



# Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute

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## Appeal for Donations for Rural Development

Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute (NARI) is a registered charitable Trust working in the areas of agriculture, renewable energy, animal husbandry and sustainable development. It is a pioneering Institute which has been involved in rural development for the last 35 years. It has many firsts to its credit. Among them are :

- (1) Development and release in 2002 of the first non-spiny hybrid safflower NARI-NH-1 in India for commercial production in all safflower growing areas of the country. Our hybrids and varieties( total of 4) are grown in over 6000 ha all over India.
- (2) Development for the first time in India of herbal health tea from safflower flowers.
- (3) Introduction of sweet sorghum in India in early 1970s. Sweet sorghum because of our efforts has today become the major alternative to sugarcane for ethanol production. Our hybrid "Madhura" has therefore been introduced on large scale all over the country.
- (4) Setting up Asia's first pilot plant for solar distillation of ethanol from sweet sorghum in 1987.
- (5) Development for the first time in India of improved kerosine lantern called Noorie in 1990.
- (6) Design and development of a motor assisted pedal rickshaw (MAPRA) which can go to 40-45 kms in one charge and at speeds of 10-15 km/hr. This is the first such vehicle developed in India.
- (7) Development and manufacture of motor assisted wheel chair (MANHARA) for handicapped. This is the first such vehicle developed in Asia.
- (8) NARI is the principal author of the National Policy on Taluka Energy Self-Sufficiency, which was run by MNES, New Delhi in the late 1990s.
- (9) Introduction for the first time in India of twinning gene in Deccani sheep so that the remuneration of shepherds is increased.
- (10) Development for the first time in the world lanterns and stoves running on 50 %( w /w) ethanol-water concentrations.

NARI and its staff have won major awards like Padma Shri, FICCI Award, Jamnalal Bajaj Award, US based Solar Hall of Fame, Energy Globe Award, Vasant Rao Naik Award etc. Details of these and other achievements are also listed on our website given above.

**NARI has a permanent income tax exemption under section 35(i)(ii) of the I.T. Act. Thus all donations to NARI are 100% tax free.** Your donations will help us continue our work in sustainable rural development.

Presently we are looking for donations for the following cause :

1. For the corpus of the Institute. Our goal is Rs. 1 crore before March 2009.
2. For setting up a Center for Sustainable Development. The goal for the center is **Rs. 100 lakhs of which 30 lakhs have been raised**. This money will go towards setting up a small auditorium to seat 40-50 people and a simple hostel to house 30 participants/students for the courses. The center will conduct courses to teach the participants modern technologies in agriculture, renewable energy and holistic living for all-round holistic and sustainable rural development.

**Please make all the cheques or demand drafts in the name of Nimbkar Agricultural Research Institute payable at Phaltan. Please indicate in your covering letter whether the donation is for corpus or for Sustainable Center. The covering letter together with donations should either be sent to the President or the Hon. Secretary at the address listed on this letterhead.**