

**Constitution of
Gujarat State Innovation Council**

Government of Gujarat
Department of Science & Technology
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Preamble:

Gujarat has been one of the pioneering States in spearheading innovative projects and models in fields as diverse as science and technology, agriculture and animal husbandry, trade and industry, education and health to name a few sectors.

Innovations are drivers of development and growth. With their cutting-edge role in enhancing productivity, boosting growth, increasing efficiency and creating new economic opportunities, the culture of innovation as well as innovative mindset promises to offer cost-effective and efficient solutions to the society. As the economies world over are moving towards innovation-driven knowledge economies, efforts are under way at the National and State levels to incorporate innovation as a strategy. The State Government is committed to establish institutional mechanism to encourage innovation, characterized by scientific temper and a spirit of inquiry and reform.

Building upon the rich legacy of the State and in conformity with the efforts of developing an Indian Model of Innovation, the Government of Gujarat intends to meaningfully pursue the innovation agenda by resolving as under:

Resolution:

After careful consideration, it has been decided to constitute the Gujarat State Innovation Council (hereinafter referred to as the Council). The Council will comprise the following members:

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| 1. Chief Secretary | Chairperson |
| 2. Additional Chief Secretary, Health & Family Welfare Department | Member |
| 3. Additional Chief Secretary, Industry & Mines Department | Member |
| 4. Additional Chief Secretary, Forests & Environment Department | Member |
| 5. Principal Secretary, Finance Department | Member |
| 6. Principal Secretary, Education Department | Member |
| 7. Principal Secretary, Agriculture & Co-operation Department | Member |
| 8. Secretary, Science & Technology Department | Member-Secretary |
| 9. Commissioner of Higher Education | Member |
| 10. Advisor, Gujarat Council on Science & Technology | Convener |

(The Council will also have sectoral experts / non-official members from different walks of life as may be nominated by the State Government from time to time.)

II. Vision: The Council will be guided by the following vision:

‘To realize and harness the potential of innovation which will act as a catalyst for the multi-faceted balanced development and inclusive growth in the State.’

III. Objectives:

The Council will aim to provide a platform for enriching ideas and knowledge base for the Government and the society at large. It will aim to develop and recommend enabling policies, concrete strategies and action plans for creating an innovation-friendly ecosystem for facilitating innovation efforts in individual and collective pursuits of excellence. It will, inter alia create a conducive environment for honing innovation competencies in products, processes and services.

