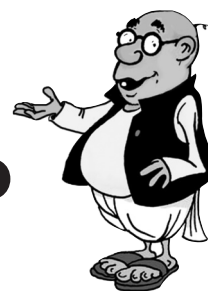




# Gobar Times

## GREEN SCHOOLS AWARD

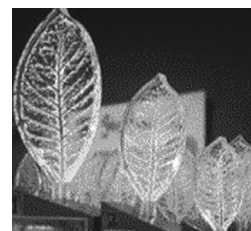
### Information Sheet



#### What is the Gobar Times Green Schools Awards?

The Gobar Times Green Schools Awards is a platform to acknowledge and reward schools which have adopted the most innovative and effective practices to manage natural resources within their own premises. Conceptualised by the New Delhi-based Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), it is conducted at the national level every year, with schools from across India participating in the annual awards ceremony.

Like last year (2009), the National Green Corps – State nodal offices are organising state level award ceremonies to involve a larger number of schools in the Green Schools network. The highest rank holders will be competing for the national awards with participants from other states.



The award is based on an audit of the school's environmental practices, carried out by its own students, following a set of guidelines specified by CSE in the Green Schools Programme (GSP) manual (2007 edition). The aim of the award is not merely to rate, but to encourage and support schools to build up an environmentally aware, active and skilled community of teachers, students and parents.

#### What are the categories of Awards?

**Green School Awards (Top 20):** Awards (Certificate and Trophy) for the schools with the best environmental practices in India (all the 5 chapters) ranking 1 to 20 would be given out at the national awards ceremony. The schools that apply for Green Schools Awards are not eligible to apply in the Best managers section.

**Best Managers:** Water, Air, land, Energy, Waste. Top ranking school in each chapter i.e. water, air, land, energy and waste will be awarded (Certificate and Memento) at a formal ceremony.

**Rank certificates:** All schools which submit completed reports on any or all the 5 chapters i.e. water, air, land, energy, waste will be eligible for the certificate.

**Biradari (Community) award:** This award (Certificate and Memento) will be given to school, which has most effectively engaged the community/civil society in environmental awareness or action.

#### How to apply?

**Register for the Green Schools Programme immediately.**

Get a copy of the Green Schools Programme manual\* (2007 edition) and use it to audit your school for any or all of the five chapters i.e. water, air, land, energy and waste. Prepare the Green Schools Report as per the guidelines given in this information sheet.

Send the Green Schools Report to us at the address given at the end of the information sheet.

#### Preparing the Green School's Report

Green School's Report is prepared after the environmental audit of the school is conducted using the Green Schools Programme manual (2007 edition). The audit should be conducted anytime during the year for which the Awards are announced. The record of the process of the audit and its result has to be presented as Green Schools report.

\* The Green Schools Programme (GSP) Manual is a booklet, which helps a school to assess its environmental performance like energy and water consumption. It has instructions on preparing a Green Schools Report. It can be ordered by post by sending a DD or cheque of Rs 125 (add Rs 15 for outstation cheques) in favour of Centre for Science and Environment, New Delhi to Sales and Despatch, Centre for Science and Environment, 41 Tughlakabad Institutional Area, New Delhi-110062

**Data collection process** – A note on the process of data collection i.e. who all were involved and how did they go about collecting information has to be given before each task. A note on the assessed environmental practices at school along with special mention to interesting work not covered by the Green Schools Programme manual is also welcome. Students' involvement in the task will get special points. Please attach photographs in support of their involvement.

**Calculation of points** – Though Green Schools Programme is based on self-assessment, auditors should award points to their school only as per procedure, formulae and weightages given in the Green Schools Programme manual (2007 edition).

**Format** – Please file the audit report along with support documents in the sequence of tasks and chapters given in the manual to facilitate assessment. Please do not fill the manual with data and send it to us. Photocopy relevant pages from the manual and prepare a separate report. File all the documents in one folder and courier or mail the same to us at the address given below. Soft copies on a CD in protected packs are also welcome.

## Preparing Biradari (Community Award) Report:

If your school is working with a community on any environmental issues write a brief report:

- Mention the theme.
- Mention the number of students and teachers involved in the project.
- Does your school management cooperate/contribute in the efforts?
- Why did you start work with the particular community on the particular theme?
- Describe activities you have done so far in chronological order.
- In what ways has the community benefited out of your work?
- Give contact details of the project coordinator and the community.

## What will happen after the application?

The Environment Education team at CSE will go through each and every report and shortlist the some schools for on-site and telephonic assessment. The Green Schools Report of short-listed schools will be verified and best schools will be identified for the awards.

The results will be made public only at the Green School Awards ceremony to be conducted in Delhi in December, 2010. All the schools that had applied for the awards will be given rank certificates according to their scores.

## Assessment Criteria

**Green School Awards (Top 20):** 500 points for self assessment by school as per Green Schools Programme manual and 50 points for assessment by CSE.

**Best Managers:** 100 points for self assessment by school as per Green Schools Programme manual and 10 points for assessment by CSE.

### **Rank certificates:**

Green .....	70 to 100 %
Yellow .....	50 to 69.9%
Orange .....	35 to 49.9%
Red .....	0 to 34.9%

**Biradari Award:** Issues relevance, Student involvement and Community engagement.

## How to Register?

Fill in the format given at the end of the information sheet and send it to us as soon as you receive this information sheet. You can also copy the format for registration and email, post or courier it to us.

### Deadlines

Last date for registration . . . . .31 August 2010

Last date to submit Green Schools Report . . . . .31 October 2010

On-site visits or telephonic interviews by CSE . . . . .15 – 30 November 2010

Green School Awards ceremony . . . . .December 2010

#### **Submit Green School Reports to:**

Ashish Shah  
Deputy Coordinator  
Environment Education Unit  
Centre for Science and Environment  
41 Tughlakabad Institutional Area,  
New Delhi - 110062

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programme/eeu/html/index.asp](http://www.cseindia.org/programme/eeu/html/index.asp)

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### REGISTRATION FORMAT

Institutions name: \_\_\_\_\_

Principal's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Email ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Teachers name: \_\_\_\_\_

Email ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone(s): \_\_\_\_\_