

## NOMINATIONS

This is one of the programme in series of management development programmes on rural development leadership. The first 40 received nominations will be confirmed for this programme and remaining nominations may be considered for subsequent programmes. There is no course fee for participants. The programme is offered at NIRDPR NERC Guwahati and the sponsoring office of the participants has to endorse the participant nomination to attend the programme.

## NOMINATIONS TO REACH

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## ABOUT NIRD&PR

The National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD&PR), an autonomous organization under the Union Ministry of Rural Development, is a premier national Centre of Excellence. The North Eastern Regional Centre of the National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj (NIRD & PR-NERC) came into existence in July 1983 at Guwahati with the aim to orient its training and research activities to the specific needs and potentials of North Eastern States. The Centre is located at Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, adjacent to Assam Administrative Staff College and Veterinary College, Assam Agriculture University, Khanapara. It is at a distance of about 15 km from Guwahati Railway Station and Central ASTC Bus Stand and nearly 35 kms from Lokpriya Gopinath Bordoloi International Airport. The NERC is located at Jawaharnagar, Khanapara, Guwahati. Ass



**Training on Convergence and Partnership to  
Address the Developmental Challenges in  
Implementation of Aspirational District and Block  
Programme**

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## NEED

The Government of India launched the Aspirational Districts Programme in January 2018 to accelerate improvement in key development parameters in the most backward districts of the country. This programme marks a significant shift from merely pursuing economic growth to actively reducing deep spatial inequalities. It is aligned with the Government's motto of 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas,' which echoes the principle of 'Leaving No One Behind' in the pursuit of Agenda 2030.

The programme aims to create convergence between central and state government schemes and initiatives with similar policy goals. This is achieved by enhancing collaboration between civil society and government functionaries, including Prabhari Officers, and by fostering a spirit of competition among districts through a monitoring dashboard and a monthly ranking system.

Leadership is crucial in this initiative. Achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) will be impossible without accelerating and scaling up civil society engagement and collective action by state and central government functionaries. Cross-sector or multi-stakeholder partnerships between civil society organizations and government departments are essential. However, delivering developmental activities often faces challenges due to governance gaps, cultural barriers, and trust issues. Partnerships and convergence can play a vital role in helping implementing officials overcome these obstacles and achieve Agenda 2030.

In this context, the National Institute of Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, North Eastern Regional Centre, Guwahati, Assam, is organizing a series of training programmes on convergence and partnership building. This Training programme is 2<sup>nd</sup> in series. These programmes are designed to address the developmental challenges faced by district and block-level officers involved in the Aspirational District and Block Programmes.

The main aim of the training programme is to enrich the knowledge of participants about the concept, importance, and inevitability of convergence in programme implementation.

### Objectives:

- ✓ To Orient the participants on shared purpose and understanding of the ecosystem and its stakeholders in ADP and ABP.

- ✓ Distinguish between inter-sectoral and intra-sectoral convergence to highlight their roles in the success of interventions in the Aspirational District and Block Programme.
- ✓ Recognize the potential benefits of collaborative work by understanding group processes and dynamics, enhancing teamwork and collective problem-solving abilities.
- ✓ Equip participants with the skills and tools required to create comprehensive Convergence Action Plans, ensuring coordinated and effective implementation of the Aspirational District and Block Programm

## CONTENTS

- Concept of Convergence and its relevance
- Degrees of Convergence and Their Definitions
- Critical Levels of Convergence
- Collaborative pathways to scale civil society, state and Central Government stakeholders for sustainable development.
- Convergence arrangements and Net workings
- Equipping Participants with Team Skills
- Analysis of Successful Case Studies on Convergence and Partnership
- Development of Convergence Action Plan

## TARGET PARTICIPANTS

The training programme is designed for middle and senior-level functionaries from various line departments of Aspirational Districts and Blocks in the North Eastern Region, including Aspirational Block Fellows.

## TRAINING METHODS

A rich variety of pedagogical methods will be used in a blended format, Including:

Lectures -Case study discussions-Small group work-Videos-Interactive games

## PROGRAMME DURATION

The duration of programme is **Five days during September 16-20, 2024** (both days inclusive) at NERC, National Institute of Rural Development & Panchayati Raj, Khanapara, Guwahati, Assam.

**Last day for receipt of nomination at NIRD&PR i Sep 1, 2024**

**Registration Link: <https://forms.gle/9rJ7SUpS8jbc1LBb8>**