

Society for Research and Initiatives for Sustainable Technologies and Institutions (SRISTI)

Discovering brilliant ideas in unexpected places is the foundation of SRISTI. Founded over 26 years ago in India, SRISTI is a non-profit organization dedicated to finding and supporting incredible grassroots innovations and eco-friendly solutions, particularly from rural and economically disadvantaged communities.

Associated with the Honey Bee Network, SRISTI champions biodiversity, traditional knowledge, and creative minds often overlooked by formal systems.

What SRISTI Aims to Do

SRISTI works to:

- **Promote Grassroots Innovations:** Discover and support unique inventions from people without formal training.
- **Document Traditional Knowledge:** Identify and share valuable traditional practices, especially from rural and tribal areas.
- **Enable Sustainable Development:** Encourage eco-friendly and inclusive technologies.
- **Protect Innovators' Rights:** Help innovators secure intellectual property rights (IPR) for their creations.
- **Connect Innovators:** Link grassroots thinkers with universities, labs, and industries.
- **Foster Youth Creativity:** Inspire innovation in students through programs like the IGNITE awards.



Programs, Collaborations, and Recognition

SRISTI brings its mission to life through various programs and powerful collaborations. They work closely with organizations like the **National Innovation Foundation (NIF)** and the **Honey Bee Network** to document, promote, and scale innovations. Their partnerships extend to government bodies, educational institutions, and corporate sectors to help commercialize sustainable technologies.

SRISTI's impactful work has earned numerous accolades, including **National Innovation Foundation (NIF) Awards, IGNITE Awards, WIPO Recognition, and UNDP Recognition.** They also offer fellowships providing financial support, expert mentorship, and networking opportunities to nurture new ideas and encourage indigenous knowledge dissemination.

SRISTI truly empowers those with knowledge but limited resources, helping their innovations flourish and make a real difference in the world.