

Centre for Science and Environment

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GREEN SCHOOLS PROGRAMME

Information Sheet 2011 - 2012



● What is the Gobar Times Green Schools Programme?

The Gobar Times Green Schools Programme is a platform to acknowledge schools which have adopted innovative and effective practices to manage natural resources within their own premises. Conceptualised by the New Delhi-based Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), the programme enables schools to get their environmental practices benchmarked by their own students who have to follow a set of guidelines specified in the Green Schools Programme (GSP) manual (2007 edition)*.

This self-assessment exercise enables students to learn 'hands on' difficult but key environmental lessons. The aim of the programme is to encourage and support schools to build an environmentally aware, active and skilled community of teachers, students and parents. The programme gives direction for creation of green infrastructure and environment friendly practices to enable the school community to improve its 'Green performance'. Top performing schools are awarded for their efforts every year.

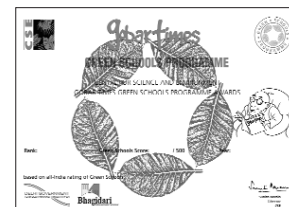
Since 2009, few State nodal offices of National Green Corps (Ministry of Environment and Forests initiative) are organising the Green Schools Programme at the state level to involve a larger number of schools in the Green Schools movement. The top rank holders at the state level compete for the national awards.

● Green School profile and certification

This year we are introducing a new feature in the Green Schools Programme. We will verify the green schools report sent by your school and create a profile of its environmental practices and host it on our website. Simultaneously we will send a colour-coded certificate and a feedback letter to your school. Participating teachers and students will also get certificates. If you want your school to be considered for the Green Schools Awards 2011-12 the green schools report of your school should reach us by 30 November, 2011 and your school should get its certificate on or before 31 December 2011. It would be better if you send us your report early to avoid the last minute rush and consequent delay in certification.

Certificate categories:

Green	70 to 100 %	350 – 500 points
Yellow	50 to 69.9%	250 – 349 points
Orange	35 to 49.9%	175 – 249 points
Red	0 to 34.9%	0 – 174 points



Verification of green schools report by CSE will be on genuineness of data and involvement of students.

To see environmental profiles of existing green schools visit: <http://www.gobartimes.org/?q=node/199>

● What are the categories of Awards?

Green School Awards (Top 10 Change makers): These awards will be given out at the National awards ceremony to schools with the best environmental practices in India (all the 5 chapters would be taken into account). Only those schools which have submitted their green schools report to CSE more than once would be considered.

Green School Awards (Top 10 New schools): These awards will be given out at the National awards ceremony to schools with the best environmental practices in India (all the 5 chapters would be taken into account). Only schools submitting their report to CSE for the first time would be considered.

Green School Awards, Best Managers: This category is for schools submitting green schools report for the first time for maximum of any four of the five chapters given in the GSP manual. Top ranking school in each chapter water, air, land, energy and waste will be awarded (Certificate and Memento) at the National awards ceremony. The schools that apply for Green Schools Awards under the Top 10 Change makers and New schools categories are not eligible to apply for this category.

* GSP manual is a booklet, which helps a school to assess its environmental performance. To order the manual write to Mr. Raja, Sales Manager, Centre for Science and Environment, 41 Tughlakabad Institutional Area, New Delhi - 110062 by post or by Email: raja@cseindia. Send a Demand Draft of Rs.140/- (Inclusive of postage) drawn in favour of 'Centre for Science and Environment' payable at New Delhi along with your mail stating complete address for delivery of the manual.

● How to apply?

Register for the Green Schools Programme immediately by filling up the registration form given at the end of this Information Sheet and sending it to us by post or courier. You can also copy the format and E-mail it to us. Our contact details are given at the end of the Information sheet. Online registration can be done at www.gobartimes.org

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: 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 Schools Report

Green Schools Report is prepared after the environmental audit of the school is conducted using the GSP manual (2007 edition). The record of the process of the audit and its result has to be presented as a Green Schools report.

Data collection process – A note on the process of data collection stating who all were involved and how they went about collecting information has to be given before each task. Also include a note on the environmental practices assessed at school along with a special mention to interesting work not covered by the GSP.

Calculation of points – The green auditors should award points to their school only as per procedure, formulae and weightages given in the GSP manual (2007 edition).

Format – The best way is to fill the data in a photocopy of the GSP manual and attach supporting documents to it. Filling up all the information asked for in the GSP manual and 'Map water' tables given on the sides of page 10 and 11 is mandatory. Supporting documents include photographs, bills, photocopies, rough work done by students, copies of other documents in the sequence of tasks and chapters given in the GSP manual. File all the documents in one folder and courier or mail the same to us at the address given at the end of this Information Sheet. Soft copies on a CD in protected packs are also welcome.

Change makers – Schools should mention the new improved practices and percentage improvement they have made in their scores (in comparison to their previous GSP report) as a consequence of change in practices for each task given in the GSP manual.

● What will happen after the application?

The Environment Education team at CSE will go through each and every report and verify information by visiting the school or by conducting a telephonic interview with the audit team teachers and students.

The verified environmental profile of every participating school will be hosted on our website. We will send a colour-coded certificate and a feedback letter to your school. Participating teachers and students will also get certificates. Schools with the best environmental performance will be awarded at the Gobar Times Green schools National awards ceremony that will be conducted in January, 2012 at New Delhi.

● Green Schools Assessment Criteria

Change makers: Change makers: 1. Self assessment by school as to how much improvement they have made on indicators given in the GSP manual in comparison to their previous years' performance. 2. Verification of the school report by CSE.

New schools: Self assessment by school using the GSP manual indicators and verification of the submitted green schools report by CSE.

Best Managers: Self assessment by school using the GSP manual indicators and verification of the submitted green schools report by CSE.

● Deadlines

If you want your school to compete for the Green Schools Awards 2011-2012 please strictly follow the deadlines given below:

Submission of Green Schools Report	November 30, 2011
Certification cut off date	December 31, 2011
Green School Awards ceremony	January 2012



Sequence of action:

1. Registration
2. Get the GSP manual
3. Conduct the GSP audit
4. Prepare the GSP report
5. Send the GSP report to CSE
6. Verification by CSE
7. Certification by CSE
8. Profile on website

Please see FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) section on our website: <http://www.gobartimes.org/?q=node/200>

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**Registration Form**

Institutions name: _____

Principal's name: _____

Postal address: _____

Email ID: _____

Phone(s): _____

Teachers name: _____

Email ID: _____

Mobile(s): _____