberty not to become the members formally.

Registration of New Members: Any person who is interested in pursuing his curiosity to science subjects (including natural science, mathematics, life sciences, earth science and environment science but not including branches of humanities

and social science) and contribute to the stated objects of the AOP may become a member of the AOP provided he agrees to the general rules mentioned in this document and has filled in a brief information form prescribed by the AOP. There shall be no registration fee and the membership shall be open to all castes, creeds, races, religions, genders and nationalities as per the laws of the land. The AOP shall warn persons filling up the membership form that, as per the law, all members of the AOP are jointly and severally responsible for any liabilities, even though the AOP is a non-profit, no-surplus, no personal benefit entity. The AOP shall not discriminate between the Constituent and New Members and they shall have the same rights, duties and responsibilities. The list of all the members shall be published on the website of the AOP and shall be updated on the first day of every calendar month.

Relinquishing the membership: Any members may relinquish his membership (after he has solemnly applied his mind on this decision) by communicating his intention of relinquishing the membership by giving reasons or without giving any reasons for relinquishing the membership and publish his communication of intent on the designated WhatsApp group of the AOP as well as in writing or through email,

Provided such member shall hand over any responsibility been assigned (including transferring the bank account to another member's name in consultation with the other account holders) or any money given to him for the purpose of carrying out any activities of the AOP before communicating his intent to the WhatsApp group and his membership shall be deemed to cease only after handing over responsibilities and clearance by the account holders, if any.

A member who has relinquished his membership shall be eligible to re-admission after he has completed all the process of submission of the form, etc.

7. Dissolution:

The AOP is expected to have a perpetual existence. It may be dissolved after a proposal of this effect in consultation with all members of the AOP (preferably with a unanimous resolution or at least three fourth voting of the members in favor of dissolution) and following the procedure on this regard as per the law. The unspent funds if any available with the AOP may be refunded to the respective donors or may be donated to an institution with similar objectives in consultation with all the members. The assets (like equipment, books, etc.) if any may be

donated to an institution with similar objects in consultation with all the members.

8. Dispute Resolution:

Any dispute shall be resolved amicably, failing which it will be referred to arbitration under the Arbitration & Conciliation Act, 1996. The arbitration shall be conducted by a sole arbitrator appointed with mutual consent, seated in Nashik, and the proceedings shall be conducted in English (or Marathi).

9. General Rules regarding its Operation:

(9.1) Organization of the AOP: There shall be no office bearers of the AOP. The decisions of the various activities to be pursued to achieve the objects (mentioned in section 2) shall be taken by the members collectively using communication through a designated WhatsApp groups or any similar messaging and voting mechanism (like Google Forms) which may become available from time to time or through meetings through face-to-face or virtual (web) modes; with the final decisions to be taken by the account holders (being maintainers of financial details and coordinators for the audit and other administrative and legal processes) of the bank account mentioned in section (9.6) below;

Provided that the information of such communications including the proposed activities, fees to be charged to the target group, if any, costs to be incurred by the AOP if any, responsibility to be carried out by specific member as the case may be shall be well documented; the notice of the meetings (whether face-to-face or virtual) to discuss such proposal shall be communicated to all the members well in advance and the decisions arrived at shall be documented and communicated to all members through a designated WhatsApp group.

(9.2) Members shall cooperate by volunteering their contributions (including financial contributions), taking responsibilities in undertaking an activity for furthering the objects mentioned in section 2 and ensuring clear communication with other concerned members for smooth conduct of the activities.

(9.3) The AOP shall not receive any donations from any political parties or individuals other than the members of the AOP or a Government agency or a registered charitable organization whose stated objects include principally the stated objects of the AOP. This shall be ensured by the AOP by sharing the instruments of incorporation of the donating agency (other than the member of the AOP). No anonymous donations (that is, donations from anonymous donors or

sources) shall be accepted. Since membership of the AOP is free and requires only submission of basic personal information, any person wishing to donate shall first register as a member of the AOP. Contributions made by participants towards specific activities (such as hobby classes, workshops, competitions) in the form of fees shall not be treated as donations, but as cost recovery for services or goods.

(9.4) The AOP shall not promote agendas of any political parties, religious organization or sects or social organizations other than those whose stated objects include principally the stated objects of the AOP. The AOP shall not promote any personality cults. The AOP may organize special lectures of experts in the field including the member. However, no programs which exclusively felicitates a person for his achievement and which does not include a lecture of significant technical or scientific content shall be conducted. The AOP shall promote environmental sustenance by, for example, discouraging practice of floral bouquets or shawls for welcoming guests but encourage presenting a dignitary with a text of science subject.

(9.5) The AOP shall publish its content (including the print and non-print media like video clips) on science which are well accepted by published science and technology journals of repute and where there are disputes in such journals or theories shall mention both views in a balanced manner.

(9.6) The AOP shall maintain a bank account in a nationalised bank, the details of which shall be published on its WhatsApp group and website. The account shall be in the name of "Science Forum Nashik" operated by three designated members of the AOP with appropriate joint mandate. The following members shall be the account holders at the beginning of the AOP:

(9.6.1) Dr Pravin Prabhakar Joshi

(9.6.2) Ms. Sujata Milind Babar and

(9.6.3) Principal Dr. Vishnu Namdeo Suryawanshi

The said account holders shall maintain the ledger and other financial documents and shall cooperate with the auditors as per the law. Audit shall be conducted if required under the Income Tax Act or any other applicable law.

In case any one or more of the account holders become unavailable or incapacitated due to death, sickness, getting lost or any other reasons, or is/are

unwilling to carry out the responsibilities due to any reasons (including intention to resign as member of AOP), new account holder(s) shall be inducted in the place of such account holders in consultation with the remaining account holders and the decisions in this regard shall be communicated to all members of the AOP. In case all the account holders resign or are incapacitated, the matter shall be discussed with all the members of the AOP.

(9.7) The AOP shall obtain a Permanent Account Number (PAN) in the name of the AOP and shall abide by all the laws of the land. The AOP shall undertake all its activities under no profit-no loss basis and shall return any and all amounts which remain unspent to the donor agency as per the term of reference of the specific activity/project. The AOP shall strive to spend all the balance funds by the end of the financial year by either refunding the balance funds to the donor or by organizing such activities which fulfill any or all the objects of the AOP. In case the balance is to be carried forward to the next financial year, the AOP shall take appropriate decision in consultation with the donor and in light of the laws of taxation applicable.

(9.8) The AOP shall strive to manage its affairs with minimal costs using technology-enabled decision making and practices. The members shall volunteer to complementarily contribute to broadcast the live sessions on its designated YouTube channel (free of cost by YouTube), contribute their lectures or hands-on training video clips, managing the website(s), preparing Google forms (free of cost by Google), manage content on Google Drive (free of cost), etc. and shall not unnecessarily use paid software where free solutions (like OBS studio) are available. It may incur expenditures on the following heads:

(9.8.1) Maintenance of the website (hosting expenses);

(9.8.2) Distribution of prizes to the Participants (especially school students),

(9.8.3) Expenses on inviting special experts (to be invited only in extremely exceptional cases);

(9.8.4) Payment of rental for venue of the activities of the AOP, where complementary sponsorship is not available (to be exercised only in extremely exceptional cases);

(9.8.5) Payment of professional fees for services like book keeping or audits and

(9.8.6) Any other expenditures to be decided by AOP

10. Amendments in the rules

The rules mentioned in these documents may be amended by placing a proposal of the effect on the WhatsApp group and after due discussions and deliberations and communicating the final decision on the amendment. The revised document (after incorporation of the amendments) shall be published on the website of the AOP.

Declaration:

We the undersigned constituent members of the AOP have gone through this document and having solemnly considered, understood the provisions thoroughly and agreed upon are putting our signatures on this document in the presence of witnesses.

Signatures of the Constituent Members:

1. Dr. Pravin Prabhakar Joshi

2. Dr. Prakash Govind Landge

3. Principal Dr. Vishnu Namdeo Suryawanshi

4. Professor Dr. Rajendra Vinayak Vadnere

5. Dr. Sunil Bhalchandra Supekar

6. Principal Prashantkumar Nimba Patil

7. Principal Harshwardhan Ramchandra Kadepurkar

8. Dr. Sanket Sahebrao Mahajan

9. Dr. Kumudini Krishna Bangera

10. Ms. Sujata Milind Babar

11. Ms. Vinodini Vadiraj Kalagi

Witnesses:

Signature:

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Name:

Signature:

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