STAR Society - Membership Categories, Rights and Privileges

The following membership categories are proposed to provide distinct recognition, participation opportunities and privileges to members of STAR Society.

Membership Category	Rights and Privileges
1. Patron Member	1. Permanent membership with the privilege of participating in all activities of the Society. 2. Right to attend and vote in General Body Meetings. 3. Eligible to contest elections and hold office in the Society, subject to prescribed eligibility criteria. 4. Right to nominate two persons for National Advisory Board and various committees of the Society, participating in society activities and for society award. 5. All privileges prescribed for other categories
2. Life Member	1. Permanent membership with the privilege of participating in all activities of the Society. 2. Access to Society publications, professional networking and knowledge-sharing opportunities. 3. Right to attend and vote in General Body Meetings. 4. Eligible to contest elections and hold executive positions, subject to prescribed eligibility criteria.
3. STAR Professional Member	1. Right to participate in conferences, seminars, workshops and other activities of the Society. 2. Access to Society publications, professional networking and knowledge-sharing opportunities. 3. Right to attend General Body Meetings, but without voting or election rights. 4. Membership is for 5 years only
4. Fellow Member	1. Special recognition for outstanding contributions to agriculture, science, technology, education, research and extension. 2. Priority consideration for nomination to the National Advisory Board and various committees of the Society. 3. Opportunity to provide expert guidance and contribute to policy, academic and professional initiatives of the Society.

5. Institutional Member	1. Right to institutional representation in the Society's programmes, conferences and activities through up to two nominated representatives. 2. Opportunity for collaborative research, extension, training and institutional networking. 3. Priority opportunity to participate in exhibitions, technology demonstrations and knowledge-sharing initiatives. 4. Membership is for 5 years only
6. Honorary Member	1. Special recognition and invitation to important events and programmes of the Society. 2. Right to attend General Body Meetings as a special invitee. 3. Opportunity to provide guidance and advice to the Society, without voting or electoral rights.

General Conditions:

1. All members shall abide by the Constitution, rules and regulations of STAR Society.
2. Voting rights and eligibility to contest elections shall be governed by the membership category and prescribed eligibility criteria.
3. Fellow and Honorary Membership shall be conferred through nomination and approval by the competent authority of the Society.
4. Institutional Membership shall not confer individual voting rights upon nominated representatives.

Note: The above provisions shall be subject to approval and incorporation into the Constitution/Bylaws of STAR Society.