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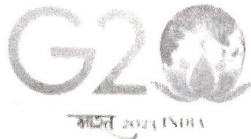
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# The Bharat Scouts and Guides

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To  
All the State Secretaries,  
State Associations of  
The Bharat Scouts and Guides,  
**INDIAN UNION**



Circular No.: 100/2023

Date : 13 JUNE, 2023

## **SUB: Retention of Young People with Service Star Awards and Efficiency Cords Awards.**

Dear Sir/Madam,

Greetings from the Bharat Scouts and Guides, National headquarters!

As we continue to have strive for membership growth and much focused on new recruitment every year we also like to retain our existing young people in the movement from whichever level they join to have them for a long period of time in the movement. The Bharat Scouts and Guides has decided to re-introduce Service Stars for Young People and Efficiency Cords to members who are registered in the OYMS Portal of BSG, this can help them attracted to other young people and also motivate young people to retain in the movement after he / she completes the particular age group section to the next level of section in the movement. Like cub/bulbul continuing with the Scouts / Guides and if they are in Scouts / Guides they continue until Rover / Ranger.

As you may know, Service Stars are awarded to young people who have completed each year of service to their community, while Efficiency Cords are awarded to members who have demonstrated exceptional skills in various proficiency skills they have obtained in various advancement levels in Scout / Guide / Rover and Ranger.

To receive the Service Stars and Efficiency Cords, members must be registered in the OYMS Portal of BSG and submit the necessary form. Once the form is submitted, the Service Stars and Efficiency Cords will be awarded to the member through the respective states.

We believe that the re-introduction of Service Stars and Efficiency Cords will provide a great incentive for young people and members to actively participate in community service and develop their skills in various areas.

We encourage you to share this exciting news with your members in the District, Local and Unit Level and promote the re-introduction of Service Stars and Efficiency Cords within your state association. We believe that this will help to further strengthen our organization and promote the values of service and skill development among our members.

Thank you for your continued support of the Bharat Scouts and Guides.

Links to submit the recommendation by individual for the Awards.

**Service Stars :** <https://rebrand.ly/ServiceStarAward>

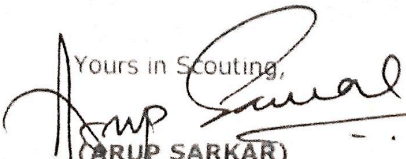
**Efficiency Cords :** <https://rebrand.ly/EfficiencyCord>

**Note:** Service Stars are eligible for young people of all sections; whereas the efficiency cords are only for Scout/Guide and Rover/Rangers.

Last Date of applying will be until 30 July 2023

**Guideline in detail is attached with this circular.**

Thanking you,

Yours in Scouting,  
  
(ARUP SARKAR) - 13/6/23  
Dy. Director of Scouts (Boy Programme)

## Guideline

### Retention of Young People with Service Star and Efficiency Cords Awards

#### Service Stars:

This Service Stars are for the young people who are registered with the BSG OYMS Portal and filled the details on the given link. The member should be minimum one year completion from the date of Investiture ceremony for which the Unit Leader should certify that the applicant who is applying for the service star his date of investiture and no of years he / she is served in the movement.

In case a Scout/Guide who has previously been in Cub/Bulbul as the case may be, may continue to wear the Star with blue background with appropriate figure inscribed to indicate his or her length of service as Cub/Bulbul in addition to the Service Star with Green Background to show his or her length of service. Likewise for Rover / Ranger may add service star with red background. The Star may be changed each year with appropriate number to show the length of service.

**Case 01:** If a boy join in scout and rendered his service in the movement after his date of investiture as scout then at the end of one year he will be receiving service Star with number indicated 1 in green background if he continues and completes two years the star of one will be replaced with 2 indicted in green background. Every time he / she will replace the length of service star to the maximum year of service rendered in the movement.

**Case 02:** If a boy is from Cub and then he continued as Scout and then now he is a Rover he can wear all three service stars with the length of service he has rendered in each section (i.e. if he was cub for 3 years and Scout for 4 years and rover for 2 year then he will wear One Service Star with Blue background indicating 3, One service star with Green background indicating 4, one service star with red background indicating 2; his total length of service will be 9 years.

For more information and details refer to APRO part I, Chapter VI under Decorations and Awards. Point 49 which describes clearly about the presentation of service stars to the young people.

This can be awarded by the District Commissioner of the respective section or by the District Chief Commissioner to motivate the young people to retain in the movement for long years.

#### EFFICIENCY CORDS:

We have efficiency cords explained in the APRO Part II for Scout and Rover as well for Guide and Ranger in APRO Part III under the scheme of Advancement for the young people in the respective section. This is awarded to the scout/guide/rover and ranger for motivating them to learn more proficiency skills apart from the advancement awards that they are receiving in the respective section.

#### For Scouts / Guides:

- A Scout / Guide who has completed Dwitiya Sopan level along with 6 proficiency badge qualified he / she can be awarded with BLUE CORD by the Asst. District Commissioner.
- A Scout / Guide who has completed Tertiya Sopan level along with 12 proficiency badge qualified he / she can be awarded with GREEN CORD by the District Commissioner.
- A Scout / Guide who has completed Rajyapuraskar level along with 18 proficiency badge qualified he / she can be awarded with GOLDEN CORD by the District Commissioner.
- JUNGLE GOPH(Only for Scout): A Scout who completes RASHTRAPATI AWARD along with all Proficiency badge until Rashtrapati Award and apart from which 5 additional proficiency badge which he has not completed from the list given in the APRO Part II under Jungle Goph then he will be awarded with Jungle Goph (Olive Green Colour) by the District Chief Commissioner

#### For Rover / Ranger:

- A Rover / Ranger who has completed Nipun level along with 7 proficiency badge qualified he / she can be awarded with YELLOW CORD by the District Chief Commissioner.
- A Rover / Ranger who has completed Rajyapuraskar level along with 12 proficiency badge qualified he / she can be awarded with PURPLE CORD by the District Chief Commissioner.
- A Rover / Ranger who has completed Rashtrapati level along with 5 proficiency badge which was not earned before he / she can be awarded with TRI COLOUR (BLUE, GREEN & RED) CORD by the District Chief Commissioner.

**Eligible Criteria:**

- Should be registered in OYMS Portal.
- All detail as prescribed in the form should be completed correctly and recommendation letter of the Unit Leader to be uploaded with the date of Joining the movement, Date of Investiture and the present advancement level that has been completed by the applicant.
- UID of the Unit Leader also to be mentioned to ensure that the member is part of the unit.

**How to Apply:**

- For receiving your Service Star you can click on the link given here and fill the application and submit it so that we can check the form and verify the details and your service star will be sent to your state associations.

**Link to Submit:** <https://rebrand.ly/ServiceStarAward>



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