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*Building a cleaner Orissa*

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## A NOBLE MISSION

"As a nation, we have to keep our environment clean and tidy and it has to start from home. This is essential for better health conditions of all the citizens and also for presenting a wholesome and aesthetic atmosphere for us." Hon'ble President of India, Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam said this while addressing the audience in a function held in Vigyan Bhavan, New Delhi on 24 February 2005. The President called upon people to make sanitation a noble and important mission of life. He presented Nirmal Gram Puraskar to Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs), which have achieved full sanitation coverage. The President expressed his happiness for participating in the function, which aimed at encouraging PRIs to work for achieving the goal of Total Sanitation in rural areas. He congratulated the award winners and thanked the organizers, Non-Governmental Organisations, scientists, engineers and other distinguished participants associated with the campaign. The President suggested that the selection process for such awards should be an apolitical one and should be based on proven performance. Having expressed his satisfaction on what has been done so far, he called upon the people associated with the programme



*Hon'ble President addressing the people on the occasion of presentation of Nirmal Gram Puraskar*

to cover all the 602 districts of the country instead of 452 that is being covered at present.

The President offered his suggestions for achieving the goals of the Total Sanitation Campaign. The campaign should be undertaken on a mission mode to provide sanitation facilities to all dwelling units in rural areas by the year 2010. Since the facility is still to be provided to over a hundred million dwelling units, we should target at least twenty million units per year. While providing this facility, we should ensure the provision of adequate water supply.

The Ministry of Rural Development can organize state-wise training programmes to train all the stakeholders of State/District Missions in the construction and maintenance of

*"With our resources and the money we spend, we could easily accomplish three times what we do, in half the time we normally take, if we were to operate in mission mode with a vision for the nation."*

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, Ignited Minds