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To

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Executive Engineer
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Govt. of West Bengal

Sub.: Participation in the “Sreshtha Jal Parikhagar Puraskar Award Ceremony” scheduled to be held at the Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, Premises No 35 – 1111, DG – Block (New Town) Action area I, West Bengal – 700 156 on July 10, 2019 (Wednesday).

You are aware that all district, sub district & NGO managed laboratories have been assessed during first quarter of this calendar year based on a revised questionnaire for categorizing & ranking different laboratories based on their rated performance.

On the basis of such assessment, Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of West Bengal jointly with UNICEF, Kolkata is going to organize a one day ceremonial function on *Sreshtha Jal Parikhagar Puraskar* at the above venue in order to felicitate the best performing Water Quality Testing Laboratories under different categories in the state.

The Hon'ble Minister in Charge (MIC) Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of West Bengal has kindly consented to grace the occasion and inspire the concerned stakeholders.

In the context of above, she is requested to be present in the occasion along with the concerned Assistant Engineer, Junior Engineer and Chemist of Central laboratory.

The programme is scheduled to start from **10:00 am to 2.30 pm** on **July 10, 2019** at the venue mentioned above (copy of programme schedule is enclosed herewith).

Encl.: As stated above.


Chief Engineer & Director, WSSO
PHE Department, Govt. of West Bengal

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State Level Award Ceremony

"Sreshtha Jal Parikhagar Puraskar"



July 10, 2019

Hall no. 7, Biswa Bangla Convention Centre, New Town, Kolkata
Programme Schedule

10:00 –11:00 am	Registration	
Lighting the lamp by Hon'ble MIC followed by Inaugural Song		
Inaugural Session		
11:15 -12:30 pm	Welcome Address and Opening Remarks on the Objectives of the Award Event	Shri Animesh Bhattacharya, Chief Engineer & Director, WSSO, Public Health Engineering Department
	Key Note Address	Shri Mohammad Mohiuddin, Chief of Field Office, UNICEF, West Bengal
	Address	Dr. Manoj Pant, IAS, Principal Secretary, Departments of Public Health Engineering, Land & Land Reforms and Refugee Relief & Rehabilitation Govt. of West Bengal
		Shri Biswajit Patra, Engineer-in- Chief, Public Health Engineering Department Govt. of West Bengal
	Address	Dignitaries from other Departments
	Address by the Guest of Honour	Shri Shyamal Santra Minister of State, Public Health Engineering Department, Govt. of West Bengal
	Address by the Chief Guest	Prof. (Dr) Soumen K. Mahapatra, Minister-in-Charge, Departments of Public Health Engineering and Environment Govt. of West Bengal
Release of the "Sreshtha Jal Parikhagar Puraskar - Laboratory Assessment Guidelines" by Hon'ble Minister-in-Charge, Prof. (Dr) Soumen K. Mahapatra, Departments of Public Health Engineering and Environment, Govt. of West Bengal		
Award Distribution Ceremony		
12:35 pm – 12:45 pm	Hon'ble MIC to give away the awards to the State, District and Sub-District laboratories securing 1 st Position	
12: 45 pm – 12:55 pm	Principal Secretary, PHED, to give away the awards to the State, District and Sub-District laboratories securing 2 nd Position	

12:55 pm – 01:05 pm	Engineer-in-Chief, PHED, to give away the awards to the State, District and Sub-District laboratories securing 3 rd Position	
01:05 pm – 01:15 pm	Chief Engineer & Director, WSSO to give away Appreciation Certificates to District and Sub-District laboratories selected for the Assessment	
01:15 pm – 01:20 pm	Vote of Thanks	Mr. Abin De, Superintending Engineer (WQ), WSSO, Public Health Engineering Department Govt. of West Bengal
01:20 pm onwards	Lunch	

Sreshtha Jal Parikhagar Puraskar

Background

West Bengal has the largest decentralized network of rural water testing laboratories (217 nos) established by Public Health Engineering Department (PHED), under National Rural Drinking Water Programme (NRDWP), in the country. These laboratories as mandated under the NRDWP guidelines, test water samples collected from public drinking water sources across the State.

Our robust water quality monitoring mechanism and well equipped laboratories have been appreciated time and again by the Govt. of India. This was only possible due to the dedicated and sincere efforts of our laboratory staff and facilitators.

In order to ensure more reliability and confidence in the quality of data generated in these laboratories, the Department organizes various training programmes for the laboratory personnel regularly.

Under this backdrop, the Department has now decided to assess the performance of these laboratories based on relevant evaluation indicators, to identify and address gaps, thereby giving the laboratories an opportunity to further improve their performance.

PHED with the support from UNICEF has developed a laboratory assessment guideline, which pertains to a two tier assessment of the laboratories. All laboratories are assessed every quarter by the District Assessment Team. Short listed laboratories based on their scores are then assessed by an academic institute and based on the final assessment report, these laboratories are ranked accordingly.

In the context of the State and National priority on Water, the event is strategic as West Bengal is the first State in the country to organize an award event to acknowledge the contribution and efforts of the rural water testing laboratories.

In the context to the above, the "***Sreshtha Jal Parikhagar Puraskar Ceremony 2019***" is being organized on **10 July 2019** at **Biswa Bangla Convention Centre**, New Town, Kolkata, to felicitate the best laboratories in the State.