

Sone Ki Chidiya **Federation**

A Total Reform Movement - and platform to give greater voice to your reform work



Over the past many decades, many dedicated individuals and organisations, including small political parties, have been trying to reform India. In isolation, however, such civil society efforts rarely achieve all their goals.

It is also not possible for any single individual or organisation to arrive at all valid solutions to India's many problems. Combining our energy and effort is necessary.

Why join the Federation?

A single twig on its own has limited strength but a bundle of twigs is strong. Similarly, the Federation draws its strength from its members and can therefore do many things that individuals or individual organisations cannot.

Joining the Federation is initially free. You can pursue your normal reform activities, but being part of the Federation gives you many benefits. Collective knowledge and wisdom can be tapped to harness the best solutions.

1) Find complementary support for your organisation

Some people are good at grassroots work, others in managing an office or running IT operations. Yet others are good at writing articles, policies and manifestos. Some members of SKC Federation will always be willing to complement your work. If your organisation is weak in documentation, you can request and access the Federation's intellectual elite.

- As part of policy development the Federation is forming Policy Committees which will create policies based on world-best policy frameworks, including the highest standards for evidence and cost-benefit assessment. No single organisation can create such high quality policies, but together, we can offer India the best policies it can get.
- Another example is the ability of the Federation to draft PILs on strategic issues agreed by its Governing Body. (Already a PIL is being drafted on the unconstitutionality of the allocation of permanent election symbols to recognised political parties.)
- And of course, if you need grassroots experience, just tap into the huge network of grassroots members.

2) Share infrastructure and information

You'll get access to shared information and infrastructure.

- Members will get access to a notice board in the Delhi head office in which they can post information about their organisation. A similar facility is available on the Federation's website to disseminate information on member organisations.
- If we are able to develop an internet booking system, Federation members could book office space at a nominal fee for temporary use when they are in Delhi.

Similar infrastructure can be shared at State branches across the country.

How can members advance the Total Reform Movement?

Disciplined force for reforms

The Federation is a place for members to reform India through the *Sone Ki Chidia Total Reform Movement*. The Federation expects its member and organisations to participate actively in decision making, but once decisions are taken, it is expected that members and organisations work cohesively as a disciplined army to achieve agreed goals.

Examples of activities undertaken by the Federation include:

Agenda for Change

The Federation is preparing a detailed Agenda for Change which will be underpinned by strategic plans for implementation. This Agenda can be used by any reform oriented organisation to develop good systems in India.

Public Interest Litigation

The Federation membership includes some Supreme Court lawyers. A PIL is being drafted. Similar work is expected to be done in a number of other areas.

Campaigns and public rallies

The Federation is currently working on a campaign to oppose policies which have created artificial scarcity of land for housing in Delhi. Similar rallies are planned in the coming months.

Sone Ki Chidiya Awards

The Federation will recognise those who have made significant contributions to society through Sone Ki Chidiya awards. An awards banquet is being planned.

Drafting reform bills

The Federation will in due course prepare reform bills for India's parliament to consider. These bills will be based on the Agenda for Change.

Ensuring government services reach the citizens, and citizen mobilisation

Subject to adequate resources being mobilised, a [Citizens Government project](#) will be activated, to use modern technology to ensure that government services reach citizens. This will also be used to mobilise citizens for public rallies and reform work.

Leadership development

Through its activities, the Federation will empower new leaders to lead India. We hope to develop hundreds of young leaders in the coming years.

Political action

Those Federation members who wish to engage in political action may be able to do so through sister political parties (e.g. Sone Ki Chidiya Party which is currently being conceptualised).

How members engage with each other

The main method of discussion is internet-based, including a Forum and Google group. In addition, the Federation plans to hold meetings on the ground and also keep in touch over telephone.

Those who do not have access to internet will be co-opted in the second phase as more staff and volunteers join the Federation. In the meanwhile, such members are requested to keep in touch over phone with the SKC Federation office.

How is SKC resourced?

Staff/volunteers

Currently SKC office is being managed through volunteers. We will need full-time staff in the coming weeks. It is hoped that retired members can contribute time to make this a reality.

Funds

The Federation needs significant funds to achieve the goals of its members and member-organisations.

- Membership has been initially kept free but in due course membership fee will pay for part of the Federation's costs.
- The Federation will hold fund-raising initiatives such as an awards banquet during its first year.
- The Freedom Team of India has provided a small amount of seed funding. Some funds are also to be provided for policy work.
- Shri Ran Singh Shokeen has kindly provided free office accommodation for the first year in Sainik Farms, Delhi.

It is necessary that the whole country come together to fund this united body of reformers. Your donations will go a long way in changing India.

Who governs SKC Federation?

Currently two nominees of the Freedom Team of India, its Trustee and Settlor, "govern" SKC Federation in consultation with other members.

Within a short time, those who are active will be co-opted into an Initial Board. In due course, after many large organisations have joined, the full rules of the Trust will be activated and an elected Board formed.

SKC Federation office

SKC Delhi Head Office has started operating from the 20th of April 2013.

Address: Lane 1. Plot No. 10, Anupam Gardens, Country Club Road, Near Sainik Farm, Saket, Delhi.

Click [here](#) for map.

Office time: 10 A.M. to 4 P.M on Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday.

Members who plan to visit the office can contact Mr. Ramesh Gupta- 9910968338 (Sunday Monday, Thursday) Dipinder – 9899258440 (Wednesday) and Sureshan – 9818083219 (Saturday).

How to reach:

By road Qutub-Mehraouli Road, Take Maidan Garhi More Raod (IGNO Road) and once you reach Naib Sarai Police Station Crossing enter inside Country club Road RWA check Post. From Check Post barely 200 Mts. Away.

Through Metro Get Down at Saket Metro Station, Board a Gramin Seva Vehicle going towards IGNO Maidan Garhi, get down at Neb Sarai and walk down to Country club road where the Indication for Neb Sarai Police Station is given. Nearly 250 Mts away from Main Road is Plot 10 in Lane No 1 of Anupam Garden.

Contact by email: info@sonekichidiya.in

How to join the Federation

It is very easy. Just fill out a simple online form available at <http://sonekichidiya.in/>

Please ensure you agree with SKC's basic vision and principles

The Federation requires basic agreement on a common vision and principles from its members. These principles advance liberty of the individual, allowing each person to pursue his happiness so long as he does not harm anyone. The goal of the Federation is to build a strong nation in which we can live together cordially, harmoniously and peacefully. If you agree with these principles and Vision, please join.

Together, we will reform India.

I am an OCI/PIO. Can I join SKC Federation?

Yes. SKC Federation allows for honorary membership of OCIs and PIOs, who cannot, however, contribute funds to the Federation. They may, however, support SKCF in many other ways:

- By organising and participating in public events organised by the Federation
- By purchasing Federation products and mementos
- By spreading the brand name and logo of Sone Ki Chidiya through social media.

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There is a fundamental divide between those who think India has a problem of poor

implementation and those who think our system design is defective.

According to the former, if only we had “good” people to manage the system we would do well. According to the SKC Federation, though, “good” people in a bad system will still yield poor outcomes.

The Federation believes the India’s system is defective. It believes that incentives in the current system directly create corruption and wastage of public funds. Such incentives also weaken the defence and security of the nation.

While India’s institutions may look robust on the surface, they are hollow within. There is periodically a “heroic” soul who manages to deliver a minimally competent performance even within this system. But only when the average functionary performs well that we can say that a system has been designed well.

India has failed to learn from the systemic reforms undertaken by many erstwhile developing nations. Examples include many former Eastern European nations transformation, South Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, and so on.

Singapore’s former Prime Minister said: “The moment key leaders are less than incorruptible, less than stern in demanding high standards, from that moment the structure of administrative integrity will weaken, and eventually crumble. Singapore can survive only if ministers and senior officers are incorruptible and efficient” (Lee Kuan Yew, then PM, 1979).

To achieve this Singapore has put in place systems to attract the best talent into the public service, to promote public servants strictly based on merit, and to link pay to performance. The Prime Minister is paid Rs. 16.5 crores per year and senior secretaries Rs.8 crores per year. Systems of accountability ensure that this public money is not wasted.

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