



modern sanitary facilities. The Environmental Sanitation Institute, Ahmedabad and similar institutions elsewhere can serve as nodal agencies to impart such trainings at district centres. Training programmes can be organized on the basis of public-private partnership Programmes aimed at generating employment can be tuned to give such workers good income as well.

The President laid emphasis on educating children right from the age of three to make use of sanitary facilities. Every family should take up this as a family task. Before concluding his speech, Dr Kalam

once again congratulated all the award winners, the Ministry of Rural Development and conveyed his best wishes to all the stakeholders for the success of Total Sanitation Campaign, which would lead us to a healthy and vibrant rural India. At the end of the function, Hon'ble President administered a pledge to the participants to work towards fulfilling the goal of Total Sanitation Campaign.

PLEDGE

"We pledge that we will ensure to provide toilet facilities in all households of at least one more Gram Panchayat."

ORISSA ANNOUNCES PIONEER SANITATION VILLAGE AWARD



Government of Orissa has instituted Pioneer Sanitation Village Award to be given to the village, which has become totally free from open defecation and has made outstanding contribution to environmental sanitation. Modelled after the Nirmal Gram Puraskar awarded by Government of India, this state-level award seeks to encourage people to create a healthy atmosphere in our countryside. For the purpose of this award, a village is taken as a unit.

Criteria for the Award :

- The village shall have a minimum of 100 households (50 in case of ST/SC villages).
- There shall be cent percent sanitation coverage of individual households.

- There shall be cent percent sanitation coverage of schools, anganwadis and public institutions.
- The village shall be free from open defecation.
- The environment shall be clean.
- All the villagers should use toilets.

Period: April 2005 - March 2006

No. of Awards: A maximum of 5 villages from each district will be selected for the purpose.

The Award:

- Rs.20, 000/- (for the districts whose projects have been approved during the year 2004-05)
- Rs.10, 000/- (for the districts whose projects have been sanctioned earlier)
- The amount will be utilized for improving the environment of the village.

The Date of Award:

The awards will be given away by the Chief Guest at a State-level function to be organized on the occasion of Gandhi Jayanti (2nd October) every year.

Selection Procedure:

Each district will nominate five villages fulfilling the above criteria, and will submit proposals to the State Water and Sanitation Mission (SWSM) latest by 31st August. The SWSM will evaluate the proposals and announce the winners.

