

Regional Apprenticeship Day 2026

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Celebrating Excellence in Apprenticeship Training

Let's celebrate the impact of apprenticeship training in building skilled, employable, and future-ready professionals!

Organized by :

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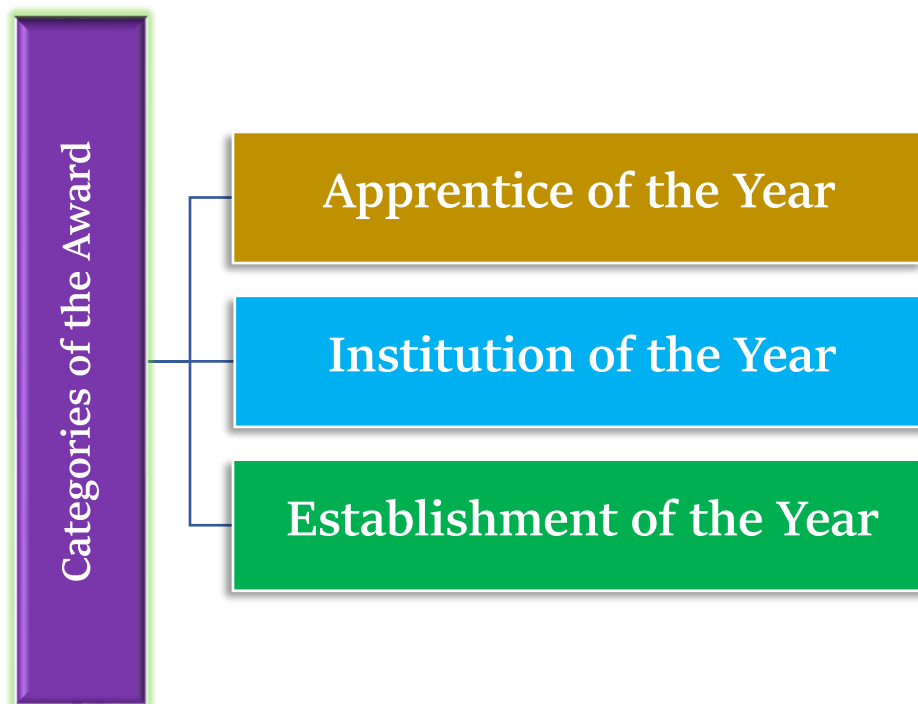
➤ **Introduction:**

Board of Practical Training (Eastern Region), Kolkata is an autonomous organization of the Ministry of Education (erstwhile Ministry of Human Resource Development), Department of Higher Education, Govt. of India established in the year 1968. The Board is performing its responsibilities of proper implementation of the Apprenticeship Act, 1961 as amended time to time in the Eastern Region comprising states of West Bengal, Bihar, Jharkhand, Odisha, Assam, Nagaland, Manipur, Tripura, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Meghalaya, Sikkim, and Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands. In accordance with the Apprenticeship Act and Rules, the board is empowered to access Apprenticeship Training facilities for Graduates & Diploma Holders in Engineering & Technology and Graduates and Diploma holders in General Stream pass outs as Graduate and Technician apprentices under the Apprentices (Amendment) Act, 2014 in respect of establishments/industries under various sectors, notify them to engage stipulated number of apprentices, oversee engagement of apprentices, monitor, and review the working of the Apprenticeship Training Scheme (both quantitatively and qualitatively). The Board is also responsible for reimbursing 50% of the Central Government's share of the stipend, which is sent directly to the apprentices through the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) mode, after the registration of the apprenticeship contract by the training establishments.

In order to provide on the job training (OJT) to the freshly pass out Graduates & Diploma Holders in Engineering & Technology and Graduate in General Stream students such as B.A., B.Sc., B. Com. etc. in an organized and effective manner, BOPT(ER) implement National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) through national web portal (www.nats.education.gov.in) facilitating all the stakeholders like Apprentices, Establishments/Industries and Institutions.

Over the 50 years, BOPT(ER) achieved tremendous success on this by providing apprenticeship training to more than 15 lakhs Students in association with more than 3 thousand Industries/ Establishments in Eastern Region.

In this Backdrop. The competent authority of BOPT(ER), Kolkata has decided to honour our top 3 esteemed stakeholders i.e., Apprentice, Establishments/Industries & Institutions from 13 states of Eastern Region on the following categories on Regional Apprenticeship Day, 2026 which is going to be celebrated on 05/09/2026 (Saturday).



➤ **Objectives:**

1. Increase awareness of the National Apprenticeship Training Scheme (NATS) (www.nats.education.gov.in) amongst the vast majority of stakeholders i.e., Industries, Students and Institutions.
2. Recognizing apprenticeships as a ladder of opportunity for students to a brighter future and recognizing that they are ready for employment.
3. Recognition for the contribution of the Establishments, Institutions & Students in NATS/ Regional portal during the year.
4. Minimizing the gap between Industries and Academia by developing effective establishment institution interactions.

A certificate and a Memento of Accomplishment will be provided to the best among each category of the following:

1. **Apprentice of the Year**
2. **Establishment of the Year**
3. **Institution of the Year**

➤ **Overall Procedure for the Selection of the Awardee:**



**** After shortlisting, you will be invited for presenting your achievement at BOPT(ER), Kolkata premises on the Scheduled date and time.**

➤ **Eligibility for Nomination:**

A. For Apprentices –

An Apprentice who has completed his/her apprenticeship training in last financial year by maintaining minimum 60% of attendance at workplace and having a Certificate of Proficiency (COP) generated through NATS Portal (www.nats.education.gov.in) only can apply.

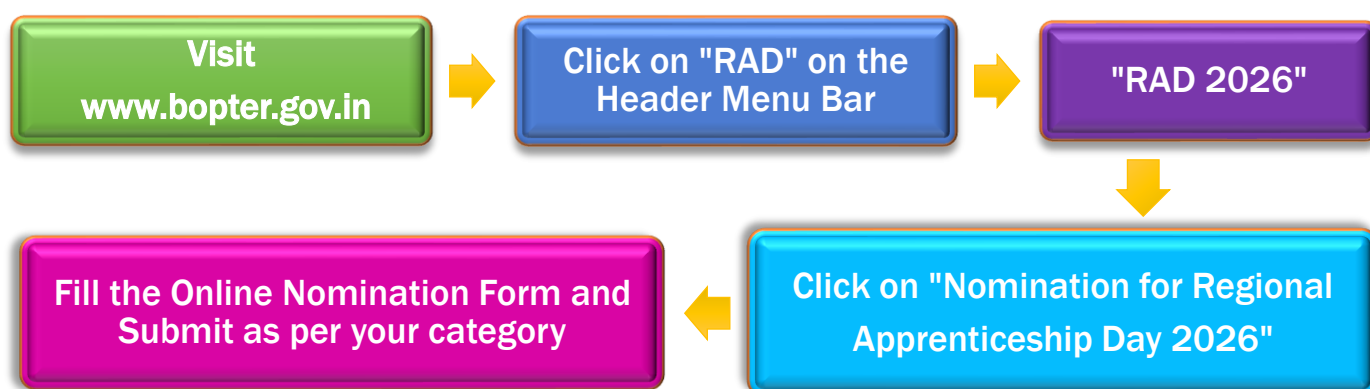
B. For Establishments –

An establishment/organization who registered in NATS portal (www.nats.education.gov.in) and engaging apprentices of minimum 2.5% of total manpower (including contractual, casual & outsourced staffs) in the last 3 financial years is eligible to file their nomination.

C. For Institutions –

An Institution who has updated its profile in NATS portal (www.nats.education.gov.in) and at least 05 passed out students of that institute placed for apprenticeship training in any NATS registered establishment in the last financial year, only can apply.

➤ **How to Submit Online Nomination:**



➤ **Time period for consideration:**

Performance during the financial year 2025-26 (01/04/2025 to 31/03/2026) will take into the consideration for the selection of the awardees.

➤ **Date of submission of Online Nomination:**

Online Nomination for the Regional Apprenticeship Day 2026 will Start from 10/07/2026 and end on 25/08/2026.

➤ **Shortlisting of Nomination and Selection of Awardee:**

A selection committee headed by Dy. Director, BOPT(ER) will recommend the names of the awardee from the nominated list after presentation of nominees in front of the following jury members as follows:

Members of the Selection Committee	Position
Deputy Director, BOPT(ER)	Chairman of the committee
1 Representative from CII	Member
1 Representative from Establishments	Member
1 Representative from Institution	Member

Decision taken by the above jury members regarding selection of the Winner of all the categories will be final.

The ceremonies will not only honour the winners, but also champion employers, apprentices and others involved in apprenticeships from all sectors, including manufacturing and service sectors.

Shri S.M Ejaz Ahmed, Director & Regional Apprenticeship Advisor, BOPT(ER), Ministry of Education, Government of India, announced:

“We are delighted to open entries for the Regional Apprenticeship Awards 2026. It is crucial to recognize the exceptional efforts of our stakeholders—Establishments, Institutions, and Students. Winners and highly commended participants will be honoured at the Regional Apprenticeship Day 2026 (RAD) ceremony. The event will be streamed live on YouTube, Facebook, and other social media platforms, allowing a wider audience to celebrate the success, dedication, and investment in apprenticeships and their significant impact.”