

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 (Lakhshwadweep, 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 |
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| 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 |

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| | | | 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) |

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| 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

NREGA Division
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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 |

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| 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 |

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| 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% |

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| 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% |

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| | 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% |

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