



Government of Odisha

**DISTRICT PLANNING & MONITORING UNIT, KANDHAMAL  
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**DETAILED ADVERTISEMENT FOR RECRUITMENT OF THE POST OF ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK FELLOW  
UNDER ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK PROGRAMME, NITI AAYOG, GOVT. OF INDIA.**

Application are invited through registered/Speed post from the eligible candidate for recruitment of **02 nos** of *Aspirational Block Fellow* in Tumudibandh & Phiringia Block of Kandhamal District under Aspirational Block Programme, Niti Aayog, Govt. of India. The application should be reach with a sealed envelope superscribed with "**APPLICATION FOR THE POST OF ASPIRATIONAL BLOCK FELLOW**" on or before **03.07.2024** through **SPEED POST/REGD. POST** to the office of the Deputy Director ( P&S), District Planning & Monitoring Unit (DPMU) (Planning Wing), Kandhamal, Odisha-762001. The application in the prescribed format should contain self-attested photo copy of all the educational qualification, Caste Certificate, Residence Certificate, Work experience along with two nos of recent passport size photo. (Ref: Annexure A).

**General Criteria of Eligibility:**

Candidate applying for the above post should be:-

- A citizen of India,
- Of good character,
- Of sound health, good physique and free from organic defects of bodily infirmity
- If married, must not have more than one spouse living
- Must be able to read, write and speak Odia fluently and :-
  - i. Must have passed Middle School Examination with Odia as language subject, or
  - ii. Must have passed Matriculation or equivalent examination with Odia as medium of examination in non-language subject, or
  - iii. Must have passed in Odia as language subject in the final examination of Class-VII or above from a school or educational institution recognised by Govt. of Odisha or the Central Govt., or

  
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- iv. Must have passed a test in Odia in Middle English School standard conducted by the School and Mass Education Department, Govt. of Odisha.

**I. Qualifications:**

- 1) Post Graduate with **First Class** in any discipline from a reputed institution
- 2) Should possess data analysis and presentation skills
- 3) Should be conversant with use of social media
- 4) Should possess Project Management Skills
- 5) Experience of working/internship with a Development Organisation
- 6) Self-driven with good communication skills
- 7) Knowing the local language of the respective Aspirational Block is a requirement for all Aspirational Blocks Fellows.

**Note:** Preference will be given to

- (i) The Local Candidates
- (ii) Those who have completed their higher education in the development /rural stream.

**II. Age:**

Minimum age as on 01.01.2024	Maximum age as on 01.01.2024
23 years	38 years

However, the upper age limit is relaxable **5 years** for candidates belonging to **SC/ST/SEBC** category and all women candidates.

**III. Tenure of Aspirational Block Fellows.**

The tenure of Aspirational Blocks Fellows will initially span for **1 (One year)** or as **desired by NITI Aayog, New Delhi** during which they will engage with Block level Officials to drive developmental initiatives and empower local communities. Recognizing the potential for sustained impact, the program allows for a one-year extension of the fellowship, contingent upon the fellow's satisfactory performance and demonstrated contributions to the program's objectives as determined by the State Governments.

**IV. Compensation:**

Each fellow will receive a monthly stipend of **Rs. 55,000/-** as a token of appreciation for dedicated service and valuable contributions to the Aspirational Blocks Programme. This compensation package also includes provisions for travel allowances to a maximum of **Rs. 5,000** per month and other necessary support to ensure that the fellows can effectively immerse themselves in their assigned Block and focus on fostering change and progress in Blocks.

*Asst. Secretary*  
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**V. Plan and Pattern of Examination:**

(All the stages of examination will be held at Kandhamal, Odisha)

- 1) Stage – I -Certificate Verification
- 2) Stage – II - Power point Presentation (5 min for each candidate),
- 3) Stage-III- Interview/ Viva Voce

**VI. Process of Selection:**

III.	Power point presentation (5 min for each candidate)	50 Marks
IV.	Interview/ Viva Voice	50 Marks
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100 Marks</b>

Final selection of the candidate will made on the basis of total marks secured in all the stage of the examination. **Preference will be given to the local candidates.**

**Note: Candidates who fails to appear for document verification will not be considered for final selection.**

**VII. Tentative timeline for recruitment:**

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1	Publication of Advertisement	20.06.2024
2	Last date for application for the post	03.07.2024
3	Certificate Verification	09.07.2024(10.30 AM onwards )
4	Power Point Presentation (5 min for each candidate) & Interview/ Viva Voice	11.07.2024
6	Declaration of final result	12.07.2024

**VIII. Role of Aspirational Blocks Fellows:**

The Aspirational Blocks Fellow will be positioned as critical link between the Block level Officials and NITI Aayog. Their primary responsibilities will include:

1. Collaborating with Block level Officials to design and execute development strategies aligned with ABP thematic areas.
2. Conducting regular field visit to access project implementation, address challenges, and collect ground level insights.
3. Analysing data and providing evidence-based recommendations to BLOs, District level Officials to optimize developmental initiatives.
4. Organizing workshops, awareness campaigns, and skill-building programs to empower the local community.
5. Keeping States and NITI abreast with the issues, challenges and need for support.

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**IX. Benefit and Impact:**

The deployment of Aspirational Blocks Fellows is expected to yield multiple benefits:

- 1) Strengthening governance and administrative capabilities at the Block level.
- 2) Enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of developmental projects.
- 3) Enabling knowledge transfer and cross-learning between the fellows, officials, and local communities.
- 4) Contributing to data-driven policy formulation and evidence-based decision-making.
- 5) Building a talent pipeline of future leaders committed to social impact and community development.

**X. Challenges and Mitigation:**

While deploying Aspirational Block Fellows presents numerous opportunities, potential challenges will have to be addressed, such as:

- 1) Ensuring seamless coordination between fellows and Block level Officials.
- 2) Adapting to diverse cultural contexts and regional variations.
- 3) Managing expectations and setting realistic goals for both the fellows and the block level Officials.
- 4) Providing ongoing support and mentorship to the fellows throughout their tenure.

**Contact details:-**

Please contact to the following person for further any assistance or queries:-

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