

About NSFI & Our Approach

The National Skills Foundation of India (NSFI) is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2009 under the Indian Trusts Act of 1882. Over the past decade, NSFI has completed more than 95 projects across 27 Indian states and seven countries, partnering with communities to promote sustainable livelihood opportunities. NSFI's mission is to enhance people's skills and capabilities, expanding their access to technologies, information, and innovations through integration with markets and value chains.

NSFI's development approach combines strategic design with grassroots engagement. The organization employs a dual strategy: first, it develops replicable models, such as Green Colleges and Climate-Smart Livelihoods, this is later expanded to other regions; second, it conducts in-depth, location-based interventions in high-vulnerability areas, including tribal regions in Andhra Pradesh, Sangareddy in Telangana, and Himachal Pradesh. These models, also adaptable and replicable focus on behavioral change, community ownership, and livelihood sustainability.

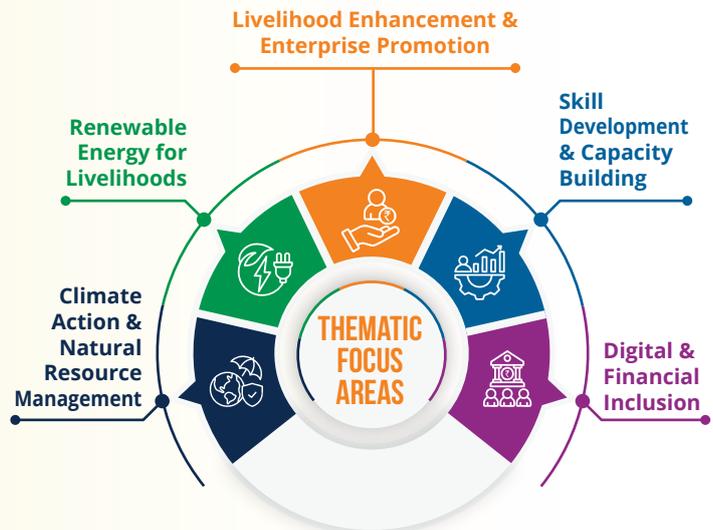
Our Founders & Board of Trustees

NSFI was founded by experienced rural development professionals from premier management institutes, committed to creating scalable, innovative solutions for rural livelihoods and community empowerment.

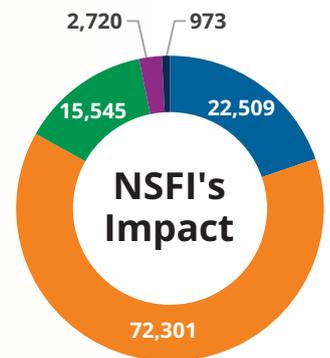
NSFI is led by Dr. Sai Krishna, an alumnus of IRMA (Institute of Rural Management, Anand) with over 20 years of experience in development impact. NSFI is guided & advised by its Board of Trustees and Advisors with deep national and international experience in the domains of rural finance, development policy, sustainable livelihoods, enterprise promotion, and scaling the impact. Their diverse expertise guides NSFI in designing scalable and impactful solutions for under-served communities.



Thematic Focus Areas



- NGOs Engaged
- Policy Makers Engaged
- Innovators / Startups



- Women Farmers
- Entrepreneurs Supported
- Enterprises Incubated
- Men Farmers
- Youth Skilled



Success Stories from NSFI

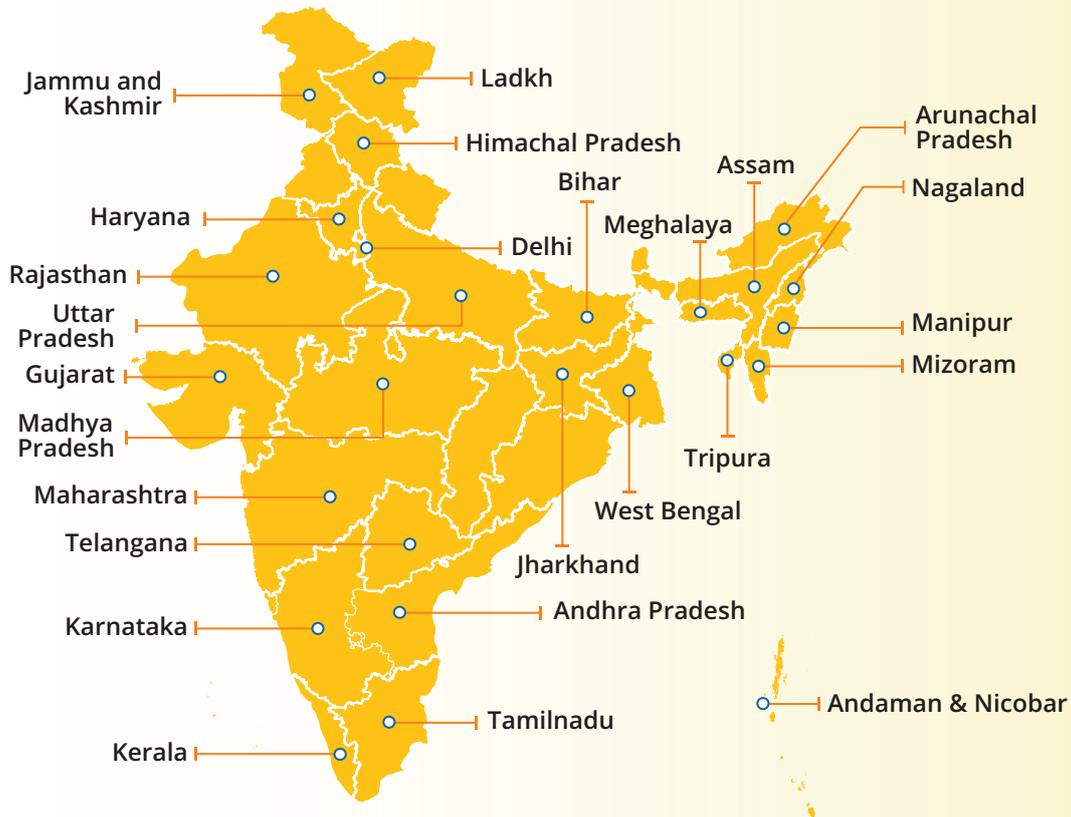


Scan for Success Stories



Geographical Priorities

NSFI has built strong community engagement and implementation networks in states such as Himachal Pradesh, Andhra Pradesh, Telangana and Gujarat. These geographies continue to serve as anchors for deep, location-based interventions, while NSFI's scalable models remain ready for deployment across other regions as per funding partners priorities.



Our Reach & Impact

NSFI delivers results that are measurable, scalable, and aligned with donor mandates.

600,000+ Lives impacted across India and internationally

22,000+ women farmers trained

95,000+ Farmers and 164 FPOs supported with agri-business services

11 Green Colleges established and operational in 5 states

3,000+ Youth trained in employability skills and entrepreneurship development skills



Flagship Models

Each model listed is created to provide partners with actionable, impact-driven interventions that have co-branding potential.

NSFI has developed and tested flagship models that combine local relevance with strategic approach of scalability.

Green Colleges

Market-linked agri-skilling via rural vocational centers.



Renewable Energy Initiatives

Solar libraries & bio-energy projects powering clean Livelihoods.



Community Centric Engagement

Holistic rural transformation through health, water, education, and livelihoods.



Climate Smart Initiatives

Climate smart agriculture and green enterprises



Sabal Sakhi

Women-led microenterprises with incubation & mentoring



Institutional Collaborations

NSFI has also contributed to ecosystem strengthening by collaborating with a range of institutional partners:



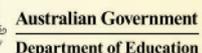
These partnerships demonstrate a shared commitment to creating development impact by combining expertise in areas like skilling, value chains, enterprise acceleration, and agroecological transitions. Together, these collaborations help expand NSFI's impact from grassroots involvement to system-wide influence innovation.



Project Monitoring & Evaluation at NSFI

NSFI employs a structured yet adaptable approach to outcome tracking and reporting. Projects are designed using Theory of Change and log-frame frameworks, with performance monitored through custom MIS dashboards, field-level tracking tools, and partner-aligned KPIs. This enables real-time decision-making, transparent reporting, and accountability across all program phases.

Some Key International Agencies Partnered with



Some Key Corporates Partnered With



Why Partner with NSFI

NSFI invites to co-design and implement transformative programs that create shared value. NSFI is a trusted partner for implementing and sharing knowledge with CSR foundations, international development agencies, state governments, and private corporations. Its main strengths include:

- Enterprise incubation, climate-smart agriculture, and financial inclusion
- Develop scalable solutions with CSR teams and public institutions
- Compliance with CSR Schedule VII and alignment with the Sustainable Development Goals
- Transparent financial systems and readiness to adopt custom audit and reporting frameworks
- Accredited by Credibility Alliance, with full adherence to due diligence standards.

NSFI also supports partners in enhancing brand visibility and employee engagement through activities such as site visits, volunteering, and impact storytelling.



A Word from NSFI's Partners

“Partnering with NSFI to build the Green College ecosystem and Fast Track Entrepreneurship Programme has been a deeply collaborative and impactful journey. Their strong grounding in rural livelihoods, ability to operationalise complex multi-stakeholder models, and commitment to building inclusive, self-sustaining institutions has been instrumental in advancing our shared vision for green entrepreneurship in India. NSFI's dedication to capacity building and rural innovation stands out in every phase of implementation.”

Country Director, Welthungerhilfe India (2023)

“Working with NSFI has been a highly valuable experience in translating global agricultural training standards into locally grounded, impactful solutions. Their deep sectoral insight, operational agility, collaborative focus and strong community networks made them a trusted and capable partner in co-developing and delivering pilot courses that address critical skill gaps in India's agriculture sector.”

Tamara Jackson, Project Leader, University of Adelaide

“NSFI has shown commendable responsiveness and local engagement in implementing the PEARY initiative. Through youth training and support for green entrepreneurs, their efforts to adapt the program to community needs have contributed to advancing the goals of inclusive and sustainable rural entrepreneurship.”

Sagarika Bose, Head CSR, SAP

Call to Action

Let's co-create high-impact interventions—partner with NSFI to develop high-impact, scalable solutions for sustainable livelihoods. Customized, co-branded partnerships are available across our flagship models.

Financial & Legal Readiness

NSFI's culture of transparency and results builds partner confidence. While it currently uses internal financial and monitoring systems, it is ready to adopt donor-specific audit frameworks, reporting formats, and KPIs to strengthen long-term partnerships.

Registration Details

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