

GREEN SCHOOLS AWARD

Information Sheet

A. Award:

The *Gobar Times* Green Schools Award will mark the final stage of the Green Schools Programme. The award would be given out annually by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), New Delhi.

Its objective is to acknowledge and reward top schools from among all those which are taking part in the programme across the country. It goes to the schools that emerge as the best managers of natural resources within their own premises. In other words, those, which are found to be the 'most environmentally responsible' institutions among their peers.

All *Gobar Times* Green Schools Programme participants have to undergo a simple yet rigorous self-audit. They have to rate themselves, following a set of guidelines formulated by CSE. The award is not merely a one-time prize, but a step towards making a life-long commitment to using, nurturing, and protecting the resources in this planet.

B. Category of Awards:

The Awards would be given in the following categories:

***Gobar Times* Green Schools Award:** Award for the school with the best environmental practices in the country. Schools ranking 2 and 3 would also be awarded at a formal ceremony.

Top 20 Schools: Ranking of top 20 schools in India. Rankings would be made public at a formal ceremony. *The schools ranking 4 to 20 would be issued certificates by the Centre for Science and Environment.*

Green Teachers' Team Award: The team of teachers involved in the implementation of the Green Schools Programme would be eligible for this Award. The best team from a school would be given an award, which would include a certificate issued by the Centre for Science and Environment. The team would get to attend a special workshop on environment education.

***Gobar Times* Best Students' Audit Team Award:** This Award would be presented by our magazine *Gobar Times* for the best audit team. The audit team would get certificates from Centre for Science and Environment and would go on a special eco-tour.

C. Eligibility:

1. All schools implementing the Green Schools Programme in their school using the Green Schools Manual are eligible.

2. Registration of the School as a Green School on our website http://www.cseindia.org/programme/eeu/gsp/gsp_index.htm. There is no special entry form for the Award. Registration is the only requisite.
3. Submission of the Green School Report on the website by 30 September 2006. Please note that you would be able to submit a report only after you register as a Green school at the above mentioned web link. Reports would only be accepted online. Exceptions are CSE's discretion.

D. Award Criteria:

Gobar Times Green Schools Award and Top 20 ranking criteria: The *Gobar Times* Green Schools Award and the Top 20 rankings would be decided on the basis of the Green Schools Report submitted by the school (online) and the On-site assessment report of CSE.

The total assessment would be out of a total of 500 points - 450 points for the Green Schools Report and 50 points for the on-site assessment report of the Centre for Science and Environment.

The details are the following:

Green Schools Report (450 points): The Green Schools Report would consist of the following:

1. Water Chapter: (90 points)
 - a. Step 2: Usage of Water – 20 points
 - b. Step 3: Rainwater harvesting – 35 points
(The installation of a rain water harvesting structure may require monetary inputs, which some schools may find difficult to source. Hence, we would be awarding 15 points to all schools, which send us the calculated rainwater harvesting potential of their school (even though they have not implemented it). The schools which have done rain water harvesting would be given points according to the original calculations)
 - c. Step 4: Recycling/Reuse – 35 points
2. Air Chapter: (90 points)
 - a. Step 2: Air Pollution prevention activities – 15 points
 - b. Step 3: School Transport – 30 points
 - c. Step 4: School commuters – 30 points
 - d. Step 5: Indoor Air Quality – 15 points
3. Land Chapter: (90 points)
 - a. Step 2: Green Area – 30 points
 - b. Step 3: Biodiversity – 40 points
 - c. Step 4: Pesticide use – 20 points
4. Energy Chapter: (90 points)
 - a. Sourcing of Energy – 10 points
 - b. Energy consumption – 40 points
 - c. Energy saved- 40 points
5. Waste Chapter: (90 points)
 - a. Quantity of solid waste produced – 15 points
 - b. Solid waste collection – 15 points

Total – 450 points

- c. Reuse and recycling of solid waste – 40 points
- d. Solid waste disposal - 20 points

As you can see the last step of each chapter worth 10 points is not included. This subjective assessment would form the On-site assessment report of CSE.

However, the schools should put in their self assessment points for the last step and remarks on the report which they submit online. Although, these points for the last step would not be considered as a part of the Green Schools report to be considered for the Award, schools need to submit the above.

On-site Assessment Report of CSE (50 points): This would include the on - site assessment of the schools on the basis of parameters mentioned in the concerned sections in the Green Schools Manual, which would include:

- 1. Water chapter (10 points)
 - a. Step 5: School's initiatives – 10 points
- 2. Air Chapter (10 points)
 - a. Step 6: School's initiatives – 10 points
- 3. Land Chapter (10 points)
 - a. Step 5: School's initiatives – 10 points
- 4. Energy Chapter (10 points)
 - a. Step 5: School's initiatives – 10 points
- 5. Waste Chapter (10 points)
 - a. Step 6: School's initiatives – 10 points

Total – 50 points

The primary assessment criteria for all the above would be:

- Awareness programmes conducted on issues related to environment
- Involvement of students in such programmes including the Green Schools Programme
- Whether the school has a well structured policy on environment

Green Teachers' Team Award Criteria: The award would be given taking into consideration:

- The innovative initiatives of the teachers
- Level of involvement of the school community

Gobar Times Best Students' Audit Team Award – The award would be given taking into consideration:

- The innovative initiatives of the students
- The enterprising skills of the students in implementing the programme

E. Verification of data: All the data submitted by the schools would be verified at the time of on-site assessment by CSE staff. The following documents regarding the school would have to be shown to the CSE assessment team at the time of site visit:

- *Original data sheets used by the audit team-* Number of school vehicles, plant species etc. The verification is of the data and hence, the data may be in any form i.e. in a normal school copy or any other form.

- *Document showing total area of the school* – The details of measurement of paved and unpaved area would also have to be produced.
- *Documents showing the total strength of the school* – Teachers, students, administrative staff
- *Documents showing the total number of vehicles owned by the school* – proof of their mileages etc
- *Any other document, which proves the data provided to be true.*
- *Visit to the vermicompost unit, rainwater harvesting structure, paper recycling unit or any other place within the school, which is applicable to a particular school.*

It may be noted that any data furnished by a school (in the Green School report or for the On site report), if found to be incorrect/fake or fabricated would result in a penalty of 5 points for every such instance. The penalty would be imposed if the school is not able to justify the discrepancy in the data. The penalty is the discretion of the Centre for Science and Environment.

Important Dates:

Last date to submit Green School Report	30 September 2006
On-site assessment visits by CSE	1 October –15 October 2006
Green Schools Award Ceremony	10 November 2006

Gobar Times Green Schools Award Poster: The participating schools are supposed to write down the School's name on the poster in the space provided. For example:

My School

RNV Public School, G.K Puram

is a part of the Centre for Science and Environment's Green Schools Programme

It is not merely a poster but a certificate of participation in the Green Schools Award.

For registering as a Green School and submitting Green Schools Report, log on to:

http://www.cseindia.org/programme/eeu/gsp/gsp_index.htm

For any queries regarding the Green Schools Award, please contact Sumita or Shankar at:



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