# Exploring the future of NARI

<u>Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute (NARI)</u> is a more than 50 years' old institution. It was established in 1968 by Mr. <u>B. V. Nimbkar</u> who remained its President till 1990. Since June 1990, the permanent president has been Dr. Nandini Nimbkar.

NARI mainly does R&D in the areas of Agriculture, Renewable Energy and Animal Husbandry. It has many firsts to its credit in R&D in all these areas. The <u>details of the institute and its achievements are given in the enclosed brochure</u>.

## Present Management of the Institute

The Institute is managed since 1990 by <u>Dr. Nandini Nimbkar</u> and <u>Dr. Anil K Rajvanshi</u>, both US trained scientists. They joined the Institute as researchers in 1981 and since 1990 have been managing the Institute fulltime. The Animal Husbandry division is directed by <u>Dr. Chanda Nimbkar</u> – a Ph.D. in animal breeding from Australia.

Dr. Rajvanshi is a <u>Padma Shri Awardee (2022)</u> and a graduate of Indian Institute of Technology (IIT), Kanpur (1972).

We are now looking at a generational transition for the Institute and hence are looking for mid-level to senior level persons with a passion for applying science and technology to rural areas and who have the vision to take the institution forward for next few decades.

#### The Institute is endowed with good resources.

### They are:

(1) Farms and lands owned by the Institute amounts to 47.2 ha. These are at three different locations near Phaltan, and Rajale and Wadjal villages. Near Phaltan around 30 ha land is right next to the 4-lane highway S 70.

- (2) The Institute has a total building area of about 9,200 m<sup>2</sup> which houses excellent facilities in <u>Artificial Insemination (AI)</u>, Chemistry labs, full-fledged workshop, <u>and other research facilities</u> for doing renewable energy and agricultural research. It has high speed (4G) JIO network on the campus connected to all office PCs, printers etc.
- (3) It also has a residential and instructional facility called <u>Bajaj Center for Sustainable Development.</u>
- (4) The Institute has a small contractual staff of about 25 and employs almost 20-30 daily wage workers year-round.
- (5) It has a small library with about 6000 books and subscribed in the past to about 30-40 journals (present subscription is much less).
- (6) It has no loans or outstanding debts or any pending legal cases.
- (7) The Institute is registered under the Bombay Public Trusts Act, 1950 and the Societies Registration Act and has SIRO recognition till 2024. It is permanently recognized under section 35(i)(ii) of I.T. Act. It also has FCRA recognition till 1/11/2021.
- (8) The Institute has in the past undertaken <u>sponsored projects from both</u> government and private agencies (both national and international).
- (9) Presently the Institute has the following projects:
  - Osmanabadi goat project (funded by ICAR, GOI).
  - Sweet sorghum syrup plant (funded by DST, GOI).
  - Fodder development (funded internally)
  - Hydroponics (funded by Bajaj Group)

## Next Step

We will be delighted to hear from the concerned persons who are ready to be our partners or help us to find one. Please send your suggestions (in the subject line please put *NARI future partner*) and recommendations to Anil K Rajvanshi; <a href="mailto:anilrajvanshi50@gmail.com">anilrajvanshi50@gmail.com</a>

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