



RISHIS 'APPLIED RESEARCH' FOUNDATION

Research Institute for Sustainable Habitat and Indic Studies (ONLINE)

Section 8 (NGO) Company, Incorporated on 7th August 2023 under the Companies Act, 2013 by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, GOI.

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Annexure 1: Bye-Laws and Guidelines 2025

1. **RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION (RARF)** (www.rishisfoundation.org) is a non-profit company – an NGO – under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013 focused on the socially beneficial objective of promoting education through Applied Research. The company has a license from the Central Government to operate under Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013.
2. The Title, Objectives and Byelaws have been approved and stipulated in the Memorandum of Association (MOA) and the Articles of Association (AoA) as per the incorporation in the MCA, GOI.
3. The Bye-laws and Guidelines of RARF are as per Section 8 of the Companies Act, 2013.
4. The Bye-laws and Guidelines are subject to change either through statutory or contextual, and operational necessity. The revised Bye-laws and Guidelines will automatically supersede the previous ones.
5. The list of documents pertaining to RARF along with the web-links is given in [Table 1: RARF Documents](#).
6. The company generates funds/income through donations to the foundation (RARF) and institutional fees charged for the Applied Research and Descriptive Papers by the Research Institute for Sustainable Habitat and Indic Studies ([RISHIS Online](#)) under [RARF](#).
7. The following have been discussed in the first meeting of the Board of Directors
 - a. The profits generated will be reinvested solely for the purpose of charity and furtherance of the company's objective promoting Applied Research for the betterment of society in tune with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of UNESCO.
 - b. There is no Dividend Distribution and no payment of Dividends will be made to the members. Profits will be distributed for the company's charitable purposes only.
 - c. As a Statutory Compliance of Section 8, Company's Act 2013, financial statements and proper books of accounts will be maintained, income tax returns will be filed annually.
 - d. Mandatory Annual Audits of accounts will be made to ensure transparency and financial accuracy.
 - e. Any changes to the MoA are subject to government approval only.
 - f. As per Section 8 of the Company's Act 2013 there is no minimum paid-up share capital.
 - g. As per Section 8 of the Company's Act 2013, RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION avails of tax benefits under the Income Tax Act having obtained specific registrations, such as 80G and 12A.
 - h. At present, there are two Directors, and as per Section 8 of the Company's Act, more Directors maybe appointed based on circumstantial necessity.
 - i. Mandatory Annual Meetings of the Board of Directors will be held and key resolutions will be notified through the RISHIS Newsletter to ensure transparency.



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Table 1: RARF Documents	
1.	SECTION 8 (NGO) COMPANY INCORPORATION WITH MCA https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/3.-SPICE_Part_B_Approval_Letter_AA3694082.pdf.pdf
2.	SRIDHAR RAJAN, DIN APPROVAL , MCA https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/1.-SPICE-Part-B_DIN-Approval-Letter_AA3694082.pdf
3.	SUMITRA RAJAN, DIN APPROVAL , MCA https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/2.-SPICE-Part-B_DIN-Approval-Letter_AA3694082-1.pdf
4.	LICENSE https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/4.-SPICE_Part_B_Section_8_License_AA3694082.pdf.pdf
5.	ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/5.-FORM-NO.-INC-31-AOA-1-10043211712.pdf.pdf
6.	MEMORANDUM OF ASSOCIATION https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/6.-FORM-NO.-INC-13-MOA-1-10043211723.pdf.pdf
7.	DECLARATION https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/7.-FORM-NO-INC-9-DECLARATION-1-10043211735.pdf.pdf
8.	AGILE PRO – S https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/8.-INC-35-AGILEPRO-1-10043211692.pdf.pdf
9.	SIMPLIFIED PROFORMA https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/9.-SPICE-1-9749671154.pdf-1.pdf
10.	https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/10.-12A-AAMCR8975QF20231_signed_Certificate-12A.pdf
11.	80G – FORM 10AC https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/11.-80G-AAMCR8975QF20231_signed_Certificate-80G-1.pdf
12.	FORM 10 A https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/12.-Form-10A_ARN-2.pdf
13.	NGO DARPAN https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/13.-NGO-DARPAN-DETAILS.pdf
14.	STARTUP INDIA CERTIFICATE OF RECOGNITION https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/14.-STARTUPINDIA-Cert.-of-Recognition-DIPP149635_RISHIS_APPLIED_RESEARCH_FOUNDATION_RECOGNITION_181921358777284317-1.pdf
15.	STARTUP INDIA APPROVAL https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/15.-Startup-India-Recognition.pdf
16.	E – ANUDAAN https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/16.-e-ANUDAAN.pdf
17.	MSME UDYAM REGISTRATION CERTIFICATE https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/17.-MSME-Certificate-Print- -Udyam-Registration-Certificate-Rishish-applied.pdf
18.	FORM NO INC – 20A PAID CHALLAN https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/18.-Rishi_INC-20A_Paid-Challan.pdf
19.	FORM NO INC – 20A DECLARATION FOR COMMENCEMENT OF BUSINESS https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/19.-Rishish_INC-20A.pdf
20.	'RISHI' AWARD-TITLE TRADEMARK APPLICATION https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/20.-RISHI-AWARD-TITLETRADEMARK-APPLICATION-1.pdf RISHI - (AWARD/TITLE) FOR EXCELLENCE IN APPLIED RESEARCH INNOVATION
21.	'RISHIS' LOGO & TAGLINE TRADEMARK APPLICATION https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/02/21.-RISHIS-LOGO-TAGLINE-TRADEMARK-APPLICATION-2.pdf RISHIS:DEVICE OF RISHIS WITH TAGLINE OF (ACRONYM) - RESEARCH INSTITUTE FOR SUSTAINABLE HABITAT AND INDIC STUDIES LOGO
22.	PAN RISHIS https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/22.PANRISHIS.pdf
23.	TAN RISHIS https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/23.TANRISHIS.pdf
24.	Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA), GOI, Company Information, Date : 30-08-2025 https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/24.MinistryOfCorporateAffairs-MCA.pdf
25.	Ministry of Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises (MSME), GOI, Udyam Registration Certificate, Date: 30-08-2025 https://rishisfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/08/25.UdyamRegistrationCertificate.pdf



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Annexure 2: Terms & Conditions, Copyright, Refund Policy 2025

RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION, subject to the following Terms and Conditions, facilitates the use of this site:

1. Your use constitutes acceptance of these terms and conditions as of the date of your first use of the site.
2. RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION reserves the right to change these terms and conditions at any time by posting changes online. Your continued use of this site after changes are posted constitutes your acceptance of this agreement as modified.
3. You agree to use this site only for lawful purposes, and in a manner which does not infringe the rights, or restrict, or inhibit the use and enjoyment of the site by any third party.
4. This site and the information, names, images, pictures, logos regarding or relating to RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION are provided "as is" without any representation or endorsement made and without warranty of any kind whether expressed or implied. In no event will RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION be liable for any damages including, without limitation, indirect or consequential damages, or any damages whatsoever arising from the use or in connection with such use or loss of use of the site, whether in contract or in negligence.
5. RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION does not warrant that the functions contained in the material contained in this site will be uninterrupted or error free, that defects will be corrected, or that this site or the server that makes it available are free of viruses or bugs or represents the full functionality, accuracy and reliability of the materials.
6. The Vision, Mission and Objectives have been framed by the Directors and Promoters of the Foundation and represent their opinion only.
7. The roles of the National Advisors and the Expert Panel members are purely honorary. The Governing Council may decide on remuneration/honorarium to be paid for their services extended as per the Official Agreement between them and the Foundation depending on a combination of the funds available and the services rendered by them for creating social benefits in creating awareness among the public with respect to sustainability issues.
8. Issues relating to Employees/Consultants/Vendors with respect to scope of work and remuneration amongst others will be discussed and resolved in the Governing Council Meeting and decisions taken shall remain binding.
9. Issues relating to the scope of work and remuneration of the Panel of Experts/Reviewers are at the discretion of the Directors and the Governing Council, subject to the availability of funds and donations.
10. Issues relating to the scope work and remuneration of the Guides/Mentors/Supervisors are at the discretion of the Directors and the Governing Council, subject to the availability of funds and donations.
11. The contributing authors to the RISHIS publications are encouraged to use the state-of-art technology including AI tools. In order to ensure originality of the work they are required to submit an undertaking duly endorsed by their institutional authority in addition to a plagiarism check report and declaration of AI usage.
12. Candidates submitting Applied Research Papers & Descriptive Papers should have read the content relating to the Five Types of Applied Research and Descriptive Papers in the Handbook and User Manual in addition to the content on the website itself. Paper submission is subject to approval of the abstract for the same.
13. It is mandatory for the candidates to submit papers online only as per Template 1 or Template 2 on the web portal and explained in the Handbook and User Manual.
14. Candidates are only allowed to communicate or query through the info-link: 'Contact us' on the web portal.



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15. Any attempt to communicate directly with the Directors, Promoters, Advisors, Panel of Experts would automatically lead to disqualification of the submission and forfeiture of the fees paid.
16. The Panel of Experts decisions are binding and no queries will be entertained.
17. The abstracts will be reviewed and appropriate comments given to proceed with the paper writing and submission on the web portal. Modification will be allowed only once before the final submission of the paper.
18. Candidates are required to be discrete in their queries, refrain from inappropriate or abusive language.
19. Candidates are required to read the RISHIS Handbook and User Manual as well as the instructions on the web portal. Such instructions are liable to change and it is the candidates' responsibility to track and be aware of such changes.

20. Copyright

- 20.1 Commercial use or publication of all or any item displayed is strictly prohibited without prior authorization from RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as conferring any license by RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION to use any item displayed.
- 20.2 Documents may be copied for personal use only on the condition that copyright and source indications are also copied, no modifications are made and the document is copied entirely. However, some documents and photos have been published on this site with the permission of the relevant copyright owners who are not part of RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION. All rights are reserved on these documents and permission to copy them must be requested from the copyright owners whose sources are indicated within these documents/photographs.
- 20.3 Articles, Essays, Technical Papers from the RISHIS ONLINE JOURNAL may be quoted after acknowledging the source and appropriate citation. The same may be used for academic or educational purpose with due acknowledgement or citation.
- 20.4 Contents extracted from the RISHIS NEWSLETTER may be used for academic or educational purpose with due acknowledgement of the source.
- 20.5 RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION takes no responsibility for the content of external Internet sites. Other websites linked to are owned and operated by third parties and RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION has no control over them. The fact that we include links to other websites does not mean that RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION approves of or endorses any other third party website or the content of that website. We accept no liability for any statements, information, products or services that are published on or are accessible through any websites owned or operated by third parties.

21. Refund Policy

- 21.1 RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION policy with respect to FUNDS and DONATIONS is fully transparent and includes the following salient features:
 - a. A list of Donors and their Advertisements will be hosted on the web portal for the current financial year.
 - b. The donors may be informed about the utilization of their donations towards Social Service, Applied Research Work, Scholarships and actual Foundation Expenses.
 - c. The Donation amount will be considered for 80 G Tax rebate benefit.



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- 21.2 RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION shall be under no liability whatsoever in respect of any loss or damage arising directly or indirectly out of the decline of authorization for any Transaction, because of the Cardholder. Once a donation has been made for a particular purpose, no refund can be made of the donation; nor can the end purpose be changed.
- 21.3 All donations will be eligible for tax deduction benefits under Section 80 G of the Income Tax Act as per the rules.
- 21.4 The details of donation/funds/ payments are as under:
- a. Name: M/S RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION
 - b. Name of the Bank: HDFC Bank
 - c. Account Branch: Bannerghatta Road, Bengaluru
 - d. Account No: 50200085728450
 - e. Branch Code: 514
 - f. RTGS/NEFT IFSC: HDFC0000514
 - g. UPI ID: 9845253536@pz
 - h. The QR Code and Razorpay link are given in the web portal under payment gateway.
- 21.5 Candidates submitting Applied Research and Descriptive Papers can make payments through CRM/ Razorpay wherein the receipt is generated automatically or using the UPI ID or scanning the QR Code wherein their receipts are generated by Admin of RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION.
- 21.6 Payments once made, as either funds/donations or fees registration/semester fees, will not be refunded.



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Annexure 3: Privacy Policy 2025

1. The RISHIS Privacy Policy is our top priority privacy commitment to our users including first time visitors, users accessing online resources on our website and candidates/participants logging in at the web portal for submission of Applied Research Papers.
2. This Privacy Policy covers our treatment of personally identifiable information that we collect when you are on our website, and when you use or access our online resources or make submissions. This policy also covers our treatment of any personally identifiable information that third parties share with us.
3. This policy does not apply to any organizations that we do not own or control, or to people that we do not employ or manage.
4. When you visit/access the RISHIS website/portal, the following information may be collected from you, either voluntarily or involuntarily: your computer or network's IP address, which must be validated in order for you to access the RISHIS web site; your e-mail address and message when you communicate electronically with us; information about your browser and operating system, date and time of access and the internet address and page which linked you to our site.
5. Information about your visit is gathered in an aggregate manner for quality control, improvement of our site, security and to generate aggregate statistical reports that analyze general user information and demographics.
6. Your information is kept confidential, unaltered and used only by RISHIS. RISHIS does not disclose or sell any personally identifiable information collected at this site to other companies or organizations.
7. RISHIS also reserves the right to disclose this information under special circumstances, including disclosures required by law, court order or circumstances under which disclosure, is the sole discretion of RISHIS, and is necessary to protect the legal rights, including the intellectual property rights, of RISHIS.
8. We will not sell or rent your personally identifiable information to anyone.
9. We may share information with governmental agencies or other companies assisting us in fraud prevention or investigation. We may do so when permitted or required by law; or trying to protect against or prevent actual or potential fraud or unauthorized transactions; or investigating fraud, which has already taken place. The information is not provided to these companies for marketing purposes.
10. Your personally identifiable information is kept secure. Only our authorized employees, agents and contractors (who have agreed to keep information secure and confidential) have access to this information. All emails and newsletters from this site allow you to opt out of further mailings.
11. The Privacy Policy is subject to modification from time to time. If we decide to change our Privacy Policy, we will post those changes here so that you will always know what information we gather, how we might use that information and whether we will disclose it to anyone. Any significant changes to our Privacy Policy will be announced on our home page. If you do not agree with the changes in our Policy, you can simply discontinue visiting our website.
12. If you have any questions about this Privacy Policy, please email at the link available on the web portal.



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Annexure 4: Disclaimer 2025

1. The aim of RISHIS APPLIED RESEARCH FOUNDATION (RARF) is social service by creating social awareness through Applied Research on Sustainable Goals and Indian Heritage and to showcase natural and cultural resources, district-wise, of all the Indian States and Union Territories. The website contains affiliate links to Central, State, Statutory/Government websites, and open sources of information like Wikipedia. This information is to be used for educational and informational purposes only, entirely at the discretion of the user. The completeness, accuracy, or suitability of such information for any particular purpose is beyond the scope of the Foundation, even while the efforts are constantly directed towards keeping the information accurate and up-to-date.
2. The Research Institute for Sustainable Habitat and Indic Studies (RISHIS) invites **Applied Research and Descriptive Papers** from participants as per the details in the website, handbook & user manual, strictly as per **Annexure 5 : Table 2: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Candidates through ROMS**. Papers submitted in the web portal have been checked for plagiarism, declaration of AI usage and report submitted by the candidate, reviewed, scrutinized by a panel of experts, and certified for innovation - a collective decision of the RISHIS Experts that remains binding on the participants and not subject to further review from any third party.
3. The Directors, Promoters, Advisors, Panel of Experts of RARF, and RISHIS are not responsible for the views/opinions expressed in the submitted papers, which are entirely of the participants / authors only. In case of any external controversy, RARF will take all measures to resolve the issues (if any) amicably.
4. The Foundation is not responsible for discrepancies arising out of systemic and technical failures. The Foundation is a social service organization and grievances of participants' will be addressed in the most amicable way as utmost priority.
5. Any additions or amendments to the Disclaimer are prerogative of RARF.



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Annexure 5: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Candidates through ROMS 2025

Table 2: Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Candidates through ROMS	
1. Registration and Payment	
Step 1.1	A candidate, group, or participant must visit the RISHIS website, specifically the registration page at https://crm.rishisfoundation.org/gui/pages/registration.php .
Step 1.2	They must fill in the mandatory registration details including Paper Title and brief description (abstract) of 200 words and click "Pay and Register."
Step 1.3	The candidate will be re-directed to a payment screen to complete the fee payment for the selected paper type and semester.
2. E-mail Verification & Login Creation	
Step 2.1	After successful payment, the system sends an e-mail to the candidate's registered e-mail address, asking them to verify their e-mail .
Step 2.2	The candidate must click on the verification link in the e-mail.
Step 2.3	The system then automatically creates a login account for the candidate and sends another e-mail with their user ID and password .
3. Paper Preparation and Submission	
Step 3.1	The candidate must log in to the ROMS using the provided credentials.
Step 3.2	They must prepare their research paper using the prescribed template for their chosen paper type.
Step 3.3	The candidate must upload their completed paper and the mandatory plagiarism report . The system will notify the assigned experts once the paper and plagiarism report are successfully uploaded.
4. Evaluation and Potential Modification	
Step 4.1	An expert panel consisting of a Main Evaluator and two Co-Evaluators will be assigned to the paper. They will download and review the submission.
Step 4.2	Based on their review, the Main Evaluator has two options: a. Finalize Evaluation: Provide a final score and innovativeness rating directly. b. Request Modification: Send the paper back to the candidate for modifications based on comments from all three experts.
Step 4.3	If a modification is requested, the candidate will receive an e-mail notification and can view the experts' remarks on the ROMS.
5. Resubmission and Final Evaluation	
Step 5.1	If a modification was requested, the candidate must revise the paper and re-submit it on the ROMS.
Step 5.2	The Main Evaluator will be notified of the resubmission and must provide the final score and innovativeness rating. This completes the semester's evaluation process.
Step 5.3	The candidate receives an e-mail notification with their final scores and the innovativeness rating.
6. Semester Completion and Progression	
Step 6.1	Upon receiving the evaluation results, the candidate is able to access their certificate.
Step 6.2	To proceed to the next semester, the candidate must log in to ROMS, enter a paper title for the next semester, and make the required payment.
Step 6.3	The cycle repeats for subsequent semesters until all semesters for the selected paper type are completed.



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Flowchart: RISHIS Candidate Process

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A[Start: Candidate or Group] --> B[Register and Pay on ROMS];
B --> C{Email Verification?};
C -- Yes --> D[Candidate Receives Login Credentials];
D --> E[Candidate Logs In to ROMS];
E --> F[Upload Paper & Plagiarism Report];
F --> G{Evaluation by Experts};
G --> H{Modification Requested?};
H -- Yes --> I[Candidate Views Remarks & Revises Paper];
I --> J[Resubmit Modified Paper];
J --> K[Final Evaluation by Main Evaluator];
H -- No --> K;
K --> L[Receive Final Score & Innovativeness Rating];
L --> M[Semester Completed];
M --> N{Progress to Next Semester?};
N -- Yes --> O[Make Payment & Enter Paper Title];
O --> A;
N -- No --> P[End: Process Complete];
  
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Annexure 6: Copyright Contents

1. The COPYRIGHT CONTENTS of RISHIS WEB PORTAL www.rishisfoundation.org 2025 with a Graphical User Interface (GUI) having the following major navigations tabs as **LINKS** & **SUB - LINKS** as part of its Basic Web Structure Design in the Home Page & connected webpage include the following:
 - 1.1 **Horizontal Navigation 5 LINKS & 49 SUB-LINKS** (Drop Boxes)
 - 1.0 RISHIS Applied Research Foundation (RARF) + 7 Sub-Links
 - 2.0 Research Institute for Sustainable Habitat and Indic-Studies (RISHIS ONLINE) + 21 Sub-Links
 - 3.0 RISHIS Online Management System - (ROMS) + 6 Sub-Links
 - 4.0 RISHIS OUTREACH+ 10 Sub-Links
 - a. RISHIS Policies and Guidelines 2025+ 5 Sub-Links
 - 1.2 **Vertical Navigation 37 LINKS & 806 SUB-LINKS = Total 843**
To showcase the Natural & Cultural Resources of 1 **India/Bharat** a union of **28 States** + **8 Union Territories** = (37 Links) + 806 Sub-Links/Districts = 843 Pages
 - 1.3 Along with **843Tables** displaying Numbers & PDFs of 5 Types of Innovative '**Applied Research & Descriptive Papers in 2025**' in each State, Union Territory & Districts of India.
 - 1.4 Logo & Explanatory Ideas, Symbols, Quick Links, Pitch Deck, Handbook & User Manual 2025, Links & Sub-Links, PPTs and other reference links.
 - 1.5 RISHIS Online Management System (ROMS)/CRM is integrated into the website through <https://crm.rishisfoundation.org/gui/pages/registration.php>.
- 2.0 The Contents of RISHIS Web Portal are subject to change within its **Basic Web Structure Design** as per the decision of RARF.
- 3.0 Central Government, State Government and other free reference links like Wikipedia, etc. are exempt/excluded from Contents of Copyright of www.rishisfoundation.org



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Annexure 7: Certification and Scholarships

- 1.0 **Three Certificates are being awarded by the RISHIS FOUNDATION for 5 types of Applied Research & Descriptive Papers**” An Applied Research or Descriptive Paper, needs to be completed in 1 semester comprising of six months.
- 1.1 **RISHIS (MINOR)* ‘APPLIED RESEARCH or DESCRIPTIVE’ CERTIFICATE** for One Paper completed in Six Months or One Semester.
- 1.2 **RISHIS (MAJOR)* ‘APPLIED RESEARCH or DESCRIPTIVE’ CERTIFICATE** for Two Papers completed in One Year or Two Semesters.
- 1.3 **RISHIS (ADVANCED)* ‘APPLIED RESEARCH or DESCRIPTIVE’ CERTIFICATE** for Four Papers completed in Two Years or Four Semesters.
- 1.4 **Descriptive Papers** fall under the category of research through documentation of existing Natural & Cultural Resources of our Indian Districts. This type of research adds to knowledge base through documentation & description of primary data with inferences. Unlike **Applied Research**, the **Descriptive Papers** do not solve or resolve any issues.

2.0 TABLE OF CERTIFICATES AND EXPENSES **

2.1 The Table provided below indicates Three Types of Certificates 1. Rishis (Minor), 2. Rishis (Major), 3. Rishis (Advanced) in all 5 types of Applied Research Papers (1,2,3) & Descriptive Papers (4,5).

2.2 There are a total of 15 Certificates, along with the Certificate for Award & Title of “**RISHI**” for the best amongst Excellent category. It also shows the distribution of expenses in four categories **d. Social Service, e. Foundation Expenses, f. Participants Expenses & g. Guides Expenses**, which are only suggestive.

Sl.No.	a Certificates	b Semesters	c Payment Rs	d Social Service	e Foundation Expenses	f Participants Expenses	g Guides Expenses
1	Rishis Minor	One Semester	25,000/	6250	6250	6250	6250
2	Rishis Major	Two Semester	50,000/	12500	12500	12500	12500
3	Rishis Advanced	Four Semester	1,00,000/	25000	25000	25000	25000

2.3 The Payment (Column c) may be through donations or grants if such funds are available with the Foundation.

3.0 Degrees of Innovation

3.1 The submitted Applied Research & Descriptive Papers may fall into the following Degrees of Innovation:

- **Innovative**
- **Very Innovative**
- **Excellent**
- Award of Title & Prefix ‘**RISHI**’ for the best amongst ‘Excellent’ category.



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4.0 SELECTED PAPERS, CERTIFICATIONS, TITLE & EXPENSES

4.1 Selected Papers will be hosted in the Web Portal in the related State/District and awarded Certificates as mentioned above.

4.2 Participants publishing more than one paper (Minor) will progress to Major and Advanced, preferably in the same domain or area of research. This will facilitate the Advanced level participants may pursue PhDs in Universities.

4.3 Similar to the prefix of 'Dr' for a PhD scholar, the Advanced Level Applied Research Participants may be awarded the Title and prefix 'RISHI', which is the first of its kind in the country.

4.4 Donations if made, are distributed and used for actual ****Expenses**, only towards Social Service, Foundation Activities, Participants and their Guides. The Donors can avail the benefit of 80G Tax rebate. Also the Donors brief Advertisement containing their Logo, Name, Address, Images & Web Link may be hosted on RISHIS web portal www.rishisfoundation.org along with the selected Applied Research & Descriptive Paper pertaining to the State/District concerned.

4.5 A list of Social Services has been already given by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs as furtherance of Objects. The particular type of Social Service undertaken by RISHIS FOUNDATION will be highlighted on the web portal News Letter, as and when the Donations arrive.

4.6 After the actual **Expenses** of running the Foundation are done, the remainder amount will be routed for Social Services.

4.7 Applied Research **Expenses** of the Participants maybe paid as per actual receipts/vouchers produced after successful selection of Excellent Paper only.

4.8 Guides/Supervisors may also be paid on successful selection of an Applied Research & Descriptive Papers.

4.9 **SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS** for exceptionally Innovative & Excellent Applied Research & Descriptive Papers, will depend on the availability of funds and donations. The decision is to be made by the Board/Governing Council.

4.10 Needy and eligible Students/Participants may also be encouraged with funding, to do Applied Research. The extent of funding will be decided by the Board/Governing Council