

Sabujayan Pratiyogita

Paschim Banga Vriksha Bandhu Award

Application are invited for Paschim Banga Vriksha Bandhu Award from Individuals and Institutions / Organisations who want to participate for doing commendable and exemplary work in the field of Afforestation on non forest land, to be awarded during Aranya Saptaha every year. Award of Rs.1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lakh) only in cash along with a certificate of appreciation will be given to the Individual/ Institution / Organisation, who will be adjudged to be the best performer in the above field.

Only one prize of Rs. 1.00 (one lakh) will be awarded every year .

A) Who can apply :

- 1) Any Individual except staff of Forest Department.
- 2) Any Institution i.e. School, College, Library, Club, Hospital etc.
- 3) Any Governmental Organisation except Forest Department.
- 4) Any Industrial Unit/Corporate Sector
- 5) Any Registered Non Governmental Organisation
- 6) Forest Protection Committee/ Eco-Development Committee/ SHG
- 7) Panchyat/Municipality Bodies.

B) Criteria for Selection

1. Not less than 1000 seedlings (spacing not more than 3mt X 3mt.) to be planted over not less than 1 (one) acre of land in maximum of two patches. (Proof of Ownership/Lease holding permission documents of land must be submitted at the time of application.)
2. Choice of species to be planted will have to be according to the suitability of that agro-climate Zone.
3. In case of Corporate Sector, the extent of mandatory plantation to be done by the applicants under compensatory afforestation or under the provision of W.B.Trees (Protection & Conservation in Non-Forests Areas) Act-2006 and Environment Protection Act shall be separately ascertained and excluded from the area of plantation for consideration of the award.
4. Tree planting undertaken purely on commercial basis or with predominance of horticulture species by applicant including corporate sector will not be regarded as eligible for consideration for the award.

5. There have to be a minimum of 5 applications for consideration of award in a particular year.

C) Criteria for judgement

- 1) Choice of Species (Indigenous species will have higher rating)
- 2) Innovativeness/creativity and aesthetic values.
- 3) Social value of the species
- 4) Survival percentage
- 5) Height and Growth of the plant
- 6) Quality of Maintenance work
- 7) Planting technique and spacing
- 8) Educative and awareness generation values.

D) How to Apply:

- 1) Application to be made in the prescribed pro-forma which can be obtained from the Divisional Forest Offices at District Level.

For Kolkata, Application Form can be procured from

- a) The Divisional Forest Office, Publicity Division, Aranya Bhaban, Block LA-10A, Sector- III, Salt lake City, Kolkata-700098.
 - b) The Deputy Conservator of Forests, Urban & Recreational Forestry Division, Eden Gardens, Kolkata.
 - c) The Divisional Forest Officer, Forest Utilisation Division, 8, Lyons Range, 3rd Floor, Kolkata-700001.
- 2) Application form can also be downloaded from the website of Forest Department.
 - 3) All application should be addressed to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, West Bengal and should be submitted to the concerned Divisional Forest Officer of the District.
 - 4) For Kolkata application should be submitted to the Deputy Conservator of Forests, Urban & Recreational Forestry Division, Eden Gardens, Kolkata.
 - 5) Application from Government Institution should be forwarded by the Head Of the Department and sent to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, West Bengal.

E) Time Schedule:

- a) Application Form can be obtained from the above offices from 1st July to 14th August every year.
- b) Last date of submission of application along with all documents (Right of land, afforestation plan etc.) is 30th September.
- c) On getting the duly filled up application form and completion report , the concerned Divisional Forest Officer will conduct a field enquiry and verify all documents and send it to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, West Bengal for consideration by December.

F) Evaluation :

- a) An expert Committee of 3(three) members will be constituted to evaluate the afforestation work on the basis of criteria mentioned in Para C.
- b) The decision of Expert Committee shall be final.
- c) This Committee will visit the spot during April-May and evaluate the afforestation work and submit the report accordingly.
- d) On the basis of the report of the expert Committee award and certificate will be given to the most successful applicant on the opening or closing ceremony of Aranya Saptaha in the following year.

G) Validity :

Once applied, the nomination will be valid for consecutive 3(three) years from the first to third year. Every year the afforestation work of the applicant will be evaluated and if found to be the best in the State on the basis of criteria mentioned in Para C. his nomination will be considered for award.

H) Application will be rendered ineligible In the following cases :-

- a) Application not received in prescribed proforma / incomplete in any respect and/or received after the last date will not be considered.
- b) For suppressing information or giving false and misleading information. Proforma or other details can be downloaded from the website of Forest Department, (www.westbengalforest.gov.in) and the official website of Government of West Bengal (www.banglarmukh.com) .

Principal Chief Conservator of Forests
(Head of Forest Force)
West Bengal

APPLICATION FORM FOR NOMINATION OF VRIKSHA BANDHU AWARD

1. Name of the Applicant/ Institution (in capital letters):-

2. Full Address with Tel.No:-

3. Work details:-

3.1 Location of the Work/Project:-

3.2 Total area of the plantation raised:-

3.3 Land details:- (Attested Photocopy of documents to be enclosed)

Ownership of land where works are undertaken	Area in Hectares	Area description: whether area with waste land/marshy land/morrum land/rocky land/
Own land		
Private land procured on lease		
Community land		
Revenue Land		

4. Details of plantation works :--

4.1 Procurement of seedling-

- a) Raised in the own nursery
- b) Purchased from Market
- c) Purchased from Forest Department.

4.2 Whether Soil work done (Details to be given):-

4.3 The schedule of maintenance work followed (Details to be given) :-

4.4 Spacing of the plantation:-

4.5 Species diversity of plantation:-

Sl No	Name of Species	Number of Trees
1		
2		
3		
4		
5		
6		
7		
8		
9		

5. Detailed Map of the project enclosed (Mandatory)-

6. Name of the Forest Division under which project is undertaken:-

7. **Recent photographs (within 30 days prior to submission of application) to be enclosed:-**

a) OVERVIEW of the Plantation

b) Photograph with one person standing within the planted seedlings.

8. **Declaration:-**

Certified that all statements made above are true to the best of my knowledge and have been made in the clear understanding of their being true.

Place :

Date : (Signature with full name of the applicant)

9. Comments of the Forest Range Officer after field verification.

10. Overall comments of the Divisional Officer

11. Comments, evaluation and rating of the Expert Committee