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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 Laxmipur & Lamtaput Block of Koraput 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 **15. 03.2024 to the office of the Deputy Director (P&S), DPMU, Koraput, Odisha-764020**. 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). For further details visit www.koraput.nic.in

Objectives:

The primary objectives of deploying Aspirational Blocks Fellows are as follows:

1. Assist Block level Officials in designing and implementing strategies for accelerated development across ABP thematic areas.
2. Facilitate data-driven planning to ensure optimal resources allocation and utilisation.
3. Strengthen monitoring and evaluation mechanisms to track progress effectively.
4. Foster greater community engagement and participation in developmental initiatives.
5. Empower local stakeholders with knowledge, skills, and capacity building.

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
- 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 **Frist 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 and **10 years** for candidates belonging **PwD** category & the total period of service rendered in defence service in case of **Ex-serviceman**.

III. Tenure of Aspirational Block Fellows.

The tenure of Aspirational Blocks Fellows will initially span for **one year or as desired by NITI Aayog**, 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.

V. Plan and Pattern of Examination:

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

- 1) Stage - I Written examination (for syllabus refer Annexure-B)
- 2) Stage - II Computer Skill test (Minimum qualifying marks of Computer skill test is 50% of the total marks)
- 3) Stage - III Certificate Verification
- 4) State – IV Interview/ Viva Voce

VI. Process of Selection:

I.	MCQ-based Objective type Written Exam (General Awareness)	120 Marks
II.	Computer Skill Test	50 Marks
III.	Interview/ Viva Voce	30 Marks
	Total	200 Marks

Final selection of the candidate will be 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	21.02.2024
2	Last date for application for the post	15.03.2024
3	MCQ-based Objective type written exam (General Awareness)	22.03.2024 (11:00 AM to 12:00 Noon)
4	Publication of written exam result	23.03.2024
5	Computer Skill Test for shortlisting candidate	03.04.2024 (08:00 AM onwards)
6	Publication of Computer test result	04.04.2024
7	Certificate Verification & Interview /Viva Voce	06.04.2024(11:00 AM onwards)
8	Declaration of final result	10.04.2024

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.

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:-

Mr. Chakradhar Naik, Sr. Economic Investigator, District Planning & Monitoring Unit (DPMU), Koraput – (+91) 6370199254/8763230629.


COLLECTOR, KORAPUT

ANNAXURE – A

Document to be submitted by the candidate at the time of Certificate verification in original.

- a) HSC certificate & Mark sheet or equivalent in support of Date of Birth, issued by the concerned Board /Council. (in original)
- b) +2 /equivalent certificate & Mark sheet. (in original)
- c) +3 or equivalent Bachelor's Degree Certificate & Mark sheets. (in original)
- d) Relevant Masters Degree certificate and Mark sheet. (in original)
- e) Caste certificate issued by Tahasildar as the competent authority for the purpose of employment /service (in case of ST, SC & SEBC candidates only). (in original)
- f) Residence certificate issued by the competent authority as per rule. (in original)
- g) Experience certificate. (in original)
- h) PwD certificate. (in original)
- i) Ex-service men/women certificate. (in original)
- j) NOC in case of candidates working in Government Service, under PSUs of State Government / Central Government.

ANNAXURE – B

Syllabus of the Examination

I. Syllabus of Written Exam (General Awareness):

- a) Current Events of National and International importance.
- b) Economic and Social Development.
- c) India and Odisha Geography.
- d) History of India and the Indian National Movement.
- e) History of Odisha and the Odisha National Movement.
- f) Indian Polity and Governance.
- g) General issues on Environmental Ecology, Bio-Diversity and Climate Change.
- h) General Science
- i) Comprehension skill English & Odia.
- j) Interpersonal skills including communication skills.
- k) Decision-making and problem solving.
- l) Logical reasoning and analytical ability.
- m) Basic numeracy and data interpretation.
- n) Computer Fundamental.

II. Syllabus of Computer Skill Test :

- a) Computer Fundamentals
- b) Ms Windows
- c) Office Software
- d) Word Processing (Ms Word)
- e) Spread Sheet (MS Excel)
- f) Presentation or Slide ware (MS Power Point)
- g) Date base (MS Access)
- h) Usage of Internet Services available on Internet
- i) Basic Networking Concepts, Communication Technology

Application Format for the post of Fellows in Aspirational Blocks.

Post Applied for : Aspirational Block Fellow

Affix self-
attested
recent passport
size photograph
here.

1. Full Name (in Block letters):
2. Father's/Husband's Name:
3. Gender:
4. Permanent Address including:
Phone, fax, e-mail
5. Address for correspondence:
6. (A) Date of Birth : Date: Month: Year:
(Attested copy of proof of age to be attached)
- (B) Age as on Years Months Days
7. Nationality:
8. Whether SC/ST/OBC/GEN:
(If SC/ST/OBC, documentary proof to be furnished)
9. Whether a PwD Candidate:
(If yes documentary proof to be furnished)
10. Whether an Ex-service men/women:
(If yes documentary proof to be furnished)
11. (A) Educational Qualifications in chronological order beginning from SSC (10th onwards):

Name of the Examination Passed	Year of Passing	Name of the Board/University	Sub studied	Total Marks without Extra Optional		
				Total Mark	Mark Secured	Percentage

(B) Professional/Technical Qualifications(If any):

Name of the Examination Passed	Year of Passing	Name of the Board/University	Sub studied	Total Marks without Extra Optional		
				Total Mark	Mark Secured	Percentage

12. Work Experience in chronological order, starting with the first job:-

Name & address of Employer	Period of service		Designation of post & salary/remuneration	Total length of service	Nature of work & level of responsibilities
	From	To			

Declaration & Certificate

I hereby declare and certify that all the statements made in this application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. If any of the particulars furnished by me are found to be incorrect or suppressed, my candidature is liable to be rejected at any stage during or after selection process. Further, I understand that this position is purely temporary on contract basis, if it is found after my appointment at the Centre that the particulars furnished by me are incorrect or suppressed, my services are liable to be terminated without any notice.

Place.....

Signature of the Candidate.....

Date.....

Name.....