



PARYAVARAN MITRA PURASKAR 2015

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What language should be used for the submission of the report?

All official Indian languages are acceptable for the submission of reports for the Puraskar.

2. What are the themes on which the action projects can be carried out?

The programme envisages engagement of the Paryavaran Mitra in five thematic areas;

- Water and Sanitation
- Energy
- Waste Management
- Biodiversity and Greening
- Culture and Heritage

3. What is the deadline for the submission of the report?

The deadline for the submission of the reports under all Puraskar categories will be 31st October 2015. In no case this will be extended further and the reports received after this will not be considered for the Puraskar.

4. Whether the school Enrolment No. in Paryavaran Mitra Programme required?

It should be clearly noted that the school should be a Paryavaran Mitra registered School and the School's enrolment number should be indicated mandatorily while submitting the report formats for the Puraskar. The entries received without the enrolment number will not be considered.

5. Which classes of the school should be involved in the action projects?

Students from class 6th to 9th only should be mandatorily involved in the action projects undertaken by the schools/teachers.

6. How many participants will be awarded under each category?

The Puraskar will be awarded to 10 participants each under school, teacher and student category which may increase or decrease keeping in view the number of applications received for the award. The number of awardees will also be decided by respective jury constituted under each category for the final award of the Puraskar.

BEST SCHOOL

7. How will the schools be evaluated to arrive at the 'Best' criteria Schools?

By 'best' we mean shortlisted schools. Schools that meet the and maybe even go above and beyond would most probably make it to the final list after which the jury will shortlist further. The school evaluation guide will be of help to schools to make their own reports as well as help them to see how they can do better in reporting environment education activities and to be able to chart out future course of action for the school. It should be noted that all the students should be actively involved in the action projects undertaken by the school/teachers.

8. What should the school report cover?

The report is less about the number of activities carried out and more about the educational and environmental outcomes of those activities or action projects. The reporting format gives a clear understanding on the aspects the reports need to cover. Please download the school reporting format on this webpage.

9. Can we refer to some reports from previous years?

We have put the school reports and a summative PowerPoint of each school which made it to the final list of the Paryavaran Mitra Puraskar 2012, 2013, 2014. Note that the criterion has been revised for this year's awards.

10. Where and how should the report be sent?

All nomination materials should be sent to the secretariat at paryavaranmitra@ceeindia.org. Reports can be sent in soft as well as hard copies. However, we are discouraging hard copies of the reports as it would save time, money, and paper spent on printing and postage

BEST TEACHER

11. How many teachers from a school can nominate themselves for the award?

All teachers who are involved in using the projects based learning in classroom teaching and beyond the classroom are encouraged to apply for the award. We would need each of the teacher to fill out a separate format along with the evidence to support their nomination. The school should have mandatorily submitted a report in the best school category for the teachers to be considered under the best teacher category and vice versa.

BEST STUDENT

1. Who is best student?

The Paryavaran Mitra Best Student Award recognizes leadership shown through environmental action projects focusing on changes in the immediate environment. The educational process spans from developing action plans to implementing them and sharing experiences with the world. The initiative aims to develop leadership skills amongst students through experiential learning.

2. What if the student has worked in a team?

All students in the team need to send in their reporting formats (available on Best Student Award webpage) separately outlining their role in the team and their own leanings and reflections to be considered for the award. If you were a team member of a team led by a Paryavaran Mitra Young Leader for Change aspirant, each of you and your team leader will have to send in separate reporting formats to be considered for the award.