

**Meeting of National Selection Committee for finalization of awardee Gram Panchayats/Equivalent Bodies for 2 Special Category of Awards under National Panchayat Awards 2023.**

Subsequent to the recommendations made by the National Scrutiny Committee for following 2 Special Category of Awards, a meeting of the **National Selection Committee** under the chairpersonship of Secretary, PR with Additional Secretary, MoPR and Divisional Heads as Members (Divisional Head, Incentivization as Member Convener) was held on 03.04.2023.

- i. **Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar (GUSVPP):** for 3 Gram Panchayats (GPs) for their performance regarding adoption and usage of renewable sources of energy.
- ii. **Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar (CNVPP):** for 3 GPs who have done exemplary work towards achieving Net-Zero carbon emissions.

Thematic Experts of National Scrutiny Committee were also invited for this meeting.

2. The expert invitees from the Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi, World Resources Institute, Bangalore and Ministry of New and Renewable Energy also attended the meeting virtually.

3. During this meeting, the National Selection Committee reviewed the recommendations of National Scrutiny Committee and gave following comments on recommendations under **GUSVPP** and **CNVPP** categories of awards:

| Sl. No. | Comment/Suggestion by thematic experts  |   | Remarks of Chairperson (Secretary, PR)   |
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| 1       | Ranking acceptable.   | Prof. Vivek Kumar, IIT, Delhi   | i. Ranking acceptable.<br>ii. The top 3 GPs reflect a holistic and integrated approach towards utilization of renewable sources of energy.<br>iii. The said concept needs to be demystified for greater awareness and clarity on the concept among GPs and rural masses.<br>iv. GPs ranked 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> also to be recognized through certificates by the Ministry. |
|         | i. Ranking acceptable on account of integrated approach through usage of various renewable sources of energy.<br>ii. GPs ranked 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> may also be recognized<br>iii. Reducing carbon emission levels is important, not just | • Ms. Ulka Kelkar, Director (Climate), World Resources Institute India, Bangalore<br><br>• Shri Saransh Bajpai, Associate Director (Climate), World Resources |  |

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|   | offsetting carbon emissions.   | Institute India, Delhi   |   |
|   | IEC campaigns are very important aspect of promoting this concept in the rural areas.  | Shri Shobhit Srivastava, Scientist (D), M/o New & Renewable Energy (MNRE)  |   |
| 2 | <p>i. Ranking acceptable.</p> <p>ii. Only Meenangadi GP (Kerala) has worked on this initiative with scientific methodology than other GPs.</p>   | Prof. Vivek Kumar, IIT   | <p>i. Meenangadi has done systematic assessment of the status of carbon emissions and measures to be taken to reduce the same. Measures for carbon emission reduction and offsetting are both equally important.</p>  |
|   | <p>Ranking acceptable. Meenangadi GP (Kerala) has achieved net zero carbon emission status with effective planning and monitoring. Based on the initiatives taken towards offsetting carbon emission levels through usage of bamboo structure, GP Bagmara (Tripura) may be ranked 4<sup>th</sup> instead of 5<sup>th</sup>. Accordingly, Patoda GP (Maharashtra) may be ranked 5<sup>th</sup>.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ms. Ulka Kelkar, Director (Climate), World Resources Institute India, Bangalore</li> <li>• Shri Saransh Bajpai, Associate Director (Climate), World Resources Institute India, Delhi</li> </ul> | <p>ii. GPs ranked 4th and 5th also to be recognized through certificates by the Ministry.</p> <p>iii. Awareness and support regarding maintenance of Biodiversity registers by GPs may be facilitated by the forest department of the states/UTs.</p> <p>iv. Videos of the GPs may be looked into for refining by incorporating detailed process on the initiatives taken by the GPs under GUSVPP and CNVPP both.</p> |
|   | <p>Ranking acceptable. Availability of resources with the GPs and activities under regarding awareness undertaken may also be considered for awards in future.</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shri Jeevan Kumar Jethani, Scientist (F) MNRE</li> <li>• Shri Shobhit Srivastava, Scientist (D), MNRE</li> </ul>  |   |

**4 The National Selection Committee unanimously finalized the awardees under the abovementioned 2 special categories of awards as per following details:**

#### 4.1 Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar

| Rank | Gram Panchayat/<br>Equivalent Body | LGD Code | Block Panchayat | District Panchayat | State/UT    | SPPAC Marks<br>(Out of 100) | Marks by National Scrutiny Committee<br>(Out of 50) | Total marks<br>(Out of 150) |
|------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|-------------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
|      |                                    |          |                 |                    |             | (A)                         | (B)   | (A)+(B)                     |
| 1    | Tikekarwadi                        | 186025   | Junnar          | Pune               | Maharashtra | 100                         | 47  | 147                         |
| 2    | Ankuli                             | 117875   | Patrapur        | Ganjam             | Odisha      | 93                          | 46  | 139                         |
| 3    | Mukra (k)                          | 281138   | Ichoda          | Adilabad           | Telangana   | 71                          | 46  | 117                         |

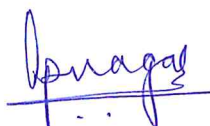
#### 4.2 Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar

| Rank | Gram Panchayat/<br>Equivalent Body | LGD Code | Block Panchayat | District Panchayat | State/UT  | SPPAC Marks<br>(Out of 100) | Marks by National Scrutiny Committee<br>(Out of 50) | Total marks<br>(Out of 150) |
|------|------------------------------------|----------|-----------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
|      |                                    |          |                 |                    |           | (A)                         | (B)   | (A)+(B)                     |
| 1    | Meenangadi                         | 221930   | Sulthan Bathery | Wayanad            | Kerala    | 78                          | 48  | 126                         |
| 2    | Kanha                              | 281710   | Nandigama       | Rangareddi         | Telangana | 100                         | 24  | 124                         |
| 3    | Bonaigarh                          | 121567   | Bonaigarh       | Sundargarh         | Odisha    | 90                          | 30  | 120                         |

5. In addition to above and as decided by the Committee, the following GPs / Institutions will be recognized **through certificates only** for their efforts:

| Gram Urja Swaraj Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar |                                    |          |                 |                    |           |                             |   |                             |
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|   |                                    |          |                 |                    |           | (A)                         | (B)   | (A)+(B)                     |
| 4   | Yerravalle                         | 206284   | Markook         | Siddipet           | Telangana | 73                          | 43  | 116                         |
| 5   | Bonaigarh                          | 121567   | Bonaigarh       | Sundargarh         | Odisha    | 83                          | 32  | 115                         |

| Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar |                                    |          |                 |                    |          |                             |   |                             |
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|   |                                    |          |                 |                    |          | (A)                         | (B)   | (A)+(B)                     |






| Carbon Neutral Vishesh Panchayat Puraskar |                                    |          |                 |  |             |                             |   |                             |
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| 4   | Bagmara                            | 254084   | Rupaichari Bac  | Tripura Tribal Areas Autonomous District Council | Tripura     | 93                          | 20  | 113                         |
| 5   | Patoda                             | 170304   | Aurangabad      | Aurangabad                                       | Maharashtra | 95                          | 23  | 118                         |

6. The Committee further suggested to review the questionnaires and eligibility criteria for the special category of awards for further improvement and refinement for subsequent years.

The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks to the Chair

**(Shri Saransh Bajpai)**  
Associate Director – Climate Program,  
World Resources Institute, India  
(Member)

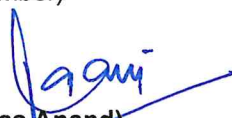
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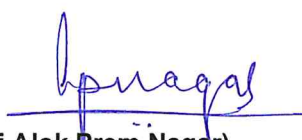
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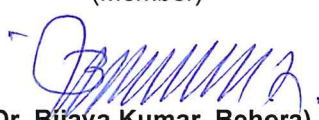
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Indian Institute of Technology, Delhi  
(Member)

  
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Joint Secretary, MoPR  
(Member)

  
**(Shri Vikas Anand)**  
Joint Secretary, MoPR  
(Member)

  
**(Shri Alok Prem Nagar)**  
Joint Secretary, MoPR  
(Member)

  
**(Dr. Bijaya Kumar Behera)**  
Economic Adviser, MoPR  
(Member Convener)

  
**(Dr. Chandra Shekhar Kumar)**  
Additional Secretary, MoPR  
(Member)

  
**(Shri Sunil Kumar)**  
Secretary, MoPR  
(Chairperson)