

RECRUITMENT NOTICE

Engagement of Aspirational Block Programme Fellow (ABPF)

Birbhum District

Applications are invited for the engagement of 3 (three) Fellows for the Aspirational Block Programme in Nanoor Block, Khoyrasole Block and Mayureswar-I Block, Birbhum District, West Bengal, on a purely contractual basis for a period of one year.

Job Duration: Contractual (one year, subject to extension for one more year if required). The District Administration reserves the right to terminate in case of inefficiency or irregularities.

Last Date to Apply: 15th September 2026; 11:59 PM.

Stipend: The selected candidate shall be entitled to a monthly stipend of ₹50,000/- (Rupees Fifty Thousand only).

Name of the Aspirational Blocks for which three (03) Aspirational Block Programme Fellows are to be engaged:

1. Nanoor Block, 2. Khoyrasole Block, 3. Mayureswar-I Block

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

1. Citizenship: The candidate must be a citizen of India and a resident of the State of West Bengal.

2. Age Limit: The candidate must fulfil the following age criteria as on 01.01.2026:

Minimum Age	Maximum Age
23 years	38 years

The upper age limit is relaxable by 5 years for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/PH categories, all women candidates, and by 10 years for candidates belonging to the PwD category. In the case of Ex-Servicemen, relaxation shall be admissible to the extent of the total period of service rendered in the defence service.

3. Educational Qualifications and Skills:

1. Post-Graduation with First Class in Social Science from a reputed institution.
2. Sound data analysis and presentation skills.
3. Conversant with the use of social media.
4. Good project management skills.
5. Experience of working/internship with a developmental organisation.
6. Self-driven, with good communication skills.
7. Knowledge of the local language of the respective Aspirational Block is a requirement for all Aspirational Block Fellows.

4. Knowledge, Skills, Experience and Expected Performance:

1. Prior experience in the Government/Private sector in the development sector and project management relating to National/State-level schemes or projects is desirable.
2. Collaboration with Block-level officials to design and execute development strategies aligned with the thematic areas of the Aspirational Block Programme.

3. Conducting regular field visits to assess project implementation, address challenges and collect ground-level insights.
4. Analysing data and providing evidence-based recommendations to Block-level and District-level officials to optimise developmental initiatives.
5. Organising workshops, awareness campaigns and skill-building programmes to empower the local community.
6. Keeping the office of the Block Development Officer (BDO) apprised of issues, challenges and requirements for support.
7. Assisting in the documentation of good governance practices.
8. Using the ABP portal to assess the performance of the Block and communicating relevant information to Block-level officials.
9. Attending training programmes conducted by NITI Aayog, State or District authorities.
10. Submitting reports at regular intervals to NITI Aayog, State or District authorities, as required.
11. Working under the overall guidance of the Block Development Officer (BDO) and reporting to the BDO for day-to-day functioning.

5. Scope of Work, Roles and Responsibilities:

1. Assist the respective Block Administration in the effective implementation, monitoring and coordination of the Aspirational Block Programme (ABP).
2. Support the Block Administration in monitoring Key Performance Indicators (KPIs), development outcomes and progress under the ABP.
3. Collect, compile, verify, validate and analyse relevant data relating to identified development indicators.
4. Assist in updating and monitoring progress on the NITI Aayog portal, including the Champions of Change portal, as applicable.
5. Identify gaps in the implementation of Government schemes/programmes and assist Block officials in preparing appropriate action plans for improvement.
6. Undertake/support field visits, verification, inspection and monitoring of developmental activities as and when required by the competent authority.
7. Document and disseminate good practices, innovations and successful field-level interventions undertaken under the ABP.
8. Assist the Block Administration in preparing reports, presentations, data sheets and other documents relating to the Aspirational Block Programme.
9. Maintain proper records and documentation of activities undertaken and furnish such reports/information as may be required by the Block Administration, District Administration, NITI Aayog or any other competent authority.
10. Perform any other official duty connected with the Aspirational Block Programme as may be assigned by the competent authority from time to time.

6. Terms and Conditions:

1. The engagement of the Aspirational Block Programme Fellow shall be purely contractual and temporary in nature.
2. The engagement shall not confer any right or claim upon the Fellow for regular appointment or absorption in any post under the Government.
3. The Fellow shall work under the overall guidance and supervision of the Block Development Officer (BDO).

4. The Fellow shall perform all duties and responsibilities assigned by the competent authority in connection with the Aspirational Block Programme.
5. The engagement shall be subject to the applicable rules, instructions and terms and conditions prescribed by the competent authority.

APPLICATION PROCESS

1. Candidates should submit the duly filled application forms in the given link

<https://forms.gle/GFeQVmfVgtLJGkMMA>

or Scan the QR code:



SELECTION PROCESS:

Selection will be based on the Written test, Power Point preparation and presentation, Data Analysis and observation, Computer/IT skill (80 marks), followed by Viva-Voce (20 marks).

Note: All matters relating to eligibility, selection, engagement, duties and terms and conditions shall be subject to the decision of the competent authority.

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