

NATIONAL RURAL EMPLOYMENT GUARANTEE ACT (NREGA)

Rozgar Jagrookta Puraskar

**Excellence in NREGA Administration
(District Awards)**

**Excellence in NREGA Administration
(Financial Inclusion)**



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1. Rozgar Jagrookta Puraskar

The Award

The Government of India has decided to introduce awards to be known as Rozgar Jagrookta Puraskar (Employment Awareness Award) to recognize the outstanding contribution by Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for promoting effective implementation of NREG Act in the different States of the country.

Objective of the Award

The award is envisaged to encourage and acknowledge the outstanding and exemplary contribution made by CSOs in the implementation of NREG Act in the country. The Act aims at providing for enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. It also envisages payment of unemployment allowance to the households in case the work is not provided as stipulated within 15 days of demand for work, or from the date when the work is demanded. In order to protect the interests of workers, provision for social audit by Gram Sabha has been kept. Quick disposal of grievances and complaints have to be ensured. Implementing agencies have been made responsible for proper implementation of the Act and the Schemes. To accomplish the objectives of the NREG Act, it will be necessary to encourage and promote the participation of CSOs in the implementation of the Act. Civil Society Organizations may act as catalysts to enable the workers to access their rights under the Act. Accordingly, the Government of India considers it expedient to institute an award for the effective implementation of NREG

Act. An illustrative list of activities by Civil Society Organizations which may be considered for the award are given below:-

1. Generation of awareness in the rural community in regard to the provisions of the Act, and in particular, the statutory rights of workers.
2. Enabling the worker-households to register for work and obtain job cards.
3. Facilitating the workers to demand for work by submission of application for work and receive the dated acknowledgement receipt.
4. Enabling the workers to get work allocated to them within the statutory limit of 15 days.
5. Facilitating the workers to receive proper and timely payment of wages.
6. Enabling the workers to understand their obligation to perform the work allotted to them according to the norms laid down for the purpose.
7. Enabling the workers to properly acknowledge receipt of wages in the Muster Rolls.
8. Enabling the workers and other persons to submit complaints and grievances to the Programme Officer and other functionaries under the Scheme.

2. Excellence in NREGA Administration

(District Awards)

The Award

The Government of India has decided to introduce annual awards to be known as *Excellence in NREGA Administration* to recognize the outstanding contribution by District NREGA Teams for promoting effective implementation of NREG Act in the country.

Objective of the Award

The award is envisaged to encourage and acknowledge the outstanding and exemplary contribution made by District NREGA Teams in the implementation of NREG Act in the country. The Act aims at providing for enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. It also envisages payment of unemployment allowance to the households in case the work is not provided as stipulated within 15 days of demand for work, or from the date when the work is demanded. In order to protect the interests of workers, provision for social audit by Gram Sabha has been kept. Quick disposal of grievances and complaints have to be ensured. Implementing agencies have been made responsible for proper implementation of the Act and the Schemes. The District NREGA Teams need to ensure that the workers are able to access their rights under the Act. To accomplish the objectives of the NREG Act, it will be necessary to encourage District NREGA Teams in the implementation of the Act.

Accordingly, the Government of India considers it expedient to institute an annual award for the effective implementation of NREG Act.

Eligibility criteria

All District NREGA Teams will be eligible for consideration for the Award. The District Programme Coordinator shall be the head of the District Team and other implementing agencies such as Blocks (Programme Officer and his staff), Gram Panchayats, Line Departments which are participating in the implementation of NREGA will constitute the District NREGA Team.

Details of the Award

National Award : For the selection of National Award, Districts which are selected for the Award in the States/UTs will be considered and six best performing Districts among them will be awarded.

The awards will be distributed in a ceremonial function on 2nd February every year by Minister, Rural Development. The Award will consist of a scroll and a certificate.

Modalities

(i) Nomination

National Level Award : State and UT Governments will nominate the Award winning districts of the States/UTs for the National Level Award. The nominations should be sent to the office of Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Government of India, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi.

(ii) Screening

National Level Award : The State/UT Governments will nominate the best performing districts for the National Level Award. Central Government will conduct a preliminary verification of the nominations received by it. It may also shortlist the nominations. The eligible nominations will be screened by an Expert Committee to be constituted by the Central Government comprising at least seven eminent persons from the fields of administration, law, management, media, science and technology and academia. The Committee will be chaired by the Secretary, Department of Rural Development, Ministry of Rural Development and the Joint Secretary of the Department will act as the Member-Convenor. The nominees shortlisted by the Central Government will be invited to make a presentation before the Expert Committee. The Expert Committee will consider the proposals and may also visit the districts for field verification. The Expert Committee will recommend the details of the awardees on the basis of which the Central Government will select the awardees.

Consideration for State/UT level Awards for Districts in UTs with one districts (Lakshwadweep, Dadra & Nagar Haveli, Chandigarh) will be done by the Central Expert Committee.

3. Excellence in NREGA Administration (Financial Inclusion)

The Award

The Government of India has decided to introduce annual awards to be known as *Excellence in NREGA Administration (Financial Inclusion) outstanding* contribution by officer for promoting effective implementation of NREG Act in the country.

Objective of the Award

The award is envisaged to encourage and acknowledge the outstanding and exemplary contribution made by Postal Department Official in the implementation of NREG Act in the country. The Act aims at providing for enhancement of livelihood security of the households in rural areas of the country by providing at least one hundred days of guaranteed wage employment in every financial year to every household whose adult members volunteer to do unskilled manual work. Since nearly 70% of funds under NREGA are spent in the form of wages, the Ministry has taken a decision that wages to wage earners under NREGA be paid through their institutional accounts opened either in banks or post offices, which ever is logistically convenient to the worker. The Post office and Bank official District need to ensure that the workers are able to access their rights under the Act. To accomplish the objectives of the NREG Act, it will be necessary to encourage officers in the implementation of the Act.

Accordingly, the Government of India considers it expedient to institute an annual award for the effective implementation of NREG Act.

1. List of Awardees of Rozgar Jarookta Puraskar

Name Of NGOs	Name of Awardees
ASHAGRAM TRUST	Shri Hiralal Sharma
ROZGAAR EVAM SUCHNA ADHIKAR	Shri Bhanwar Singh Chandana
RUPAYAAN	Shri Raj Kishore Mishra
UNNATI	Shri Tapas Sathpathy
AASHA TRUST	Dr. Sandeep Pandey

2. List of the Awardees of Excellence in NREGA Administration

Sl. No.	State	District	Name of the DPC as per submitted proposal	Name of the DPC as per 2007-8 if different.
1	Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor	M.R.Chandra Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC (From Feb 2008 till date)	Shri S.S. Rawat DPC from 2007 to feb 2008)
2	Andhra Pradesh	Kurnool	Mr. Mukesh Kumar Meena DPC Since October 2008	Dana Kishore Before October 2008
3	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	Mr. Sonmani Bora Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC (Since December 2008)	Shri Subodh Kr Singh DPC Till November 2008)
4	Chhattisgarh	Korea	Dr Kamalpreet Singh Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC (Since 13.12.07	Ms Shahla Nigar, DPC (1 st April 2007-13.12.07)
5	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba	Mr. Maneesh Garg DPC Since Jan 2008	Puspendar Rajput DPC Before Jan 2008
6	Jharkhand	East Singhbhum	Shri Rabindra Agarwal, DM-cum-Dy.Commissioner (Since 11.05.08 till date)	Nitin Kulkarni (DPC from 1.04.07 to 10.5.08)
7	Jharkhand	Pakur	Dr. Manish Ranjan, DC-cum-DM (Present DPC)	Ms.Punja Saighal (DPC till july 2008)
8	Kerala	Palakkad	Shri K.S.Srinivas	Shri B.Suman

			Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC (June 2007 till Date)	DPC till May 2007
9	Madhya Pradesh	Betul	Mr. Arun Kumar Bhatt Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC (Since June 2007)	
10	Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat	Mr. Gulshan Bamra Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC (Since July 2006)	
11	Orissa	Ganjam	V.K.Pandian Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC (Since 2007)	
12	Orissa	Mayurbhanj	S.K.Vashishth Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC	
.13	Punjab	Amritsar	Shri K.S. Pannu, Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC	
14	Rajasthan	Jalore	Rohit Kumar Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC	Mr Bissa DPC 9Current DPC from 1.1.2009
15	Rajasthan	Dungarpur	Neeraj Pawan Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC (from 29.4.2007to 1.1.2009)	Dr Arushi (Current DPC from 1.1.2009)
16	Rajasthan	Sirohi	Siddharth Mahajan Deputy Commissioner-cum-DPC (for 2007-8 since 01.01.2009)	Shri Ramesh (Current DPC from 01.01.2009)

17	Tamil Nadu	Dindigul	R. Vasuki Deputy Commissioner- cum-DPC (Since 2007)	
18	Tamil Nadu	Sivagangai	Pankaj Kumar Bansal Deputy Commissioner- cum-DPC	
19	Tamil Nadu	Cuddalore	Rajendra Ratnoo Deputy Commissioner- cum-DPC	
20	Uttar Pradesh	Jalaun	Rigzin Sampheal Deputy Commissioner- cum-DPC (from June 2007 till date)	
21	West Bengal	Pashim Madinipur	Shri Narayan S.Nigam Deputy Commissioner- cum-DPC	Shri B.P.Barat DPC (1 st April 2007-17 th Sep 2007)
22	West Bengal	Bankura	Shri Sunder Majumber Deputy Commissioner- cum-DPC (From 28.07.08 till date)	Shri Surendra Gupta DPC (from 1 st April 2007 to 28.07.08/

3. List of the Awardees of Department of Posts for Excellence (Financial Inclusion) in NREGA Administration

A. Jharkhand Postal Circle

1. Shri B K Nag, SSPOs, SP Division, Dumka
2. Md. Ishaque, Postmaster, Dumka Ho
3. Shri Gautam Kumar, Branch Postmaster, Kali Pahari- BO
4. Md. Jaffar Sheikh, Branch Postmaster, Naranapur- BO

B. Andhra Pradesh Postal Circle

1. Name: B Varadalah
Designation: BPM, Kokkonda O a/w Kadlakal SO
2. Name: P. Sathyanarayana
Designation: BPM, Bopparam BO a/w Nuthankai SO
3. Name: M. Sundaram
Designation: The then SPM, Duvvur (23.10.03 to 18.08.08)
4. Name: M.R. Geetha
Designation: The then SPM, Nindra SO- now SPM, Nagari SO
5. Name: B. Kishan Gupta
Designation: Postmaster, Kamareddy HO
6. Name: K Nageswara Rao
Designation: Postmaster, Khammam HO
7. Name: Srihari
Designation: IP Kamareddy
8. Name: C. Raghava Rao
Designation: SPOs, Srikakulam Dn

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The meeting of the expert committee for evaluation of proposals on awards for Excellence in NREGA Administration was held from 5th to 12th January, 2009. The following members participated in the meeting:

- i. Smt. Amita Sharma, Joint Secretary, Ministry of Rural Development
- ii. Dr. Radha R. Sharma, Professor, MDI, Gurgaon
- iii. Dr. G. M. Akbar Ali, Member Secretary, NALSA, Delhi
- iv. Dr. Sachin Chowdhry, IIPA, Delhi
- v. Ms Madhuri Sharma, NIC
- vi. Mr Nitin Chandra, Director NREGA and Dr. Nilay Ranjan, consultant

2. Detailed presentation and records of the proposals were submitted before the members of the Committee by the District Programme Coordinators of the following districts.

Sl. No.	State	District	Marks out of 3600
1.	Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor	2798
2.	Andhra Pradesh	kunool	2711
3.	Andhra Pradesh	Mahbubnagar	2134
4.	Andhra Pradesh	East Godavari	1892
5.	Bihar	Gaya	1467
6.	Chhattisgarh	Surguja	1809
7.	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	2778
8.	Chhattisgarh	Korea	2811
9.	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba	2610
10.	Himachal Pradesh	Sirmour	1503
11.	Himachal Pradesh	Mandi	1291
12.	Himachal Pradesh	Kangra	1220
13.	Jharkhand	Pakur	2523
14.	Jharkhand	East Singhbhum	2586

15.	Karnataka	Gulbarga	1892
16.	Kerala	Palakkad	2652
17.	Kerala	Wayanad	1719
18.	Madhya Pradesh	Betul	2674
19.	Madhya Pradesh	Seoni	2130
20.	Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat	2794
21.	Madhya Pradesh	Satna	2298
22.	Madhya Pradesh	Dewas	1871
23.	Maharashtra	Nanded	1842
24.	Orissa	Ganjam	2825
25.	Orissa	Mayurbhanj	2721
26.	Punjab	Amritsar	2568
27.	Rajasthan	Jalore	2845
28.	Rajasthan	Chittorgarh	2298
29.	Rajasthan	Dungarpur	2591
30.	Rajasthan	Ajmer	2015
31.	Rajasthan	Dholpur	2214
32.	Rajasthan	Sirohi	2667
33.	Tamil Nadu	Dindigul	2740
34.	Tamil Nadu	Sivagangai	2834
35.	Tamil Nadu	Cuddalore	2799
36.	Tripura	West Tripura	1255
37.	Uttar Pradesh	Jalaun	2586
38.	Uttar Pradesh	Banda	2581
39.	Uttar Pradesh	Sonbhadra	1161
40.	Uttar Pradesh	Jhansi	1311
41.	Uttar Pradesh	Saharanpur	1737
42.	Uttar Pradesh	Fatahpuri	1232
43.	West Bengal	Paschim Medinipur	2656

44.	West Bengal	Bankura	2718
45.	West Bengal	Nadia	2024
46.	West Bengal	Burdwan	2026

3. On scrutiny of the records placed before the Committee, the Members found the information in order. The Members suggested inclusion of names of District Programme Coordinators who were involved in the NREGA Administration during 2007-08 in addition to the present District Programme Coordinators, wherever there had been transfers of District Programme Coordinators. The Members recommended the following DPCs for the Award :

Sl. No.	State	District	Name of the DPC as per submitted proposal	Name of the DPC as per 2007-8 if different.	% Marks out of 3600
1.	Punjab	Amritsar	Shri K.S. Pannu, Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC		71%
2.	Jharkhand	East Singhbhum	Shri Rabindra Agarwal, DM-cum- Dy.Commissioner (Since 11.05.08 till date)	Nitin Kulkarni (DPC from 1.04.07 to 10.5.08)	70%
3.	Jharkhand	Pakur	Dr. Manish Ranjan, DC-cum-DM (Present DPC)	Ms.Punja Saighal (DPC till july 2008)	78%
4	Kerala	Palakkad	Shri K.S.Srinivas Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (June 2007 till Date)	Shri B.Suman DPC till May 2007	74%
5	Orissa	Ganjam	V.K.Pandian Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (Since 2007)		78%

6	Orissa	Mayurbhanj	S.K.Vashishth Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC		74%
7	West Bengal	Pashim Madinipur	Shri Narayan S.Nigam Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC	Shri B.P.Barat DPC (1 st April 2007-17 th Sep 2007)	78.5%
8	West Bengal	Bankura	Shri Sunder Majumber Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (From 28.07.08 till date)	Shri Surendra Gupta DPC (from 1 st April 2007 to 28.07.08/	76%
9	Himachal Pradesh	Chamba	B.R.Kaundal, ADM		73%
10	Tamil Nadu	Dindigul	R. Vasuki Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (Since 2007)		76%
11	Tamil Nadu	Sivagangai	Pankaj Kumar Bansal Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC		79%
12	Tamil Nadu	Cuddalore	Rajendra Ratnoo Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC		77%
13	Andhra Pradesh	Chittoor	M.R.Chandra Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (From Feb 2008 till date)	Shri S.S. Rawat DPC from 2007 to feb 2008)	79%
14	Andhra Pradesh	Kunool			74%
14	Uttar	Jalaun	Rigzin Samphel		78%

	Pradesh		Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (from June 2007 till date)		
15	Uttar Pradesh	Banda	Ranjan Kumar Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC		72%
16	Rajasthan	Jalore	Rohit Kumar Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC	Mr Bissa DPC 9Current DPC from 1.1.2009	79.5%
17	Rajasthan	Dungarpur	Neeraj Pawan Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (from 29.4.2007to 1.1.2009)	Dr Arushi (Current DPC from 1.1.2009)	75%
18	Rajasthan	Sirohi	Siddharth Mahajan Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (for 2007-8 since 01.01.2009)	Shri Ramesh (Current DPC from 01.01.2009)	74%
19	Chhattisgarh	Bilaspur	Mr. Sonmani Bora Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (Since December 2008)	Shri Subodh Kr Singh DPC Till November 2008)	77%
20	Chhattisgarh	Korea	Dr Kamalpreet Singh Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (Since 13.12.07	Ms Shahla Nigar, DPC (1 st April 2007- 13.12.07)	78%
21	Madhya Pradesh	Betul	Mr. Arun Kumar Bhatt Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (Since June		74%

22	Madhya Pradesh	Balaghat	2007) Mr. Gulshan Bamra Deputy Commissioner-cum- DPC (Since July 2006)	79%
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