



Centre for Science and Environment
The **Gobar Times** Green Schools Award
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Information Sheet



- **What are the Gobar Times Green Schools Awards?**

The Gobar Times Green Schools Awards initiative 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.

Beginning last year (2009), CSE has been conducting the Gobar Times Green School Awards at the state level, where only schools in Delhi are eligible for participation. This year (2010) again the Delhi state is launching the programme at the state level. The winners of the state level awards will be nominated for the National awards to be organised by CSE in March, 2011.

The awards are based on the Green Schools Programme an audit of the school's environmental practices, carried out by its own students, following a set of guidelines specified by CSE. The methodology and the guidelines are defined in the Green Schools Programme (GSP) manual (2007 edition). The aim of the awards 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?**

Chief Minister's Rolling Trophy was constituted in the year 2009 and will be awarded to the school that has the best environmental practices in Delhi state as per the criteria laid out in the Green Schools Programme Manual (2007 Edition)

Green School Awards (Top 20): Awards (Certificate and Trophy) for the schools with the best environmental practices in Delhi (all the 5 chapters) ranking 1 to 20 will be awarded at the state awards ceremony.

Best Managers: Water, Air, Land, Energy, Waste. Top ranking school in each chapter, water, air, land, energy and waste will be awarded (Certificate and Memento) at the Gobar Times Green Schools Awards ceremony. The schools that apply for Green Schools Awards are not eligible to apply in the Best managers section.

Colour certificates: All schools which submit completed reports on any or all the 5 chapters will be eligible for a colour coded certificate as per the level of their performance.

Biradari (Community award): This award (Certificate and Memento) will be given to a school, which has most effectively interacted with the local community/civil society promoting 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 the five chapters i.e. water, air, land, energy and waste.
- Prepare the Green Schools Report as per the guidelines given in this sheet.
- Send the Green Schools Report to us at the address given at the end of the information sheet.

- **How to Register?**

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

- **Preparing the Green School's Report**

The 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 between release of this Information sheet the last date for submission is specified in this Information sheet. The format of the report is given in the manual.

Data collection process – A note on the process of data collection including information on the groups involved and the processes used by them will have to be added after each task. Any additional information on innovation and interesting methods will also be welcomed. Students involvement in the task will get special points. Please attach relevant photographs in support of their involvement. Rough calculations done by students for doing the calculations and support documents like bills for water and electricity consumption should be attached.

Calculation of points – Though Green Schools Programme is based on self-assessment, auditors should award points to the 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 on the next page for submission of reports. Soft copies on a CD in protected packs are also welcome.

- **Preparing the Biradari (Community Award) Report:**

If your school is working with a local **community** to promote awareness write a brief note including the following:

- 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 school applies?**

- The Environmental Education team in CSE will go through each and every report and shortlist some schools for on-site or / and telephonic assessment.
- The Green Schools Report of short-listed schools will be scrutinised, verified and the best schools will be shortlisted.
- The results will be made public at the Green School Awards ceremony to be conducted in New Delhi during March 2011.
- All the schools which apply for the awards will be given colour coded certificates.

- **Assessment Criteria**

- **Chief Minister's Rolling Trophy, Green Schools Awards (Top 20):** 500 points for self assessment by school as per the Green Schools Programme manual rules 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:**

Green70 to 100%
Yellow50 to 69.9%
Orange35 to 49.9%
Red.....0 to 34.9%

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

Deadlines

For registrationAs Soon As Possible
For submission of Reports28 January 2011
On-site visits or
telephonic interviewsLast Week of February 2011
Green School Awards ceremonyFirst Week of April 2011

● **Contact Information**

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■ **Log on to CSE website:**

<http://www.cseindia.org/taxonomy/term/20071/menu>

Fill in the format given below and send 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.



Registration Form

Institutions name: _____

Principal's name: _____

Postal address: _____

Email ID: _____

Phone(s): _____

Teachers name: _____

Email ID: _____

Phone(s): _____